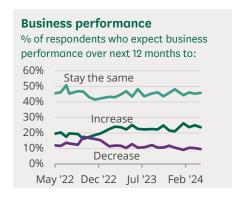


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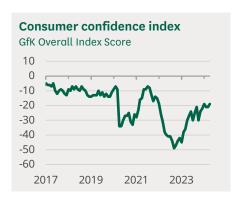
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F1: Business and Consumer Confidence

Confidence surveys, with information generally released ahead of official statistical data, can indicate changes to the economic outlook as well as turning points in the economic cycle.



Future output expectations % balance expecting improvement/deterioration 60 40 20 0 -20 -40 -60 -80 2017 2019 2021 2023



ONS Business Insights and Conditions Survey

The ONS conducts a voluntary survey of businesses to look at the impact of challenges facing the economy.

In the two weeks ending 14 April 2024, 23.7% of respondents thought their business's performance would increase over the next 12 months. 9.6% thought it would decrease.

CBI Industrial Trends Survey

The CBI carries out monthly and quarterly Industrial Trends surveys.

In April 2024, more manufacturers thought that output would rise over the next three months than thought it would fall. The difference was +11% of manufacturers, up from +8% in March.

GfK Consumer Confidence Survey

GfK's Consumer Confidence Index measures a range of consumer attitudes, including forward expectations of the general economic situation and households' financial positions, and views on making major household purchases.

The index rose to -19 in April 2024, up by two points since March.

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Update

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