

# Business Expectations Survey

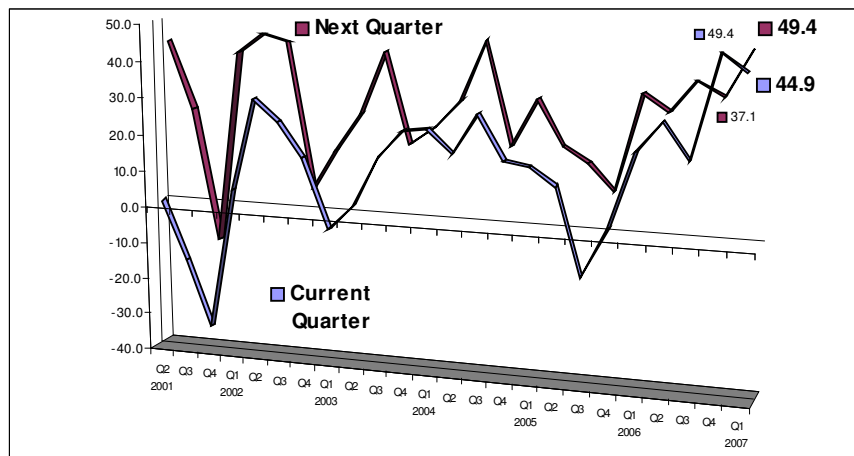
First Quarter 2007

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## BUSINESS SENTIMENT ON THE UPSWING; CONFIDENCE HITS RECORD HIGH IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2007

### Overall Business Outlook

Overall Business Confidence Index  
Q2 2001 – Q1 2007



*Business is more bullish about the economy in 2007.*

Business executives are more confident about macroeconomic conditions in the second quarter than in the first quarter 2007.

The first quarter 2007 overall business confidence index (CI) (44.9 percent) was almost double that of the same period in 2006 (23.4 percent).<sup>1</sup> Quarter-on-quarter, however, it was 4.5 percentage points lower, consistent with findings of past surveys where a dip in business sentiment is observed right after the fourth quarter, as consumers adjust their purchases after the holiday season.

Looking ahead, respondents' outlook is even more bullish in the second quarter, with the index at 49.4 percent, hitting the highest level since the start of the survey in the second quarter of 2001.

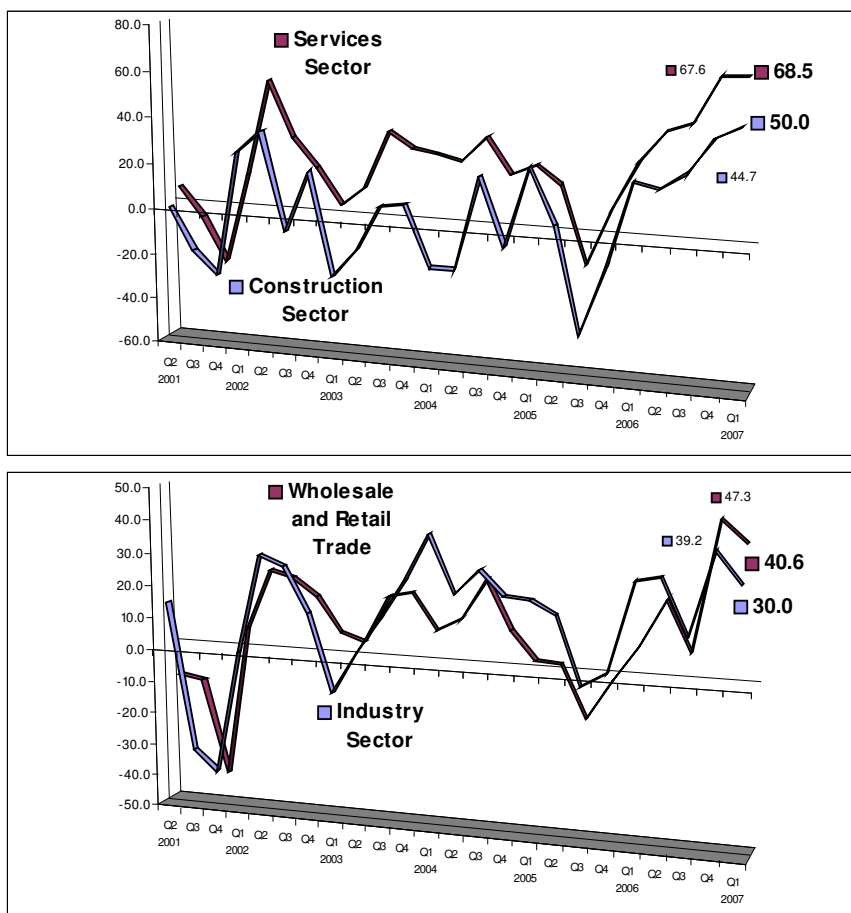
Respondents from the NCR (National Capital Region) and AONCR (Areas Outside the NCR) were both optimistic on the current and next quarter outlook.

