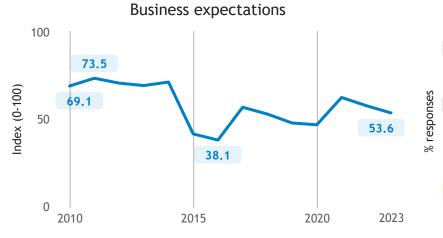
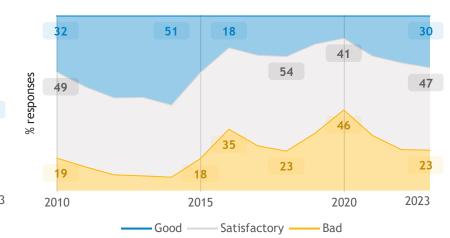
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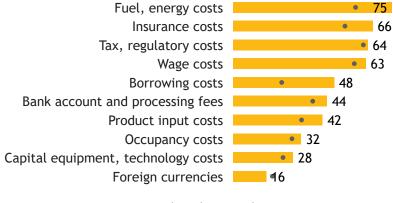
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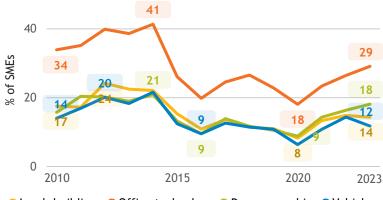


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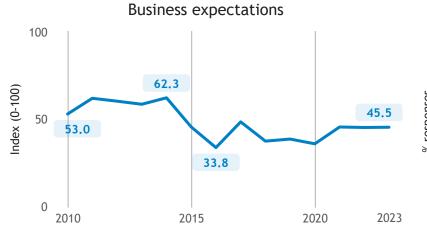


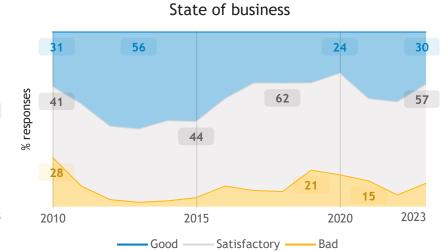
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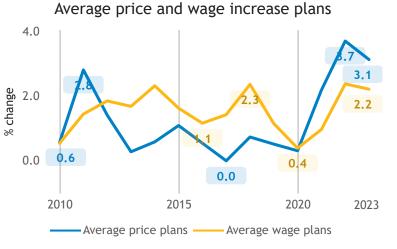
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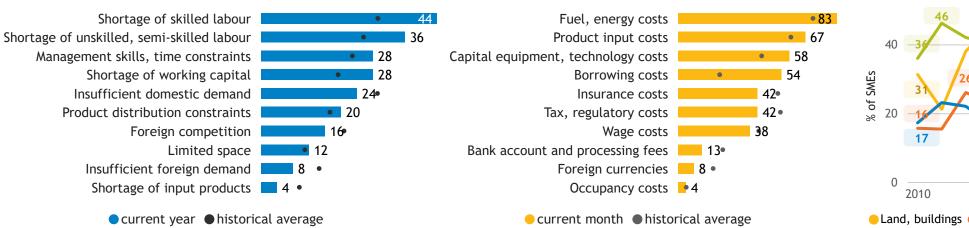




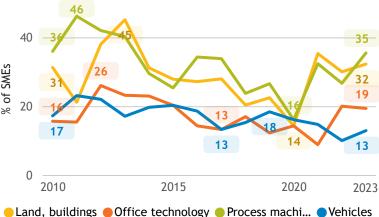
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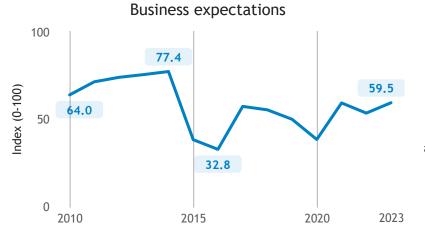
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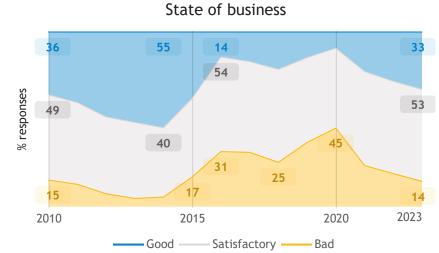






