

# Informations *Rapides*

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## ■ Quarterly business survey in public works – April 2013

### In April 2013, the economic climate stays mitigated in public works

#### ***In April 2013, the judgment about past activity decline sharply***

In the first quarter 2013, activity would decrease, apparently because of bad weather conditions. The corresponding balance of opinion pass sharply below its long-term average. On the other hand, expected activity improves compared to the previous quarter, and the corresponding balance of opinion pass slightly over its long-term average.

Business leaders are less numerous than in January to consider their order books higher than normal for this period of the year.

#### ***Still no many obstacles to production***

Obstacles to production remain at a very low level: only 8 % of the businesses indicate to be constrained because of workforce shortage.

#### ***Employment would level off***

In April, as many business leaders as in January anticipate a workforce size drop in the next months. The corresponding balance of opinion is almost equal to its long-term average.

#### Public works economic outlook

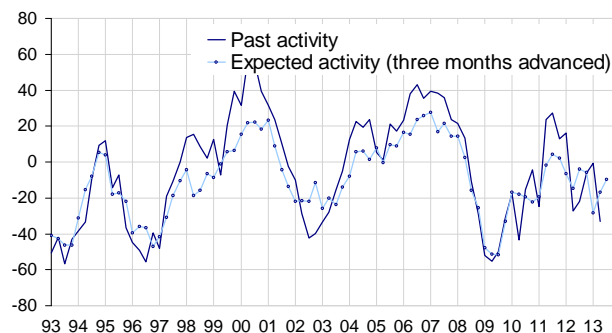
Balances of opinion, in %, SA

	Mean*	July 12	Oct. 12	Jan. 13	April 13
Past activity	-6	-22	-6	-1	-33
- of which public-sector project	-11	-35	-10	-14	-41
- of which private-sector project	-11	-25	-11	-9	-35
Expected activity	-14	-6	-28	-17	-10
- of which public-sector project	-16	-14	-36	-20	-16
- of which private-sector project	-17	-11	-30	-20	-16
Opinion on order books	-25	-10	-18	-14	-24
Obstacles to production increase because of workforce shortage (in %)	15	6	5	7	8
Expected workforce	-15	-13	-23	-16	-16

\* Mean since January 1981  
Sources: FNTF and INSEE

#### Activity tendency in public works

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#### For further information:

- The balance of opinion is the difference between the percentage of response «increase» and the percentage of response «decrease».
  - Additional information (long series, methodology, links...) are available on the HTML page of this indicator: <http://www.insee.fr/en/themes/info-rapide.asp?id=58>
  - Historical data are available on the BDM : [G1281](#).
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