<sup>1</sup> The CI is computed as the percentage of firms that answered in the affirmative less the percentage of firms that answered in the negative in a given indicator. A positive CI indicates a favorable view, except for the average inflation rate and the average peso-borrowing rate, where a positive CI indicates the opposite.

*Optimism higher on election-related spending, strong fundamentals and lower petroleum prices.* The following expectations are behind the optimism of business managers: 1) greater business opportunities in the run-up to the May election; 2) improvement in macroeconomic fundamentals (i.e., low inflation, stronger peso, lower interest rate and improved fiscal position); 3) increase in consumer demand; and 4) roll-back in oil and petroleum prices.

**Sectoral Outlook**

**Current Quarter Business Outlook Index by Sector  
Q2 2001 – Q1 2007**



*Improved business confidence is broad-based.* The optimism on the macroeconomy is shared by respondents from all sectors. These expectations are largely founded on how they view their sector's prospects will be in the current quarter and the next.

Respondents expect that the economy in the first quarter will be better compared to the first quarter last year. The services sector expressed the highest confidence at 68.5 percent (up year-on-year by 36.9 points and quarter-on-quarter by almost a point). Among the services sub-sectors, respondents from financial institutions and hotels and

restaurants were the most optimistic, with their indices climbing year-on-year by an average of 37 index points at 90.8 percent and 86.4 percent, respectively. The positive view of the latter could be explained by the expected influx in the first quarter of tourists mainly from the temperate zones, who take advantage of the country's tropical climate. Meanwhile, the renting and business activities sub-sector increased to 60.8 percent (up by 28.1 points, year-on-year and 7.5 points, quarter-on-quarter), with the anticipated increase in demand for election-related goods and services such as printing, posting and distribution of campaign materials, and rental of transport vehicles and sound systems. The construction sector, likewise, registered strongly at 50.0 percent. More remarkable is its almost two-fold increase, year-on-year, which mirrors the upswing in the property sector. Quarter-on-quarter, the index increased by 5.3 points as respondents foresee more construction projects ahead during the dry season.<sup>2</sup>

The business outlook of the wholesale and retail trade, and industry sectors at 40.6 percent and 30.0 percent, respectively, were higher than their comparable levels last year (by 32.2 points for trade and 0.4 point for industry) but lower quarter-on-quarter (by 6.7 points and 9.2 points, respectively).

