

ifo Business Climate Saxony Sees a Clear Rise

Dresden, May 2, 2023 – The ifo Business Climate Index Saxony rose appreciably in April. The barometer of business sentiment in Saxony’s economy climbed from 96.8 points in March to 99.4 points in April. The Saxony-based companies surveyed reported a slight improvement in the business situation from the previous month and also raised their business expectations considerably.

In Saxony’s *manufacturing*, the ifo Business Climate Index rose sharply in April. The companies surveyed rated their current business situation as significantly better than in the previous month and also raised their expectations for the coming months considerably.

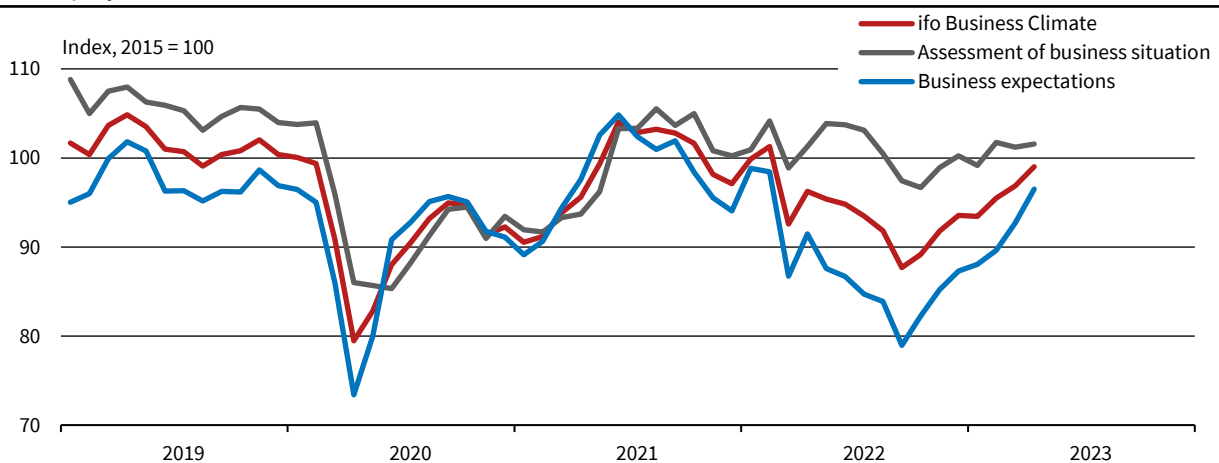
The business climate in Saxony’s *service sector* improved slightly in April. Saxony’s service providers raised both their assessments of the current situation and their business expectations somewhat compared to the previous month.

In Saxony’s *trade*, the business climate turned noticeably brighter in April. While retailers’ assessments of their situation were marginally worse than in March, wholesalers’ assessments improved slightly. Both groups expected a significant improvement in business in the coming months.

The business climate in Saxony’s *construction* improved a bit in April. Companies’ slightly poorer assessments of their current business situation contrasted with assessments of future business developments that were somewhat less pessimistic compared with the previous month.

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ifo Business Climate Saxony^a
Seasonally adjusted



^a Manufacturing, service sector, trade, and construction.
Source: ifo Business Survey, April 2023