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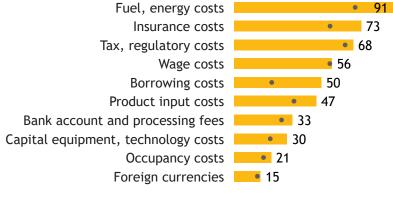
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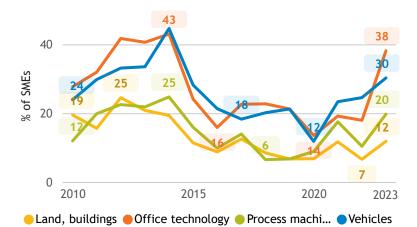
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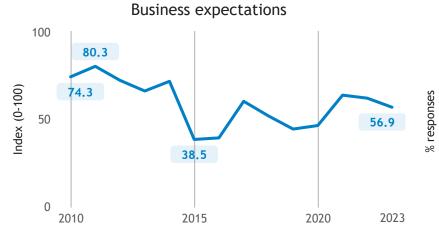


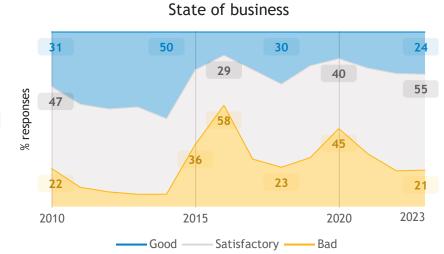
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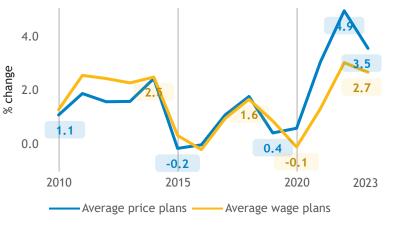
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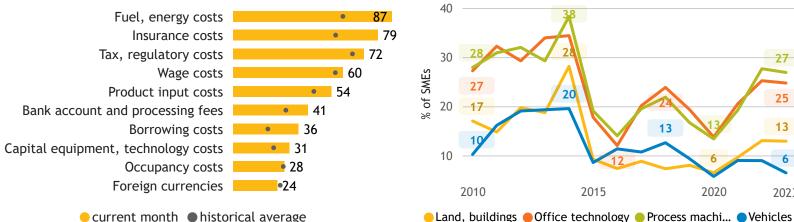
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Major input cost constraints (% response)



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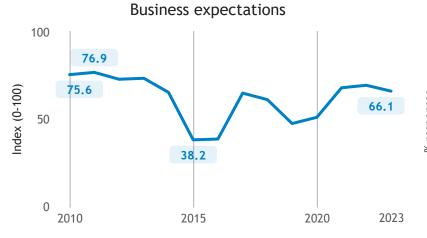
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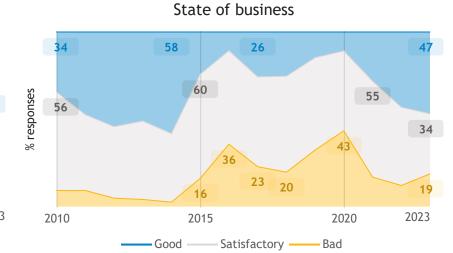
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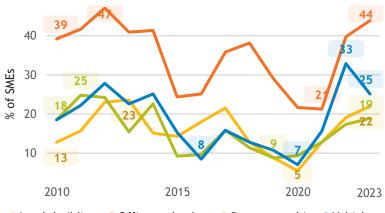