*Respondents view even stronger economic activity in the second quarter*

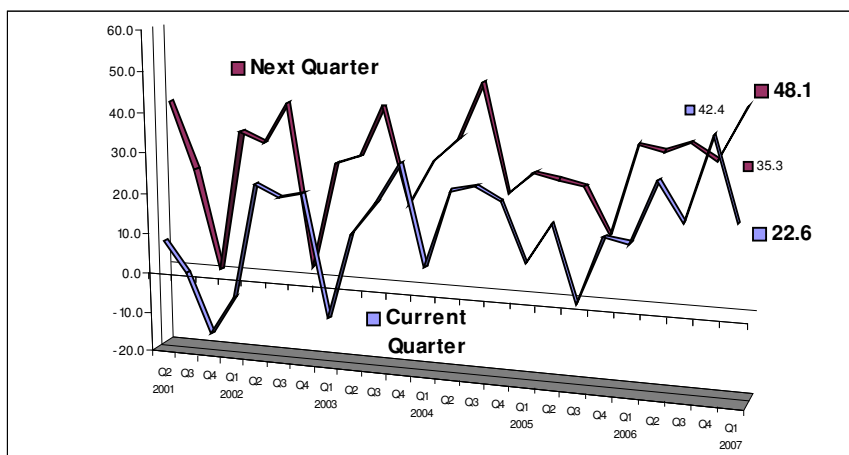
Respondents across sectors believed that the economy would be even stronger in the second quarter. Again, the services sector was the most optimistic at 62.1 percent (up by 18.2 points, year-on-year and 11.1 points, quarter-on-quarter). This optimism is driven mostly by the renting and business activities sub-sector, whose confidence level was almost tripled at 68.6 percent (up by a significant 45 points from last quarter's survey). The hotels and restaurants sub-sector was also upbeat at 56.8 percent, due in part to expectations for brisker business during summer.

The business confidence of the industry sector also edged up, with the CI at 46.5 percent, up year-on-year (13.9 points) and quarter-on-quarter (almost 20 points). Similarly, the wholesale and retail trade sector CI climbed to 43.6 percent (up by 8.8 points, year-on-year and 6.4 points, quarter-on-quarter), partly traced to anticipated increase in business activity in the run-up to the May election and the coming school enrollment during the second quarter.

The construction sector remained positive in the second quarter with the CI at 39.9 percent. Comparing with expectations in the same period last year, the index indicated that the property market will sustain its gains in the second quarter but growth would be moderate. The 5.6 point decline, quarter-on-quarter, is expected with the approach of the rainy season.

<sup>2</sup> While results of the survey showed that the construction sector was bullish about the broad economy, the confidence index of the construction industry with regard to its own operations, while remaining positive at 11.9 percent, declined quarter-on-quarter and year-on-year, mainly as more respondents indicated a "no change" reply.

Volume of Business Activity Index  
Q2 2001 – Q1 2007



*Volume of business activities and total orders remain positive.*

Business executives are anticipating a stronger volume of business activity (at 22.6 percent) and higher total order book (at 17.1 percent). These numbers improved by 6.6 points and 2.6 points, year-on-year respectively, but slowed down quarter-on-quarter in keeping with the expected adjustment in consumer spending after the yuletide season. Consistent with the overall outlook, business activity is expected to consolidate further in the second quarter, as its index rose to 48.1 percent.

*Access to credit improves.*

More respondents also reported easier access to credit, with the index posting a positive mark for three quarters in a row at 10.1 percent (a 15.6 point increase, year-on-year and a 7.3 point increase, quarter-on-quarter). This is consistent with bank lending data registering an uptrend toward the end of 2006.

*Financial condition eases.*

The financial condition index, though remaining negative, improved to -8.8 percent (up by 11.2 points, year-on-year and 5.3 points, quarter-on-quarter). This indicates that firms' cash positions are generally becoming more favorable, in line with the favorable business climate for all sectors. The pessimists attributed their weak financial conditions to low demand, high costs of raw materials, increased capital expenditures, difficulties in collecting receivables, and credit access limitations.

**Employment, Expansion Plans and Capacity Utilization**

*Expectations on employment, expansion plans and average capacity utilization strengthen.* The employment outlook index for the next quarter continued to improve at 16.6 percent (higher by 2.2 points year-on-year and 7.7 points, quarter-on-quarter). The bulk of job creation is expected to be generated by the services sector, particularly renting and business, and hotels and restaurants sub-sectors. It is expected that these companies will hire additional staff as they gear up for heightened demand during the May political exercise and during the summer vacation.

