



Finnish Business Confidence is decreasing slightly

■ Manufacturing confidence is decreasing a bit

Finnish manufacturing confidence stayed almost at the same level as in March. Confidence is currently two points below the long-term average. The long-term average is +1. The confidence indicator scored -1 point in April which is two points lower than the figure recorded in March. Production expectations were positive but order books decreased slightly. Stocks of finished goods stayed clearly above average in April.

■ Construction confidence weakened slightly

Construction sector confidence decreased a bit from the previous month. The indicator declined three points to +4 points (figure +7 in March). The long-term average for the indicator is -6 points. Companies' assessments on order books were positive and remained at +10 points as in the previous month. Employment expectations decreased to -3 points compared to +4 revised in March. Employment expectations are slightly below the long-term average level, which is 0 points.

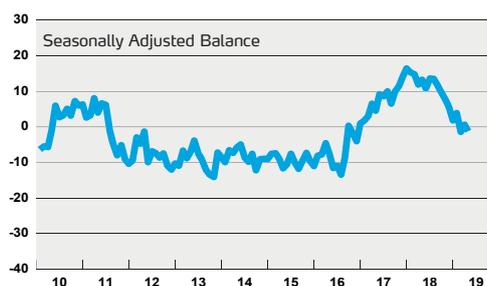
■ Service confidence indicator a bit stronger

Service sector confidence indicator increased slightly to +13 in April which is two points higher than in March. The indicator stands currently a bit below its long-term average (+14). Sales have improved a bit compared to the figure in March. Sales expectations for April are also a little more positive than in March. The sales growth scored +2 points this month, which is almost the same as the long-term average.

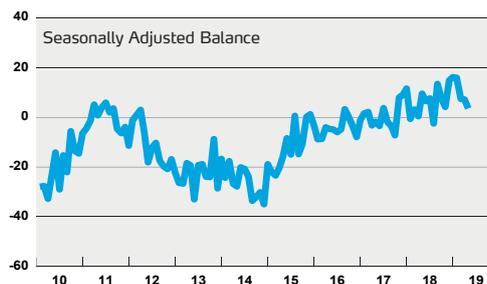
■ Retail trade confidence has slightly improved

Retail trade confidence improved a bit in April. The indicator increased to +4 from +2 revised in March. The indicator is above its long-term average (-1). Sales growth has increased a bit and sales expectations for the near future are still positive although there was a one point revised decrease this month. The level of stocks has still decreased and is below the long-term average at +4 points in April.

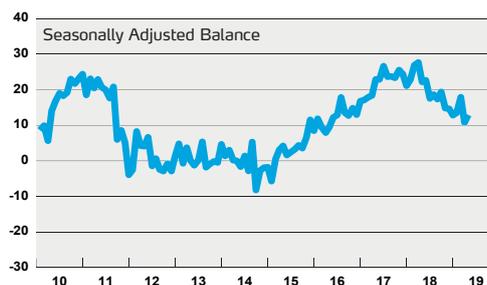
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