Table 1 Views on expected changes in business situation, volume of business/output, number of persons engaged and selling price/service charge, Q2 2021 as compared with Q1 2021 (1)

		Bus	iness sit	uation	Volume of business/output ⁽²⁾					Number of persons engaged				Selling price/Service charge ⁽³⁾			
	Percentage of establishments choosing ⁽⁴⁾			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments	Percentage of establishments choosing ⁽⁴⁾			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments	Percentage of establishments choosing ⁽⁴⁾			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments	Percentage of establishments choosing ⁽⁴⁾			Net balance ⁽⁵⁾ = Difference between the % of establishments	
Sector	Better (i)	Same (ii)	Worse (iii)	choosing "better" and that choosing "worse" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	choosing "up" and that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	choosing "up" and that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	Up (i)	Same (ii)	Down (iii)	choosing "up" and that choosing "down" (iv)=(i)-(iii)	
Manufacturing	31	52	17	+14	40	42	17	+23	9	91	0	+9	9	84	7	+2	
Construction	17	53	30	-13	30	57	13	+17	12	74	14	-2	0	69	31	-31	
Import/export trade and wholesale	21	58	21	0	20	60	19	+1	5	89	6	-1	5	92	2	+3	
Retail	25	54	20	+5	23	58	19	+4	2	83	15	-13	2	88	10	-8	
Accommodation and food services ⁽⁶⁾	31	58	11	+20	43	48	9	+34	21	69	10	+11	16	77	7	+9	
Transportation, storage and courier services	11	65	24	-13	7	66	27	-20	1	86	13	-12	10	87	3	+7	
Information and communications	19	67	14	+5	14	72	14	0	8	86	6	+2	7	87	6	+1	
Financing and insurance	10	80	10	0	13	74	13	0	7	91	2	+5	3	95	2	+1	
Real estate ⁽⁷⁾	11	82	7	+4	11	87	2	+9	9	90	0	+9	2	96	2	0	
Professional and business services ⁽⁸⁾	7	79	14	-7	7	79	14	-7	5	89	6	-1	2	90	8	-6	
All sectors above ⁽⁹⁾	16	68	16	0													

Notes :

- (1) In collecting views on the quarter-to-quarter changes, if the variable in question is 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 the manufacturing sector; "volume of construction output" in the construction sector; "volume of sales" in the import/export trade and wholesale, and retail sectors; 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 the manufacturing, import/export trade and wholesale, and retail sectors; "tender price" in the construction sector; "price of food provided" in the food services sector; "premium rate" in the insurance sector; "price of properties sold/management fee/commission rate" in the real estate sector; and "charge for services rendered" in other sectors.
- (4) The percentages for the three response categories may not add up to 100% owing to rounding.
- (5) 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. The magnitude of the "net balance" reflects only the prevalence of optimism or pessimism, but not the magnitude of expected change.
- (6) Accommodation and food services sector mainly covers services rendered by hotels and restaurants.
- (7) Real estate sector covers real estate development, leasing, brokerage and agency, maintenance management, and other real estate services.
- (8) Professional and business services sector covers professional, scientific and technical services, and administrative and support services.
- (9) Figures are weighted averages of sectoral figures.