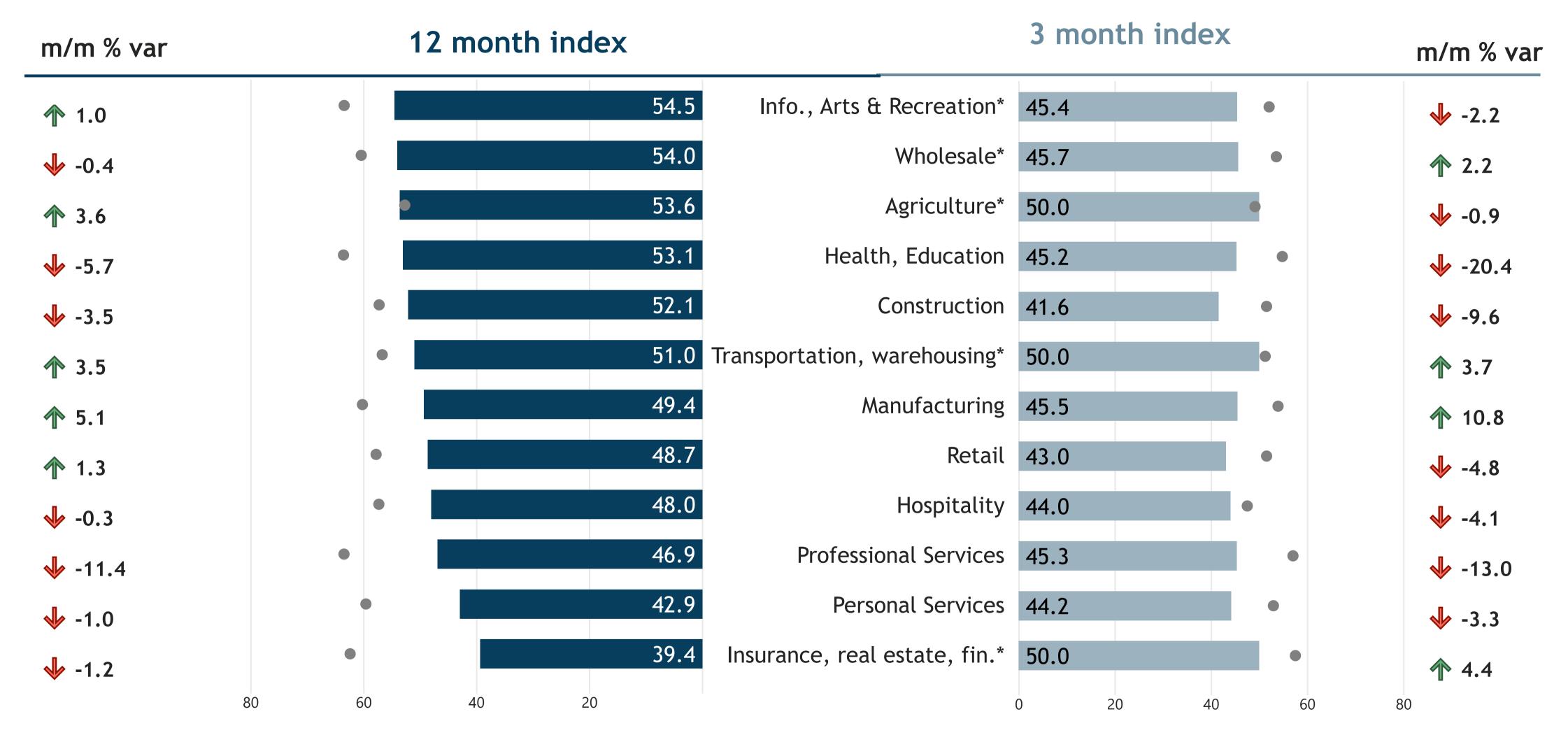
# Business Barometer®: Small business confidence index, sectors



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 - September 2025. 752 responses received from September 3-10

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

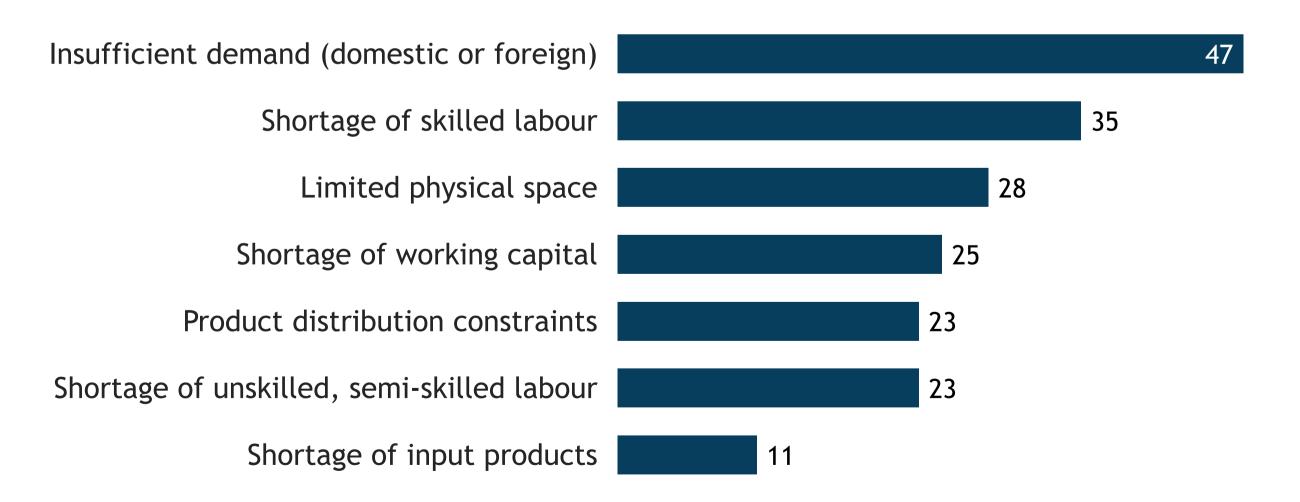


# Business Barometer®: Agriculture

Responses: 64



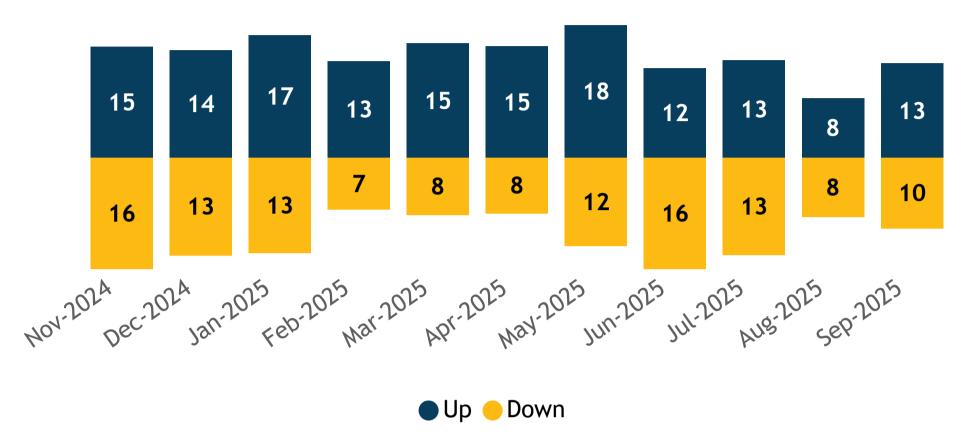
Limitations on sales or production growth



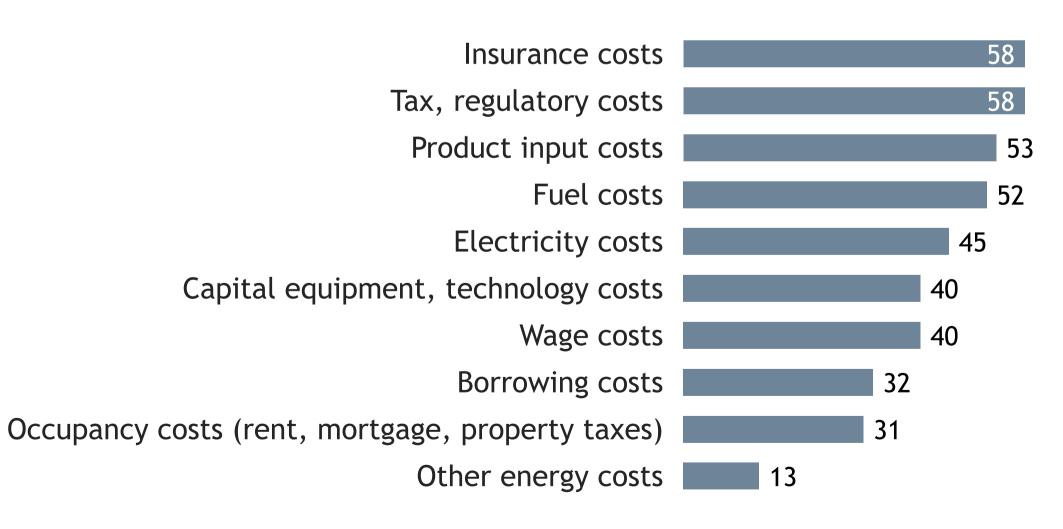
Source: CFIB, Your business outlook survey, February 2009 - September 2025

