



# Business activity index

September 2024

**In September 2024, business activity continued to improve, but the growth rate slowed slightly. The indicator remains in the positive area for the eighth month in a row.**

Graph 1. Dynamics of business activity index (BAI)\*



\* A value of the indicator above level 50 means a positive change, below level 50 - a negative. The further (higher or lower) the index value is from the 50 level, the higher the rate of change (increase or decrease) of the indicator.

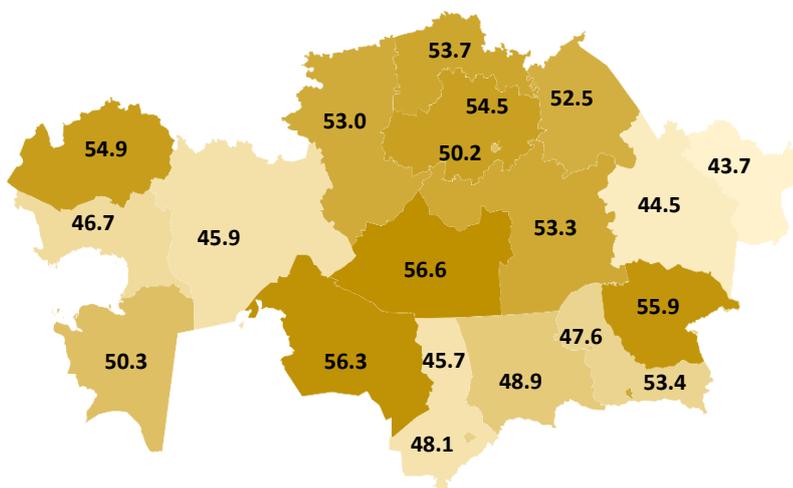
### The business activity was 51.2 in September.

The improvement was noted in all sectors except the mining industry, where due to a noticeable decrease in production and inventories, the index moved into the negative area, amounting to **48.9** (in August - 52.3). A noticeable improvement was noted in production, where the index grew up to **52.4** (51.8 in August) due to increase in new orders, production volumes and employment levels. In the service sector, there was also a slight increase to **51.6** (51.1), in construction, the indicator remained almost unchanged, amounting to **50.4** (50.5).

Graph 2. BAI in September 2024 by regions

### Business activity improved in 12 regions, worsened in 8 regions.

The highest index value was observed in Ulytau region (56.6), the lowest – in East Kazakhstan region (43.7).



# Business climate index

**In September, the assessment of current business conditions improved slightly, but optimism about future business conditions decreased. As a result, the business climate index decreased slightly and amounted to 13.0.**

**Graph 3. Dynamics of business climate index (BCI)\***



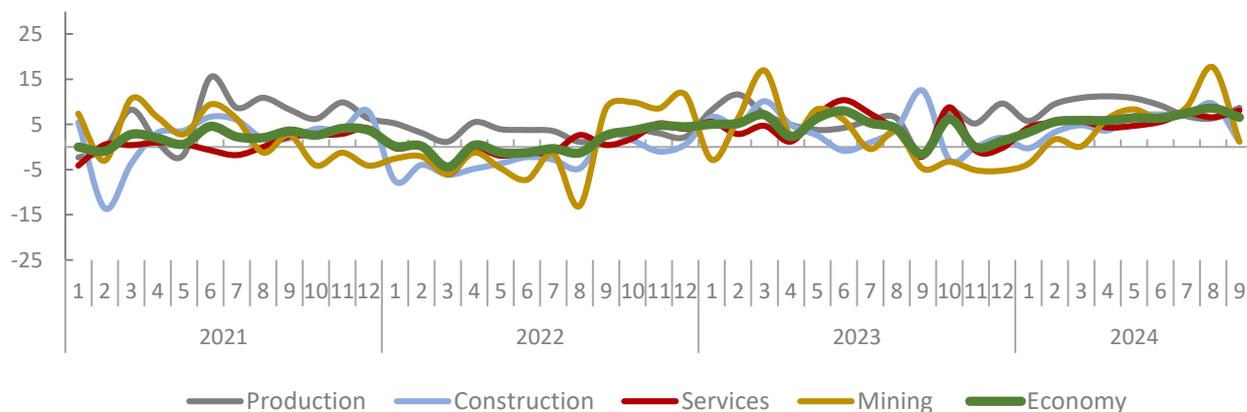
\* To assess current and future business conditions, a balance of responses (BR) is used, which is calculated as the difference between the shares of positive and negative answers to questions about changes in business conditions. An index value above 0 indicates an improvement, below 0 indicates a deterioration of the situation.

**According to enterprises, demand for their products/services continues to grow, but the growth rate has slowed down.**

In September, demand growth slowed markedly in mining and construction, and accelerated in the services and production sectors, so demand remains in the growth area in all sectors.

The respondents also positively assessed the change in infrastructure, but for the assessment of other factors (business protection issues, tax burden, and access to finance/loans), negative assessments prevail.

