









Q3/ 2021 **LINCOLNSHIRE ECONOMIC BRIEFING**



This quarter's survey ran from 23rd August to 13th September so those businesses responding would have done so against a backdrop of reports on driver shortages and supply chain issues, increases to National Insurance, and a less than forecast monthly economic growth figure for July of just 0.1%.

However, and perhaps despite these prevailing headwinds in the economy, this quarter's set of results actually improve on the positivity reported last quarter, with all indicators now in positive territory and with many building on the previous quarters gains.

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UK SALES & ORDERS



OVERSEAS ORDERS



CURRENT & FUTURE RECRUITMENT **ACTIVITY**



HIGH BUSINESS CONFIDENCE MAINTAINED



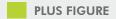






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UK MARKET



LAST QUARTER: +19%

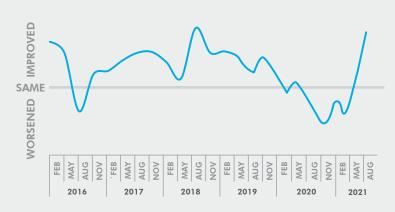
Balance of respondents reporting improvements in DOMESTIC SALES



LAST QUARTER: +16%

Balance of respondents reporting improvements in DOMESTIC ORDERS

Sales performance over time



ACTIVITY LEVELS IMPROVE AND RETURN TO 2018 LEVELS

OVERSEAS MARKETS



LAST QUARTER: -47%

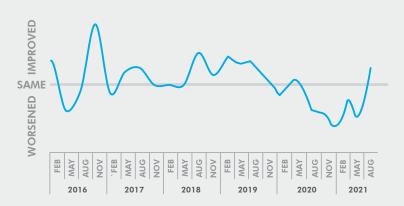
Balance of respondents reporting improvements in EXPORT SALES



LAST QUARTER: -38%

Balance of respondents reporting improvements in EXPORT ORDERS

Sales performance over time



OVERSEAS SALES & ORDERS SHOW SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT

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PLUS FIGURE MINUS FIGURE

WORKFORCE



LAST QUARTER: +19%

Balance of respondents REPORTING INCREASES in their workforce over the past 3 months



LAST QUARTER: +22%

Balance of respondents EXPECTING TO INCREASE their workforce over

the next 3 months

Recruitment plans over time



FUTURE RECRUITMENT INTENTIONS AT RECORD HIGH

CASHFLOW & INVESTMENT



LAST QUARTER: -16%

Balance of respondents reporting IMPROVEMENTS **IN THEIR CASHFLOW**

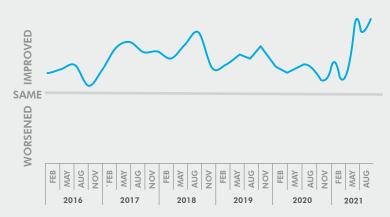
over the past 3 months



LAST QUARTER: +47%

Balance of respondents expecting to INCREASE **THEIR PRICES** over the next 3 months

Prices over time



CASH FLOW POSITION IMPROVES AND NOW POSITIVE

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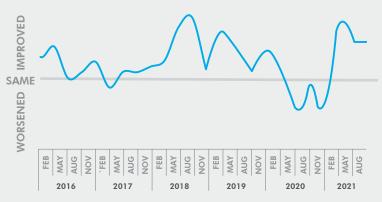
BUSINESS CONFIDENCE





Balance of respondents confident of INCREASES IN PROFIT in the next 12 months

Profitability next 12 months



HIGH CONFIDENCE LEVELS MAINTAINED

Lincolnshire Chamber of **ABOUT THE** Commerce The Ultimate Business Network **QES AND BRIEFING** The Quarterly Economic Survey (QES) is the flagship economic survey of the British Chambers of Commerce and the largest independent business survey in the UK. It is a prominent tool used to measure the state of business sentiment and is monitored by a range of national and international organisations, such as the Bank of England, HM Treasury, European Commission, and IMF. All information contained in this briefing is the most up-to-date available at time of publication. (July 2021). t fin FOR MORE INFORMATION: 01522 523333 enquiries@lincs-chamber.co.uk www.lincs-chamber.co.uk Twitter: @lincschamber