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

Full-time Staffing Plans



Major input cost constraints



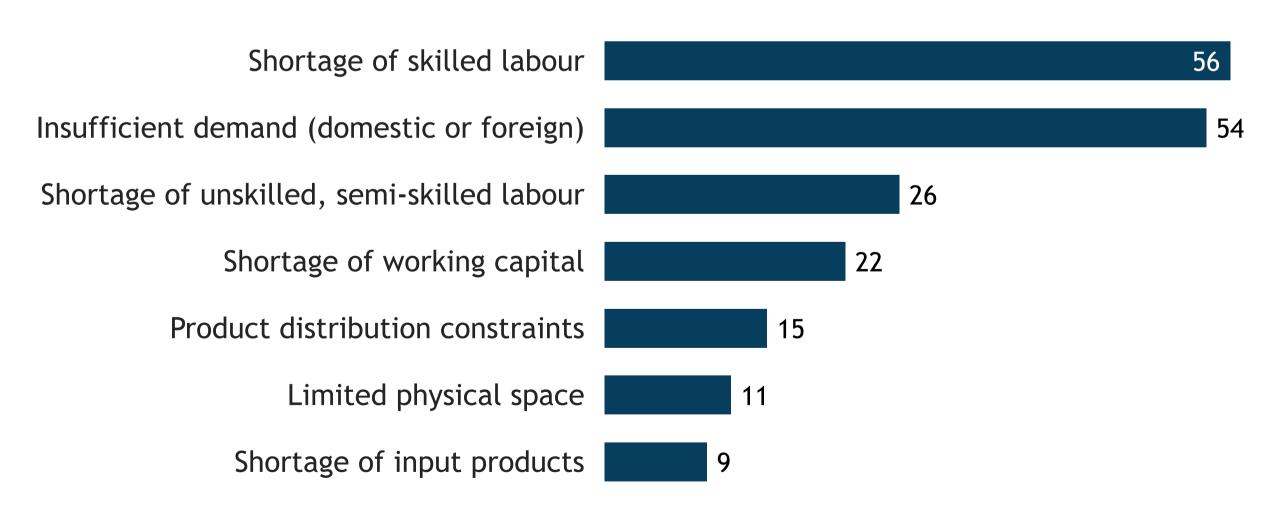


#### **Business Barometer®: Construction**

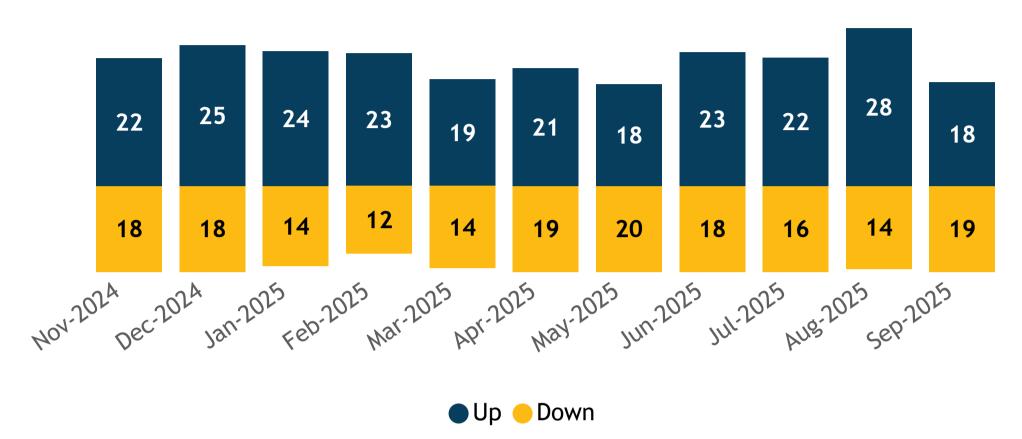
Responses: 179



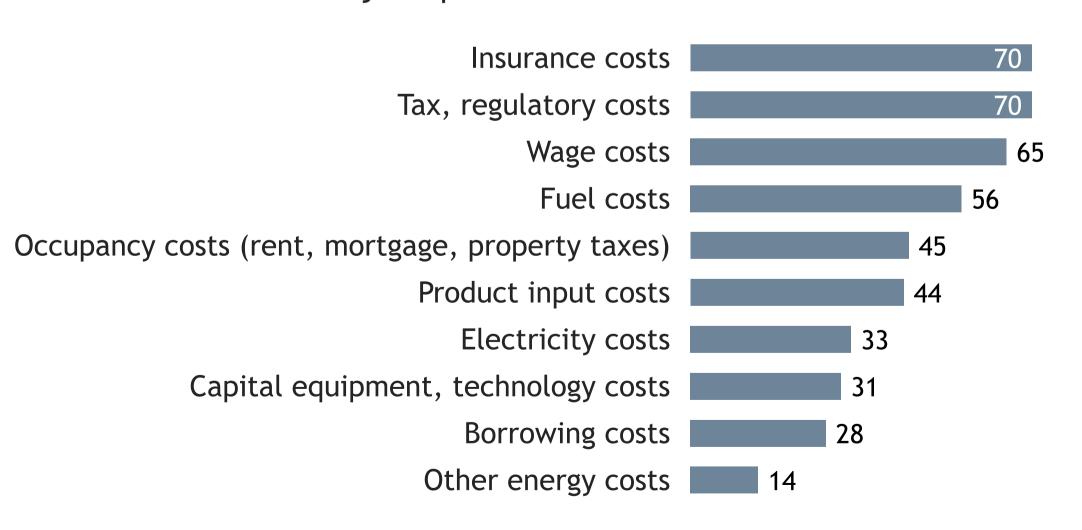
Limitations on sales or production growth



Full-time Staffing Plans



Major input cost constraints



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

Note: All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages except the Index values for September 2025 which are based on 69 responses received from September 3-10.



# Business Barometer®: Manufacturing

Responses: 206

2015

12-Month and 3-Month Index

23

49.4

60

60

60

60

60

70

90

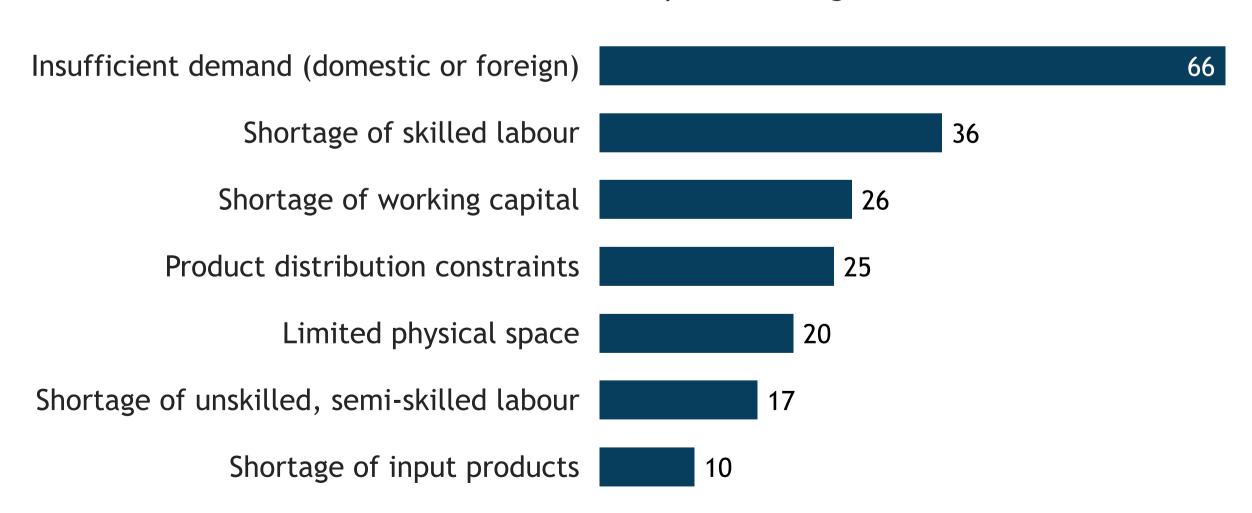
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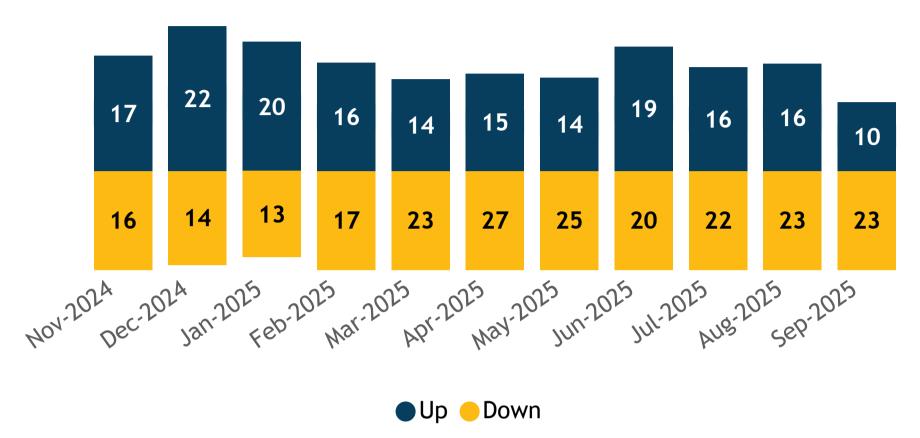
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#### Limitations on sales or production growth

