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■ Quarterly business survey in public works – July 2013

In July 2013, the economic climate recovers slightly in public works

Warning: seasonal coefficients were updated for this survey.

In July 2013, the judgment about past activity recovers

In the second quarter 2013, past activity would increase with the rebound of bad weather conditions from the previous quarter: the corresponding balance of opinion strongly increases and rejoins its long-term average. The balance of opinion corresponding to expected activity remains almost stable compared to the previous quarter, slightly over its long-term average.

Business leaders are more numerous than in April 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 5 % of the businesses indicate to be constrained because of workforce shortage.

Employment would remains sluggish

In view of the business leaders' expectations, the decline in employment would lighten in the next months. The corresponding balance of opinion is equal to its long-term average.

Public works economic outlook

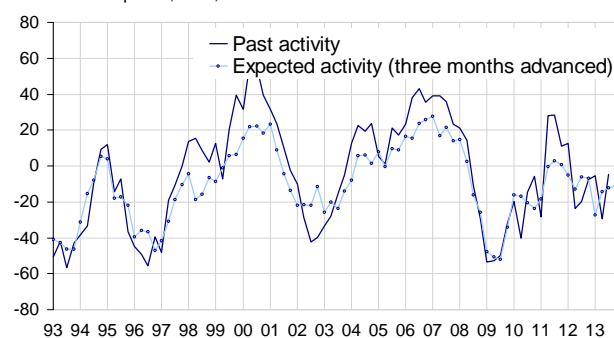
Balances of opinion, in %, SA

	Mean*	Oct. 12	Jan. 13	April 13	July 13
Past activity	-6	-7	-5	-30	-5
- of which public-sector project	-11	-12	-17	-40	-20
- of which private-sector project	-11	-12	-11	-33	-15
Expected activity	-14	-27	-14	-12	-11
- of which public-sector project	-16	-35	-18	-18	-20
- of which private-sector project	-17	-28	-17	-19	-10
Opinion on order books	-25	-17	-14	-23	-18
Obstacles to production increase because of workforce shortage (in %)	15	6	7	7	5
Expected workforce	-15	-21	-14	-19	-15

* Mean since January 1981
Sources: FNTP and INSEE

Activity tendency in public works

Balances of opinion, in %, SA



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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