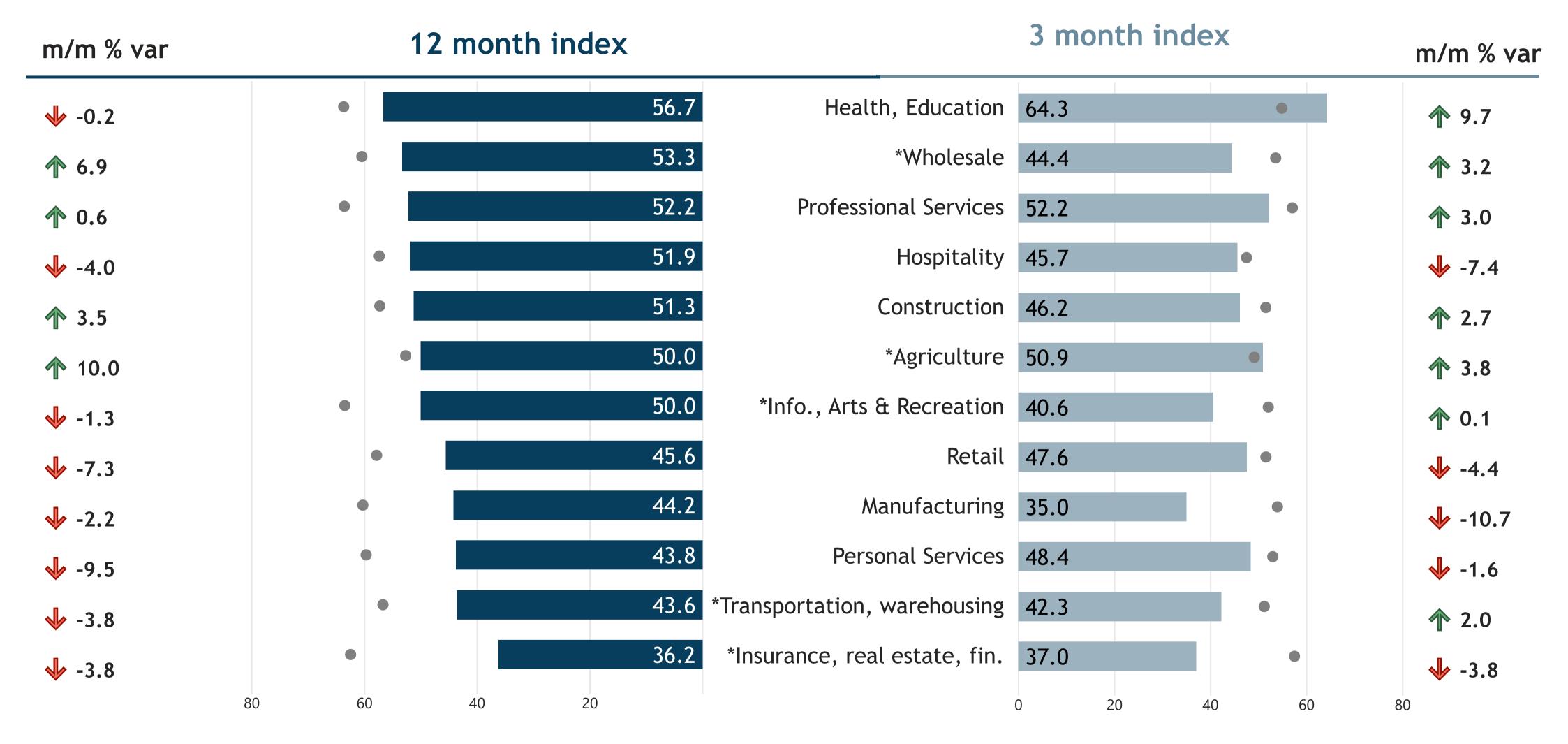
# Business Barometer®: Small business confidence index, sectors



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 - August 2025. 367 responses received from August 5-12.

**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



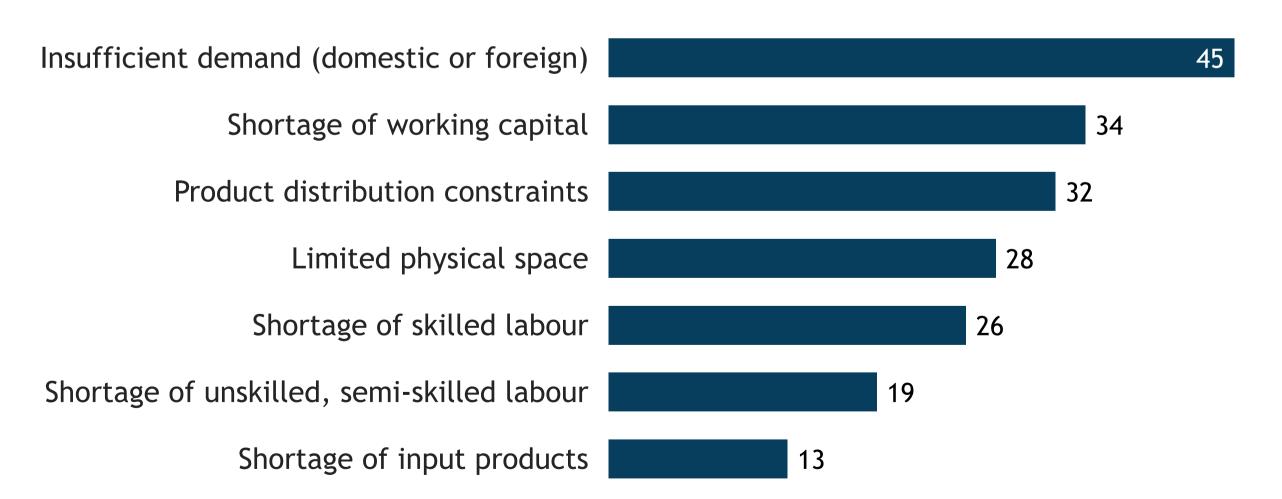


## Business Barometer®: Agriculture

Responses: 59



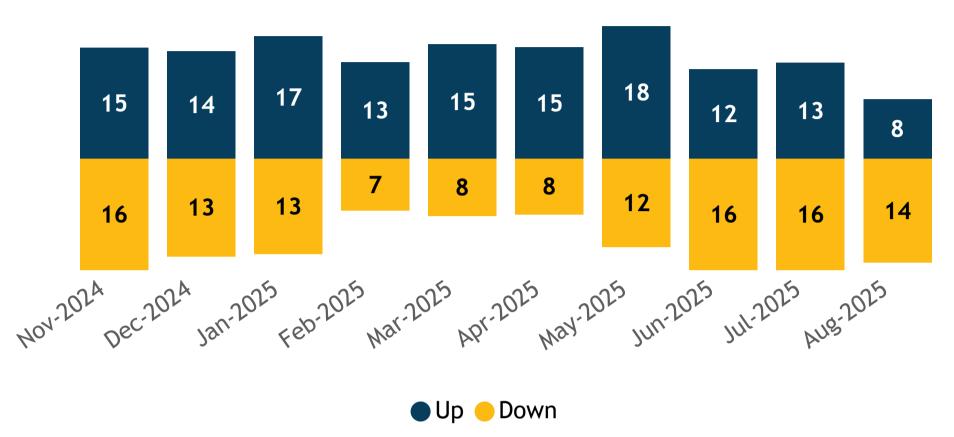
Limitations on sales or production growth



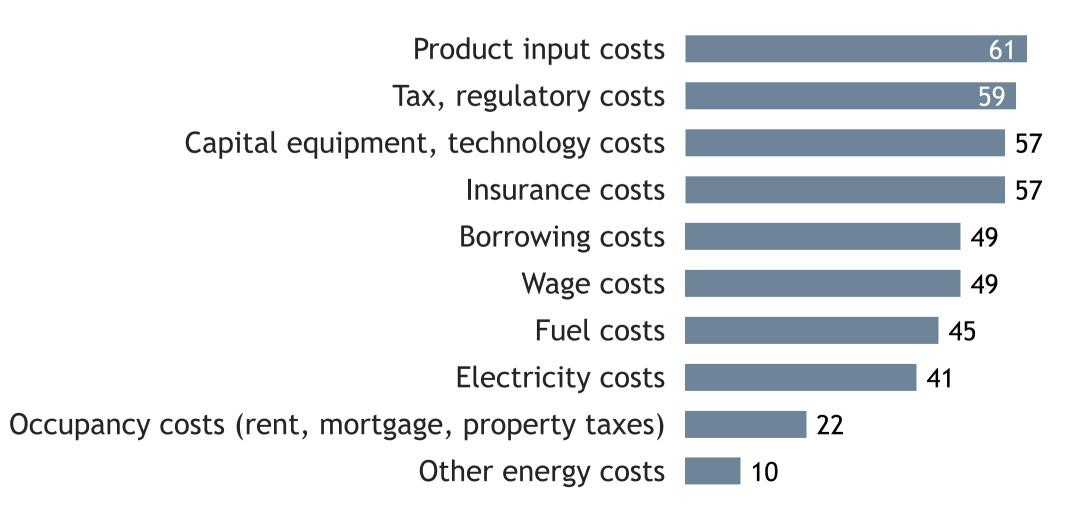
Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - August 2025

Note: All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages.

