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 (6-Month Period Ending December 31st, 2006)

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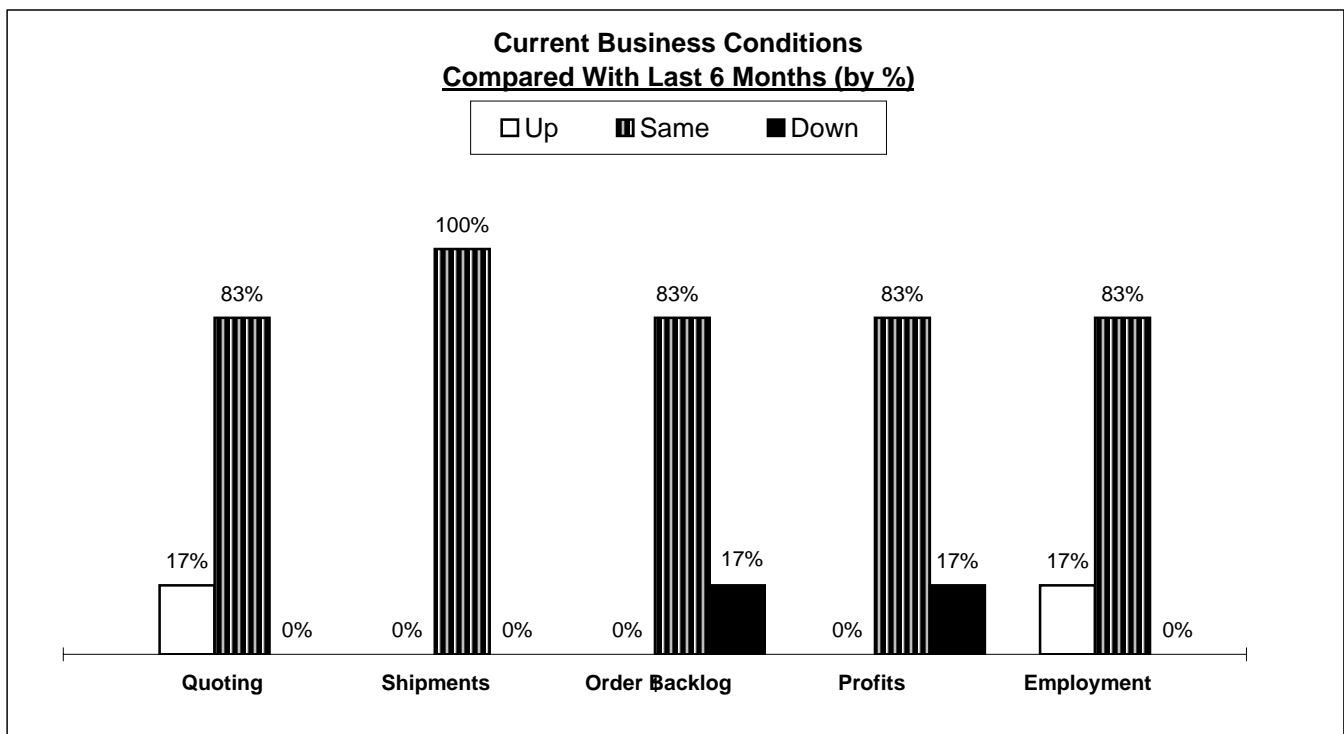
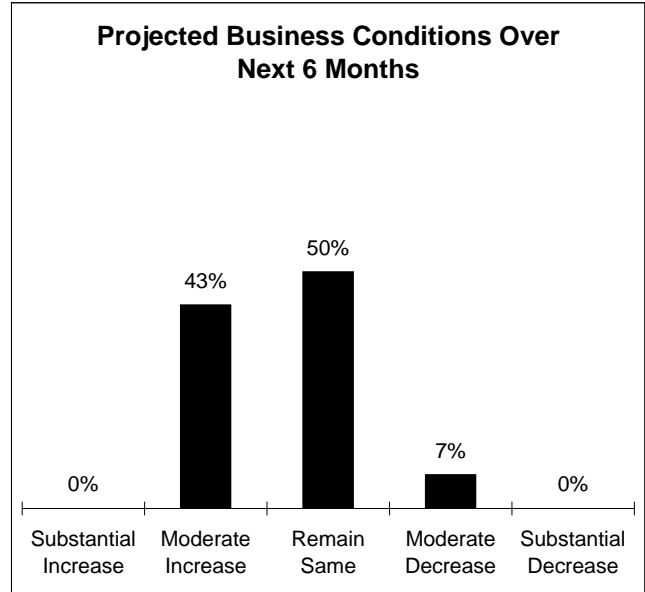
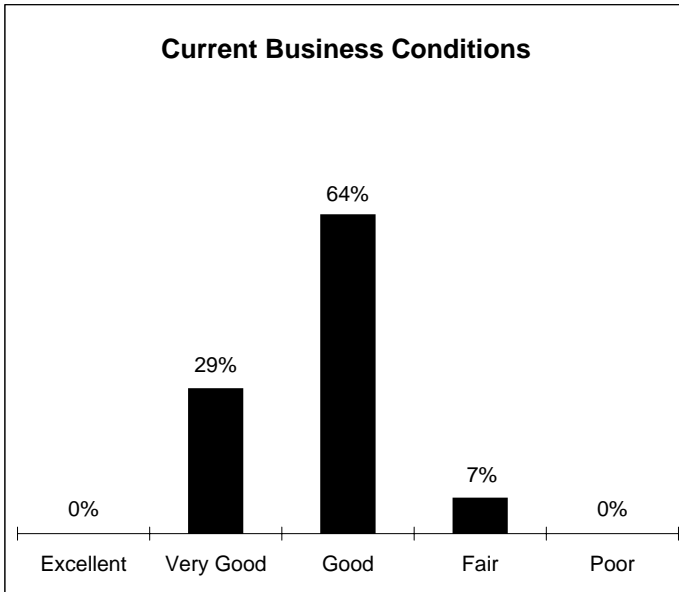
ALL SECTORS

(14 survey responses ... 41% of membership)

Total Number of Skilled Employees: 688 (at June 30, 2006) 723 (at Dec. 31, 2006)

