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



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. **Notes:** Historical averages *Data presented by 3-month moving average. **Natural resources is not included. Index > 50 = more businesses expecting stronger performance than weaker performance



Business Barometer®: Agriculture

Responses: 68



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

Full-time Staffing Plans







Business Barometer®: Construction

Responses: 186



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 66 responses received from July 3-8.

Full-time Staffing Plans



Major input cost constraints



69

Business Barometer®: Manufacturing

Responses: 249



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 93 responses received from July 3-8.



Full-time Staffing Plans

Major input cost constraints



CFIB

64

Business Barometer®: Wholesale

Responses: 108



Index (0-100)

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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Major input cost constraints



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Business Barometer®: Retail

Responses: 149



Limitations on sales or production growth

57



Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - July 2025



Full-time Staffing Plans

Major input cost constraints



CFIB.



Business Barometer®: Transportation

Responses: 58



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





Business Barometer®: Info., Arts & Recreation

Responses: 38



Index (0-100)

59

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

Product input costs 30

27

- Borrowing costs
- Other energy costs 15

Business Barometer®: Finance, Insurance, etc.

Responses: 37



Index (0-100)

55

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



CFIB.



Business Barometer®: Professional Services

Responses: 159



60

20

0

Index (0-100)

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 62 responses received from July 3-8.



Full-time Staffing Plans

Major input cost constraints







Business Barometer®: Health, Education

Responses: 68





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 responses received from July 3-8.





Business Barometer®: Hospitality

Responses: 114



60

20

0

59

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 30 responses received from July 3-8.



Full-time Staffing Plans

Major input cost constraints





Business Barometer®: Personal Services

Responses: 167



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 60 responses received from July 3-8.

60

20

0

62

Index (0-100)



Major input cost constraints



CFIB