Full-time Staffing Plans



Major input cost constraints

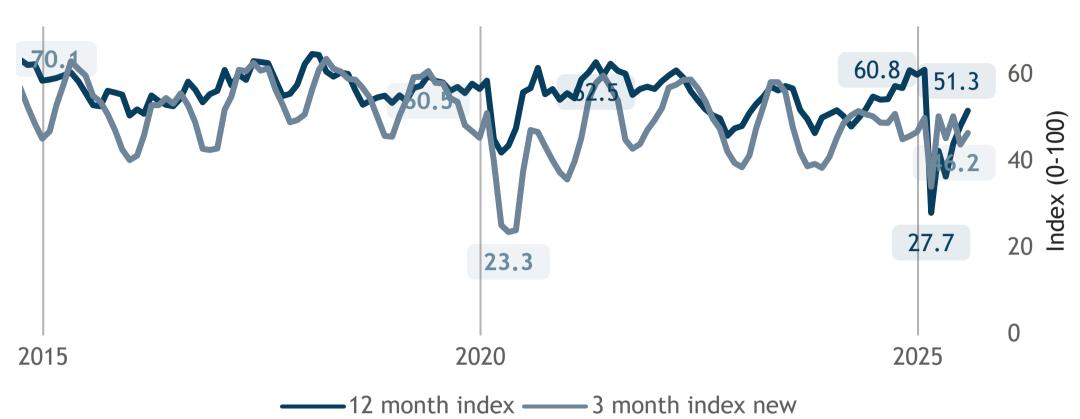




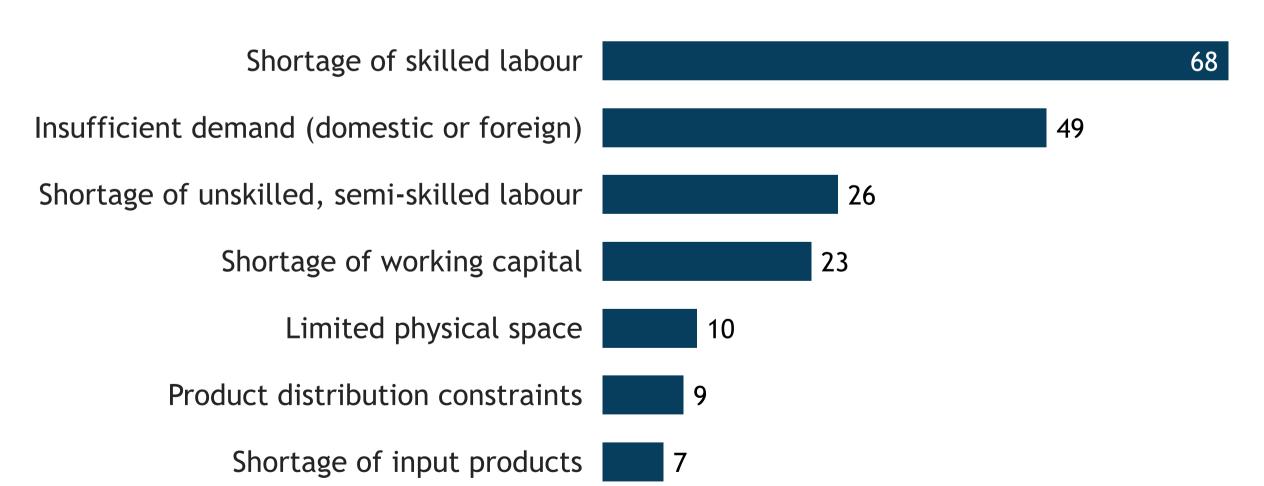
### **Business Barometer®: Construction**

Responses: 149

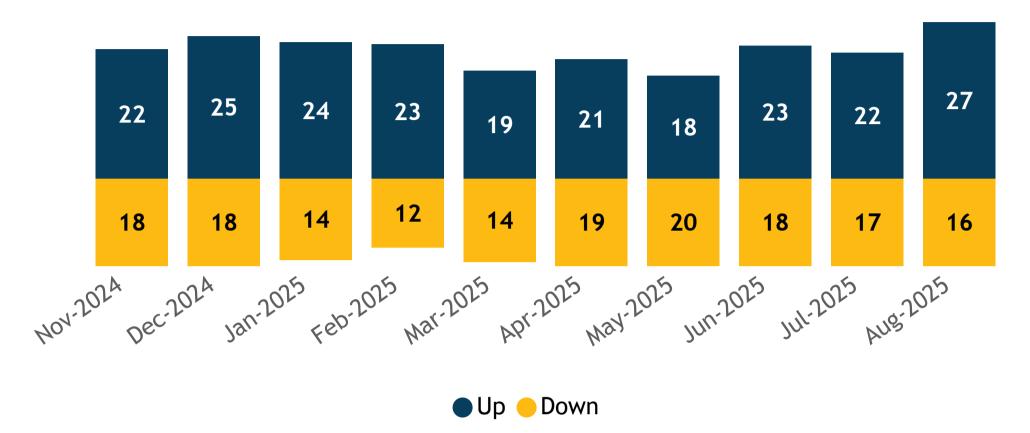




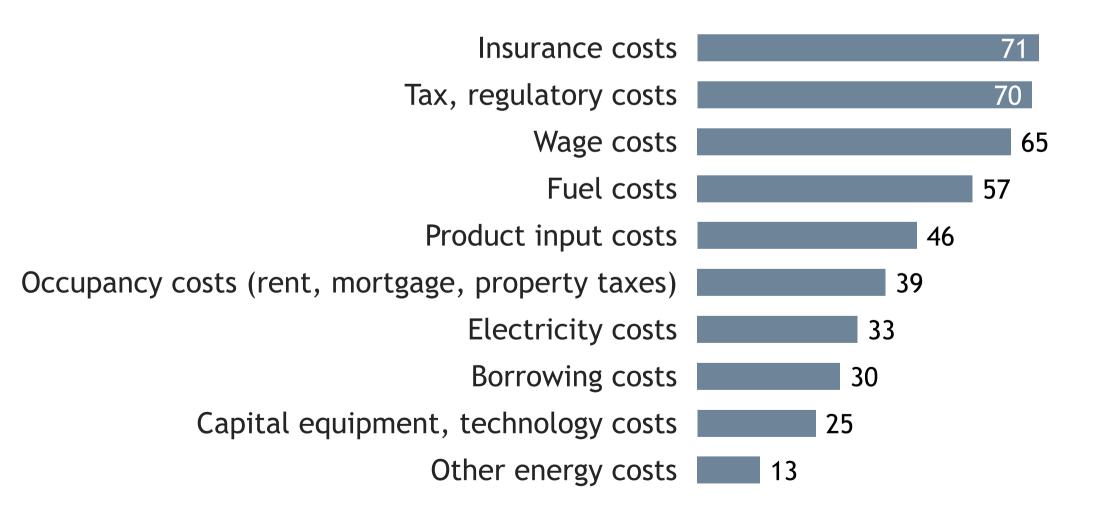
Limitations on sales or production growth



#### Full-time Staffing Plans



Major input cost constraints



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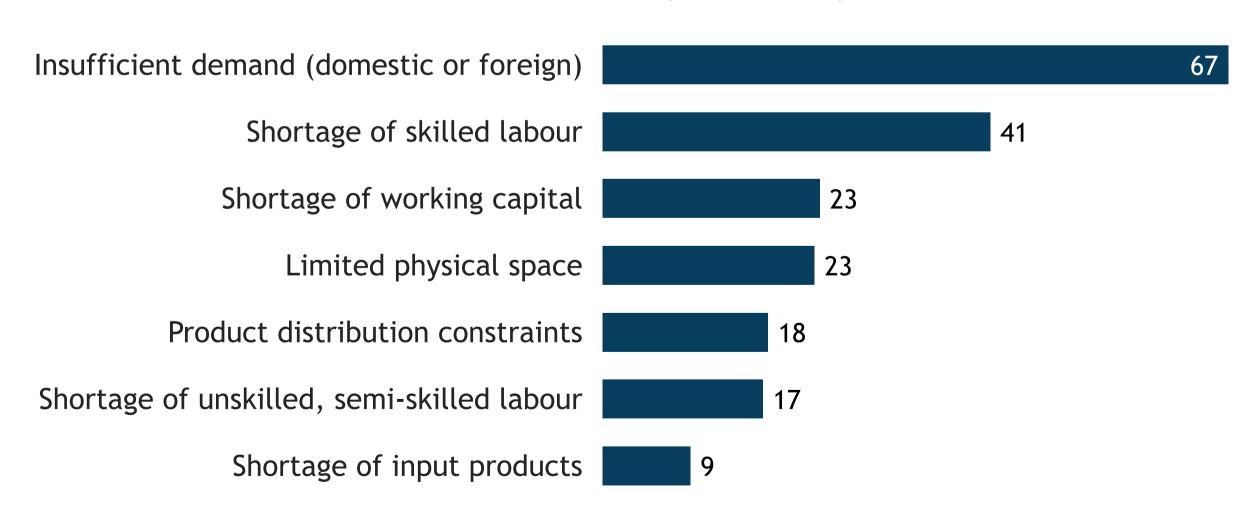


