

Business Pulse

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| Sector Snapshot | | Industry | Services | Retail | Construction |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| Balance (change on previous reading) | | | | | |
| Business Activity* | <i>Past 3 Months</i> | +13% (-18) | +19% (-1) | +9% (-4) | +22% (-12) |
| | <i>Next 3 months</i> | +51% (+12) | +43% (+8) | +24% (+7) | +36% (-5) |
| Order Books | <i>Current</i> | +12% (+6) | 0% (0) | | +19% (-7) |
| Stocks | <i>Current</i> | +1% (+3) | | +11% (+6) | |
| Input Costs | <i>Past 3 Months</i> | +43% (0) | +37% (-1) | +33% (+4) | +59% (+3) |
| Selling Prices | <i>Next 3 months</i> | +29% (+4) | +27% (-1) | +27% (+6) | +40% (-8) |
| Jobs | <i>Past 3 Months</i> | +4% (-6) | +3% (0) | +5% (+3) | +5% (-2) |
| | <i>Next 3 months</i> | +16% (+2) | +15% (+2) | +4% (-1) | +17% (-3) |

*Business Activity refers to production in the case of industry, demand/turnover for services, sales for retail and building activity for construction.

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Note: Balances are calculated as the difference between positive and negative responses (using weighted averages for questions with multiple options).

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