

The British Chambers of Commerce's Q1 2014 Quarterly Economic Survey (QES) results are positive and point to continued economic growth in the short term. **7,479** businesses responded to the survey during the period 24 February to 19 March 2014.

1989 to 2014  
**25 YEARS**

The QES has been a reliable indicator of the UK economy since 1989

QES results are presented as balance figures (the percentage of firms that reported an increase minus the percentage that reported a decrease).

+ represents an expansion

- represents a contraction

↑ ↓ represents the change on the previous quarter.

## Domestic Sales

Growth in manufacturing domestic sales increases and is now at an all time high



## Export Sales

Export sales increase for both sectors and are at, or near, all time highs



## Investment in plant & machinery

Investment in plant & machinery improves for manufacturing but falls slightly for services



## Confidence - Profitability

Confidence remains high for manufacturing and services sectors



## Employment Expectations

Firms in both sectors expect to take on more staff over the next three months

