

Quarterly business outlook survey

2nd quarter 2025



The results of the quarterly business survey for the second quarter of 2025 reveal the following:

- Business climate described as "normal" by businesses.
- **Production conditions** characterized by a supply of raw materials considered "normal" by 87 percent of manufacturers and "difficult" according to 13 percent.
- According to companies, the main obstacles to the development of production are insufficient demand, increased competition, high input costs, the informal sector and lack of skilled labor.
- The number of employees is up quarter-on-quarter, according to manufacturers in all sectors. For Q3-2025, 83 percent of companies expect their workforce to remain stable, and 16 percent to increase.
- A cash flow situation described as "normal" by 77 percent of companies and "difficult" by 19 percent.
- Access to bank financing deemed "normal" by 80 percent of manufacturers and "difficult" by 16 percent.
- Cost of credit stagnant according to 74 percent of business owners, rising according to 19 percent.
- According to manufacturers, capital expenditure is stagnant. 78 percent of this expenditure would have been financed by equity capital and 22 percent by credit. For the next three months, 57 percent of manufacturers anticipate a stagnation in capital expenditure, and 36 percent an increase.