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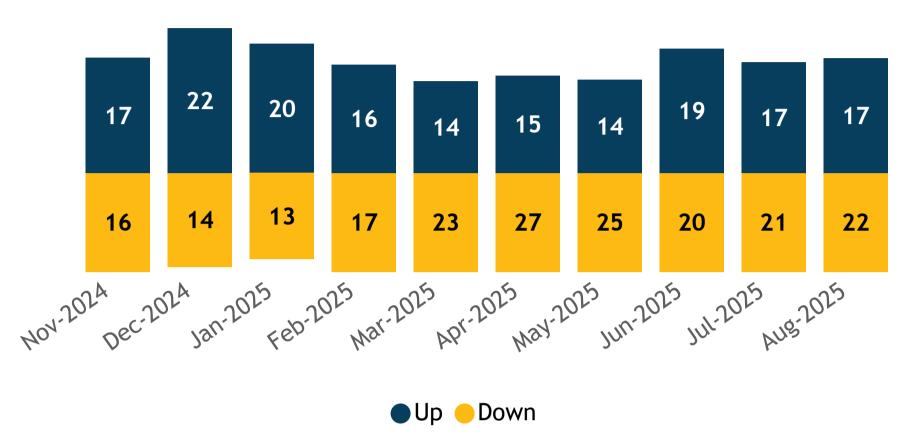
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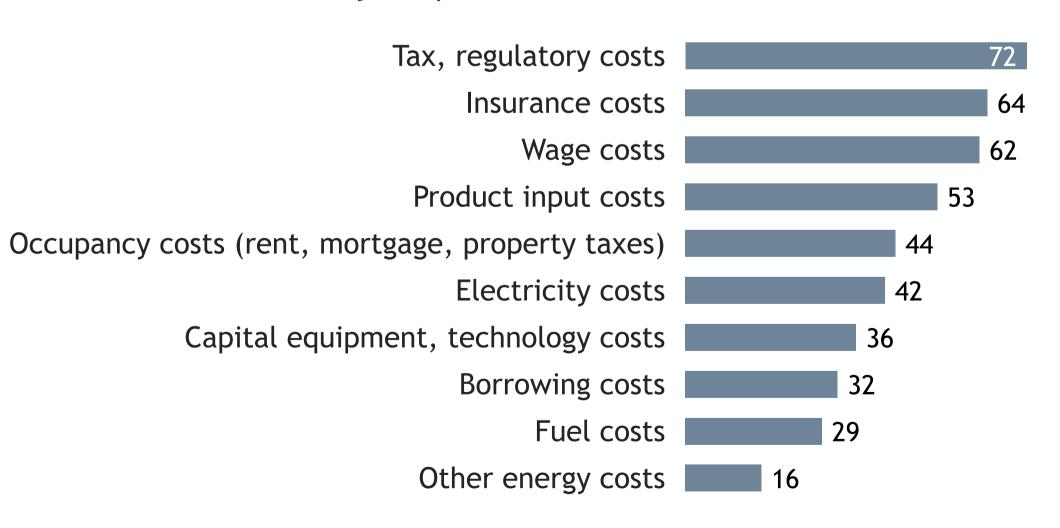
#### Limitations on sales or production growth



### Full-time Staffing Plans



#### Major input cost constraints



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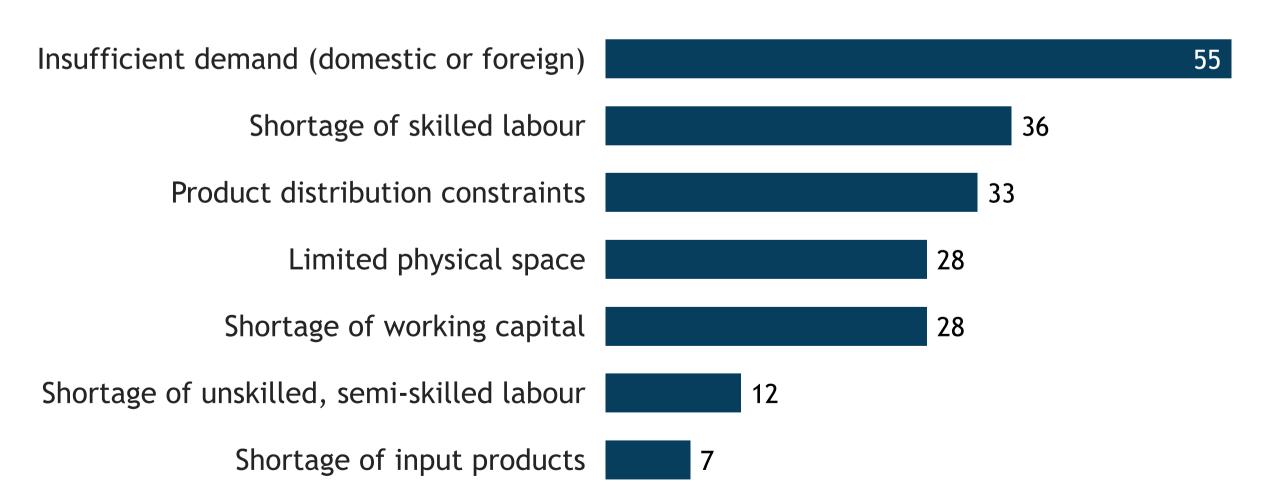


## Business Barometer®: Wholesale

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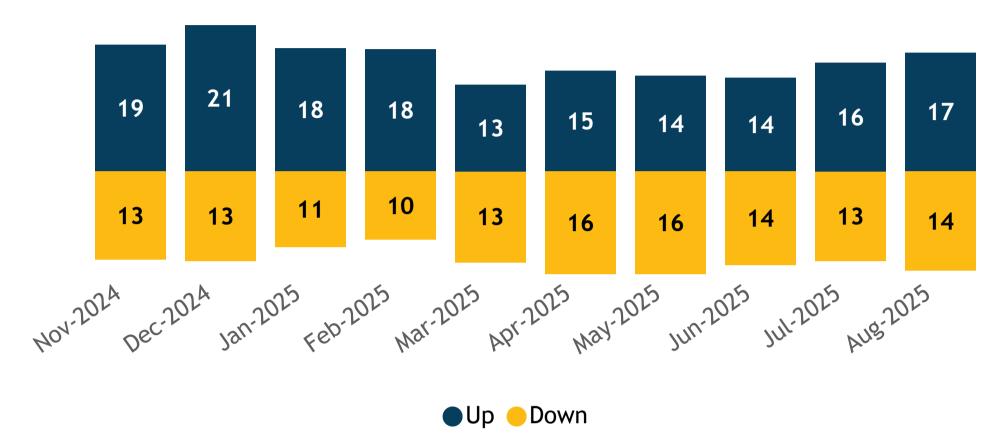
Limitations on sales or production growth



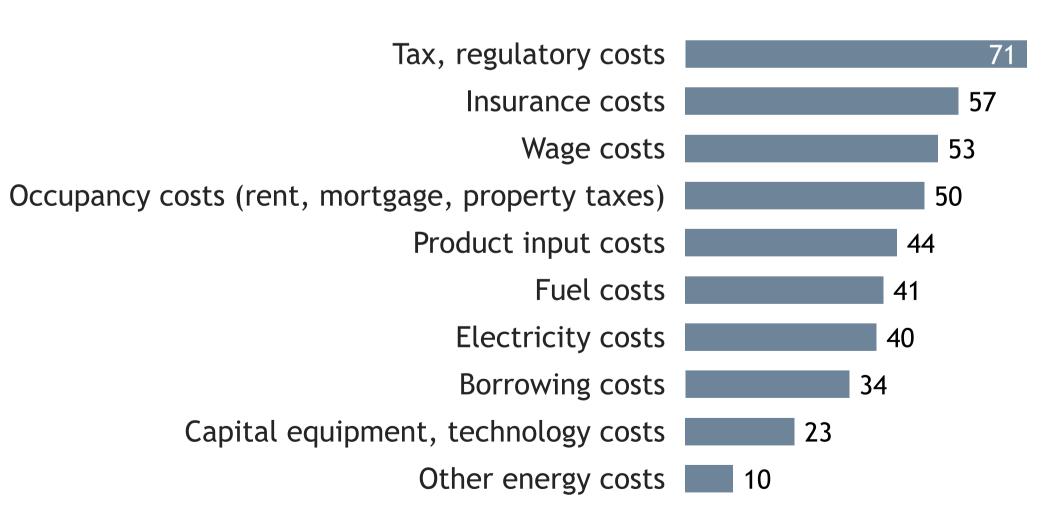
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Full-time Staffing Plans