**Graph 4. Dynamics of demand changes by sector (BR)\***



\* To assess demand, a balance of responses (BR) is used, which is calculated as the difference between the shares of positive and negative answers to questions about changes in demand. An index value above 0 indicates an improvement, below 0 indicates a deterioration of the situation.

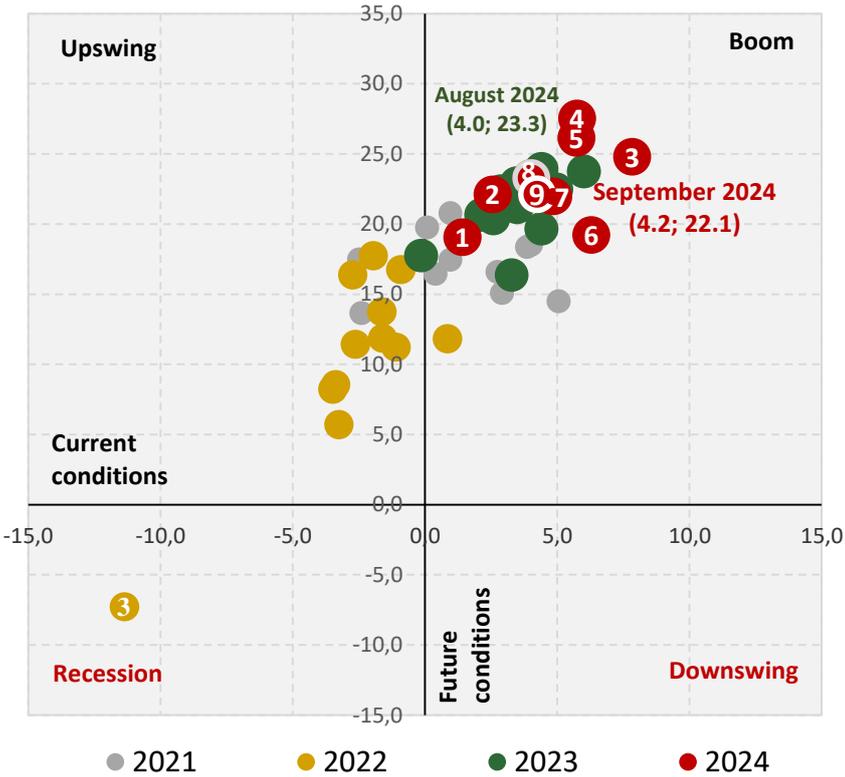
Graph 5. Business cycle clock

In September 2024, the business cycle clock indicator remained in the boom area

The current business conditions improved and amounted to 4.2

The assessment of future business conditions for the next 6 months amounted to 22.1.

\* Business cycle clock is developed by Ifo institute demonstrates in which phase of the cycle the economy was in a certain period. To construct it the series of current conditions (X axis) and future conditions (Y axis) assessments are used.



## METHODOLOGICAL COMMENT

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<sup>1</sup> The information was prepared based on the results of monthly survey of enterprises participating in the monitoring of the real sector.

<sup>2</sup> The business activity index is calculated as an aggregated change in such indicators of enterprises as the volume of new orders, the level of employment, the volume of new products, the volume of inventories, delivery times.

<sup>3</sup> To calculate the Business Activity Index, the diffusion index (DI) is used, which is calculated as the sum of positive responses and half of the responses unchanged. This index is a generalized indicator characterizing the dynamics of changes in the indicator.

<sup>4</sup> To calculate the business climate index (BCI), according to the methodology of the Ifo Institute, a balance of answers (BA) on indicators of business conditions in the current month (SIT) and expected changes in business conditions in the next 6 months (EXP) is used:

$$BCI^* = \sqrt{(BA(SIT) + 200) * (BA(EXP) + 200)} - 200$$

where, BA – balance of answers

SIT – current economic condition

EXP – expected economic condition

<sup>5</sup> The BA (balance of answers) is calculated as the difference between the shares of positive and negative responses to questions about changing business conditions. Enterprises choose one of the three suggested answers "improved", "have not changed" and "worsened". The response shares are calculated using weights.

<sup>6</sup> The business cycle clock, developed by the Ifo Research Institute, is a diagram (coordinate system) divided into four quadrants using the crosshair of two zero lines, which from the point of view of the business situation refer to the four stages of the economic cycle: upswing, expansion, downswing, recession. If the assessment of current conditions is negative and expectations are positive, the economy is in the upswing area, if both the assessment of current conditions and expectations are positive, then the economy is in the expansion phase, etc.

<sup>7</sup> The data in the diagrams are seasonally adjusted (except for the assessment of future conditions and the assessment of factors).

<sup>8</sup> Changes are possible in the previous months dynamics due to seasonal clearing and GVA adjustment.

<sup>9</sup> Detailed information by sector (information about the sample, the dynamics of indicators, the results of the distribution of responses) is presented in the dashboard.

<sup>10</sup> As the representativeness of the sample by region by sector is achieved, the calculation results will be presented in accordance with the new administrative-territorial structure.