

Table 1 Views on Expected Changes in Business Situation, Volume of Business/Output, Number of Persons Engaged and Selling Price/Service Charge, Q3 2007 as Compared with Q2 2007 ⁽¹⁾

Sector	Business situation				Volume of business/output ⁽²⁾				Number of persons engaged				Selling price/service charge ⁽³⁾			
	Percentage of establishments choosing			Net balance ⁽⁴⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments choosing "better" over that choosing "worse" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Percentage of establishments choosing			Net balance ⁽⁴⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments choosing "up" over that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Percentage of establishments choosing			Net balance ⁽⁴⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments choosing "up" over that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Percentage of establishments choosing			Net balance ⁽⁴⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments choosing "up" over that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)
	Better (i)	Same (ii)	Worse (iii)		Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)		Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)		Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	
Manufacturing	28	47	26	+2	39	34	27	+12	25	63	12	+13	12	83	4	+8
Construction	33	60	7	+26	21	66	13	+8	13	72	14	-1	20	71	9	+11
Wholesale and Retail	32	62	6	+26	48	44	8	+40	32	65	3	+29	20	70	10	+10
Import and Export Trade	40	56	4	+36	46	49	5	+41	15	77	8	+7	7	82	11	-4
Restaurants and Hotels	44	41	15	+29	40	35	24	+16	34	65	1	+33	27	58	15	+12
Transport and Related Services	22	74	4	+18	35	61	4	+31	23	77	0	+23	6	94	0	+6
Communications	44	56	0	+44	44	55	1	+43	27	57	17	+10	5	94	1	+4
Real Estate	38	61	1	+37	29	62	10	+19	23	77	0	+23	32	65	3	+29
Business Services	33	67	0	+33	41	54	4	+37	19	73	7	+12	11	89	0	+11
Banks, Financing and Insurance	39	61	0	+39	45	52	3	+42	39	59	2	+37	10	88	2	+8
All Above Sectors ⁽⁵⁾	36	60	5	+31												

Notes :

- (1) In collecting views on the quarter-to-quarter changes, if the variable in question may be subject to seasonal variations, respondents are asked to provide the expected changes after excluding the normal seasonal variations.
- (2) The exact variable asked in the questionnaire varies slightly according to the characteristics of the sector : "Volume of Production" in manufacturing; "Volume of Construction Output" in construction; "Volume of Sales" in the wholesale and retail, and import and export trade; and "Volume of Business" in other sectors.
- (3) The exact variable asked in the questionnaire varies slightly according to the characteristics of the sector : "Selling Price" in manufacturing, wholesale and retail, and import and export trade; "Tender Price" in construction; "Price of Food Provided" in restaurants; "Premium Rate" in insurance; "Price of Properties Sold/Management Fee/Commission Rate" in real estate; and "Charge for Services Rendered" in other sectors.
- (4) The "net balance", with its appropriate sign, indicates the direction of expected change in the variable concerned. A positive sign indicates a likely upward trend while a negative sign, a likely downward trend.
- (5) Figures are weighted averages of sectoral figures.