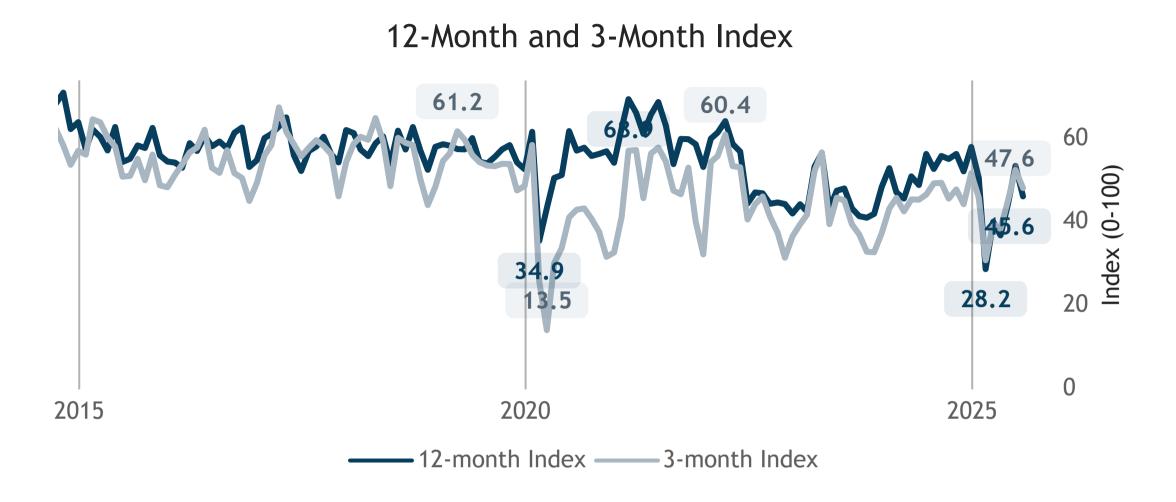
Major input cost constraints



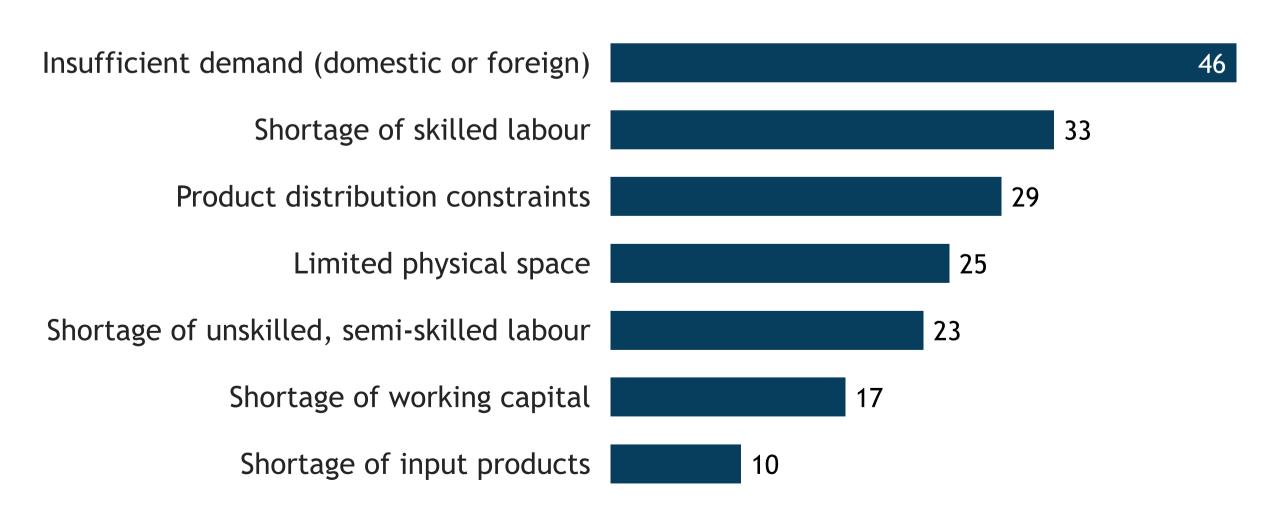


## Business Barometer®: Retail

Responses: 68



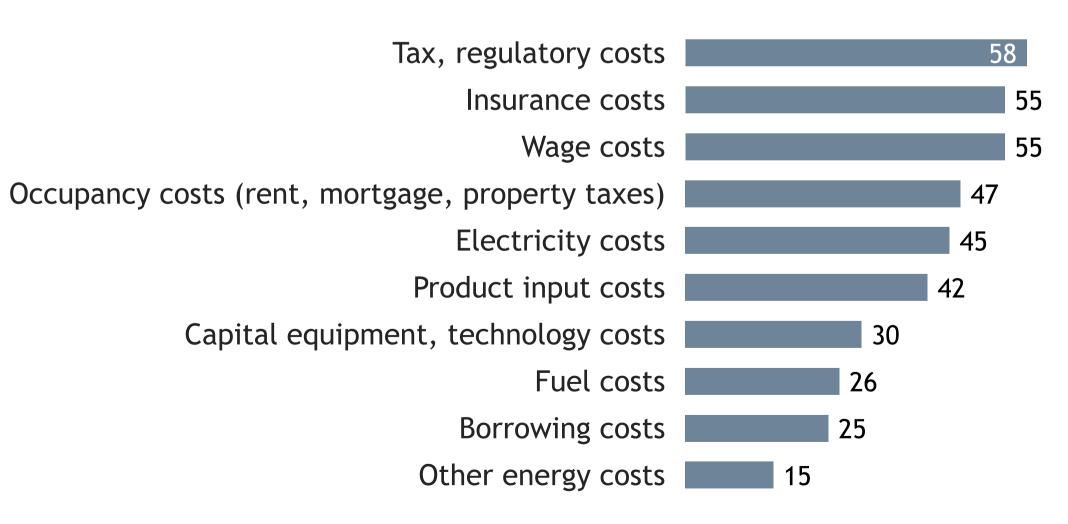
## Limitations on sales or production growth



### Full-time Staffing Plans



#### Major input cost constraints





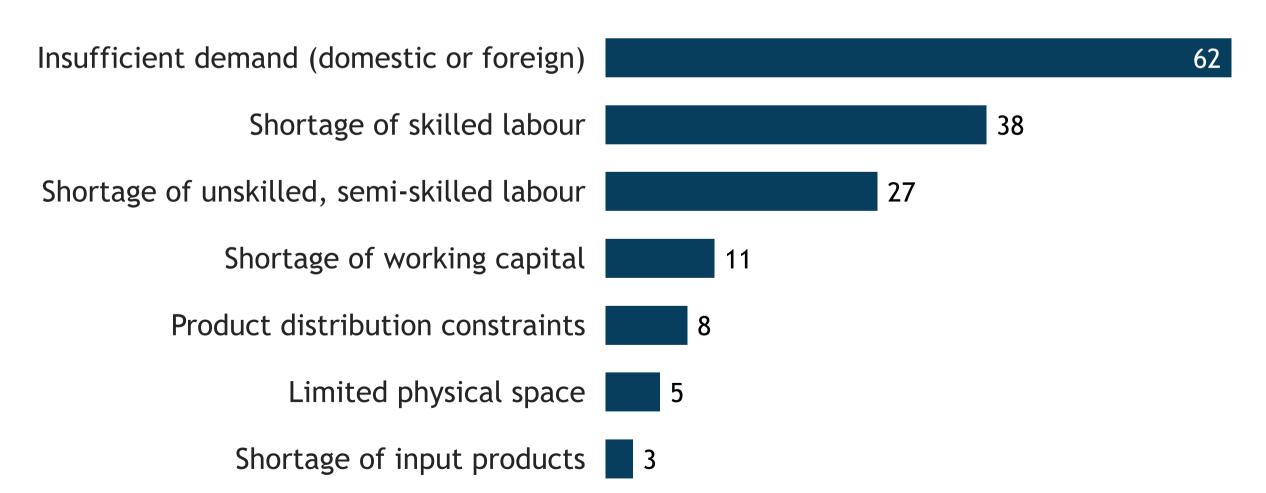


## **Business Barometer®: Transportation**

Responses: 41



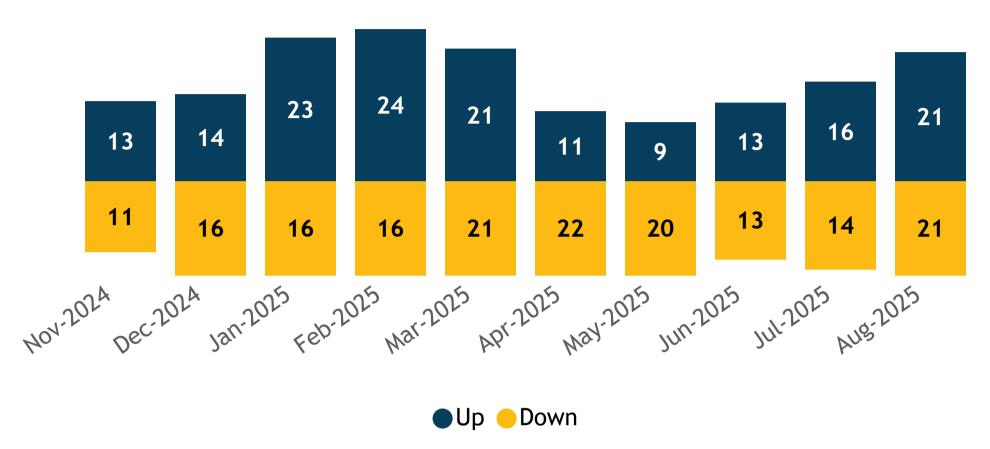
Limitations on sales or production growth



