

7.1 The WIFO Business Cycle Survey (WIFO-Konjunkturtest)

	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018
	Index values, seasonally adjusted ¹										
Business climate indicator	+ 18.0	+ 16.3	+ 17.5	+ 19.7	+ 19.7	+ 21.3	+ 21.3	+ 22.5	+ 21.6	+ 19.0	+ 19.6
Index of the current business situation	+ 19.4	+ 18.4	+ 19.6	+ 21.3	+ 22.0	+ 23.8	+ 24.1	+ 26.7	+ 24.0	+ 21.4	+ 23.3
Index of business expectations	+ 16.4	+ 14.2	+ 15.5	+ 18.0	+ 17.3	+ 18.9	+ 18.4	+ 18.4	+ 19.3	+ 16.6	+ 16.0
Sectoral business climate indices											
manufacturing	+ 15.2	+ 14.4	+ 16.1	+ 18.2	+ 20.0	+ 20.4	+ 18.4	+ 21.2	+ 21.0	+ 18.4	+ 17.5
construction	+ 19.7	+ 18.0	+ 19.4	+ 22.4	+ 20.7	+ 24.5	+ 24.2	+ 23.8	+ 22.6	+ 22.4	+ 25.9
services	+ 19.3	+ 17.2	+ 18.0	+ 20.0	+ 19.3	+ 21.5	+ 22.5	+ 23.1	+ 21.8	+ 18.7	+ 19.7
Business climate in manufacturing											
Index of the current business situation	+ 17.0	+ 16.1	+ 17.4	+ 20.1	+ 22.0	+ 23.6	+ 21.3	+ 26.3	+ 23.6	+ 21.7	+ 21.0
Index of business expectations	+ 13.2	+ 12.8	+ 14.9	+ 16.2	+ 17.8	+ 17.0	+ 15.5	+ 16.3	+ 18.4	+ 15.0	+ 14.0
	Share of firms in %										
Total order books at least sufficient	+ 81.0	+ 83.9	+ 81.9	+ 83.7	+ 83.6	+ 85.3	+ 85.4	+ 87.2	+ 85.4	+ 86.1	+ 84.7
Export order books at least sufficient	+ 72.9	+ 72.8	+ 74.5	+ 75.9	+ 79.6	+ 79.6	+ 78.8	+ 81.5	+ 80.0	+ 79.6	+ 78.0
	Balances ²										
Current stock of finished products	- 0.4	+ 2.4	+ 2.0	+ 0.3	- 0.4	- 1.4	+ 3.5	- 4.6	- 1.3	- 1.9	- 0.1
Production expectations for the next 3 months	+ 13.7	+ 14.9	+ 19.0	+ 18.4	+ 20.9	+ 19.0	+ 18.4	+ 19.9	+ 19.2	+ 18.5	+ 17.4
Expected development of the business situation over the next 6 months	+ 12.5	+ 13.9	+ 16.7	+ 16.9	+ 18.0	+ 14.8	+ 13.7	+ 15.4	+ 19.9	+ 14.0	+ 14.1
Expected development of selling prices over the next 3 months	+ 13.4	+ 14.5	+ 12.8	+ 16.9	+ 19.8	+ 19.8	+ 19.7	+ 18.3	+ 18.9	+ 18.8	+ 16.4

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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