

ZEW - Financial Market Survey: Results May 2021

Current economic situation	good		normal		bad		balance	
Euro area	5.3	(+ 3.0)	38.0	(+ 8.1)	56.7	(-11.1)	-51.4	(+14.1)
Germany	7.5	(+ 2.4)	44.9	(+ 3.9)	47.6	(- 6.3)	-40.1	(+ 8.7)
USA	37.9	(+13.5)	52.4	(- 1.6)	9.7	(-11.9)	28.2	(+25.4)
China	63.0	(+ 6.5)	32.0	(- 7.9)	5.0	(+ 1.4)	58.0	(+ 5.1)
Economic expectations	improve		no change		get worse		balance	
Euro area	84.5	(+12.0)	15.0	(- 6.3)	0.5	(- 5.7)	84.0	(+17.7)
Germany (ZEW Indicator)	85.5	(+ 9.7)	13.4	(- 5.7)	1.1	(- 4.0)	84.4	(+13.7)
USA	71.4	(- 6.4)	25.9	(+ 7.1)	2.7	(- 0.7)	68.7	(- 5.7)
China	45.4	(- 5.2)	50.8	(+ 5.6)	3.8	(- 0.4)	41.6	(- 4.8)
Inflation rate	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
Euro area	79.7	(+ 1.8)	18.2	(- 1.1)	2.1	(- 0.7)	77.6	(+ 2.5)
Germany	80.3	(+ 0.7)	17.6	(+/- 0.0)	2.1	(- 0.7)	78.2	(+ 1.4)
USA	82.2	(- 0.1)	14.6	(- 0.8)	3.2	(+ 0.9)	79.0	(- 1.0)
China	68.3	(+ 3.0)	31.7	(- 3.0)	0.0	(+/- 0.0)	68.3	(+ 3.0)
Short-term interest rates	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
Euro area	8.0	(- 0.6)	90.9	(+ 0.1)	1.1	(+ 0.5)	6.9	(- 1.1)
USA	20.5	(+ 1.1)	79.5	(- 0.5)	0.0	(- 0.6)	20.5	(+ 1.7)
China	17.5	(- 1.9)	81.9	(+ 1.3)	0.6	(+ 0.6)	16.9	(- 2.5)
Long-term interest rates	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
Germany	57.5	(+ 6.1)	39.8	(- 4.2)	2.7	(- 1.9)	54.8	(+ 8.0)
USA	69.2	(+ 4.4)	28.6	(- 3.8)	2.2	(- 0.6)	67.0	(+ 5.0)
China	46.7	(+ 4.8)	52.6	(- 2.7)	0.7	(- 2.1)	46.0	(+ 6.9)
Stock market indices	increase		no change		decrease		balance	
STOXX 50 (Euro area)	45.1	(+ 6.6)	38.7	(- 2.1)	16.2	(- 4.5)	28.9	(+11.1)
DAX (Germany)	43.1	(+ 3.8)	39.1	(+ 1.6)	17.8	(- 5.4)	25.3	(+ 9.2)
Dow Jones Industrial (USA)	47.4	(+ 1.9)	35.8	(- 1.3)	16.8	(- 0.6)	30.6	(+ 2.5)
SSE Composite (China)	50.7	(- 2.2)	38.8	(+ 0.4)	10.5	(+ 1.8)	40.2	(- 4.0)
Exchange rates (vs. Euro)	appreciate		no change		depreciate		balance	
Dollar	33.9	(- 5.2)	39.5	(- 0.3)	26.6	(+ 5.5)	7.3	(-10.7)
Yuan	16.9	(- 8.9)	67.6	(+ 5.5)	15.5	(+ 3.4)	1.4	(-12.3)
Sectors	improve		no change		get worse		balance	
Banks	33.3	(+ 4.5)	40.3	(+ 5.7)	26.4	(-10.2)	6.9	(+14.7)
Insurance companies	30.4	(+ 4.9)	55.7	(- 0.5)	13.9	(- 4.4)	16.5	(+ 9.3)
Automobile	59.8	(+ 3.3)	35.2	(+ 0.3)	5.0	(- 3.6)	54.8	(+ 6.9)
Chemicals / Pharmaceuticals	75.3	(- 5.6)	24.7	(+ 6.9)	0.0	(- 1.3)	75.3	(- 4.3)
Steel	59.0	(+13.9)	37.2	(- 7.8)	3.8	(- 6.1)	55.2	(+20.0)
Electronics	60.2	(+ 1.0)	39.2	(+ 1.7)	0.6	(- 2.7)	59.6	(+ 3.7)
Mechanical engineering	70.7	(+ 6.4)	26.1	(- 3.0)	3.2	(- 3.4)	67.5	(+ 9.8)
Retail / Consumer goods	78.0	(+15.5)	17.6	(- 8.7)	4.4	(- 6.8)	73.6	(+22.3)
Construction	27.9	(- 3.0)	62.0	(+ 1.5)	10.1	(+ 1.5)	17.8	(- 4.5)
Utilities	17.4	(- 3.8)	76.8	(+ 2.6)	5.8	(+ 1.2)	11.6	(- 5.0)
Services	64.4	(+ 7.3)	31.8	(- 4.4)	3.8	(- 2.9)	60.6	(+10.2)
Telecommunications	35.5	(- 2.0)	62.0	(+ 4.1)	2.5	(- 2.1)	33.0	(+ 0.1)
Information technology	68.4	(- 3.3)	31.0	(+ 4.0)	0.6	(- 0.7)	67.8	(- 2.6)

Note: 188 analysts participated in the May-survey which was conducted during the period 3.5.2021 - 10.5.2021. Analysts were asked about their expectations for the next 6 months. Numbers displayed are percentages (month-over-month percentage point changes in parentheses). Balances refer to the difference between positive and negative assessments.

Since April 2021 we are applying a new questionnaire for the ZEW Financial Market Survey, which has been revised with regard to its methodological approach and content. The new questionnaire has a stronger focus on the economic developments in Germany and other global regions that are economically relevant to Germany. These are primarily the euro area, the United States, and China. Moreover, developments in the economies of Italy, France, the United Kingdom, and Japan only have limited incremental information value for developments in Germany. Therefore, we have removed them from the monthly recurring part of the questionnaire. Developments in these countries shall be taken into account by means of specific questions.