Firms indicated that capacity utilization this quarter strengthened at 83.1 percent after remaining almost unchanged at around 75.0 percent in the previous years. This index measures actual output versus potential output that could be produced with installed equipment.

Meanwhile, the number of industry firms that expressed plans to expand operations by the second quarter increased to 27.2 percent from 23.0 percent in the previous survey.

**Business Constraints**

*Competition tops the factors that limit production.* Competition, particularly emanating from local firms, is ranked by respondents as the primary risk factor that threatens businesses in the short term. Insufficient demand, leading to low volume of sales, is also regarded as another major risk.

**Expectations on Key Economic Indicators**

*Survey respondents are positive on key economic indicators.* Views on selected economic indicators were also positive. Majority of the respondents anticipated that the peso would remain strong, that the inflation rate would continue to decelerate and that interest rates will be lower in the current quarter. These trends are expected to persist in the next quarter, except for inflation which is expected to move up slightly on account of election spending.

**About the Survey**

*A total of 1,078 firms were surveyed.* The First Quarter 2007 BES was conducted from 15 January to 16 February 2007. A total of 1,078 firms nationwide were surveyed based on the Securities and Exchange Commission 2005 Top 5,000 Corporations as follows: 477 companies are located in NCR and 601 firms in areas outside NCR. Starting the fourth quarter of 2006, three more regions, namely Region II, CARAGA and ARMM were included in the BES to cover all the 17 regions nationwide. The combined survey response rate for this quarter is 71.0 percent (72.3 percent last quarter); 72.5 percent (82.5 percent last quarter) for NCR; and 69.7 percent (from 65.0 percent) for AONCR.