Current Average Work Week Per Skilled Employee: 49.0 Hours

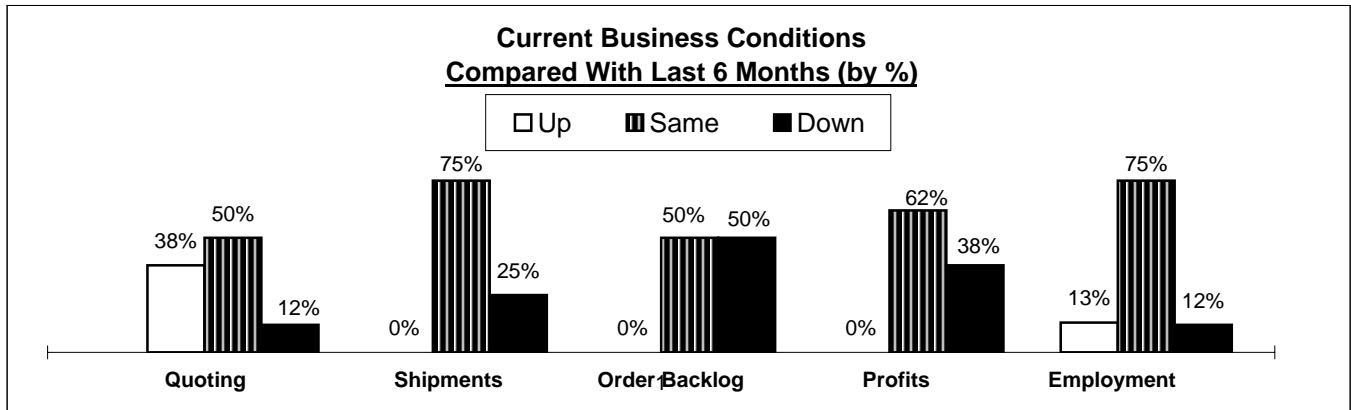
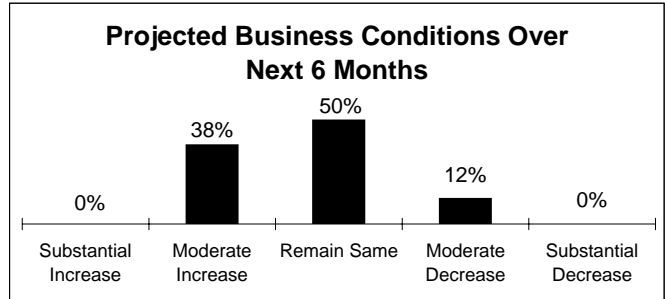
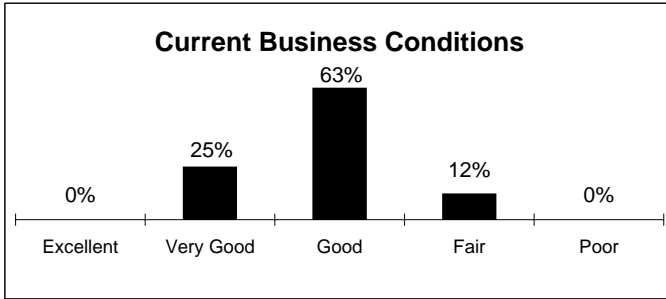
Average Future Work on Order Books: 14.2 Weeks



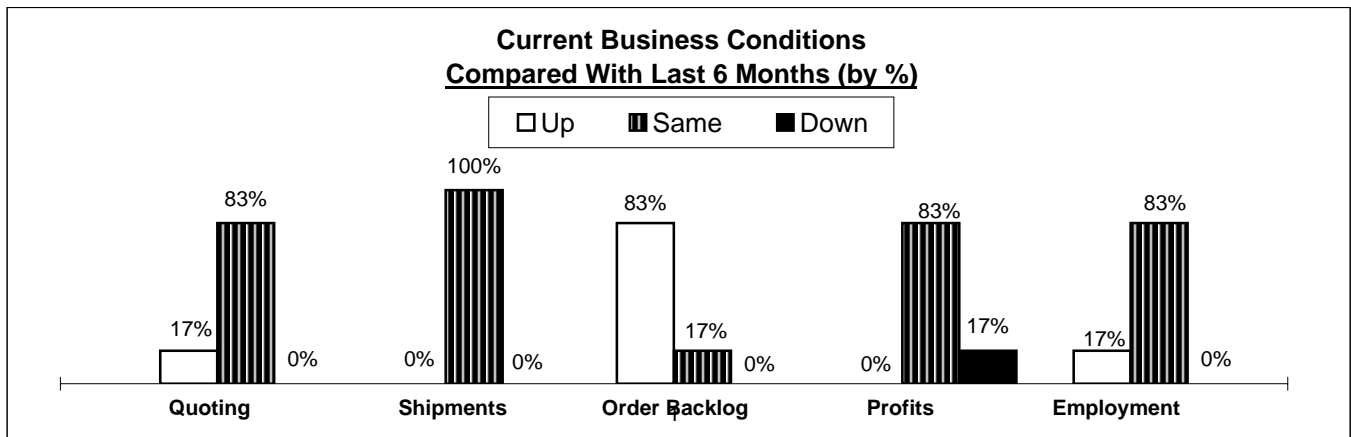
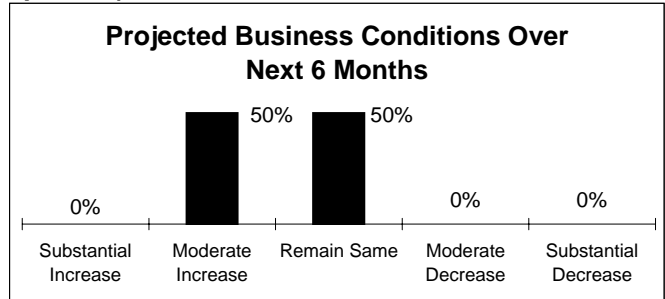
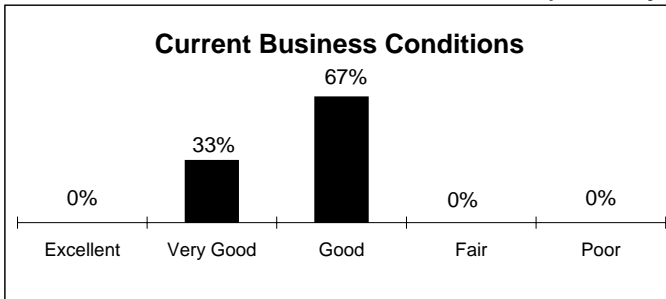
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TOOL, DIE & FIXTURE SECTOR
(8 survey responses)



