

Business Confidence Survey - October 2025

(This survey was conducted during October 01-16, 2025, with a total of 467 respondents. The number presented are diffusion Indices (DI*) except for Figures 1 & 8)

Businesses' inflation expectations eased in October 2025

Fig 1: Inflation Expectations**
(percent, 5% trimmed mean)

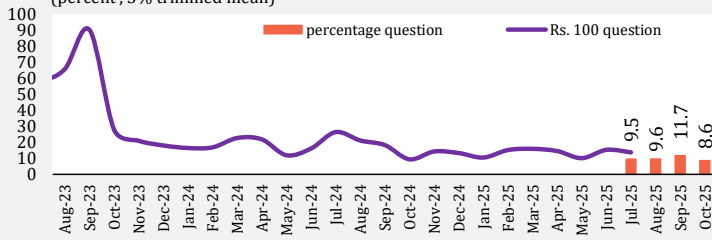
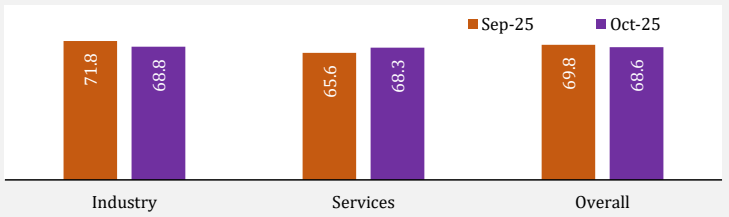


Fig 2: Proportion of Businesses Expecting Higher Prices



Current business confidence showed a marginal decline, but expected confidence remained stable

Fig 3: Business Confidence Index (BCI)

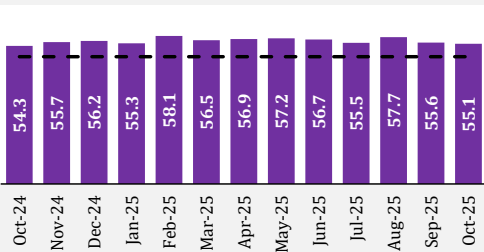


Fig 4: Current and Expected BCI

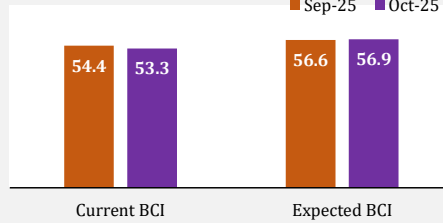
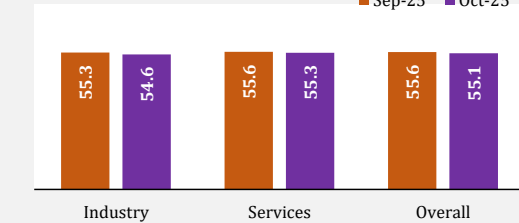


Fig 5: Sector-wise BCI



PMI decreased on m/m basis; however, it remained substantially higher on y/y basis

Fig 6: Purchasing Managers Index (PMI)

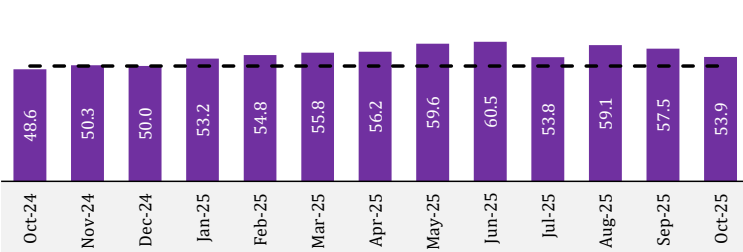


Fig 7: Components of PMI



Average capacity utilization and perceptions about employment growth remained largely stable

Fig 8: Average Capacity Utilization (Manufacturing, %)

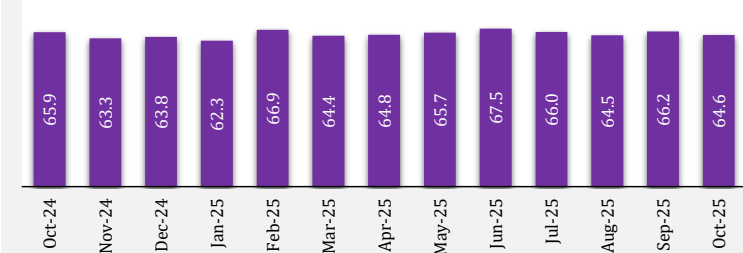
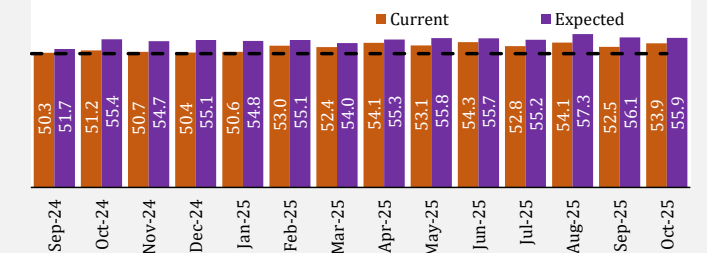


Fig 9: Employment Perspective



*DI>50 indicates that positive/ increasing views are more than negative/ declining views. DI = 50 indicates that positive/ increasing views and negative/declining views are equal(shown by dash line). DI<50 indicates that positive/ increasing views are less than negative/ declining views.**Both current and expected variables are assessed over the past or next six months except Figures 1, 2 which are based on 12- month period.

[Note: For more details of the survey, visit SBP website](#)