

Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+30% (+14)	+29% (+6)	+6% (-3)	+29% (+6)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+45% (+7)	+39% (+3)	+35% (+5)	+36% (-9)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	+5% (+3)	-1% (+3)		+20% (+9)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	+4% (0)		+3% (-9)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+42% (-3)	+46% (+7)	+34% (-6)	+63% (-2)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+17% (-3)	+21% (-1)	+9% (-9)	+40% (+2)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+12% (+8)	+6% (+3)	+4% (0)	+3% (+1)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+21% (+5)	+15% (-1)	+8% (0)	+16% (-6)

*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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