

Business Pulse

December 2020

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+18% (+19)	-16% (+14)	-24% (-1)	+16% (+16)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+15% (+2)	+18% (+18)	0% (+5)	+19% (+7)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-7% (+22)	-31% (+13)		-4% (+6)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-3% (+5)		+6% (-6)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+25% (+2)	+10% (+5)	+22% (+2)	+54% (+9)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+25% (+15)	+13% (+10)	+21% (+12)	+33% (+9)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+2% (+3)	-15% (+4)	-3% (+1)	-2% (+4)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+10% (+2)	+8% (+5)	+2% (+3)	+15% (+11)

*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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