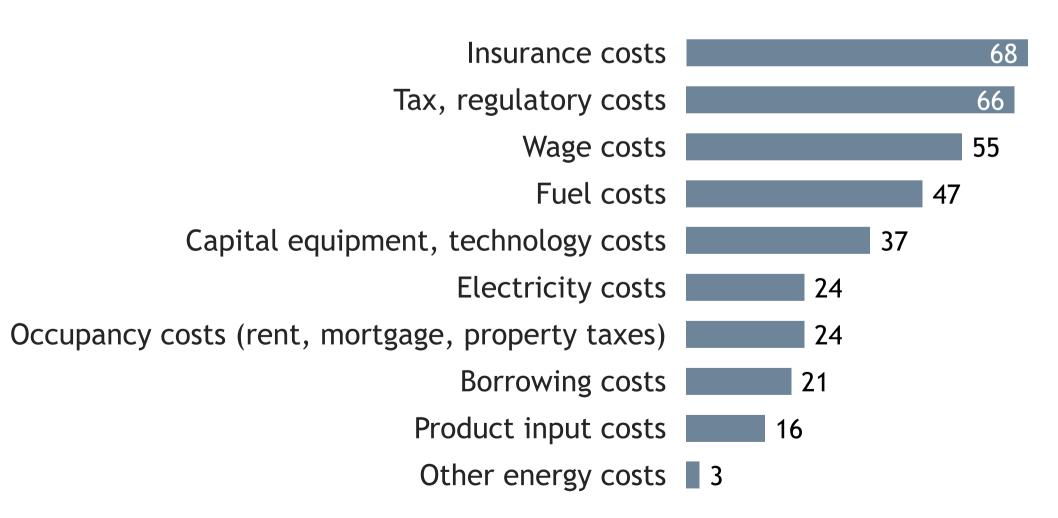
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#### Major input cost constraints



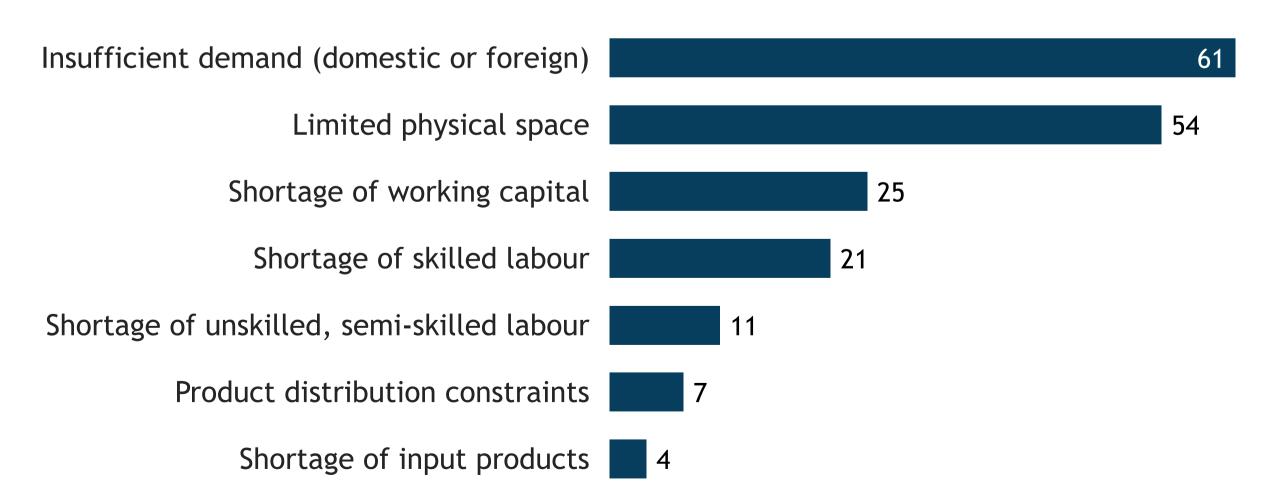


## Business Barometer®: Info., Arts & Recreation

Responses: 34



Limitations on sales or production growth

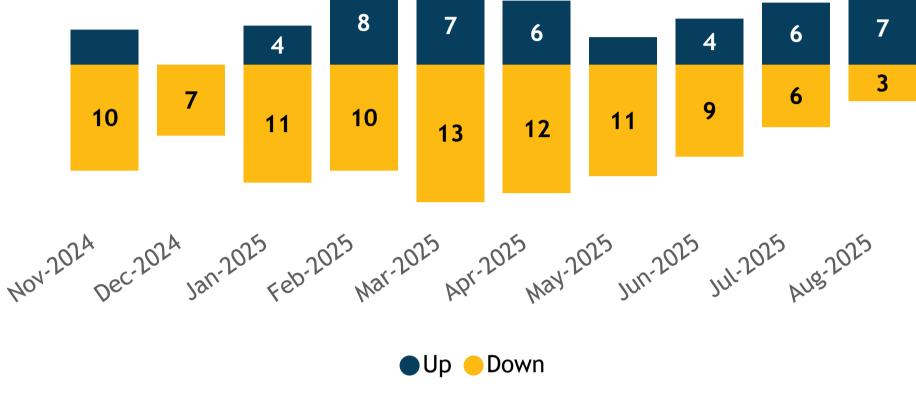


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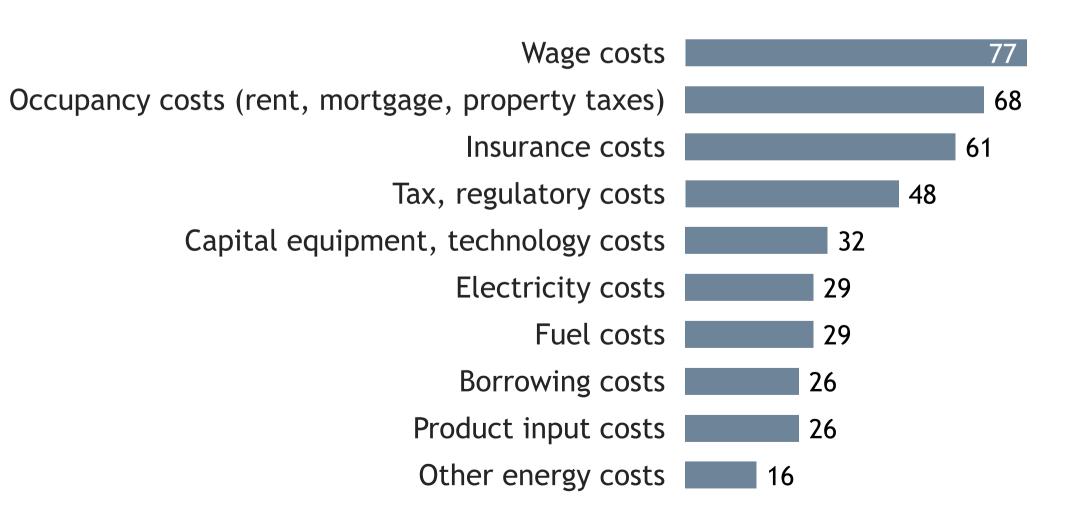
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Major input cost constraints



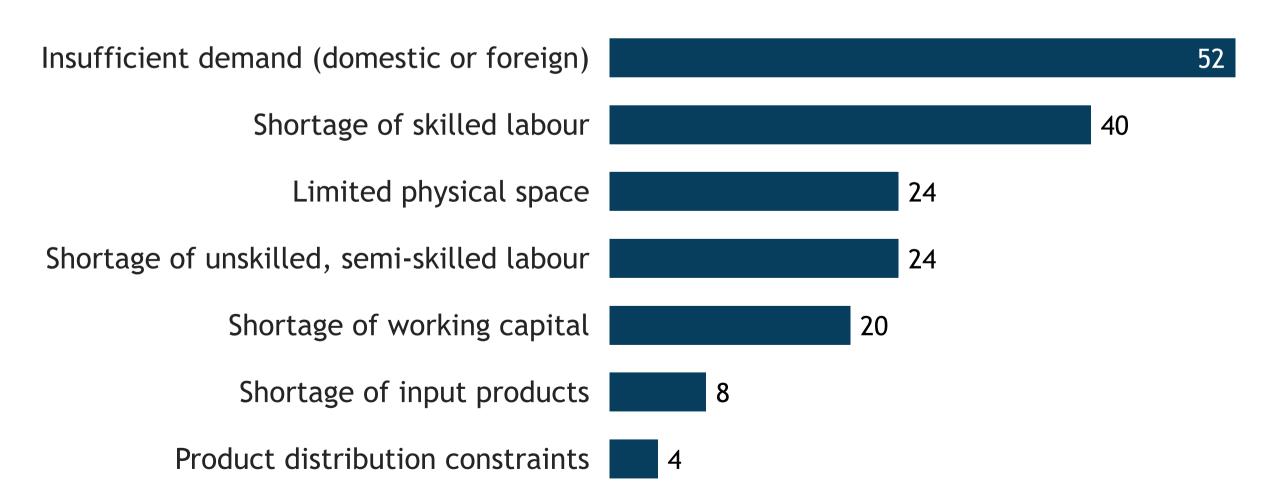


## Business Barometer®: Finance, Insurance, etc.

Responses: 29



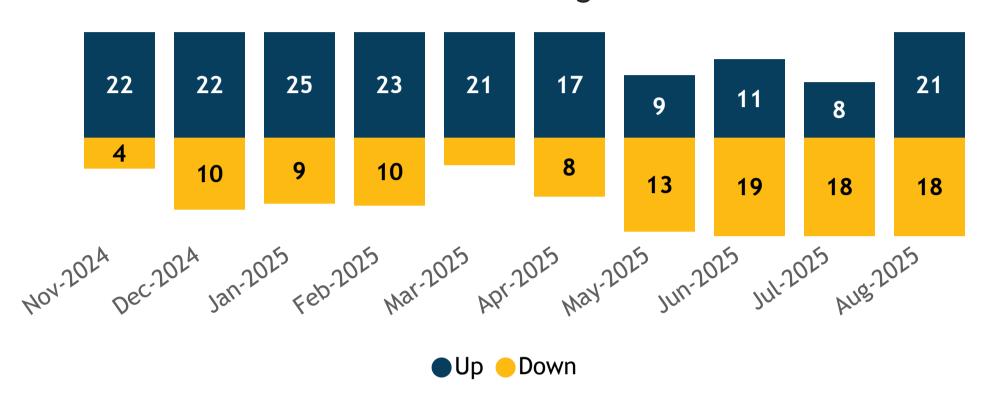
#### Limitations on sales or production growth