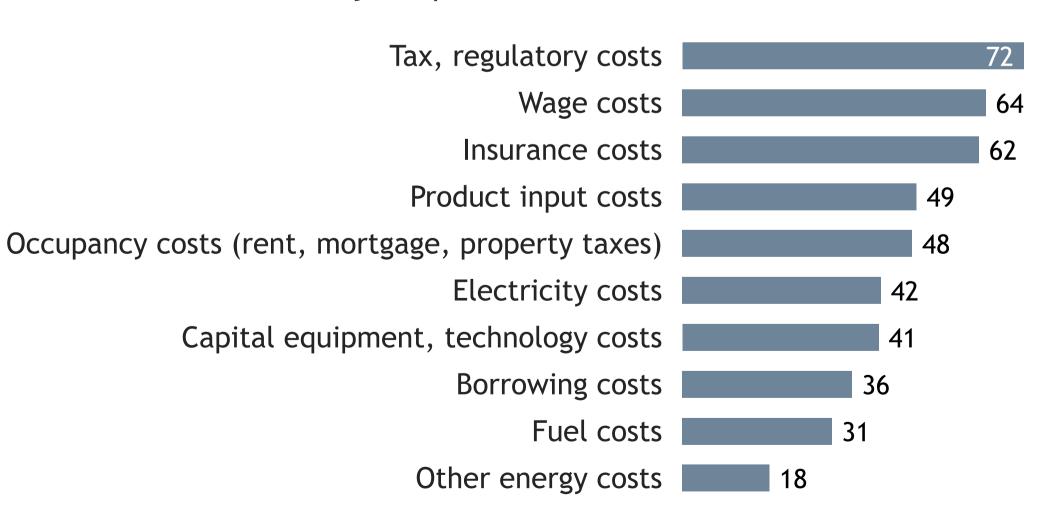
-12 month index ------3 month index new



#### Full-time Staffing Plans



#### Major input cost constraints



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

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2025

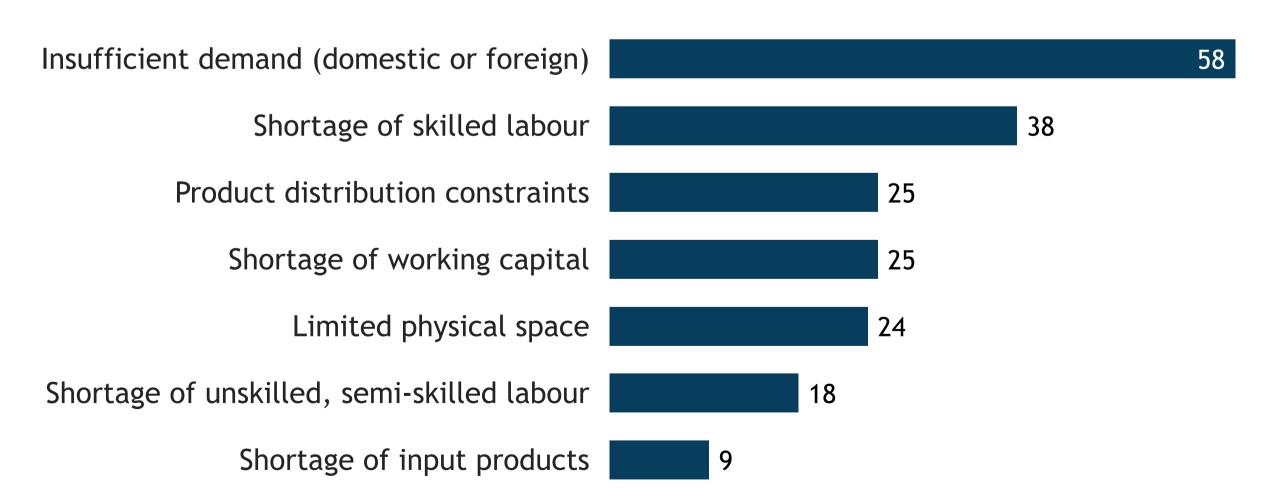


#### Business Barometer®: Wholesale

Responses: 92



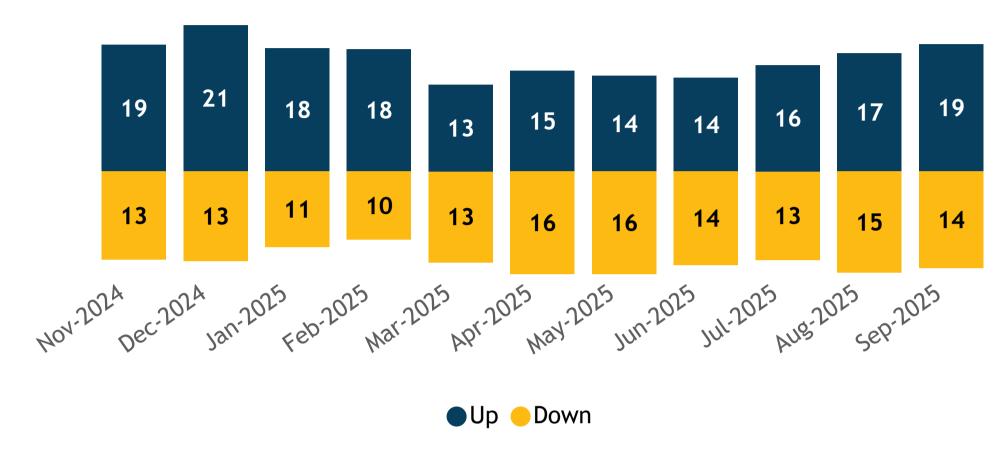
Limitations on sales or production growth



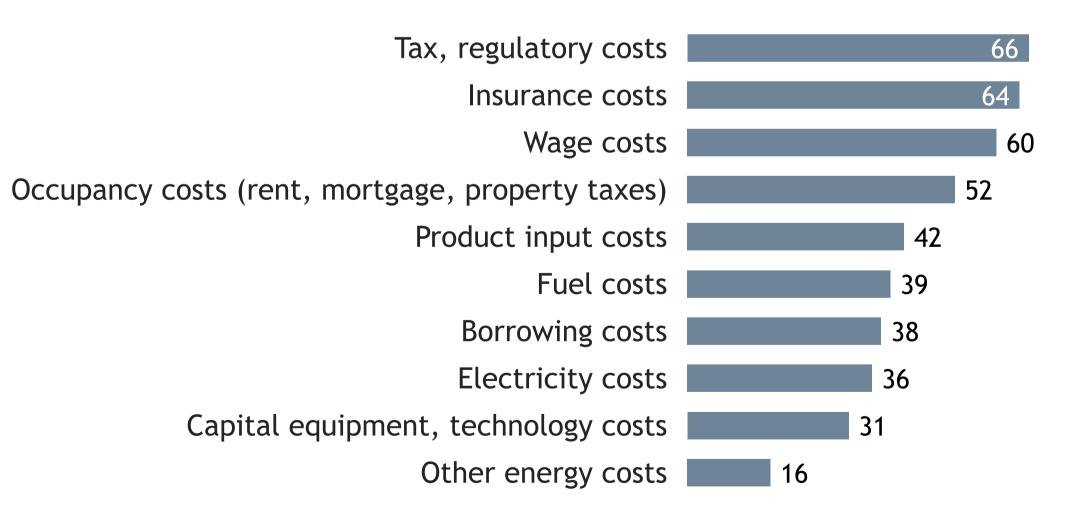
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Note: All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages.

