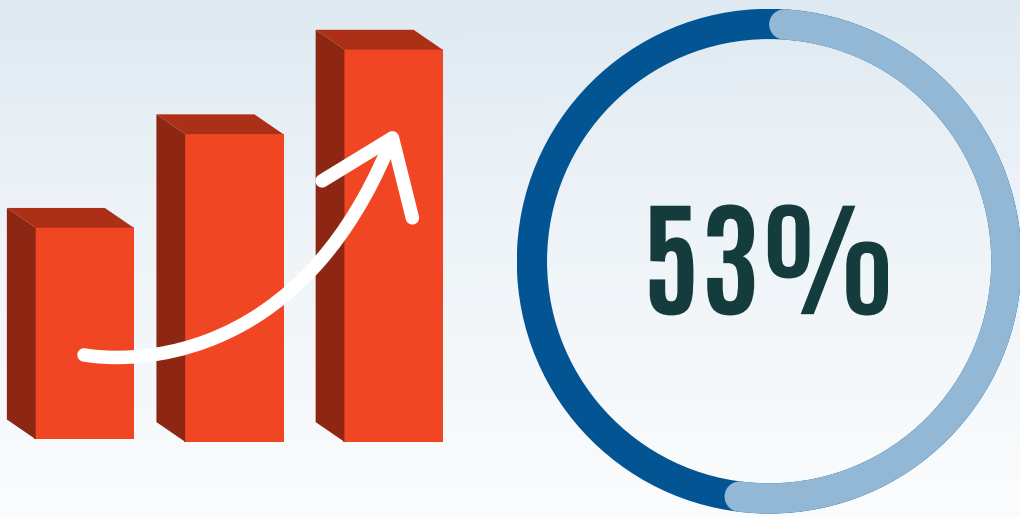


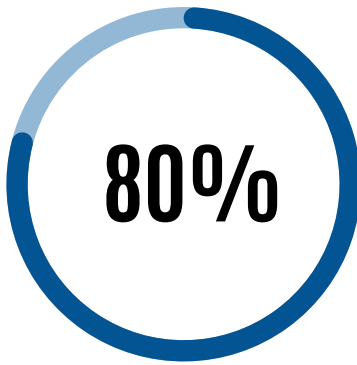
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53% of Ayrshire businesses expect to raise their prices over the next three months.

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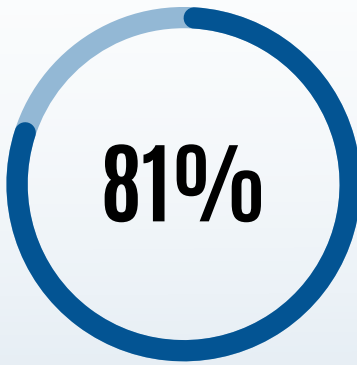
HIGH INFLATIONARY PRESSURES REPORTED BY:



8 in 10 of all firms report increased concern from the impacts of inflation.

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LABOUR COSTS NOW LEADING COST PRESSURE



Cost pressures have typically been led by energy bills over the past three years, but labour costs are now the leading cost pressure.

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INVESTMENT FLATLING



Half of firms have put investment on hold, highlighting that economic uncertainty is impacting firms and making prospects for growth far more challenging.