

Business Pulse

August 2020

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	-25% (+26)	-20% (+24)	-20% (+23)	-17% (+24)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+18% (-6)	+3% (-22)	+2% (-9)	+8% (-24)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-33% (+6)	-44% (0)		-24% (+7)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-1% (-1)		+4% (0)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+12% (+9)	+9% (+5)	+17% (+9)	+41% (+15)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+4% (-1)	0% (-4)	+6% (-1)	+15% (+5)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	-13% (+12)	-20% (+9)	-7% (+13)	-8% (+3)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+5% (+3)	+2% (-9)	+1% (+5)	+4% (+1)

*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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