Full-time Staffing Plans



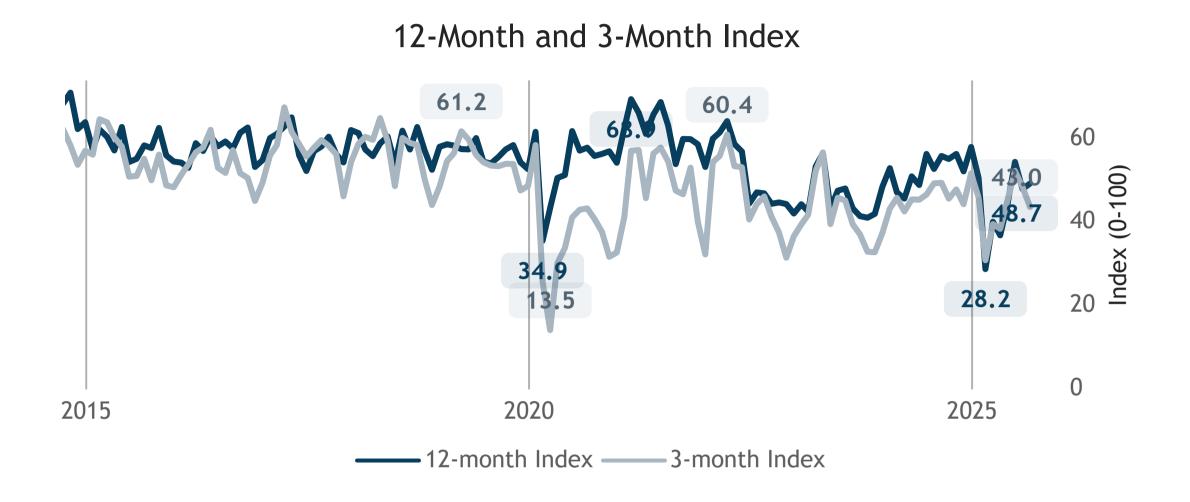
Major input cost constraints



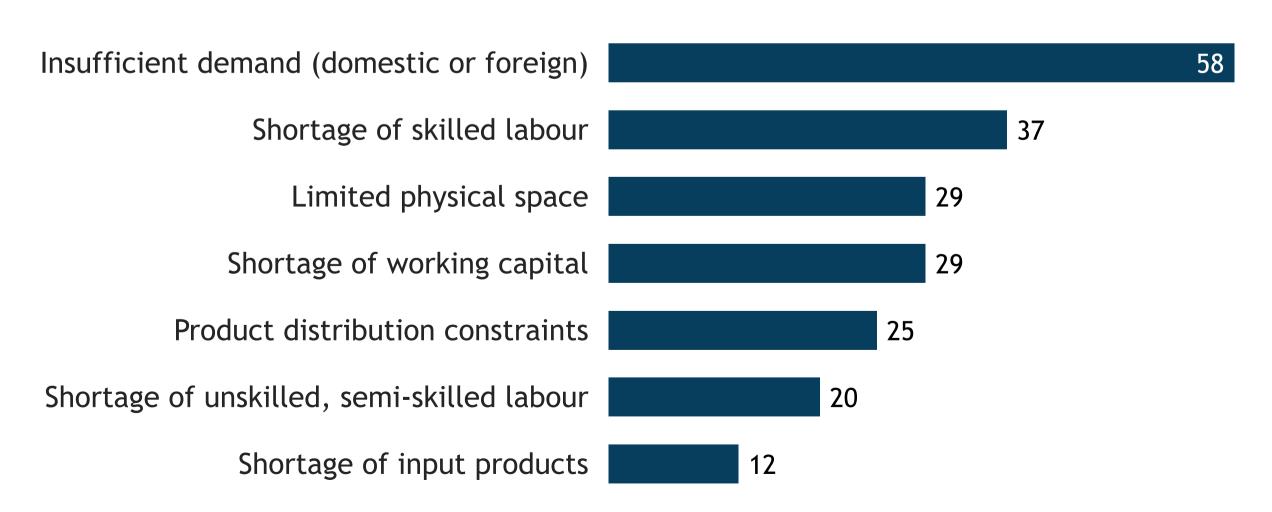


#### Business Barometer®: Retail

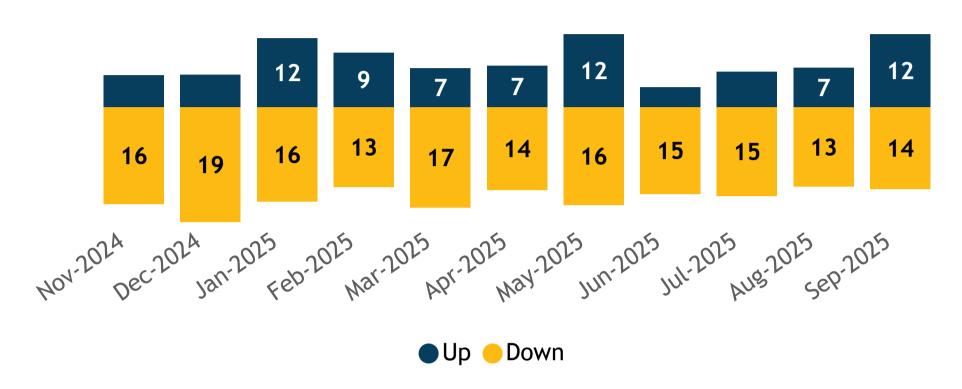
Responses: 127

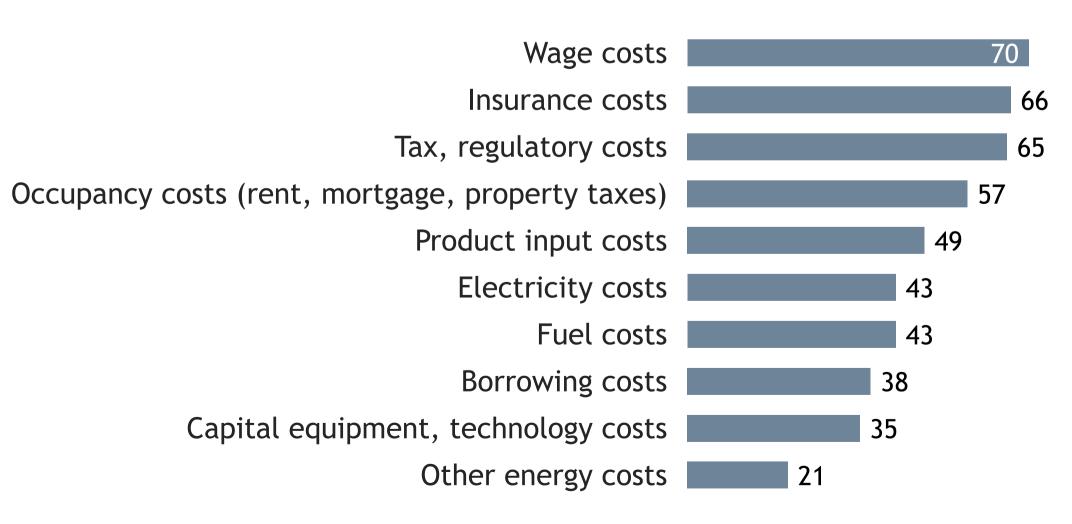


Limitations on sales or production growth



#### Full-time Staffing Plans







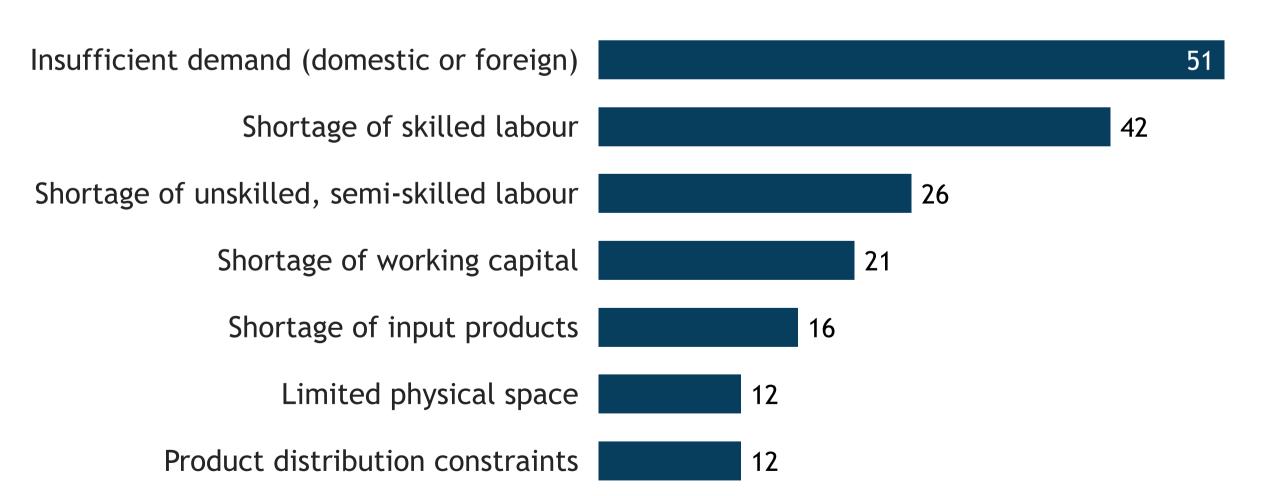


# Business Barometer®: Transportation

Responses: 41



