

7.1 The WIFO Business Cycle Survey (WIFO-Konjunkturtest)

	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018
	Index values, seasonally adjusted ¹										
Business climate indicator	+ 13.7	+ 15.1	+ 15.6	+ 16.7	+ 18.0	+ 16.3	+ 17.5	+ 19.7	+ 19.7	+ 21.3	+ 21.3
Index of the current business situation	+ 16.6	+ 17.1	+ 17.1	+ 18.9	+ 19.4	+ 18.4	+ 19.6	+ 21.3	+ 22.0	+ 23.8	+ 24.2
Index of business expectations	+ 10.8	+ 13.1	+ 14.0	+ 14.4	+ 16.4	+ 14.2	+ 15.5	+ 18.0	+ 17.3	+ 18.8	+ 18.3
Sectoral business climate indices											
manufacturing	+ 11.7	+ 11.1	+ 13.5	+ 14.3	+ 15.2	+ 14.4	+ 16.1	+ 18.2	+ 20.0	+ 20.3	+ 18.7
construction	+ 18.5	+ 17.5	+ 17.3	+ 19.6	+ 19.7	+ 18.0	+ 19.4	+ 22.4	+ 20.7	+ 24.6	+ 23.6
services	+ 14.0	+ 17.0	+ 16.5	+ 17.6	+ 19.3	+ 17.2	+ 18.0	+ 20.0	+ 19.3	+ 21.4	+ 22.5
Business climate in manufacturing											
Index of the current business situation	+ 13.7	+ 11.5	+ 13.3	+ 15.0	+ 17.0	+ 16.1	+ 17.4	+ 20.1	+ 22.0	+ 23.7	+ 21.8
Index of business expectations	+ 9.8	+ 10.7	+ 13.6	+ 13.5	+ 13.2	+ 12.8	+ 14.9	+ 16.2	+ 17.8	+ 16.8	+ 15.6
	Share of firms in %										
Total order books at least sufficient	+ 79.7	+ 78.8	+ 78.8	+ 81.1	+ 81.0	+ 83.9	+ 81.9	+ 83.7	+ 83.6	+ 85.3	+ 85.6
Export order books at least sufficient	+ 71.7	+ 69.0	+ 72.4	+ 71.0	+ 72.9	+ 72.8	+ 74.5	+ 75.9	+ 79.6	+ 79.8	+ 79.1
	Balances ²										
Current stock of finished products	+ 4.4	+ 5.0	+ 4.1	+ 1.6	- 0.4	+ 2.4	+ 2.0	+ 0.3	- 0.4	- 1.4	+ 3.1
Production expectations for the next 3 months	+ 14.6	+ 14.2	+ 17.5	+ 18.5	+ 13.7	+ 14.9	+ 19.0	+ 18.4	+ 20.9	+ 18.8	+ 18.7
Expected development of the business situation over the next 6 months	+ 7.9	+ 9.6	+ 13.3	+ 14.2	+ 12.5	+ 13.9	+ 16.7	+ 16.9	+ 18.0	+ 14.7	+ 13.5
Expected development of selling prices over the next 3 months	+ 13.9	+ 12.4	+ 12.7	+ 12.9	+ 13.4	+ 14.5	+ 12.8	+ 16.9	+ 19.8	+ 19.7	+ 19.6

Source: WIFO Business Cycle Survey, WDS - WIFO Data System, Macrobond. Partly funded by the European Union – ¹ Index values range from minimum: -100 to maximum: +100, positive values signal an optimistic, negative values a pessimistic business climate. – ² Difference of positive and negative responses in % of all firms.

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