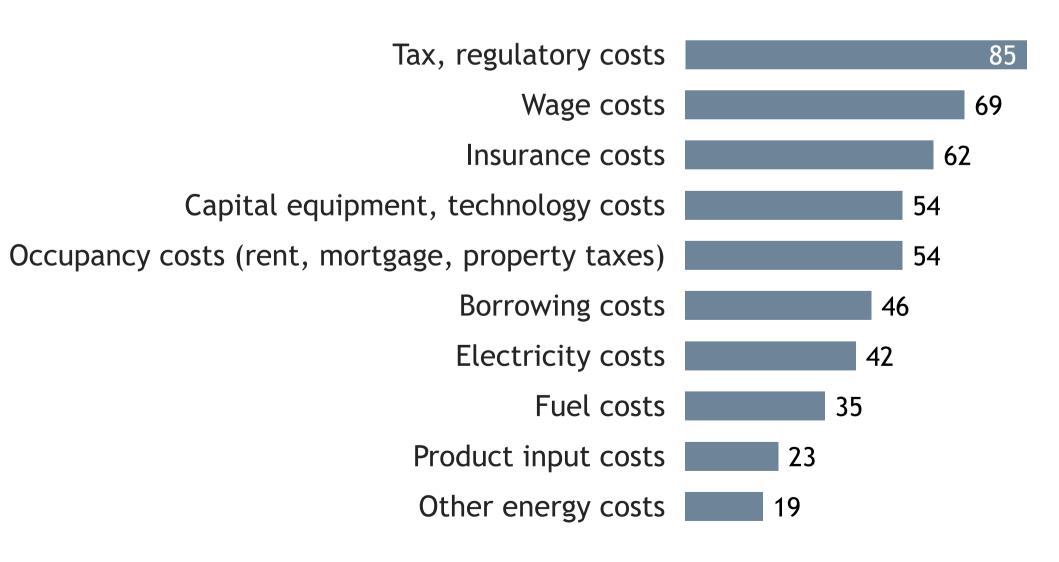
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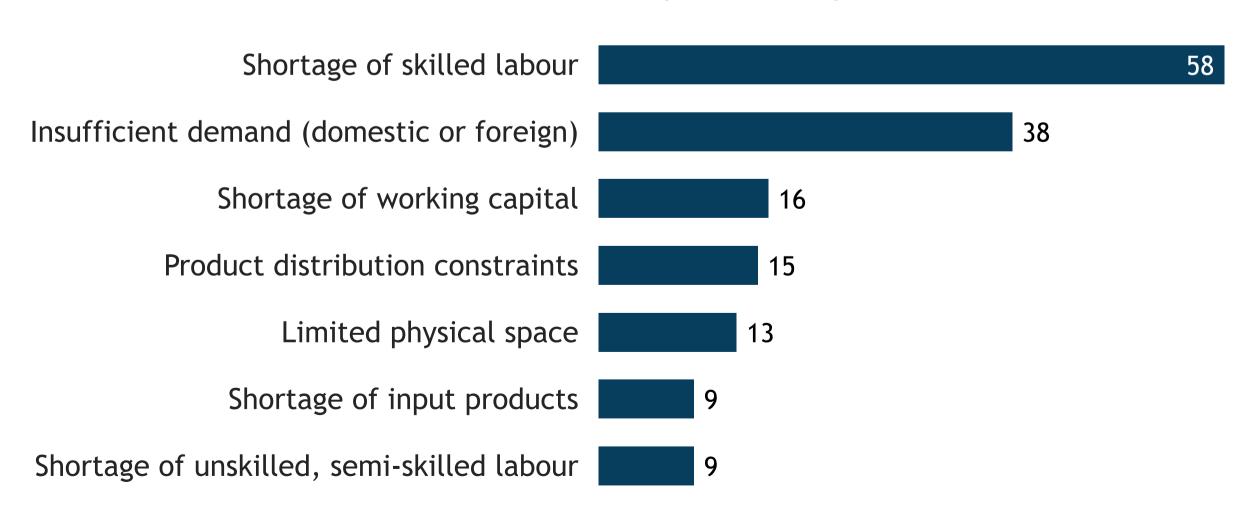


## Business Barometer®: Professional Services

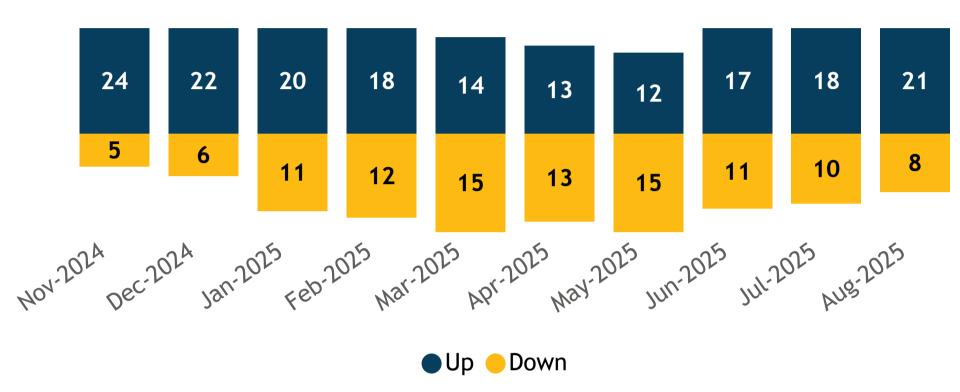
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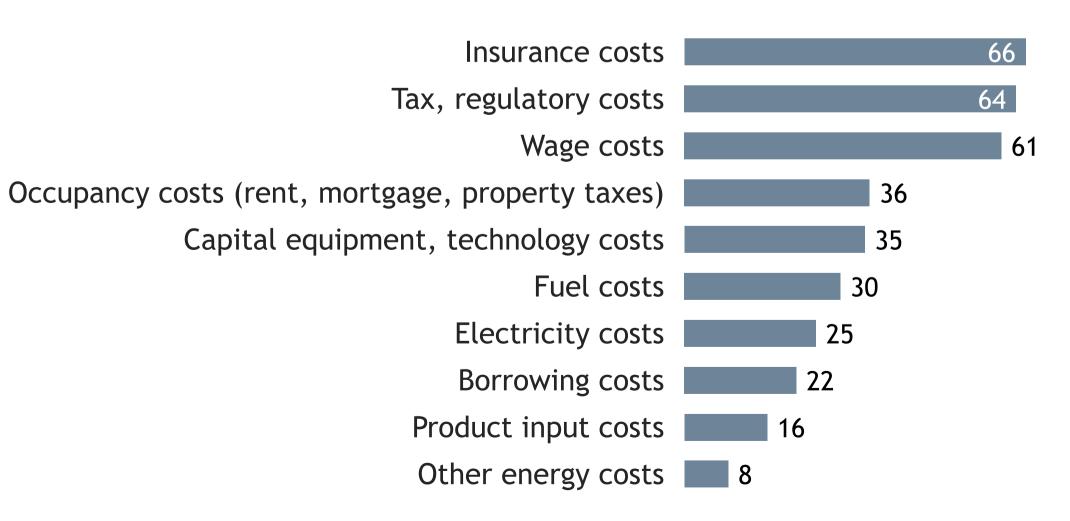
Limitations on sales or production growth



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#### Major input cost constraints