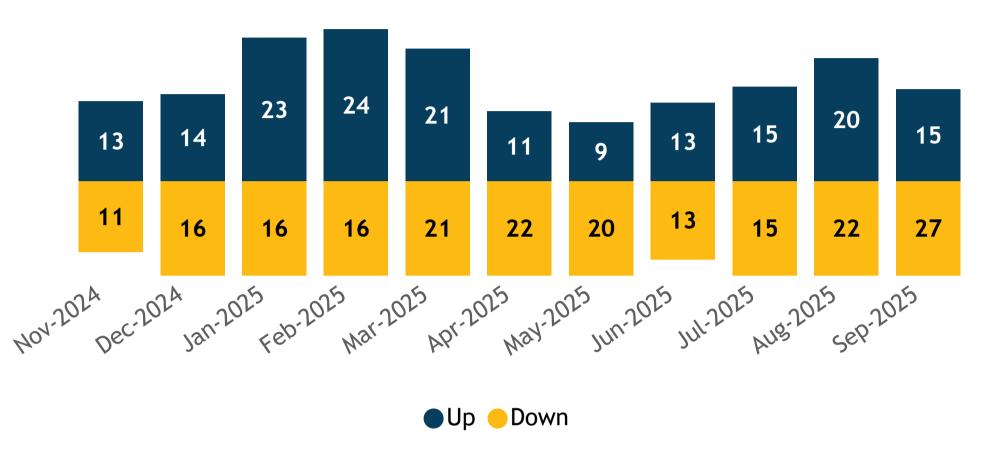
Limitations on sales or production growth

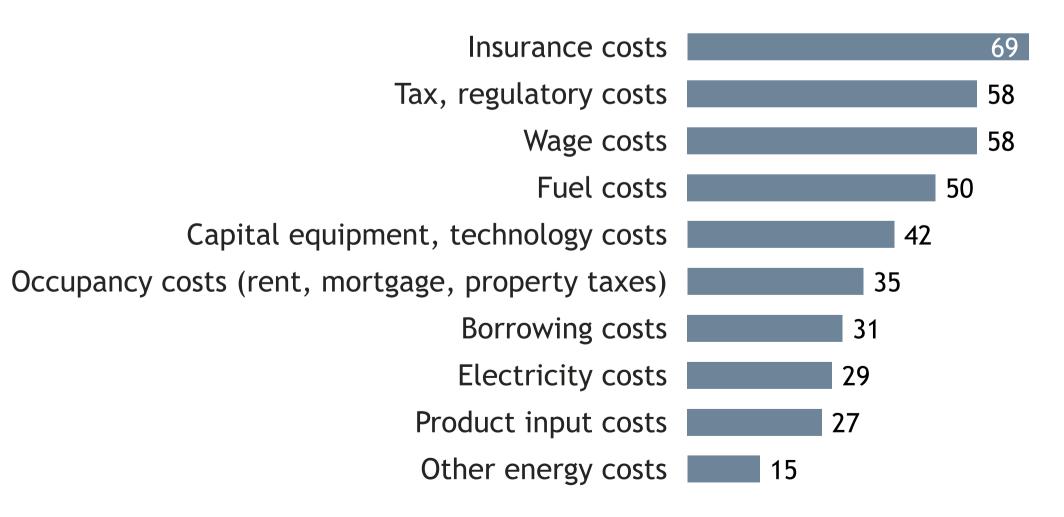


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Note: All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages

Full-time Staffing Plans





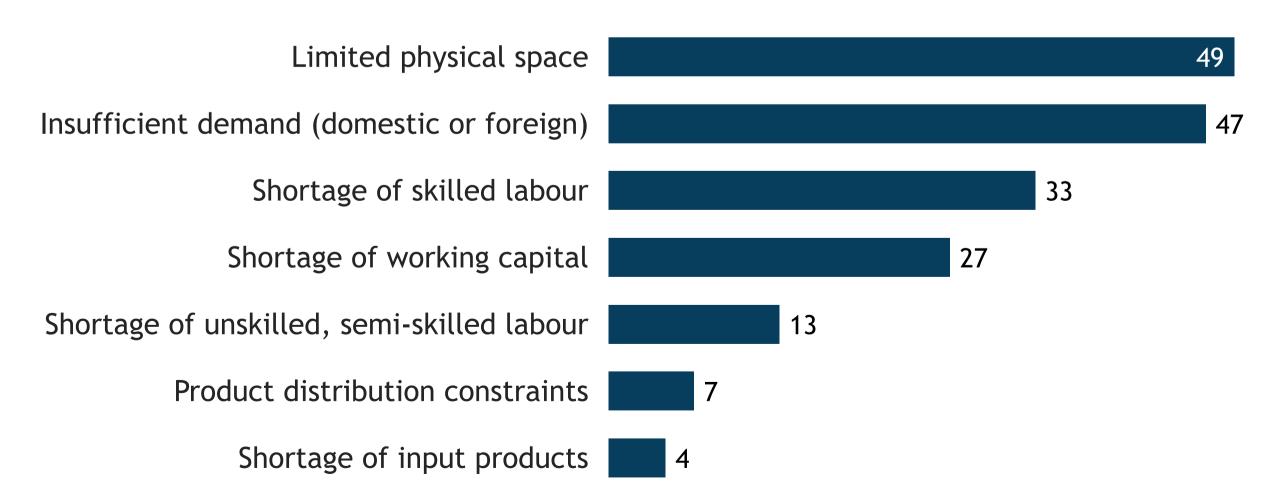


# Business Barometer®: Info., Arts & Recreation

Responses: 38



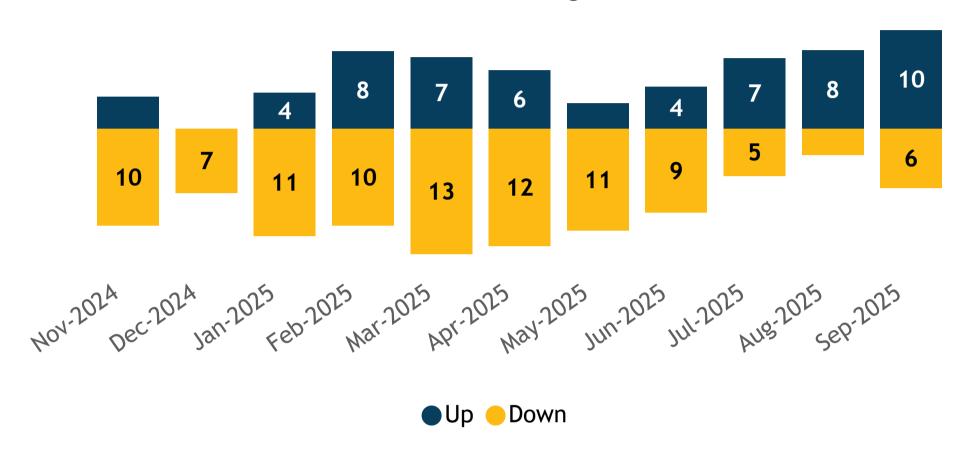
#### Limitations on sales or production growth

