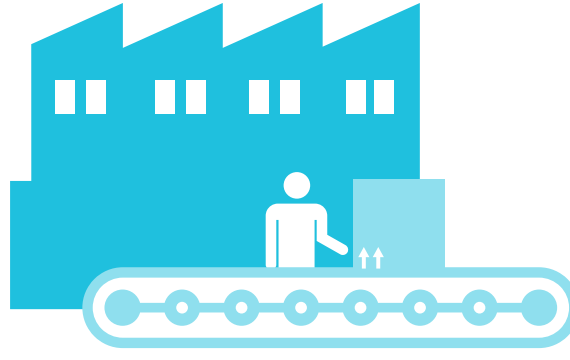


PMI Index



The recovery from the snow disruption continues as it improved to a three month high of 55.4

Output Index



Rate of expansion eased slightly despite stronger New Orders

New Orders Index



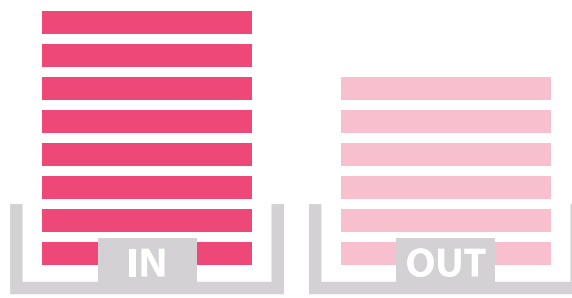
Growth accelerated to the highest since January

New Export Orders



The rate of increase has rebounded from April's 18 month low

Backlogs of Work



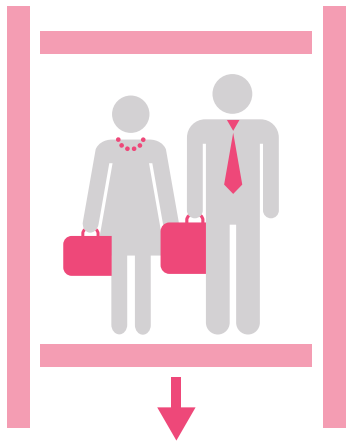
Only a marginal rise as inventories were used to help meet orders

Finished Goods Stock



Depleted for a third successive month due to high demand

Employment Index



Sequence of growth here stretches to 20 months

Output Pricing Index



Firms continue to pass on cost pressures

Input Pricing Index



Cost inflation remains sharp, with oil, plastic and metals prices all increasing

Suppliers' Delivery Times



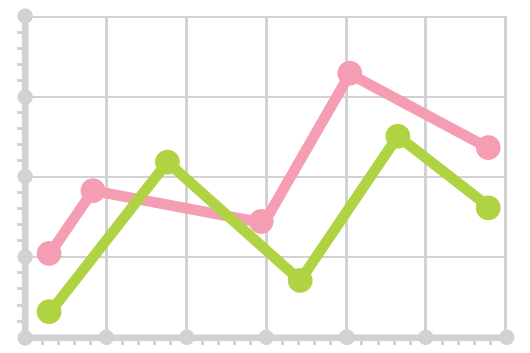
Continues to deteriorate due to limited slack

Quantity of Purchases



Increased in tandem with higher customer demand

Stocks of Purchases



Increasing as firms build up inventory for future production

Future Output Index



Optimism has increased to a 38 month high

Profitability Index



Despite volume growth, this is sub-50 due to margin pressure

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