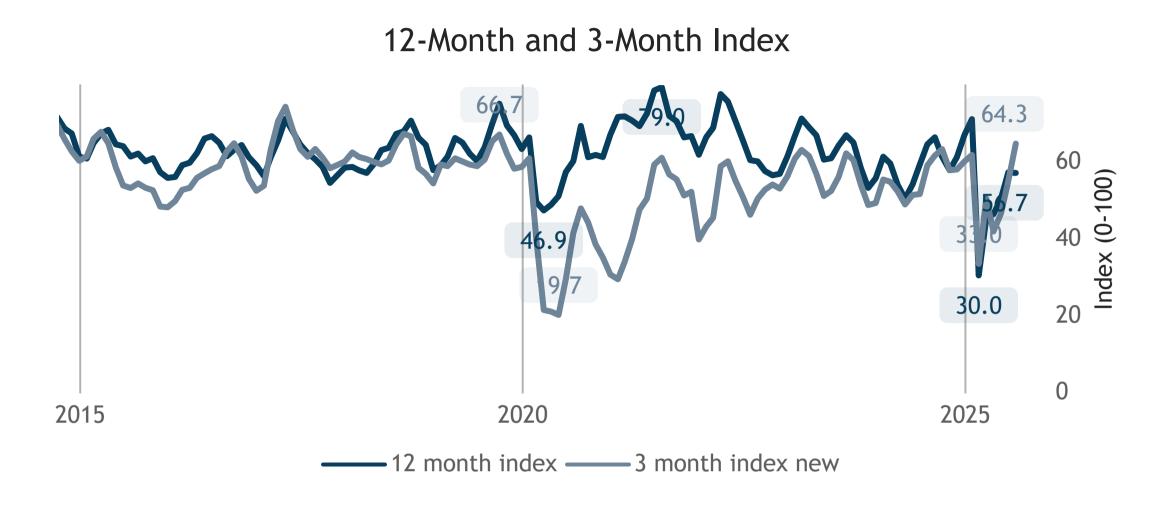
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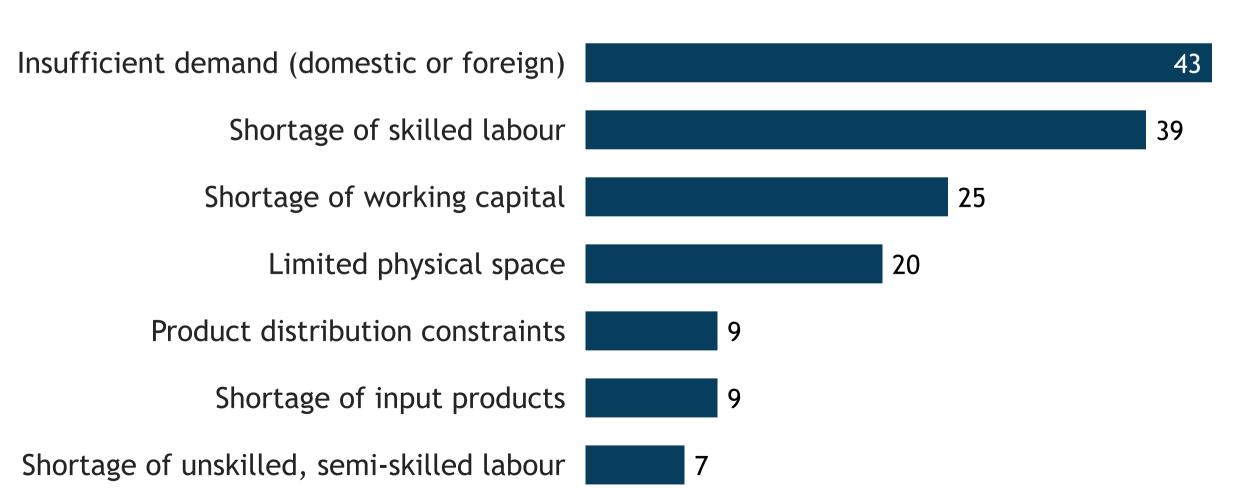


## Business Barometer®: Health, Education

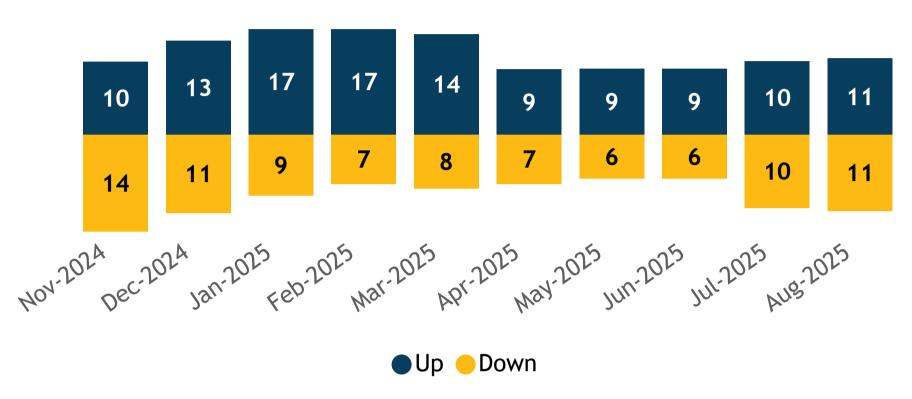
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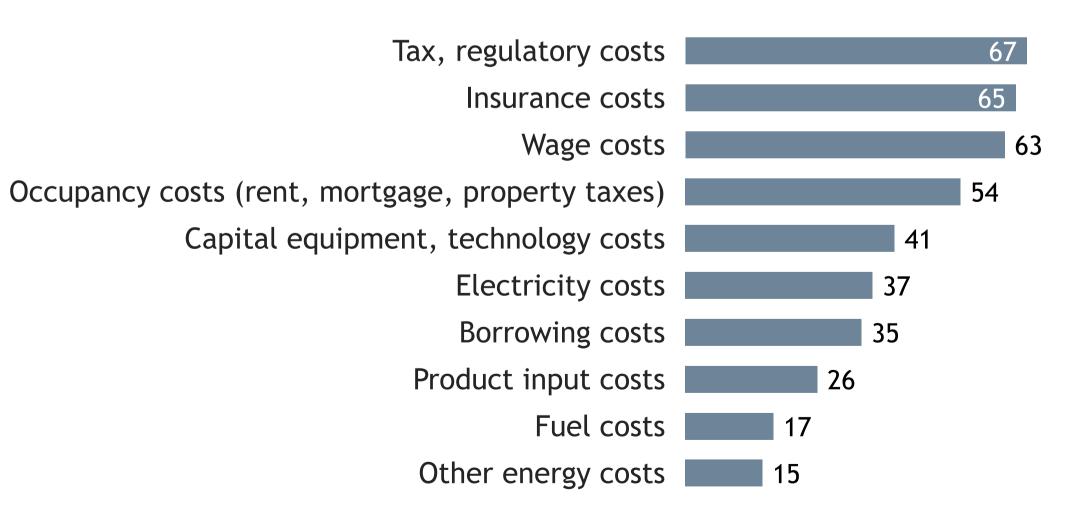
### Limitations on sales or production growth



## Full-time Staffing Plans



#### Major input cost constraints



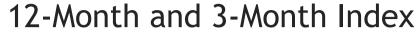
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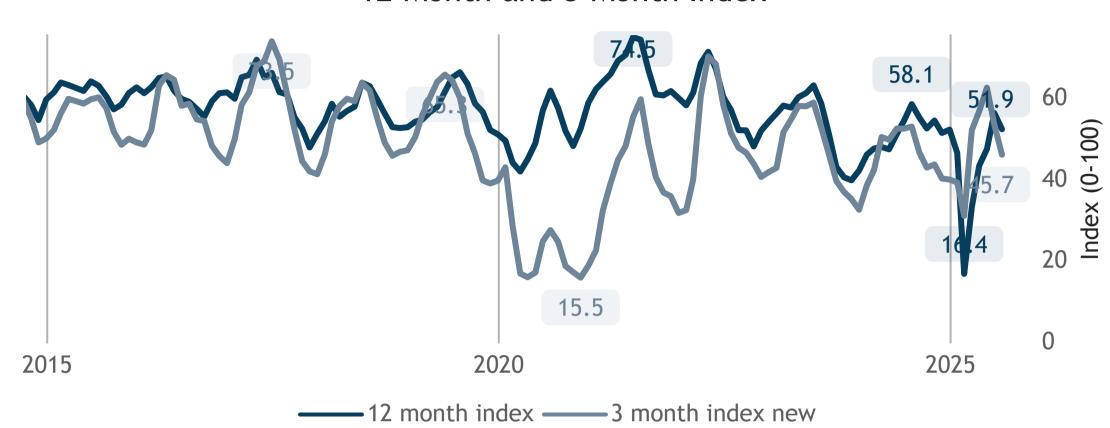
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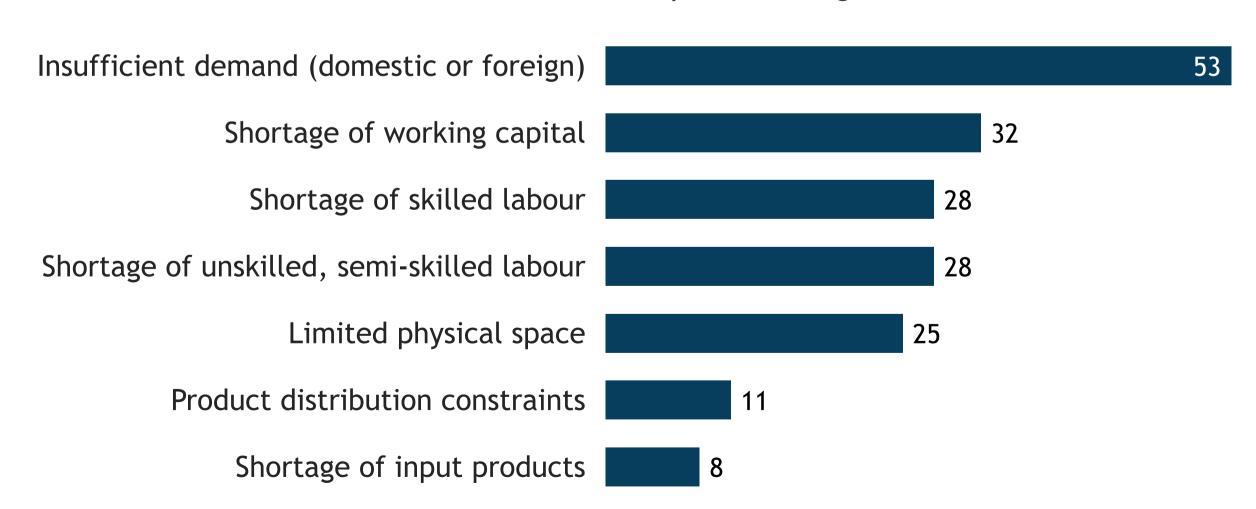
## Business Barometer®: Hospitality