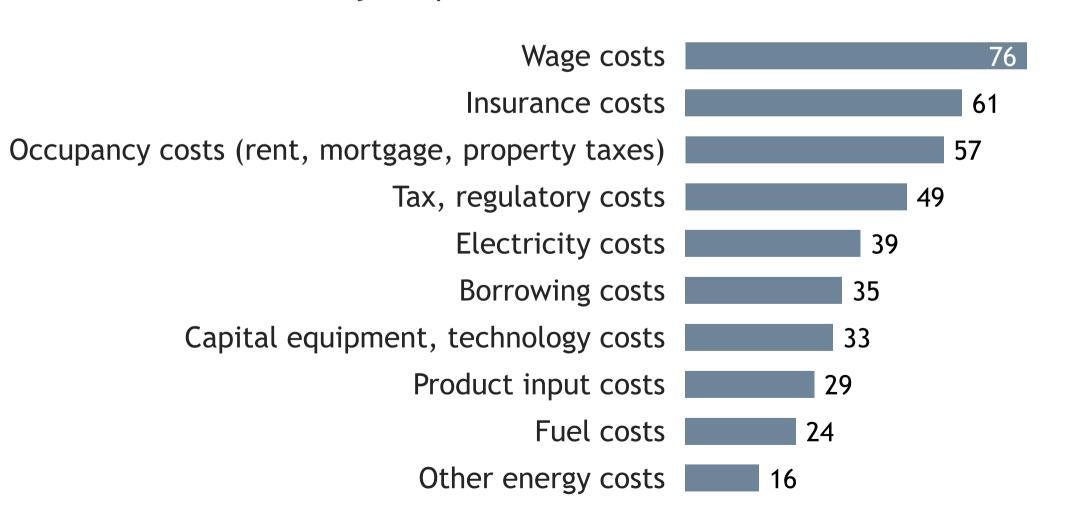


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Note: All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages

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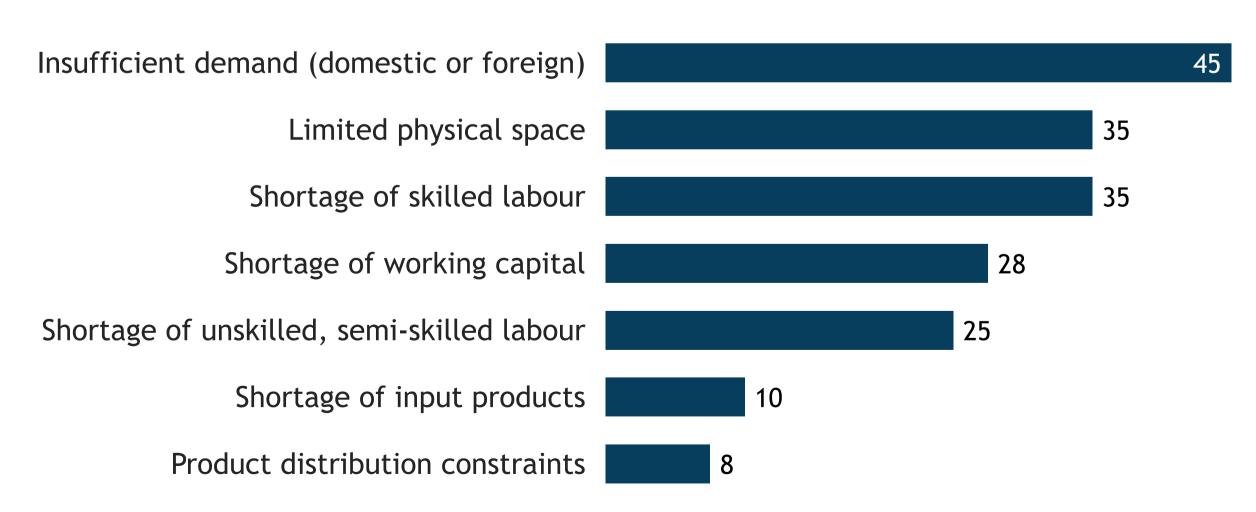


# Business Barometer®: Finance, Insurance, etc.

Responses: 47



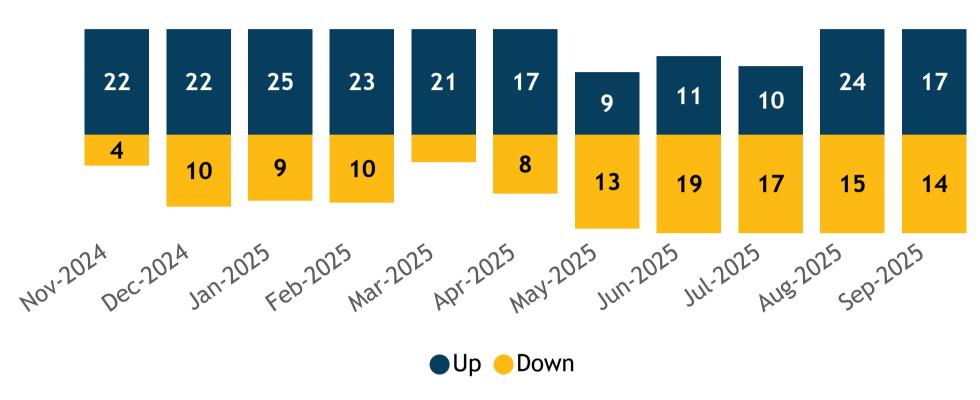
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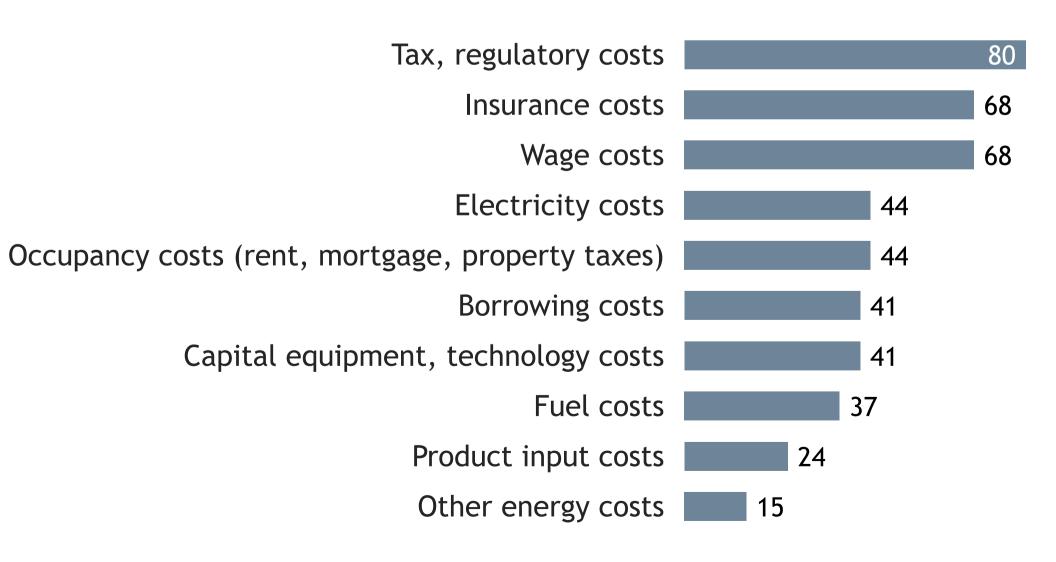


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Note: All results are calculated as 3-month moving averages

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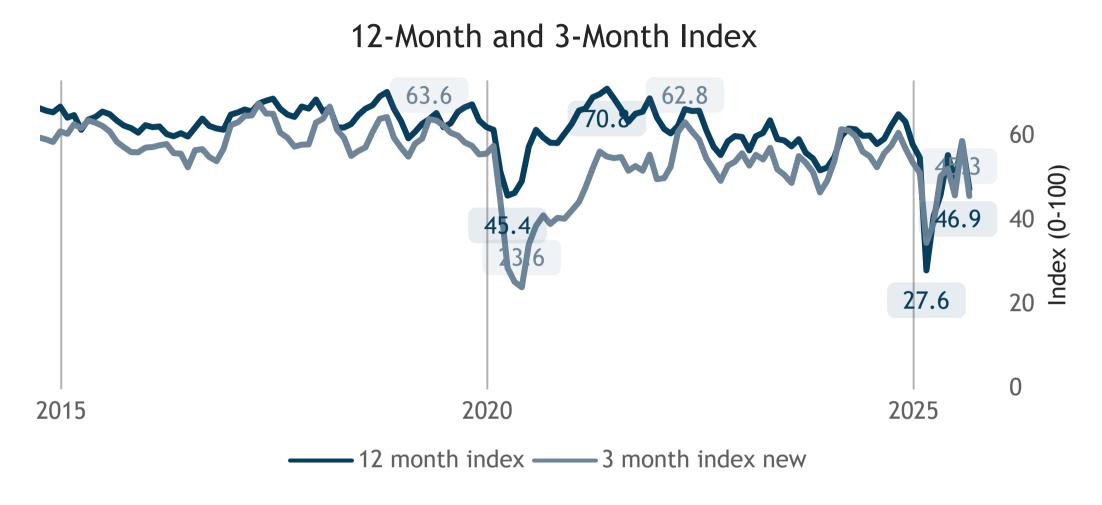






