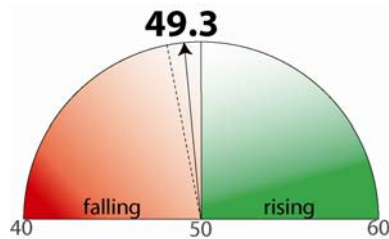


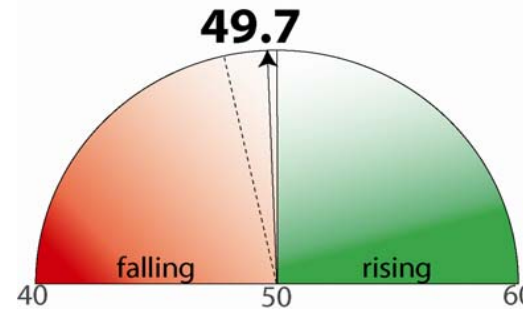
# Monthly Economy Dashboard (DRAFT)

## Business Indicators 50=no change



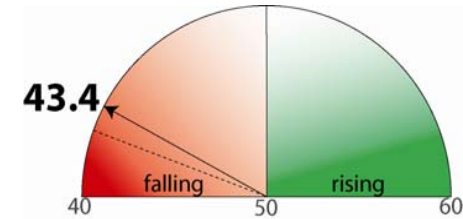
**New Orders**

RBS PMI, May 2009, April → May change



**Business Activity**

RBS PMI, May 2009, April → May change



**Employment intentions**

RBS PMI, May 2009, April → May change

## Labour Market

### Finance & Investment

(<0 = decrease ; >0 = increase)



**-1.7**  
Net score

**Cost of finance**

RDA NBS, June 2009



**-2**  
Net score

**Planned Investment**

RDA NBS, June 2009



**4,000**

**Redundancy notifications**

BIS/JC+, June 2009



**30,000**

**Vacancies**

ONS, June 2009



**152,000**

**Unemployment**

ONS, June 2009

### Other Indicators



**70%**

**Firms with output below capacity**

RDA NBS, June 2009



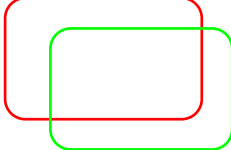
**-30**  
Net score


**House prices**

RICS, June 2009

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Sources: RDA NBS – RDAs' National Business Survey  
 RICS – Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors  
 ONS – Office for National Statistics  
 BIS – Department for Business, Innovation & Skills  
 JC+ - Jobcentre Plus  
 RBS PMI – Royal Bank of Scotland Purchasing Managers' Index

Shows 'overall' conditions:  
 Red – conditions are currently difficult  
 Green – conditions have improved

 Red – Worse score or absolute number than in the previous survey  
 Amber – Similar score / number  
 Green – Better score or absolute number than in the previous survey

### **Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) scores:**

Less than 50 – falling activity compared to previous month  
 50 – no change on previous month  
 More than 50 – rising activity compared to previous month

Used for: **Business Activity, New orders, Employment intentions**

**Net scores:** determined by subtracting the percentage of companies reporting decreases in a factor from the percentage of companies reporting increases.

Less than 0 – more firms reporting decreases than increases  
 0 – similar numbers of firms reporting decreases and increases  
 More than 0 – more firms reporting increases than decreases

Used for: **Cost of finance, Planned investment, house prices**

NB – negative score can be good e.g. decrease in cost of finance

### **Example 1:**



- The red outline indicates that conditions are currently difficult – investment intentions are low.
- The red traffic light indicates that the net score is worse (lower) than the previous period, i.e. in the last survey investment intentions were lower.
- The net score (-2) shows the scale of the deterioration of conditions this month – here this is relatively close to zero, showing that the proportion of firms planning decreases in investment is higher than (though broadly similar to) the proportion planning increases.

### **Example 2:**



**New Orders**

RBS PMI, May 2009, April → May change

- With the PMI, a score of 50 signifies no change in activity on the previous month. Here, a score of 49.3 for May indicates that firms are reporting fewer new orders than in April.
- The dotted line indicates the PMI score for the previous month. Here this is lower than 49.3, indicating that the fall in new orders between March and April was larger than the fall in orders between April and May.
- The size of the gap indicates the magnitude of the change between last month and this month.
- This chart therefore indicates a “slower decline” in May.