**BUSINESS EXPECTATIONS SURVEY \***  
2001 - 2007

	2001			2002				2003				2004				2005				2006				2007
	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
<b>1. Overall Business Outlook on the Macroeconomy</b>																								
<b>Confidence Index: All Sectors</b>																								
<b>Current Quarter</b>	1.7	-14.7	-32.6	5.9	31.0	25.2	16.2	-3.0	4.0	17.2	24.9	26.0	19.9	30.5	18.6	17.6	12.9	-10.4	2.8	23.4	31.6	21.7	49.4	44.9
NCR	1.7	-14.7	-32.6	5.9	31.0	25.2	16.2	-3.0	4.0	17.2	24.6	15.1	15.7	33.6	19.8	21.1	12.3	-13.0	-0.8	26.9	35.1	28.2	58.7	53.0
AONCR											26.8	50.5	29.5	23.6	16.0	11.1	14.0	-5.6	9.3	17.3	25.0	9.4	32.1	30.6
<b>Next Quarter</b>	44.3	26.0	-9.8	42.3	47.5	45.8	6.3	17.5	27.6	44.5	20.1	25.2	32.4	48.7	21.3	34.2	22.3	18.1	11.3	37.2	32.8	40.9	37.1	49.4
NCR	44.3	26.0	-9.8	42.3	47.5	45.8	6.3	17.5	27.6	44.5	20.4	15.7	32.8	52.5	17.3	34.2	20.7	14.3	11.0	43.0	32.4	43.8	38.7	53.3
AONCR											18.4	46.6	31.6	40.2	30.1	34.2	25.4	25.1	11.7	27.5	33.6	35.6	34.0	42.2
<b>2. Business Outlook Index on the Macroeconomy by Sector: Current Quarter</b>																								
Industry Sector	14.7	-31.5	-38.0	0.3	30.7	27.5	13.6	-10.1	2.7	13.3	25.4	39.7	22.3	29.9	22.6	22.3	17.9	-2.7	2.0	29.6	30.7	14.0	39.2	30.0
Construction Sector	0.0	-18.2	-28.6	26.7	36.4	-6.7	20.0	-25.0	-11.8	7.1	8.8	-17.6	-17.4	23.2	-6.1	28.6	4.8	-40.9	-11.4	25.3	22.9	30.0	44.7	50.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	-10.0	-11.1	-40.4	6.3	24.7	23.0	17.3	7.0	4.8	19.0	20.3	9.6	13.3	26.0	11.0	2.6	2.0	-13.9	-2.1	8.4	22.8	7.8	47.3	40.6
Services Sector	6.8	-5.5	-24.7	14.7	56.1	32.0	19.5	3.8	12.5	37.5	30.6	29.1	26.7	37.3	22.3	26.8	19.4	-13.8	11.3	31.6	44.1	47.9	67.6	68.5
of which:																								
Financial Intermediation	-11.8	-41.4	33.3	20.6	64.7	40.0	14.3	3.8	22.6	46.7	36.1	28.8	18.0	37.3	26.1	31.1	37.5	-19.7	11.1	53.0	67.2	64.7	92.2	90.8
Hotels and Restaurants	0.0	77.8	-9.1	50.0	33.3	0.0	71.4	10.0	-7.7	8.3	62.5	40.0	40.0	36.7	45.8	36.8	35.3	17.6	31.8	50.0	24.5	44.2	93.3	86.4
Renting and Business Activities	20	0.0	-41.7	7.7	53.8	20.0	30.0	0.0	22.2	38.9	24.4	49.5	45.6	46.9	40.4	11.8	19.6	5.2	15.6	32.7	31.6	53.1	53.3	60.8
Community and Social Services	0.0	0.0	-40.0	-10.0	30.0	20.0	15.4	30.8	-14.3	21.4	19.6	17.7	19.2	43.7	2.7	23.6	25.7	5.2	6.7	20.6	16.6	28.8	58.7	44.9
<b>3. Business Outlook Index on the Macroeconomy by Sector: Next Quarter</b>																								
Industry Sector	35.3	10.4	-10.0	26.7	38.6	46.8	4.6	12.6	26.2	41.2	20.9	38.4	30.6	37.1	27.1	38.7	19.0	16.6	12.0	32.6	30.7	30.7	26.7	46.5
Construction Sector	55.6	36.4	-14.3	46.7	45.5	26.7	33.3	18.8	29.4	7.1	32.3	-9.4	23.9	41.0	33.5	47.7	36.1	12.2	-5.7	57.7	45.8	36.6	45.5	39.9