#### Business Barometer®: Professional Services

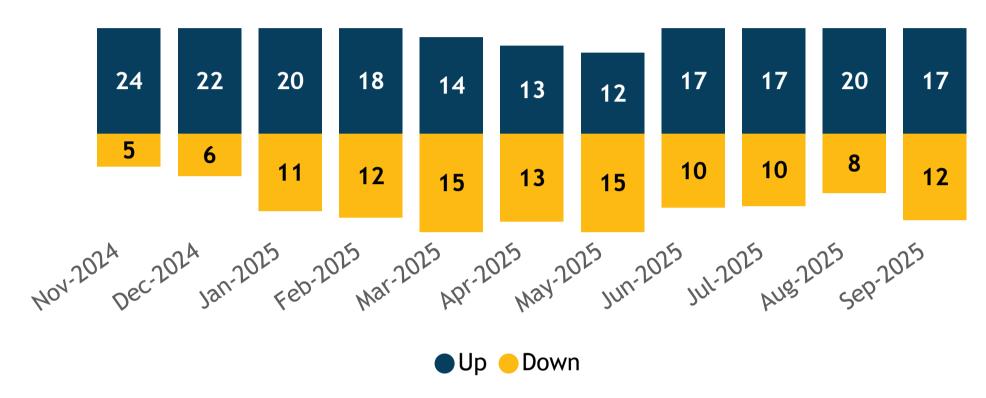
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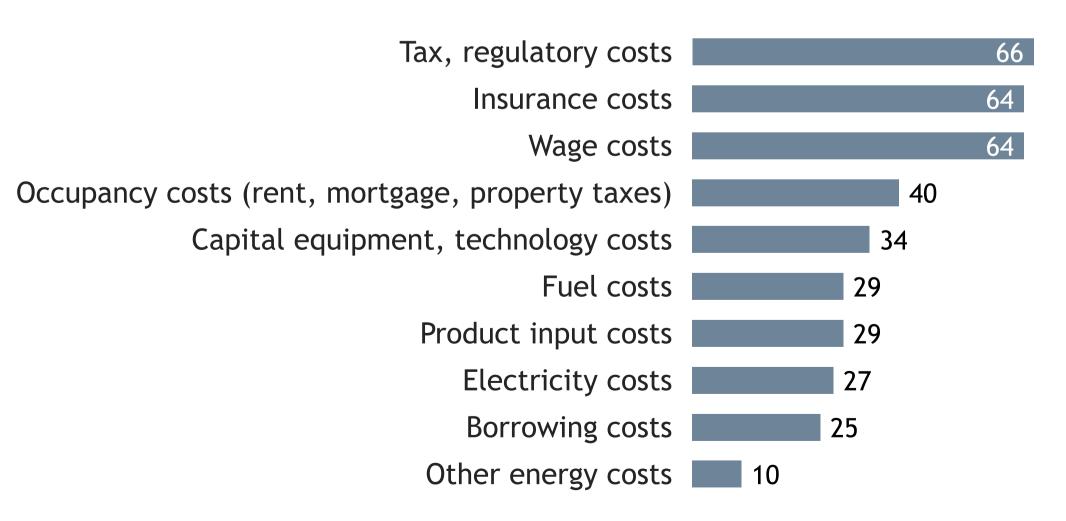
Limitations on sales or production growth



#### Full-time Staffing Plans



#### Major input cost constraints



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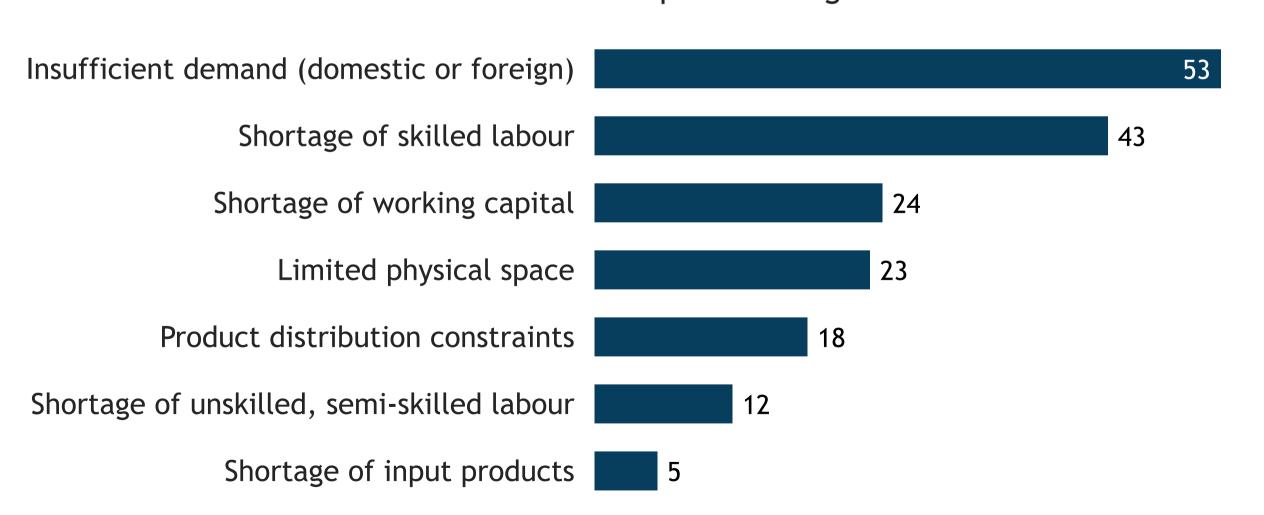


# Business Barometer®: Health, Education

Responses: 108

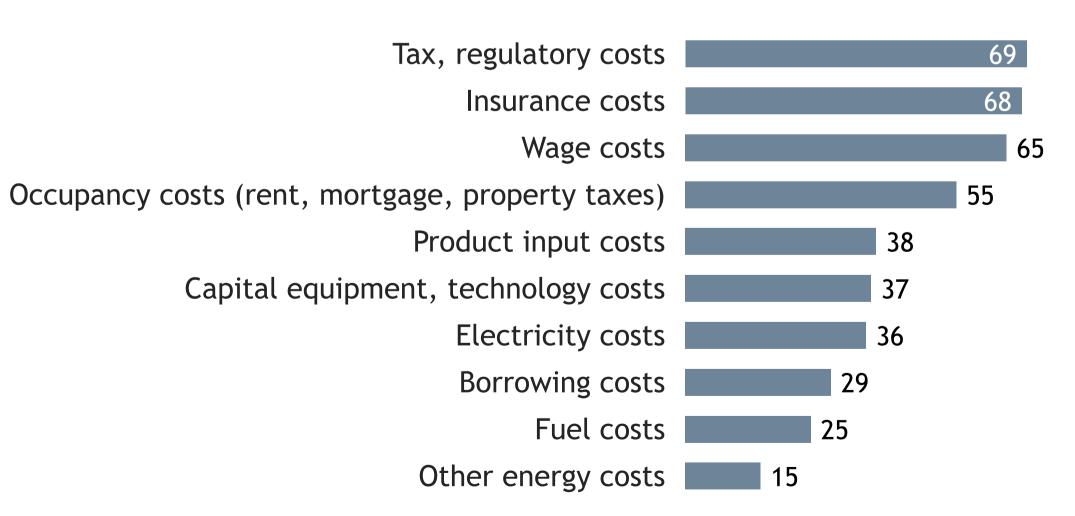


#### Limitations on sales or production growth



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#### Major input cost constraints