MOLD SECTOR
(6 survey responses)

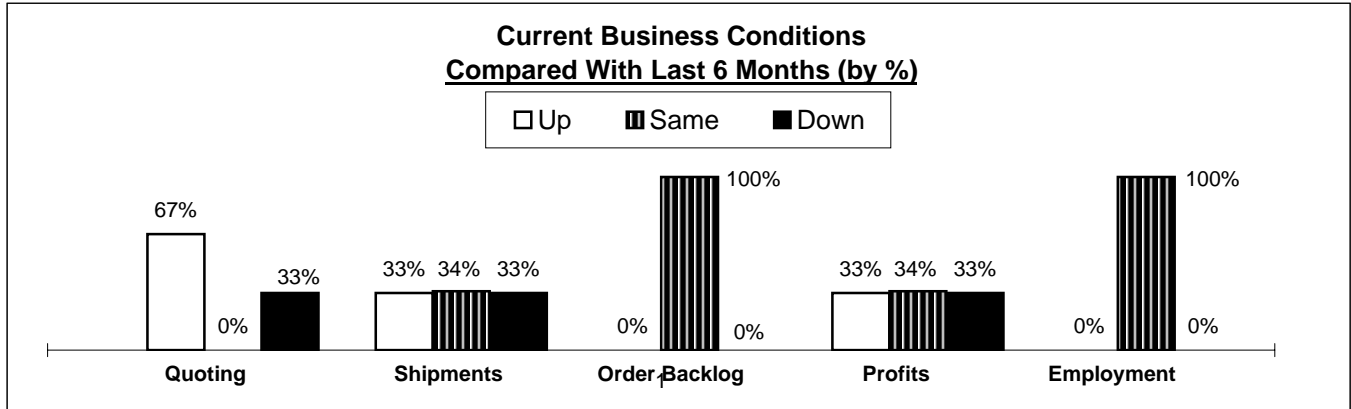
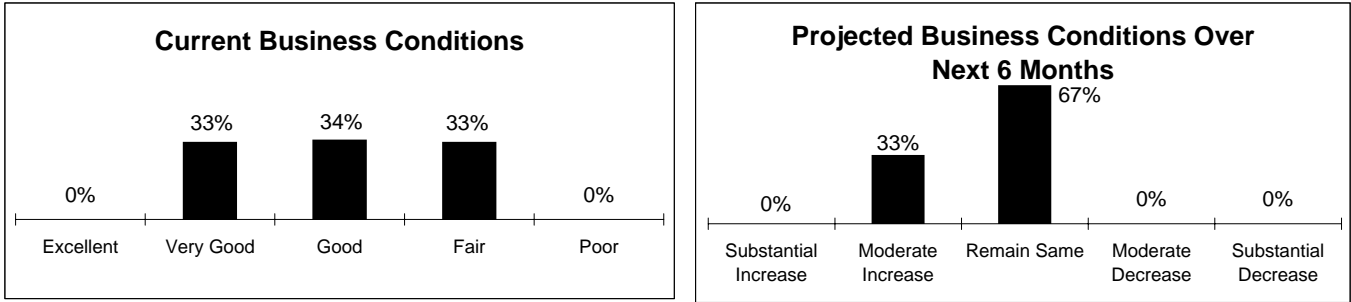


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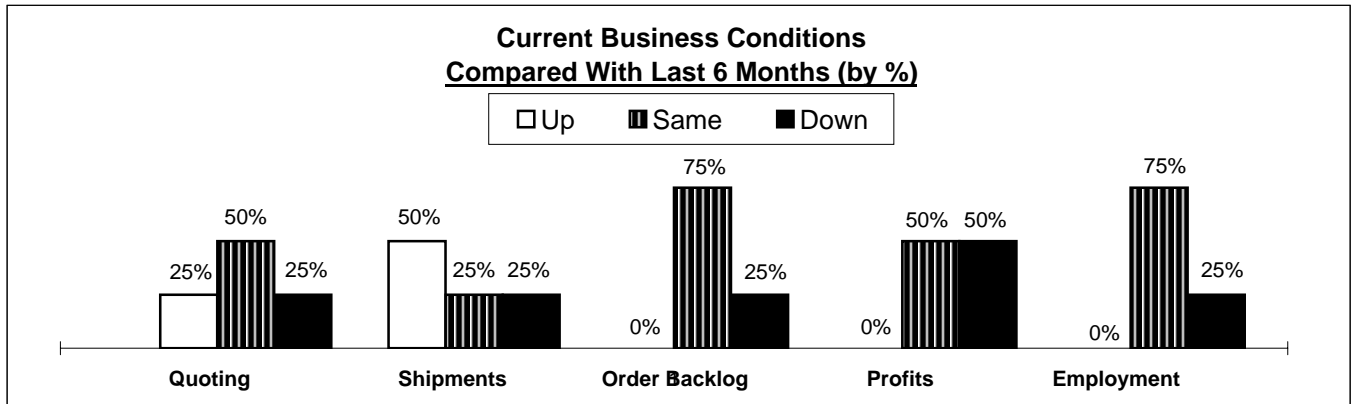
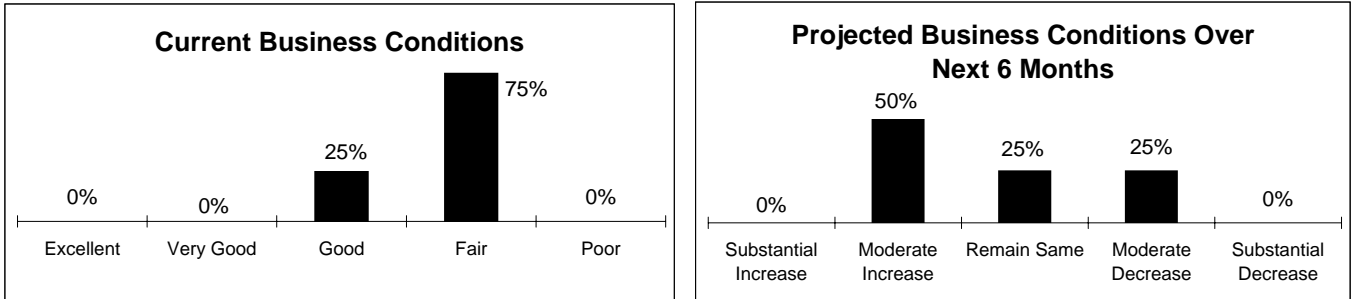
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TOOL, DIE & FIXTURE SECTOR
(3 survey responses)