Wholesale and Retail Trade	46.7	22.2	-17.0	51.2	48.1	43.7	3.7	25.6	28.9	49.4	13.3	18.0	30.5	60.2	14.3	27.1	19.5	22.3	17.1	34.8	23.7	36.2	37.2	43.6
Services Sector	47.6	37.0	-4.1	42.8	67.6	53.4	16.6	14.0	33.6	50.2	24.2	17.4	39.6	55.8	17.4	34.0	28.7	16.1	5.6	43.9	44.9	62.0	51.0	62.1
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Financial Intermediation	29.4	31.0	-7.4	50.0	73.5	57.5	0.8	19.2	41.9	53.3	36.1	15.7	34.0	58.6	20.8	28.9	39.2	6.4	20.0	51.8	67.2	79.1	83.3	75.4
Hotels and Restaurants	50.0	77.8	0.0	50.0	44.4	70.0	14.3	40.0	30.8	58.3	58.6	25.2	26.1	71.0	21.3	62.7	35.3	54.9	16.5	50.1	31.4	81.4	55.4	56.8
Renting and Business Activities	60.0	41.7	-8.3	38.5	61.5	46.7	25.0	47.6	44.4	55.6	12.2	45.4	71.0	53.0	38.6	44.7	21.6	26.8	25.2	45.1	39.9	53.9	23.6	68.6
Community and Social Services	42.9	0.0	0.0	30.0	60.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	21.4	21.4	-4.3	12.3	36.9	46.1	14.3	25.7	25.7	23.4	-20.4	29.6	45.7	37.9	60.0	55.1
<b>4. Business Confidence Index by Sector: Current Quarter</b>																								
Industry Sector	7.8	2.8	-6.7	10.4	12.2	22.0	14.2	8.0	6.8	15.2	3.6	17.1	16.8	15.8	14.2	8.1	9.9	7.7	13.8	9.3	18.9	10.0	12.9	17.4
Construction Sector	11.1	-27.3	-17.9	-16.7	-4.5	-3.3	3.3	0.0	-5.9	-10.7	16.6	-42.4	14.5	19.7	0.0	50.0	16.3	-2.6	-7.0	42.2	31.7	28.7	18.3	11.9
Wholesale and Retail Trade	20.0	5.2	-17.0	10.4	8.6	7.7	-7.0	-0.8	6.0	11.0	-1.8	3.5	0.1	13.9	5.3	-7.1	1.8	-4.9	2.8	8.3	14.3	1.6	20.3	17.7
Services Sector	17.9	0.5	-21.9	23.4	35.0	17.5	8.3	-5.5	9.0	24.8	25.1	25.1	17.7	34.7	13.6	22.4	20.4	2.2	9.6	33.7	32.4	38.2	38.7	42.2
<b>5. Business Outlook index on Own Operations: Current Quarter</b>																								
Volume of Business Activity Index	7.8	0.0	-14.7	-5.1	23.6	20.9	22.1	-8.1	13.2	21.1	31.1	6.5	25.4	26.9	23.7	9.3	19.2	0.7	17.0	16.0	31.3	21.8	42.4	22.6
Volume of Total Order Book Index	-0.9	-3.4	-19.6	-5.7	22.7	20.9	20.4	-8.7	10.2	19.8	25.6	3.8	18.0	19.5	20.0	7.4	14.8	-0.5	15.5	14.5	25.9	16.4	34.2	17.1
Credit Access Index	-18.3	-19.8	-26.1	-27.6	-20.0	-14.9	-15.0	-17.9	-12.5	-5.9	-12.7	-13.4	-14.6	-7.3	-7.5	-9.8	-12.2	-13.2	-11.5	-5.5	-3.5	0.5	2.8	10.1
Financial Condition	-47.0	-40.7	-48.9	-46.6	-30.6	-30.8	-35.6	-46.4	-34.8	-26.6	-27.5	-32.8	-31.4	-25.7	-25.0	-28.3	-28.6	-36.5	-30.9	-20.0	-20.2	-20.1	-14.1	-8.8
Average Capacity Utilization	67.0	66.2	68.8	62.7	66.2	70.3	69.1	69.4	69.1	69.2	71.3	76.2	76.7	74.8	75.4	78.2	74.2	73.3	73.5	75.5	75.0	75.8	75.6	83.1
<b>6. Business Outlook Index on Own Operations: Next Quarter</b>																								
Volume of Business Activity Index	41.7	24.9	0.0	35.2	32.9	42.7	2.7	28.8	31.0	43.4	20.0	30.6	36.4	50.2	24.2	29.7	28.5	27.5	16.2	37.7	36.7	39.0	35.3	48.1
Employment Outlook Index	3.5	-1.1	-19.6	-8.8	-8.6	0.3	-5.5	-4.6	-6.3	2.0	-2.0	-2.8	4.9	16.8	7.5	11.6	6.5	7.3	-0.5	14.4	12.6	13.8	8.9	16.6