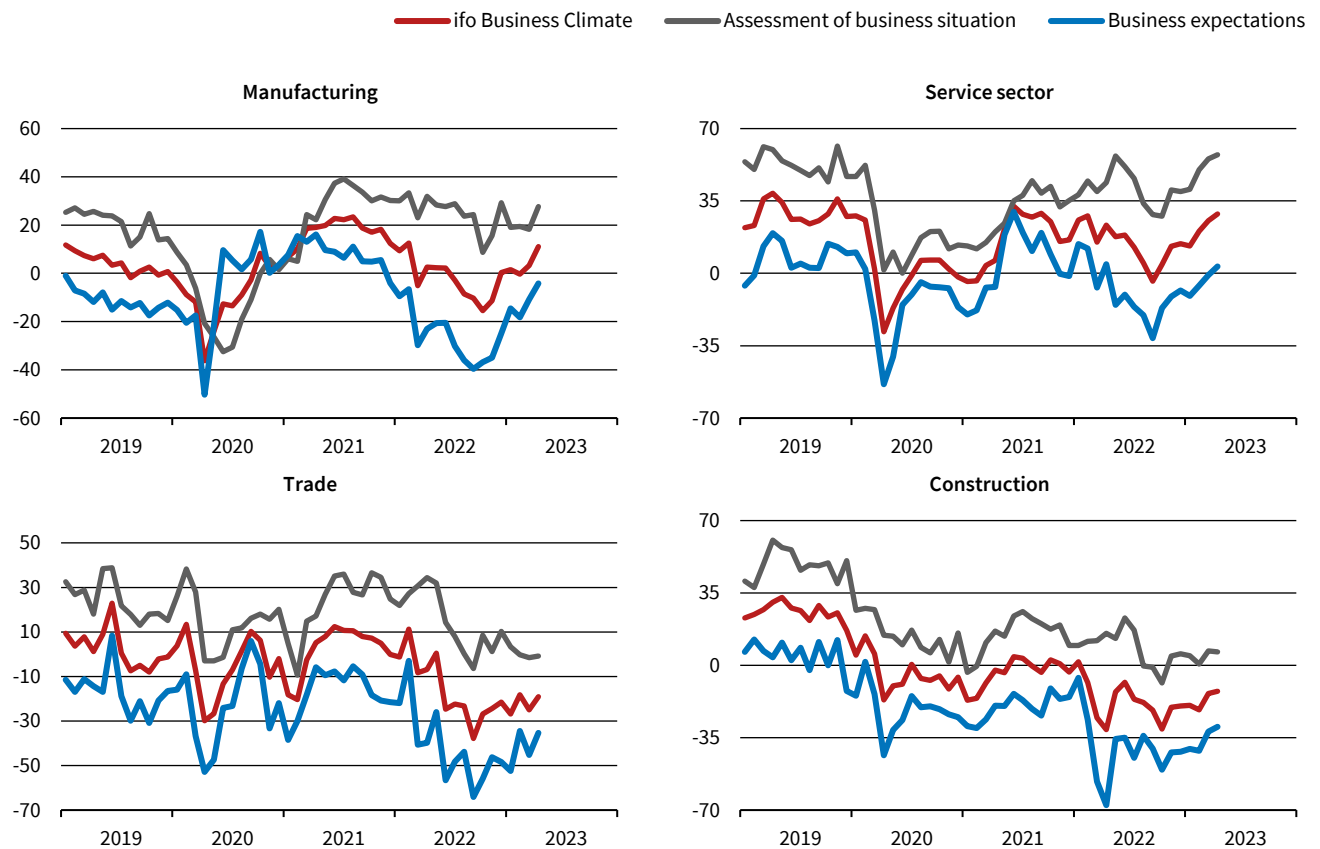
ifo Business Climate Saxony (Index, 2015 = 100, seasonally adjusted)

	04/22	05/22	06/22	07/22	08/22	09/22	10/22	11/22	12/22	01/23	02/23	03/23	04/23
Climate	96.2	95.4	94.8	93.5	91.8	87.7	89.2	91.8	93.5	93.4	95.5	96.8	99.0
Situation	101.3	103.9	103.7	103.1	100.5	97.4	96.7	98.9	100.2	99.2	101.7	101.2	101.6
Expectations	91.5	87.6	86.7	84.7	83.9	79.0	82.2	85.2	87.3	88.1	89.6	92.7	96.5

Source: ifo Business Survey

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Business Situation and Expectations Saxony by Sector
Balances, seasonally adjusted



Source: ifo Business Survey, April 2023

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ifo Business Climate Saxony by Sector (Balances, seasonally adjusted)

	04/22	05/22	06/22	07/22	08/22	09/22	10/22	11/22	12/22	01/23	02/23	03/23	04/23
Saxony	8.2	6.3	5.1	2.2	-1.4	-10.3	-7.1	-1.4	2.3	2.1	6.5	9.5	14.1
Manufacturing	2.6	2.4	2.2	-2.8	-8.5	-10.3	-15.5	-11.4	0.4	1.5	-0.3	3.2	11.1
Service sector	23.3	17.8	18.5	12.6	5.0	-3.7	4.2	13.0	14.3	13.3	20.3	25.5	28.8
Trade	-6.9	0.5	-24.7	-22.4	-23.3	-37.9	-26.8	-24.3	-21.5	-26.8	-18.2	-25.0	-19.1
Construction	-31.1	-12.8	-8.3	-16.4	-18.0	-21.7	-30.8	-20.3	-19.7	-19.3	-21.6	-13.6	-12.5

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The ifo Business Climate for Saxony is based on approx. 500 monthly survey responses from businesses in manufacturing, the service sector, trade, and construction. Companies are asked to give their assessments of the current **business situation** and their **expectations** for the next six months as “more favorable,” “unchanged,” or “less favorable.” The **balance** value of the current business situation is the difference in the percentage shares of the responses “good” and “poor”; the balance value of expectations is the difference in the percentage shares of the responses “more favorable” and “less favorable.” The **business climate** is a transformed mean of the balances of the business situation and the expectations. To calculate the **index values**, the transformed balances are all normalized to the average for the year 2015.

