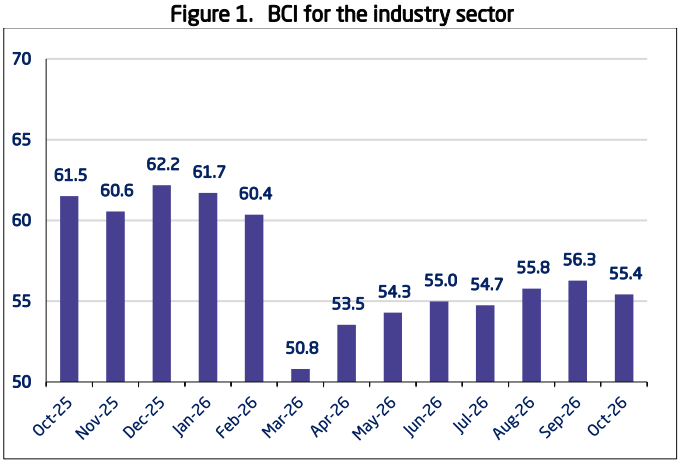
BCI records a level of 55.5 points in October 2026

The Business Confidence Index (BCI) in Saudi Arabia remains at optimistic levels in October 2026, recording 55.5 points, despite the decline of 1.1 points compared to September 2026, when it stood at 56.6 points. BCI 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

In October 2026, the BCI for the industry sector recorded an optimistic level of 55.4 points, despite a decline of 0.9 points compared to September 2026, when it reached 56.3 points. This decrease is attributed to a decline in confidence levels among establishments, particularly in sales and input costs in the current month.

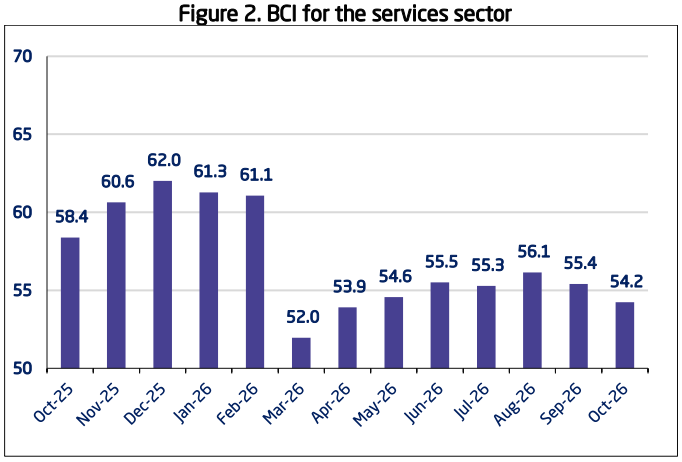
Figure 1. BCI for the industry sector



BCI for the services sector

In October 2026, BCI for the services sector recorded 54.2 points, maintaining an optimistic level despite a decline of 1.2 points compared to September 2026, when it stood at 55.4 points. This decline was attributed to lower levels of confidence, particularly regarding sales and input costs in the current month.

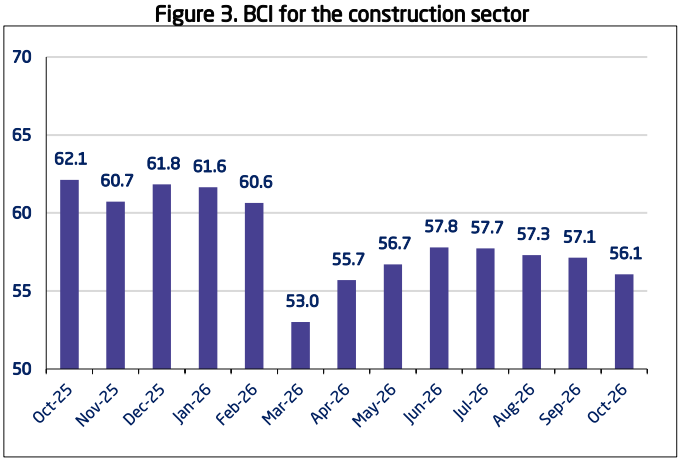
Figure 2. BCI for the services sector



BCI for the construction sector

In October 2026, the BCI for the construction sector recorded an optimistic level of 56.1 points, reflecting continued optimism among establishments in the sector, despite a decline of 1.1 points compared to September 2026, when it stood at 57.1 points. This decline was attributed to lower levels of confidence regarding sales and input costs in the current month.

Figure 3. BCI for the construction sector



Monthly changes in the overall BCI

In October 2026, the overall BCI recorded 55.5 points, marking a decline of 1.1 points compared to September 2026.

Table 1. Overall BCI and monthly rate of change

Overall BCI		
Month	Index value	Monthly rate of change
October-26	55.5	-1.9%
September-26	56.6	-0.2%
August-26	56.7	0.3%
July-26	56.5	0.0%
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%

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.