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\* From 2001 to 2003, survey respondents came from a random sample of firms in SEC's Top 5000 Corporations in the Philippines which are located in the NCR. Beginning Q4 2003, the survey was expanded to include those areas which are located outside NCR specifically Regions I, VII & XI. Finally in Q4 2006, the BES was further expanded to become a nationwide survey of firms in the top 5000 corporations.

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<b>7. Companies with Expansion Plans (in percent): Next Quarter</b>																										
<b>All Industry Sector</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>27.2</b>				
Mining/Quarrying	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.0	25.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	100.0	39.1	39.1	78.3	78.3	50.0	0.0	0.0	8.3	33.3	41.7	25.0	83.3	66.7		
Manufacturing	19.4	21.0	7.3	0.0	0.0	8.5	21.2	23.5	23.0	19.0	17.5	31.7	15.2	22.9	25.7	28.9	21.3	16.9	20.3	25.3	24.0	22.7	20.8	23.7		
Electricity, Gas and Water	0.0	25.0	25.0	13.3	20.4	33.3	0.0	20.0	0.0	16.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	6.0	11.6	11.6	11.6	35.9	25.4	47.2	44.3	48.5		
Agriculture, Fishery and Forestry	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.3	0.0	0.0	50.0	25.0	33.3	52.6	19.6	25.0	32.5	37.5	13.1	39.1	8.2	40.4	28.3	32.4	23.2	35.4	62.2		
<b>8. Business Constraints: Current Quarter</b>																										
High Interest Rate	49.6	46.9	38.0	46.0	35.9	28.2	24.2	31.5	32.9	28.6	34.2	33.0	33.1	38.4	39.8	37.0	34.7	35.9	36.2	32.4	30.0	29.1	27.6	39.1		
Unclear Economic Laws	36.5	37.9	29.9	37.8	31.1	30.3	31.0	34.0	33.5	35.9	41.2	34.7	35.2	37.0	38.2	37.6	38.0	45.9	48.7	40.3	41.4	34.3	33.1	43.3		
Lack of Equipment	27.8	17.5	15.8	21.8	20.6	19.6	19.4	18.8	20.0	22.0	24.2	19.8	21.5	22.0	20.8	24.4	22.6	23.8	24.6	21.2	19.5	19.4	17.9	38.5		
Insufficient Demand	67.8	65.0	75.5	76.3	72.4	77.2	67.5	67.2	70.9	69.7	63.7	56.4	57.2	58.7	61.1	61.3	60.9	64.3	65.4	58.7	60.6	58.7	55.3	51.4		
Access to Credit	40.0	32.8	31.0	42.1	35.5	34.5	30.0	24.5	25.2	26.8	29.0	30.7	25.4	27.9	27.3	31.1	30.3	30.4	31.8	29.2	30.8	24.8	23.4	40.5		
Financial Problems	34.8	33.3	32.1	39.4	30.8	33.4	30.8	31.4	30.2	30.8	34.2	31.9	31.1	33.5	33.6	36.2	36.1	37.6	37.6	31.1	30.5	29.4	27.5	40.8		
Competition	73.9	71.8	77.7	77.9	76.8	78.4	73.8	70.7	73.3	77.3	73.0	62.5	68.8	70.3	73.1	74.0	73.4	74.2	74.4	74.1	75.3	37.1	38.7	61.0		
Labor Problems	22.6	23.2	22.3	24.1	20.0	28.6	32.3	25.9	23.0	21.3	23.5	18.5	20.8	22.8	23.5	27.7	26.8	26.5	25.3	23.0	22.9	20.9	21.7	38.0		
Lack of Materials Input	22.6	18.1	17.4	21.7	18.3	18.3	18.6	23.4	23.2	22.9	24.6	19.4	24.2	23.6	28.3	26.8	24.7	24.4	25.7	21.8	21.6	22.1	21.2	39.3		