MOULD SECTOR
(4 survey responses)



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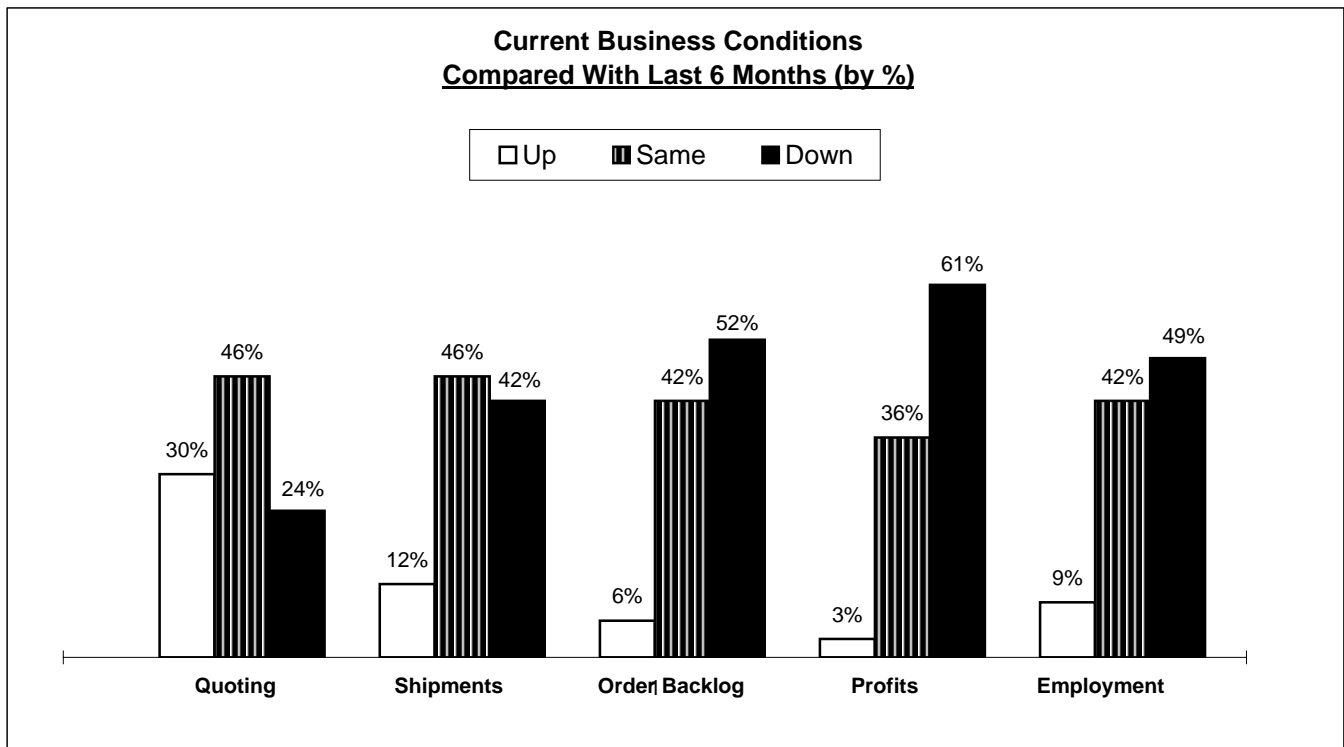
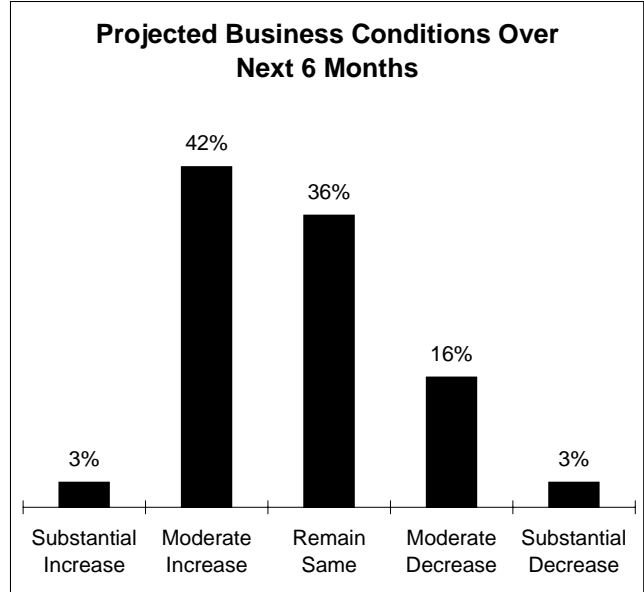
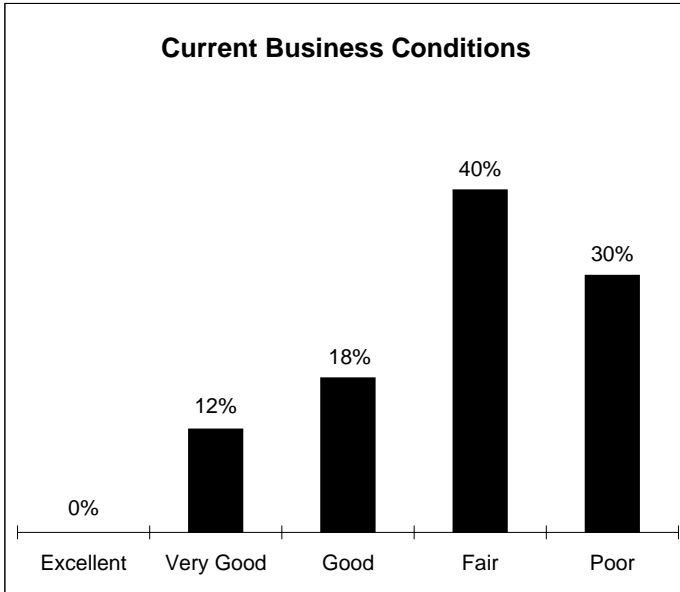
ALL SECTORS

(33 survey responses ... 20% of membership)

Total Number of Skilled Employees: 1,371 (at June 30, 2006) 1,266 (at Dec. 31, 2006)

