

Table 1 Views on Expected Changes in Business Situation, Volume of Business/Output, Number of Persons Engaged and Selling Price/Service Charge, Q3 2008 as Compared with Q2 2008⁽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	37	56	7	+30	53	43	4	+49	14	82	4	+10	19	76	4	+15
Construction	18	79	3	+15	15	74	11	+4	11	84	5	+6	15	72	12	+3
Wholesale and Retail	31	58	11	+20	33	55	12	+21	23	76	1	+22	31	64	5	+26
Import and Export Trade	28	64	8	+20	34	49	17	+17	28	64	8	+20	19	72	9	+10
Restaurants and Hotels	28	52	20	+8	42	39	19	+23	22	75	3	+19	35	44	21	+14
Transport and Related Services	35	50	15	+20	29	60	11	+18	11	87	2	+9	19	77	3	+16
Communications	19	80	1	+18	24	74	1	+23	15	83	2	+13	1	99	1	0
Real Estate	17	76	7	+10	30	63	7	+23	68	25	7	+61	22	76	2	+20
Business Services	22	72	7	+15	29	57	14	+15	27	69	4	+23	22	78	0	+22
Banks, Financing and Insurance	19	75	5	+14	30	59	11	+19	32	62	6	+26	7	89	4	+3
All Sectors Above ⁽⁵⁾	26	66	8	+18												

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.