Others	26.1	27.7	22.8	25.0	19.6	19.4	20.7	20.9	18.3	17.3	16.2	16.4	19.0	13.2	15.8	16.7	17.1	21.0	20.0	16.5	15.9	19.4	18.7	41.0		
None	3.5	3.4	7.6	2.1	2.5	6.4	1.7	3.5	5.0	5.0	6.3	6.5	6.2	6.3	5.7	5.1	4.6	3.0	3.4	5.5	4.2	4.7	3.6	36.5		
<b>9. Business Expectations Index on Selected Economic Indicators: Current Quarter</b>																										
P/\$ Exchange Rate	19.1	36.7	20.1	-0.1	7.5	-8.0	4.3	11.2	6.9	7.5	0.5	-15.9	-1.5	-2.5	-8.3	10.8	7.2	-11.9	10.1	7.5	11.8	7.5	39.5	31.1		
Inflation Rate	37.4	65.0	46.2	-8.4	1.4	3.9	32.4	36.8	25.8	27.9	42.1	45.8	52.0	51.0	61.9	30.3	51.0	61.4	53.6	22.9	32.8	31.6	-3.1	-13.9		
Peso Borrowing Rate	6.1	22.6	23.4	-37.2	-32.9	-6.7	11.4	16.0	26.5	9.5	27.2	33.7	38.7	39.8	43.2	21.7	28.3	41.9	37.1	6.8	10.8	17.3	-5.8	-23.5		
<b>10. Business Expectations Index on Selected Economic Indicators: Next Quarter</b>																										
P/\$ Exchange Rate	11.3	10.7	22.3	11.7	4.9	-8.9	6.3	9.4	11.3	5.5	-11.5	-15.6	0.2	4.6	-7.3	3.4	0.9	-5.0	-0.9	-3.6	5.7	18.0	23.3	11.2		
Inflation Rate	23.5	46.9	44.0	-0.4	15.7	16.6	26.0	43.2	28.6	31.6	33.4	52.9	42.2	41.6	53.3	29.7	44.4	55.1	45.7	27.8	30.3	31.0	-0.6	4.1		
Peso Borrowing Rate	4.4	19.8	20.7	-21.8	1.8	4.8	10.0	29.3	25.3	15.1	22.0	32.6	31.8	32.0	42.5	25.5	29.8	39.4	31.4	16.5	17.6	18.3	-2.6	-4.9		
<b>11. Percentage Distribution of Respondent Firms by Employment Size</b>																										
Small (<100)	41.7	44.6	42.4	41.9	38.1	41.4	43.5	41.8	38.4	36.3	35.5	33.7	31.8	36.1	36.2	35.0	34.4	31.8	33.6	32.1	31.5	34.2	33.2	33.9		
Medium (100-<500)	36.5	31.1	31.0	32.1	35.6	34.3	32.1	27.6	31.7	30.8	29.6	35.1	36.1	33.8	31.4	36.2	36.9	37.6	33.7	35.8	32.8	33.8	35.7	36.0		
Large (500 & up)	14.8	13.0	12.0	13.2	14.4	14.3	16.6	13.3	14.0	17.3	14.9	15.3	15.6	15.0	17.0	16.1	14.8	14.6	16.0	17.2	15.8	18.1	16.2	17.4		
<b>12. Distribution of Respondent Firms by Sector</b>																										
<b>All Sectors</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>765</b>		
Industry	34	48	50	54	59	56	75	109	119	104	141	135	137	208	174	169	223	219	218	270	262	284	311	287		
Construction	9	11	14	15	11	15	15	16	17	14	20	11	15	21	19	17	20	18	20	25	22	28	32	22		
Wholesale and Retail Trade	30	45	47	80	81	87	81	86	83	79	96	93	118	153	132	165	187	187	196	195	187	237	238	265		
Services	42	73	73	85	85	93	100	83	96	92	91	138	159	192	175	159	184	190	193	183	181	199	205	191		
Financial Intermediation	17	29	27	34	34	40	42	26	31	30	28	45	50	57	53	45	52	50	48	45	43	49	50	48		
Hotels and Restaurants	4	9	11	9	9	10	7	10	13	12	15	20	20	23	21	16	23	19	23	20	20	16	18	17		
Renting and Business Activities	5	12	12	13	13	15	20	16	18	18	16	24	26	33	27	29	35	40	41	41	42	42	44	45		
Community and Social Services	7	8	5	10	10	10	13	13	14	14	13	17	22	29	26	26	23	27	27	27	26	33	31	29		
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