Current Average Work Week Per Skilled Employee: 41.0 hours

Average Future Work on Order Books: 9.6 weeks



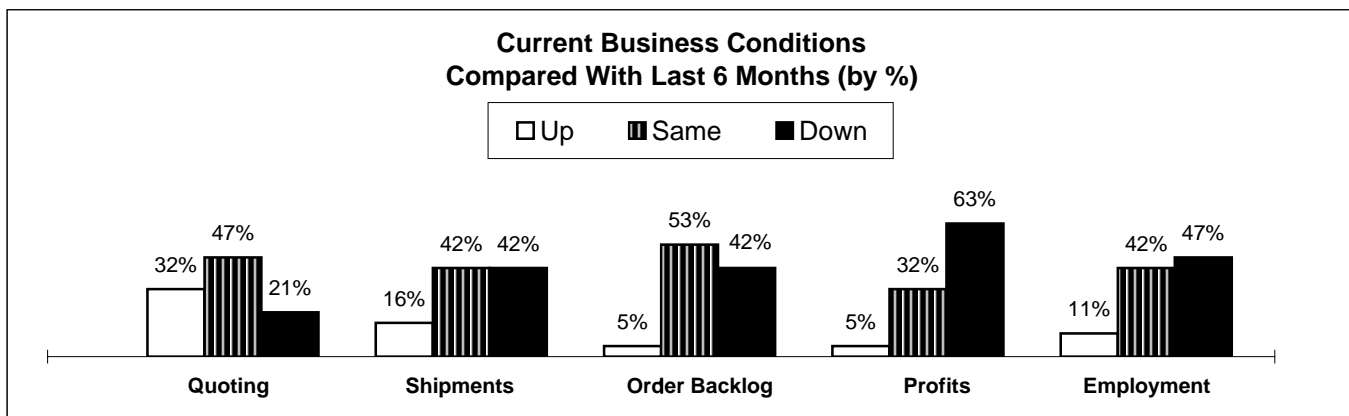
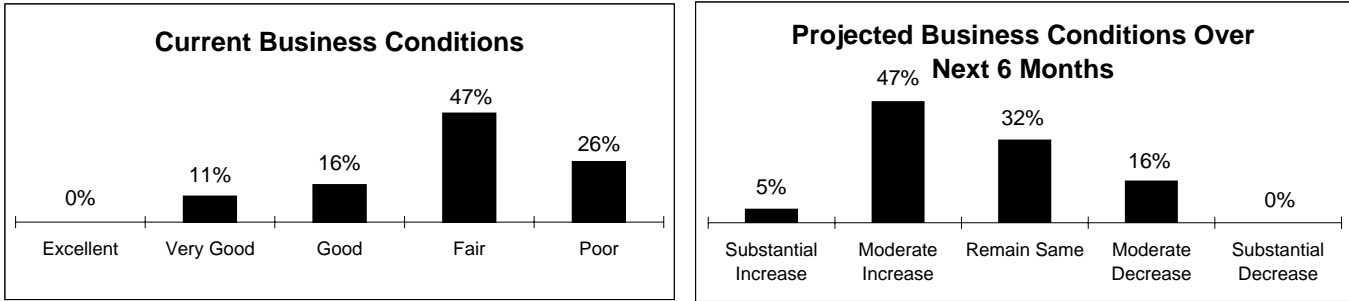
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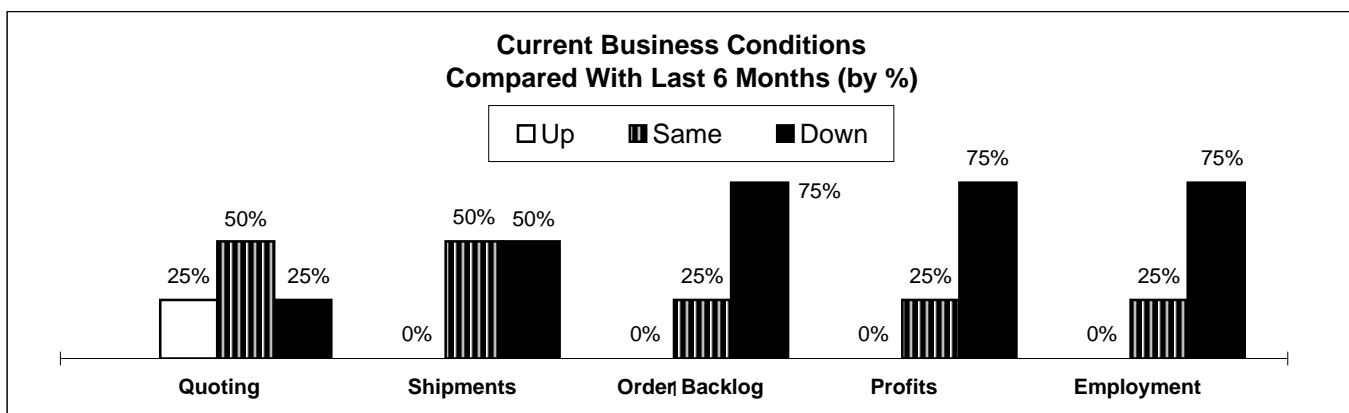
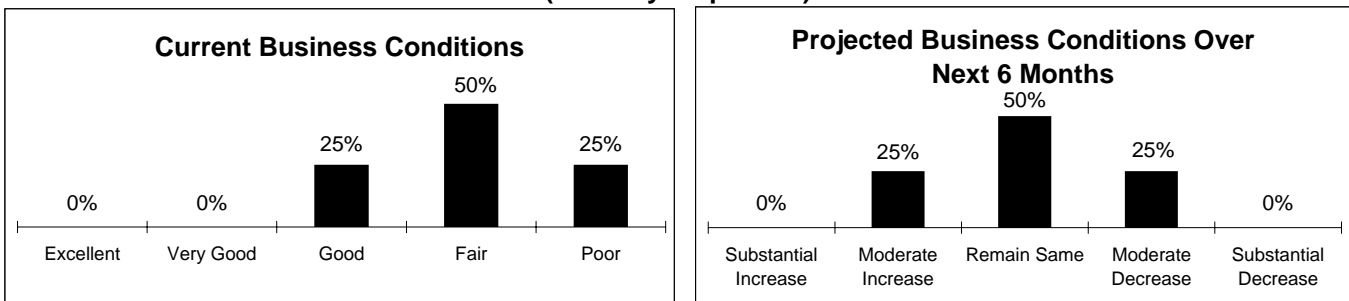
TOOL, DIE & FIXTURE SECTOR

(19 survey responses)