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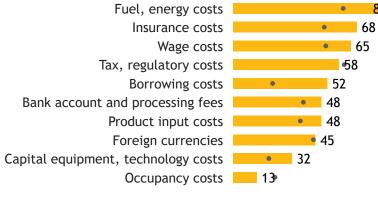
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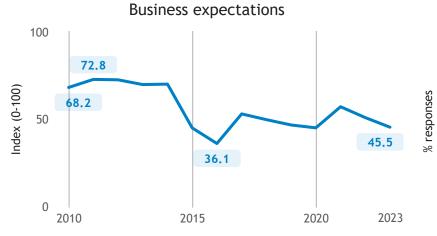
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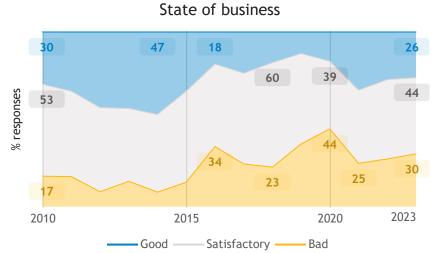
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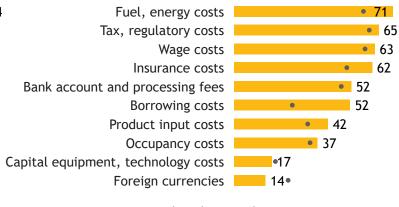
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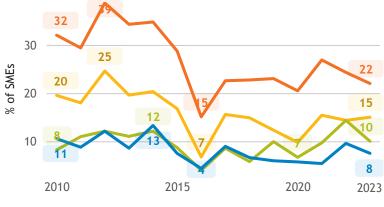
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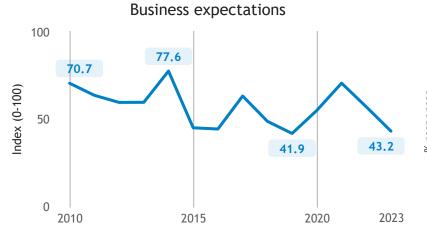
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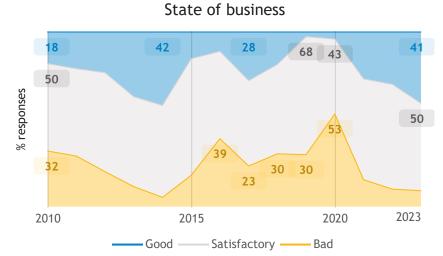
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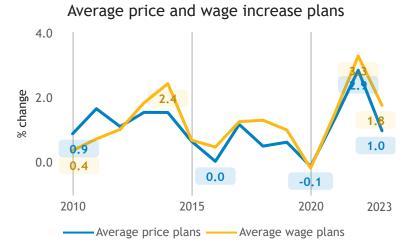


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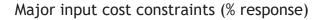


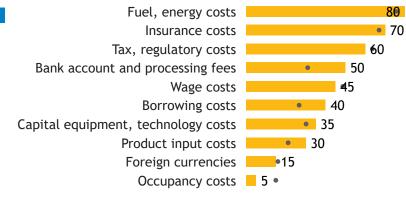




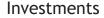
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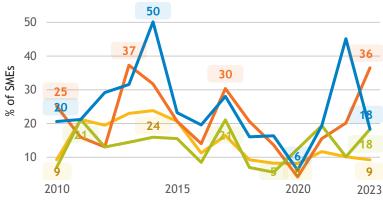






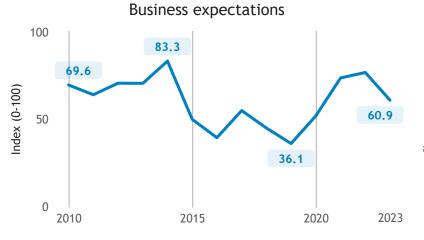
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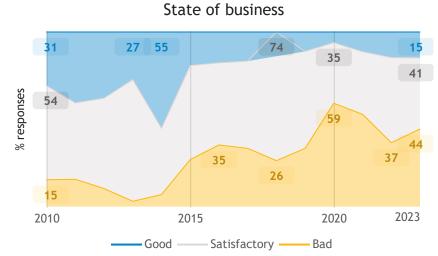




