

Business Confidence Survey-May 2025

(This survey was conducted from May 02 to 16, 2025, with a total of 562 respondents. The number presented are diffusion Indices (DI*) except for Figure 5, where average capacity utilization is reported)

Business confidence improved in May 2025 on account of industry sector.

Figure 1: Business Confidence

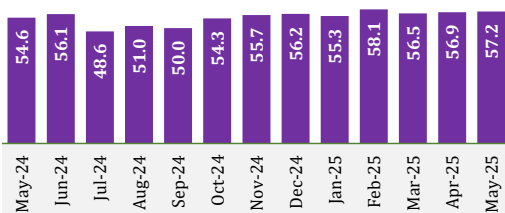


Figure 2: Views on Current and Expected BCI

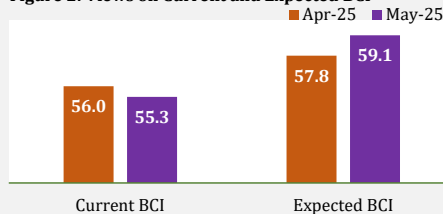
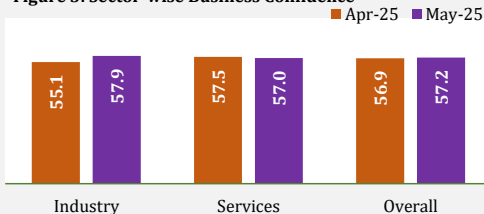


Figure 3: Sector-wise Business Confidence



Both purchasing managers' sentiment and average capacity utilization have shown improvement.

Figure 4: Purchasing Managers Views

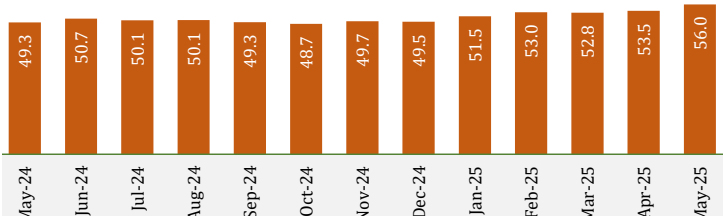
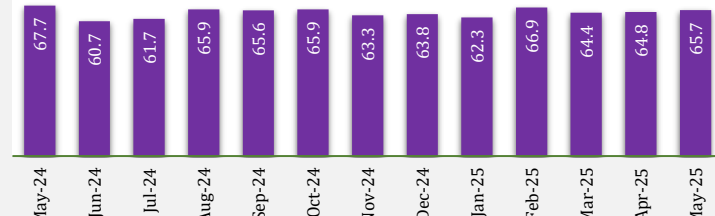


Figure 5: Average Current Capacity Utilization of Manufacturing (%)



The proportion of businesses anticipating price increases declined in May 2025. Meanwhile, businesses expecting higher selling prices and input costs remained nearly unchanged.

Figure 6: Inflation Expectations by Sector

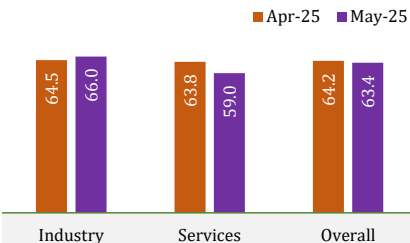


Figure 7: Expectations of Higher Selling Prices

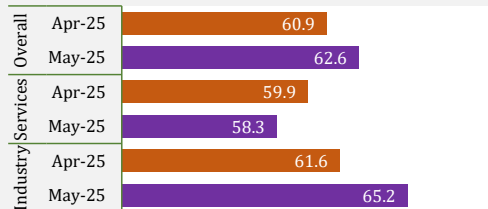


Figure 8: Expectations of Higher Input Prices



Businesses reported decline in employment in the current month, while expected employment remained stable as compared to the previous month.

Figure 9: Current Employment

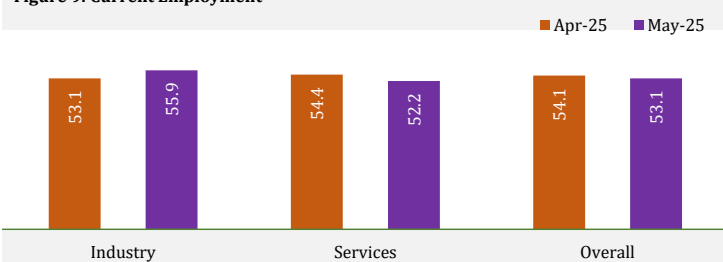


Figure 10: Expected Employment



*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. 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.

Note: For more details of the survey, visit SBP website