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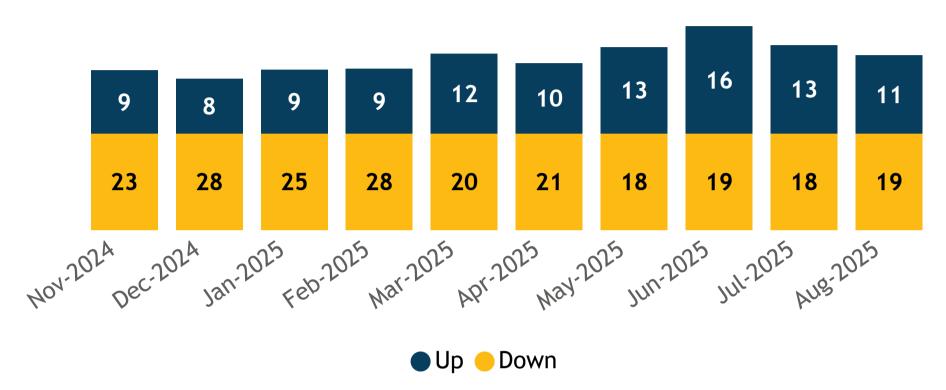




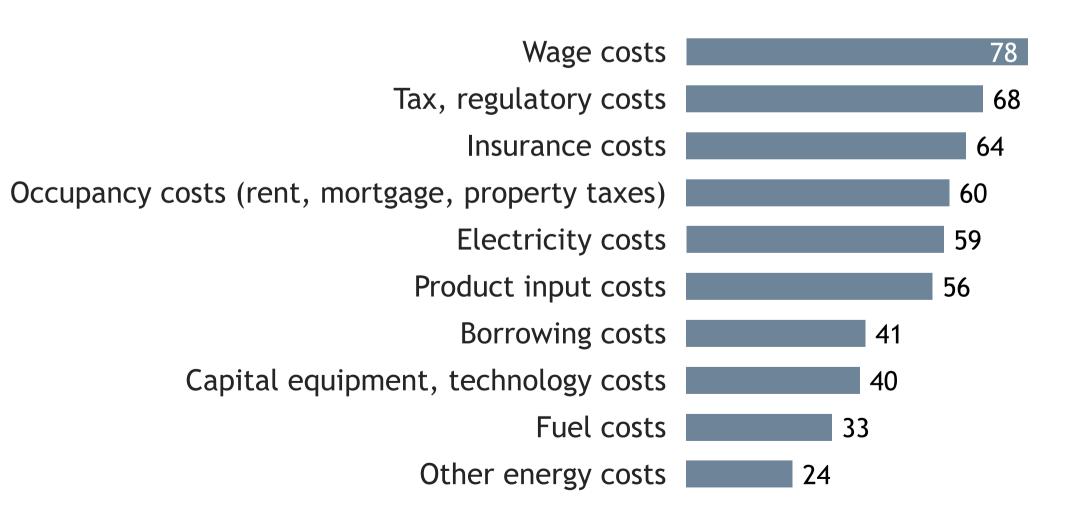
### Limitations on sales or production growth



#### Full-time Staffing Plans



#### Major input cost constraints



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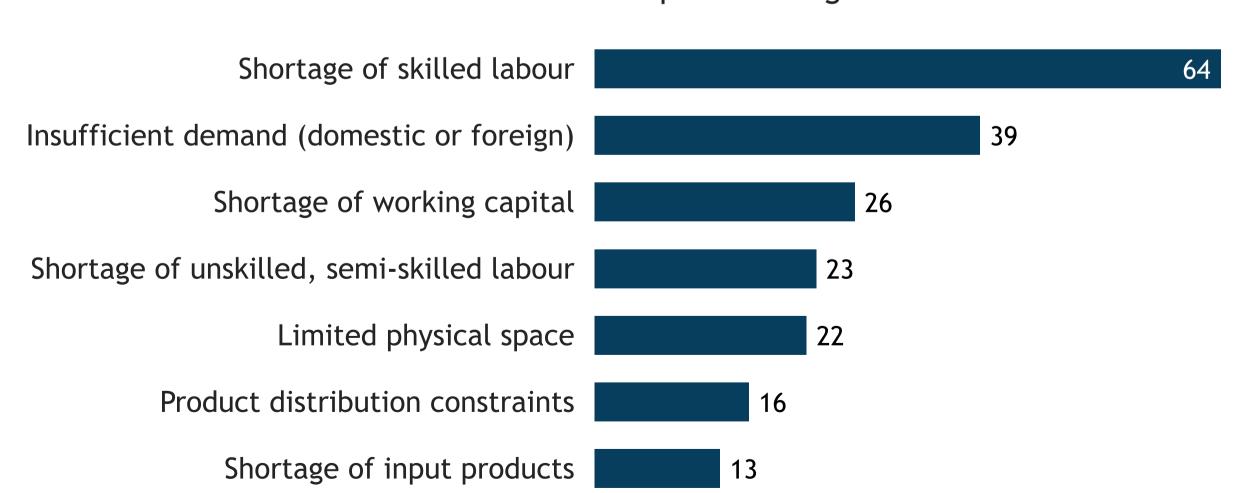


### Business Barometer®: Personal Services

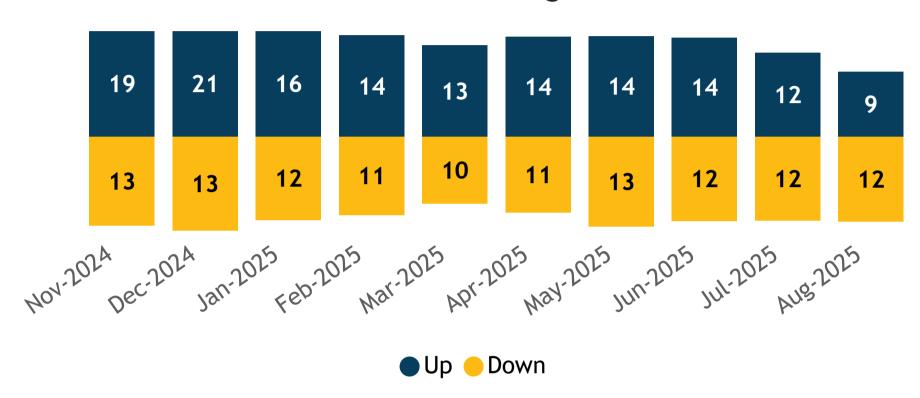
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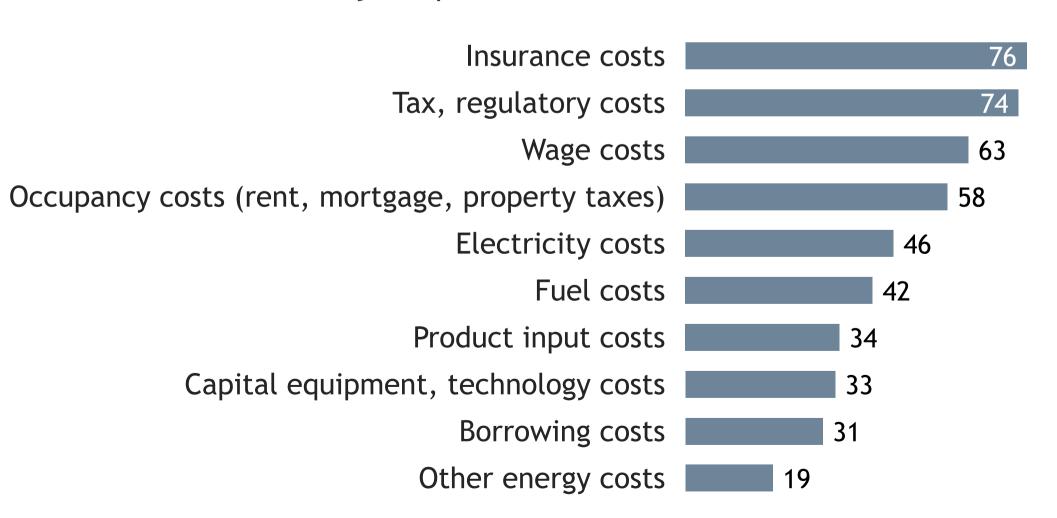
#### Limitations on sales or production growth



### Full-time Staffing Plans



#### Major input cost constraints



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