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Major input cost constraints (% response)

Wage costs

Fuel, energy costs

Insurance costs

Occupancy costs

Foreign currencies 4

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Tax, regulatory costs

Capital equipment, technology costs

Product input costs

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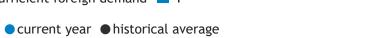
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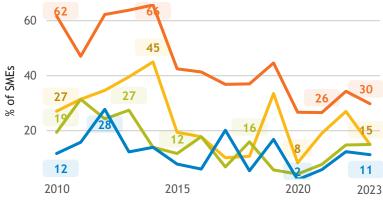


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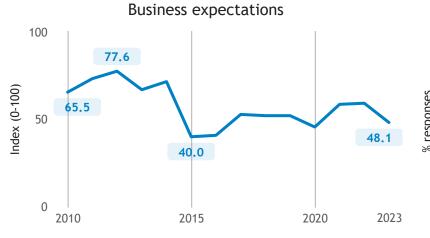
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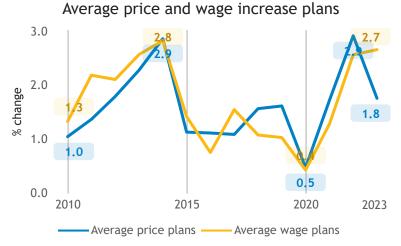
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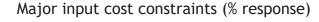


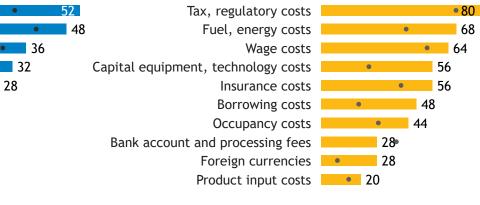
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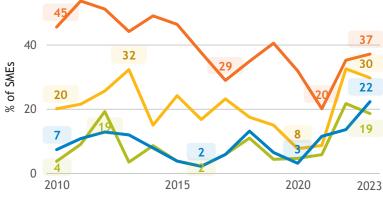
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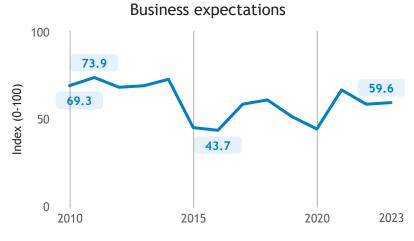
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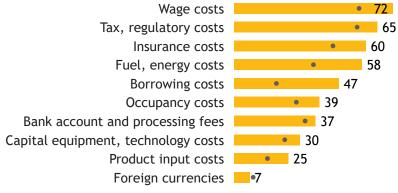


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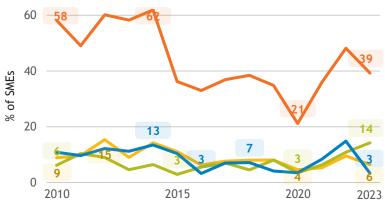
Wage costs

Major input cost constraints (% response)





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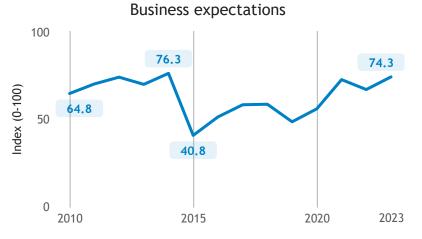


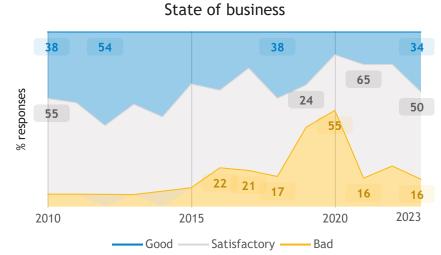
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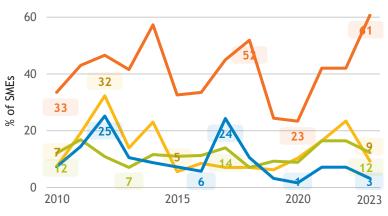