MOULD SECTOR

(4 survey responses)

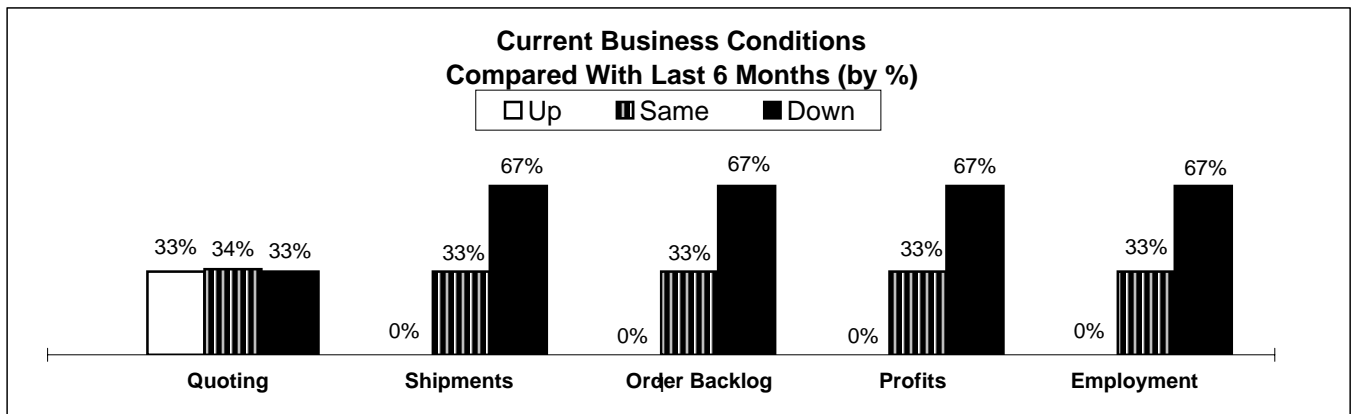
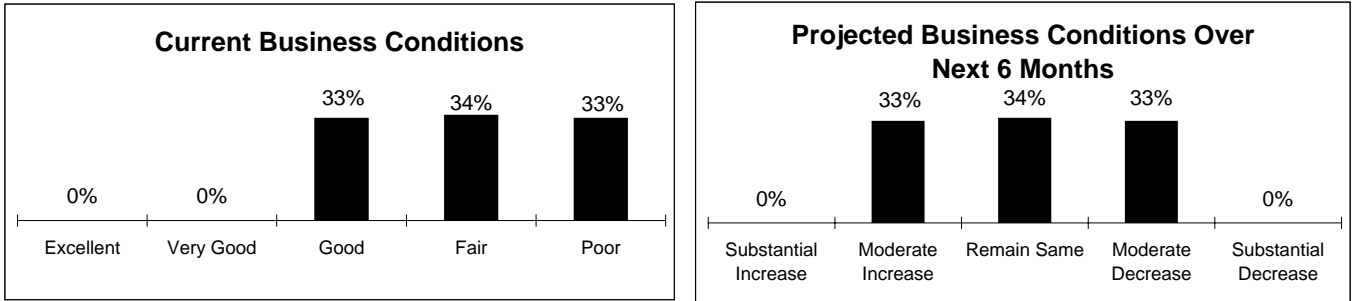


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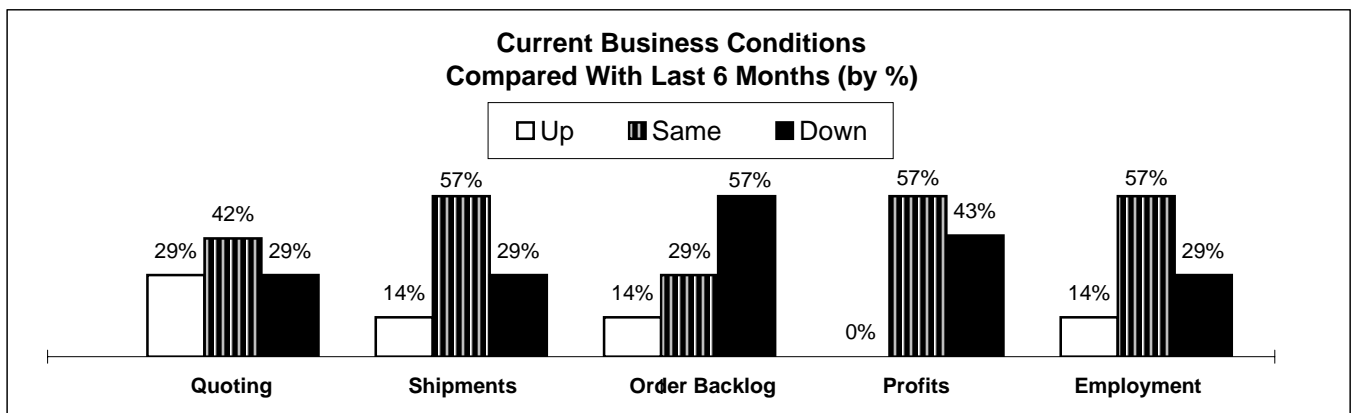
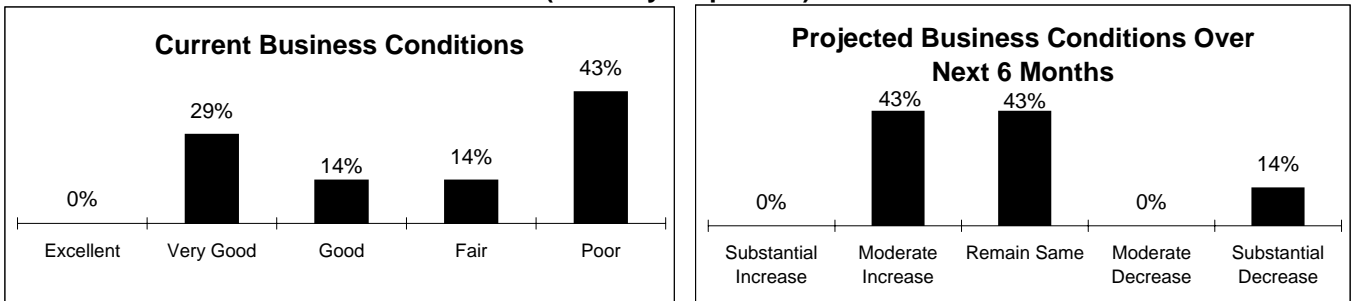
SPECIAL MACHINES SECTOR

