

Business Pulse

August 2019

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+19% (+6)	+15% (-4)	-8% (-4)	+19% (+5)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+30% (+8)	+14% (-11)	+14% (-11)	+22% (-13)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-3% (+3)	-7% (-4)		+2% (+1)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-1% (0)		+8% (+3)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+29% (-8)	+33% (-4)	+36% (+6)	+49% (-7)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+16% (+3)	+11% (-3)	+9% (0)	+25% (-9)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+15% (+1)	+2% (-3)	+5% (-1)	+8% (-4)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+7% (0)	+3% (-6)	0% (-4)	+5% (-10)

*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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