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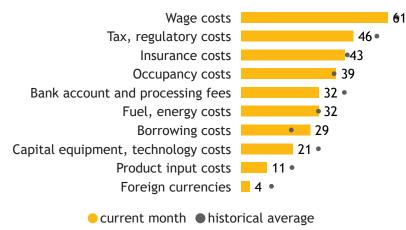


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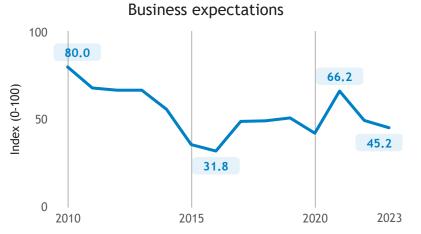


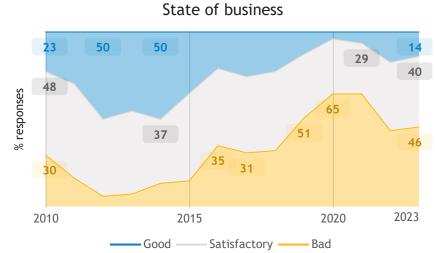
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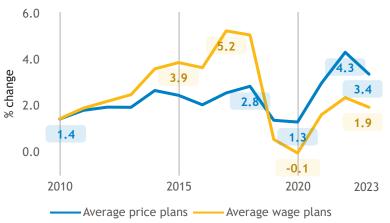
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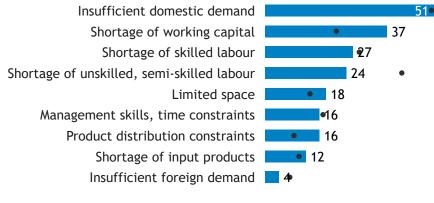




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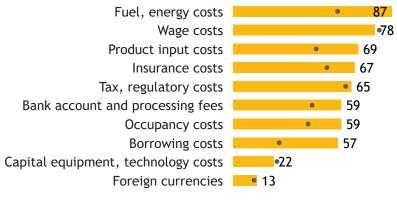


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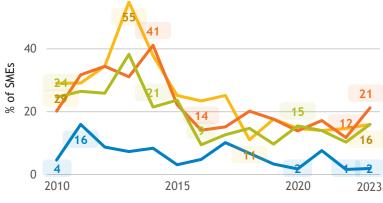
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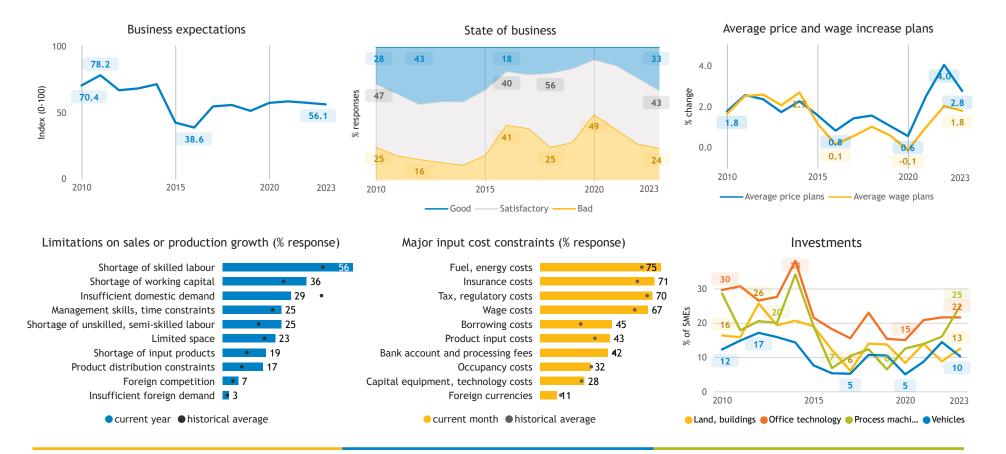




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