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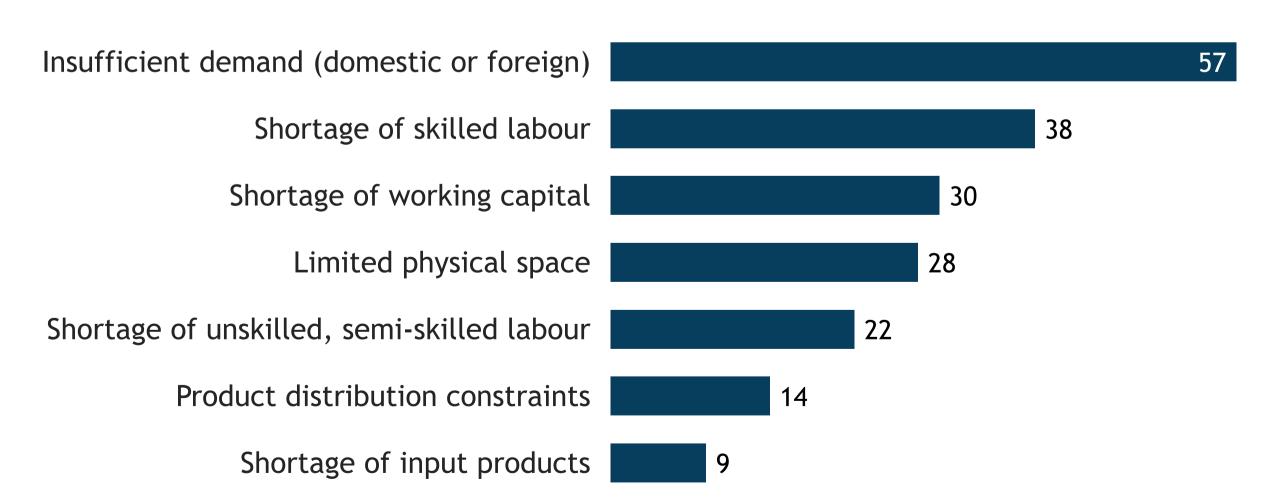
# Business Barometer®: Hospitality

Responses: 97

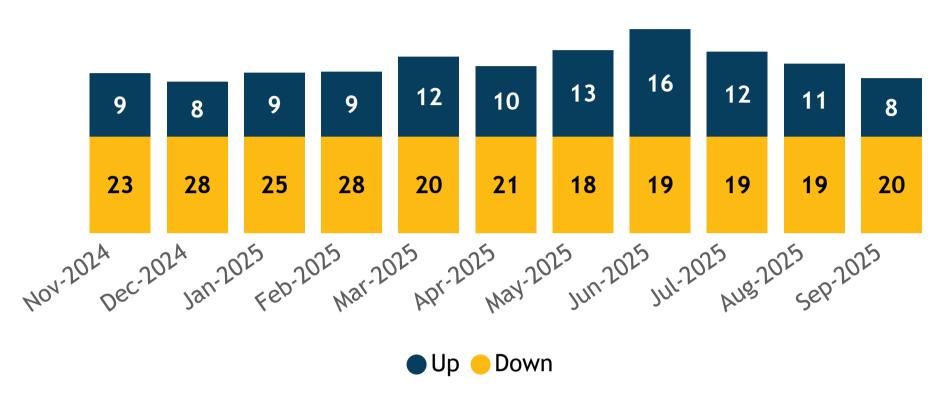




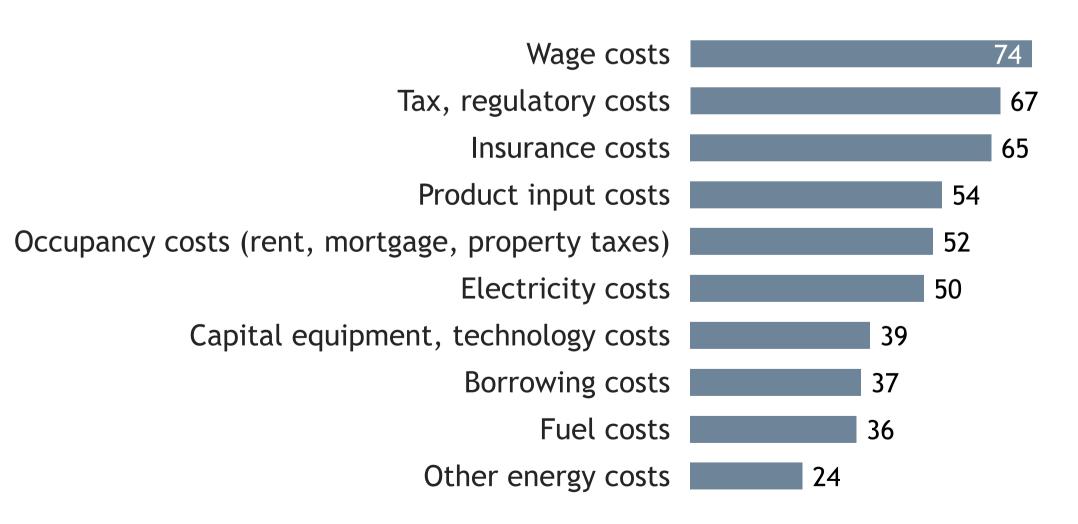
#### Limitations on sales or production growth



#### Full-time Staffing Plans



#### Major input cost constraints



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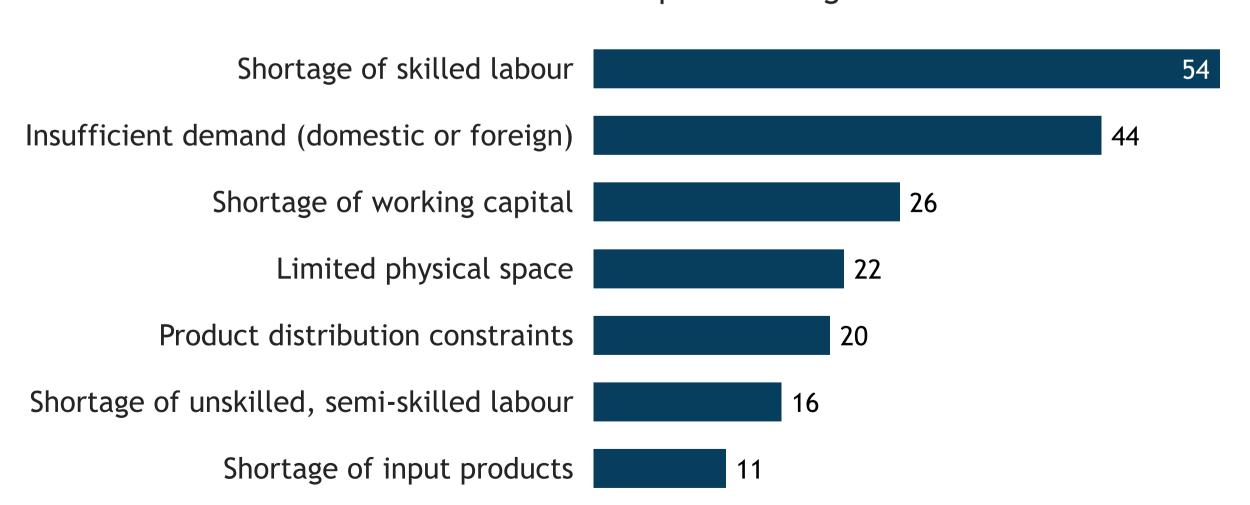


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Responses: 152



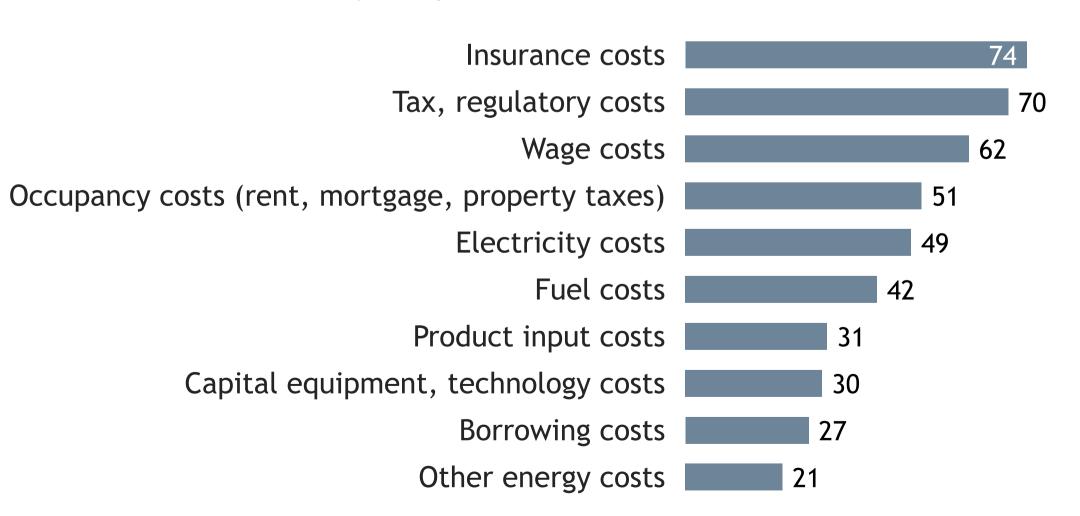
#### Limitations on sales or production growth



# Full-time Staffing Plans



#### Major input cost constraints



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

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