

Most respondents had between three and six months of work in hand in September. Work was most abundant in the civil engineering sector, with nearly 88% of respondents reporting work in hand of more than three months. About 18% of respondents had more than six months of work in hand, 57% of non-residential firms had between three and six months of work in hand and 15% had more than six months. The residential sector was the weakest sector, with 34% of firms reporting only three months or less in hand.

However, there has been a marked improvement since June, when panellists last reported on their levels of work. In June, 43% of residential firms had three months of work in hand. More than half of all civil engineering firms' work in hand exceeded six months, but 77% of residential firms had less than six months of work in hand.

