

Business Pulse

September 2020

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	-13% (+12)	-15% (+5)	-4% (+16)	-8% (+9)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+16% (-2)	+3% (0)	+1% (-1)	+8% (0)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-25% (+8)	-40% (+4)		-13% (+11)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-3% (-2)		-2% (-6)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+21% (+9)	+12% (+3)	+21% (+4)	+39% (-2)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+7% (+3)	+1% (+1)	0% (-6)	+12% (-3)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	-8% (+5)	-16% (+4)	-6% (+1)	-8% (0)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+9% (+4)	+2% (0)	+5% (+4)	+5% (+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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