

Business Pulse

October 2021

Sector Snapshot		Industry	Services	Retail	Construction
Balance (change on previous reading)					
Business Activity*	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+25% (0)	+38% (-2)	+24% (+2)	+33% (-8)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+35% (-4)	+38% (+7)	+34% (+4)	+36% (-1)
Order Books	<i>Current</i>	-5% (-6)	-11% (-2)		+26% (0)
Stocks	<i>Current</i>	-14% (-5)		-2% (0)	
Input Costs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+80% (+4)	+60% (+5)	+66% (+10)	+90% (+3)
Selling Prices	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+63% (+4)	+31% (+6)	+62% (+12)	+75% (-1)
Jobs	<i>Past 3 Months</i>	+10% (-3)	+6% (-2)	+6% (0)	+7% (-2)
	<i>Next 3 months</i>	+21% (+2)	+13% (+2)	+9% (-5)	+26% (+5)

*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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