(3 survey responses)



PRECISION MACHINING SECTOR

(7 survey responses)



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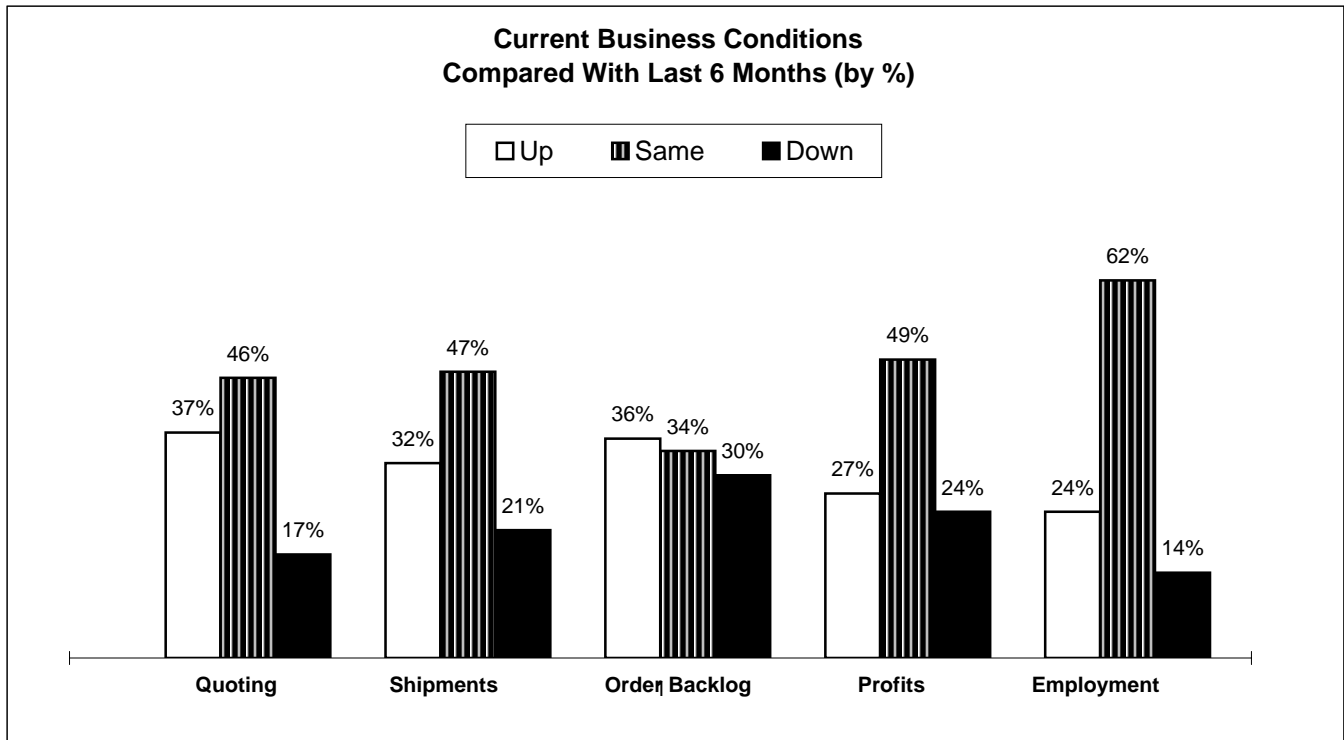
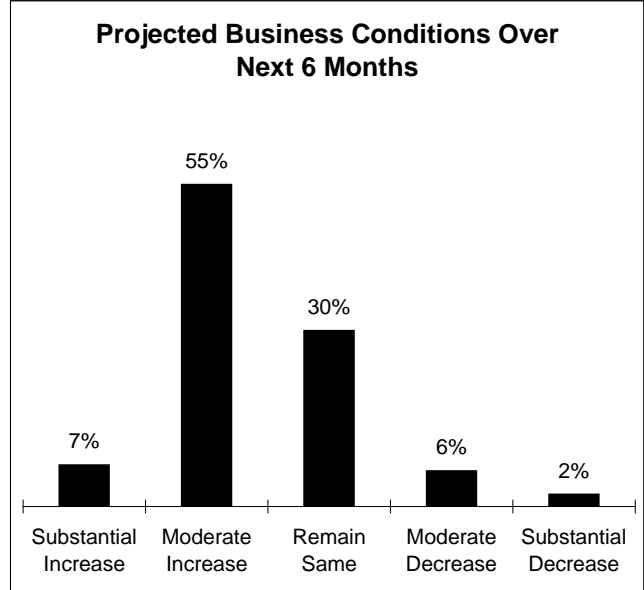
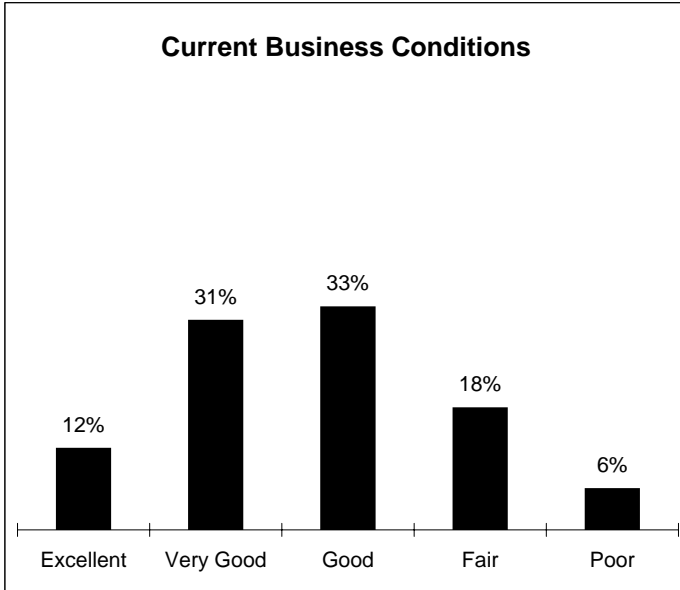
ALL SECTORS

(366 survey responses ... 22% of membership)

Total Number of Skilled Employees: 16,942 (at June 30, 2006) 17,205 (at Dec. 31, 2006)

