

The Business Pulse came in at 93.1 in June 2021, up 0.4 on last month and 37.2 higher than a year ago. The Industry, Retail and Construction Pulses ticked up this month and even though the Services Pulse was a tad softer (the lifting of restrictions on hospitality is lagging other areas), all four sectoral indices are above their pre-pandemic levels. The June data also point to growing positivity among firms about the current business environment, with improving order books / sales translating into jobs – some 15% indicated they had increased employment in the past three months and over a fifth expect to do so in the period ahead – though rising non-labour input costs are a concern.

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