

# Business Pulse

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Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
<b>Business Activity*</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	-1% (+12)	-20% (-5)	+1% (+5)	+14% (+22)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+1% (-15)	-20% (-23)	-14% (-15)	-3% (-11)
<b>Order Books</b>	<i>Current</i>	-25% (0)	-44% (-4)		-13% (0)
<b>Stocks</b>	<i>Current</i>	-3% (0)		+2% (+4)	
<b>Input Costs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+17% (-4)	+13% (+1)	+25% (+4)	+40% (+1)
<b>Selling Prices</b>	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+7% (0)	-2% (-3)	+7% (+7)	+22% (+10)
<b>Jobs</b>	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	-2% (+6)	-19% (-3)	-4% (+2)	-2% (+6)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+1% (-8)	-5% (-7)	+2% (-3)	-1% (-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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