

Business Barometer -- Provincial Summary

Saskatchewan

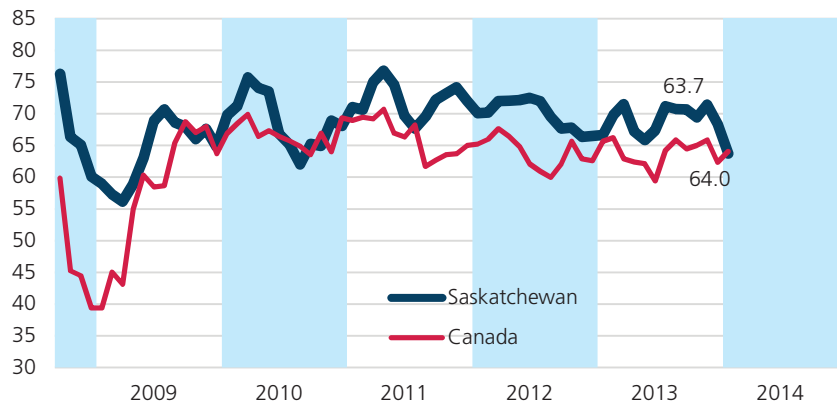
January 2014

Small business optimism fell back markedly to 63.7 in January—a decline of almost 5 points from December. It is the first time since mid-2011 that Saskatchewan business sentiment has fallen below the national average. Fifty-six per cent of business owners say they are performing well compared to 11 per cent who say performance is poor. Hiring plans, however, remain in line with last January, with 29 expecting to hire full-timers compared to only 9 per cent expecting to cut back.

SK data presented as 3-mth moving averages Resp= 142

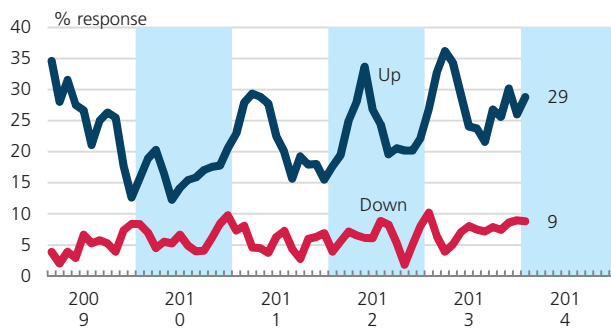
1. Business Barometer Index

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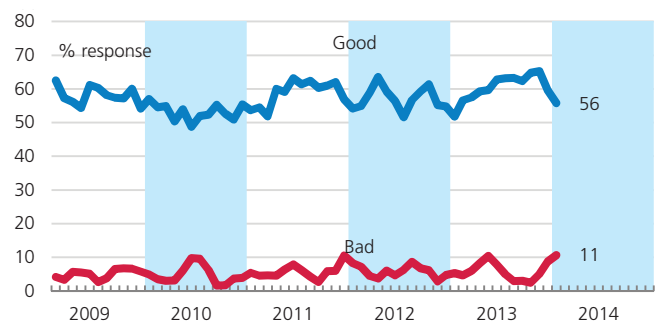


Province	Index
Canada	64.0
Newfoundland & Lab	68.1
Prince Edward Is.	58.8
Nova Scotia	58.1
New Brunswick	56.6
Quebec	56.2
Ontario	65.4
Manitoba	62.6
Saskatchewan	63.7
Alberta	67.1
British Columbia	71.8

2. Intention to add full-time staff within 3 months



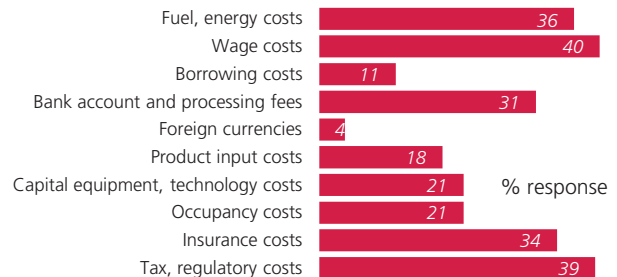
3. General state of business health



4. Limitations on sales or production growth



5. Major cost constraints



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