

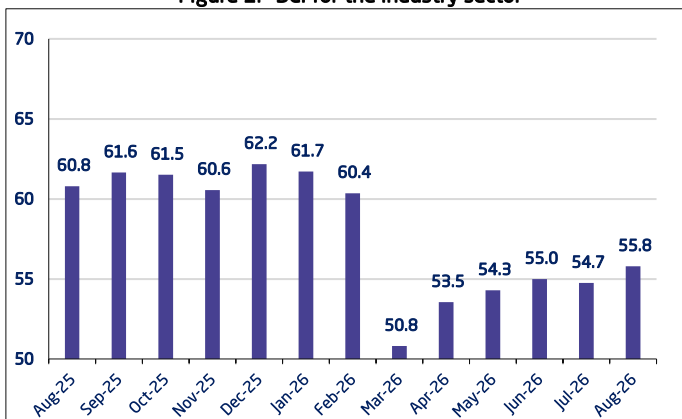
BCI records a level of 56.7 points in August 2026

The Business Confidence Index (BCI) in Saudi Arabia recorded 56.7 points in August 2026, recording an increase of 0.2 points compared to July 2026, when it reached 56.5 points. The index reflects prevailing optimism in the business sector, supported by establishments' confidence in the stability of economic activity and continued growth across various sectors.

BCI for the industry sector

During August 2026, the BCI for the industry sector recorded an optimistic level of 55.8 points, representing an increase of 1.04 points compared to July 2026, when it reached 54.7 points. This level was driven by increased confidence among industrial establishments, particularly in overall performance and employment.

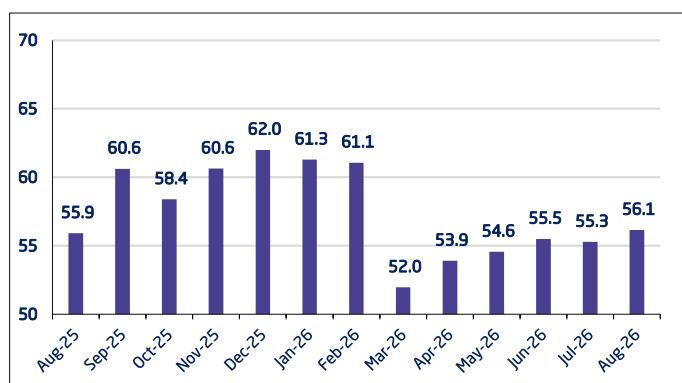
Figure 1. BCI for the industry sector



BCI for the services sector

In August 2026, BCI for the services sector recorded 56.1 points, representing an increase of 0.9 points compared to July 2026, when it stood at 55.3 points. This increase was supported by greater optimism among establishments, particularly in fixed investment expenditure and overall performance.

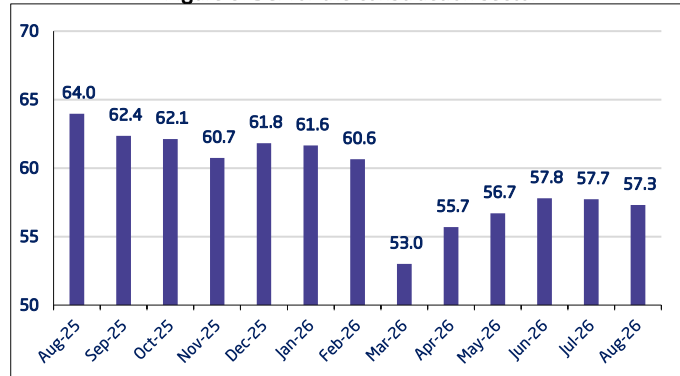
Figure 2. BCI for the services sector



BCI for the construction sector

In August 2026, the BCI for the construction sector recorded an optimistic level of 57.3 points, reflecting continued optimism among establishments in the sector, despite a slight decline of 0.4 points compared to July 2026, when it stood at 57.7 points. This decline was attributed to a decrease in confidence levels related to input costs during the current month and those expected for the following month.

Figure 3. BCI for the construction sector



Monthly changes in the overall BCI

In August 2026, the overall BCI recorded 56.7 points, representing an increase of 0.2 points compared to July 2026.

Table 1. Overall BCI and monthly rate of change

Overall BCI		
Month	Index value	Monthly rate of change
August-26	56.7	0.3%
July-26	56.5	-0.05%
June-26	56.6	1.8%
May-26	55.6	2.1%
April-26	54.5	4.6%
March-26	52.1	-14.2%
February-26	60.7	-1.5%
January -26	61.6	-0.6%
December-25	62.0	2.2%
November-25	60.7	-0.6%
October-25	61.1	-1.1%
September-25	61.7	1.5%
August-25	60.8	-0.4%

Methodology and quality

The Business Confidence Index (BCI) is an economic indicator that reflects the level of optimism of establishments regarding their current business conditions and future expectations, based on a business confidence survey conducted on a sample of establishments operating across various non-oil economic activities, classified according to the International Standard Industrial Classification of all Economic Activities (ISIC4). The index is measured on a scale ranging from 0 to 100, with 50 representing the neutral level. Values above 50 indicate optimism and higher levels of business confidence, while values below 50 reflect pessimism and lower levels of confidence. For more details, please refer to the following links: [Methodology and quality](#), [Tables](#).