Business Barometer[®]: Small business confidence index, provinces



Survey question: How do you expect your firm to be performing in **12 months** compared to now? Survey question: Allowing for normal seasonal influences, what are your business performance expectations for the next 3 or 4 months? Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - July 2025. 719 responses received from July 3-8. **Note:** • Historical averages. **Data presented by 12-month moving average *Data presented by 3-month moving average. Index > 50 = more businesses expecting stronger performance than weaker performance

3 month index



Business Barometer[®]: Atlantic Region



Limitations on sales or production growth



Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - July 2025 **Note:** All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages

Full-time Staffing Plans



Major input cost constraints



45

40

Business Barometer®: Newfoundland And Labrador

Responses: 78



Limitations on sales or production growth



Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - July 2025 Note: All results are calculated as 12-month moving averages.









Business Barometer®: Prince Edward Island

Responses: 78



Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - July 2025 Note: All results are calculated as 12-month moving averages.





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Business Barometer®: Nova Scotia

Responses: 64



Limitations on sales or production growth



Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - July 2025 **Note:** All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages.



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Business Barometer®: New Brunswick

Responses: 48



Limitations on sales or production growth



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Full-time Staffing Plans

Major input cost constraints



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Business Barometer®: Quebec





Limitations on sales or production growth



Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - July 2025 Note: All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages except the Index values for July 2025 which are based on 138 responses received from July 3-8.

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Business Barometer®: Ontario

Responses: 805



Limitations on sales or production growth



Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - July 2025 Note: All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages except the Index values for July 2025 which are based on 315 responses received from July 3-8.







Business Barometer®: Manitoba

Responses: 89



Limitations on sales or production growth

Index (0-100)



Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - July 2025 Note: All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages.

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Business Barometer®: Saskatchewan

Responses: 51



12-Month and 3-Month Index

Index (0-100

20

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Limitations on sales or production growth



Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - July 2025 Note: All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages.



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47	Tax, regulatory costs		74
	Insurance costs		62
47	Wage costs		62
	Occupancy costs (rent, mortgage, property taxes)		60
	Product input costs		53
	Electricity costs	36	
	Capital equipment, technology costs	34	
	Fuel costs	30	
	Other energy costs	26	
	Borrowing costs	21	



Business Barometer®: Alberta

Responses: 211



Limitations on sales or production growth



Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - July 2025 Note: All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages except the Index values for July 2025 which are based on 79 responses received from July 3-8.





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Insurance costs	77	
Tax, regulatory costs	74	
Electricity costs	61	
Wage costs	61	
Occupancy costs (rent, mortgage, property taxes)	48	
Product input costs	47	
Fuel costs	43	
Capital equipment, technology costs	38	
Borrowing costs	32	
Other energy costs	29	





Business Barometer®: British Columbia

Responses: 240



Limitations on sales or production growth



Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - July 2025 Note: All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages except the Index values for July 2025 which are based on 87 responses received from July 3-8.

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