Current Average Work Week Per Skilled Employee: 46.5 hours

Average Future Work on Order Books: 14 weeks



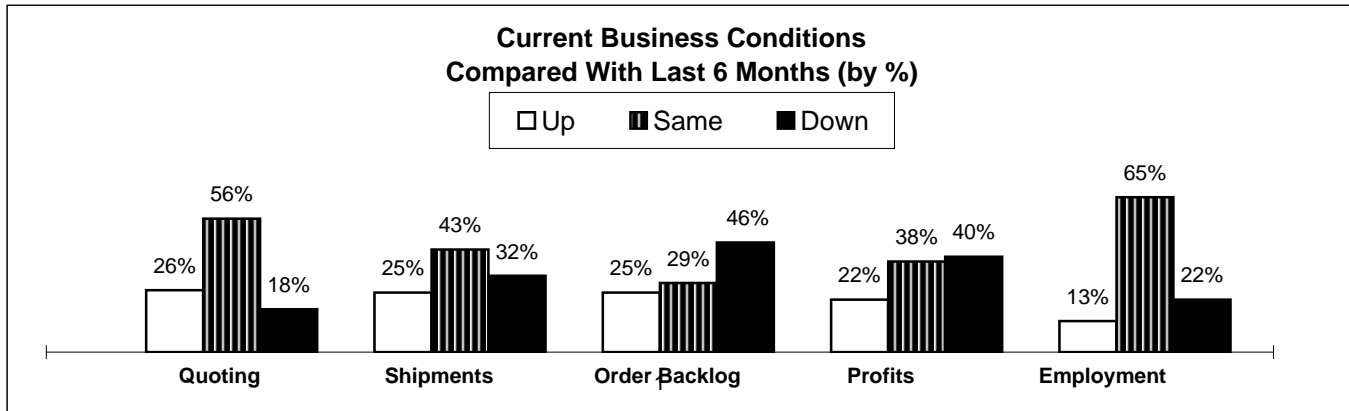
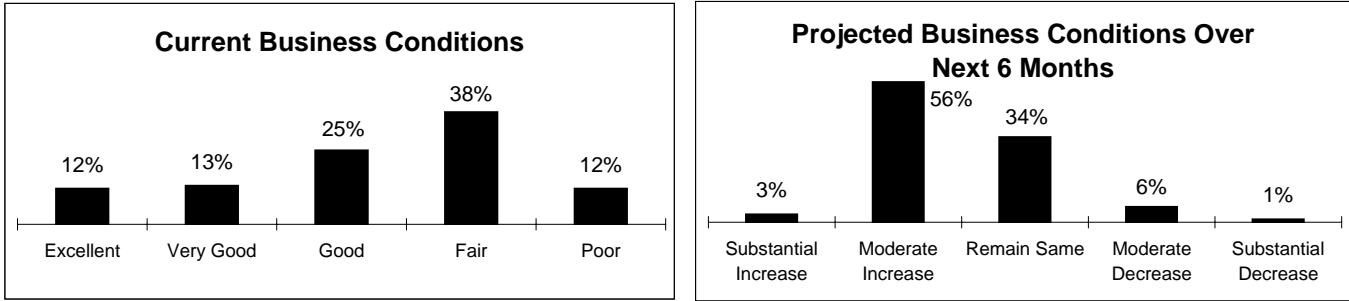
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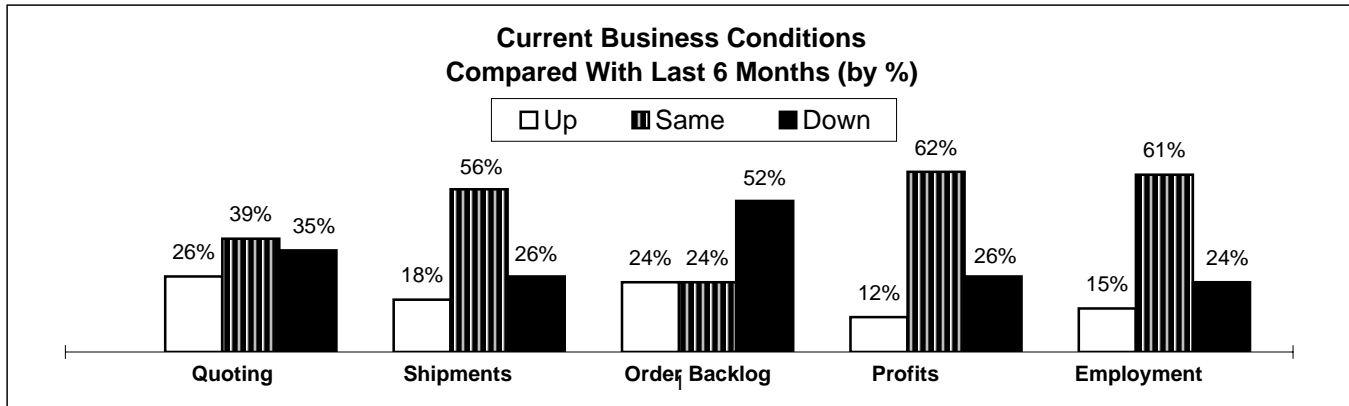
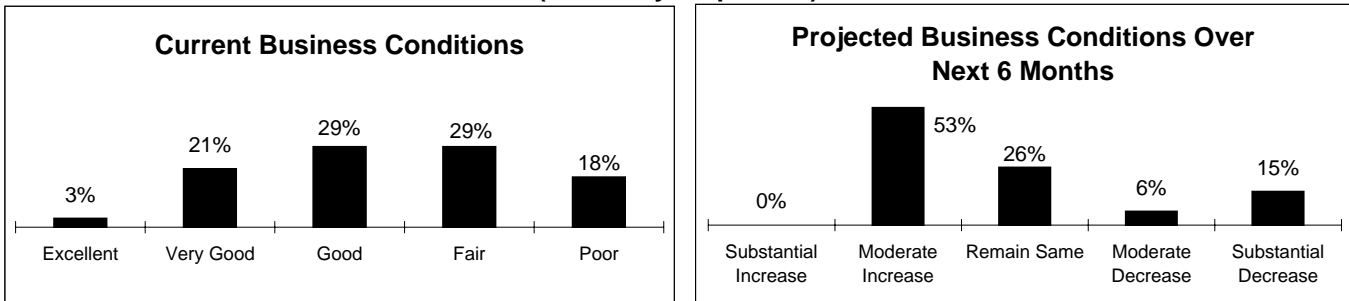
TOOL, DIE & FIXTURE SECTOR

(68 survey responses)



MOLD SECTOR

(34 survey responses)



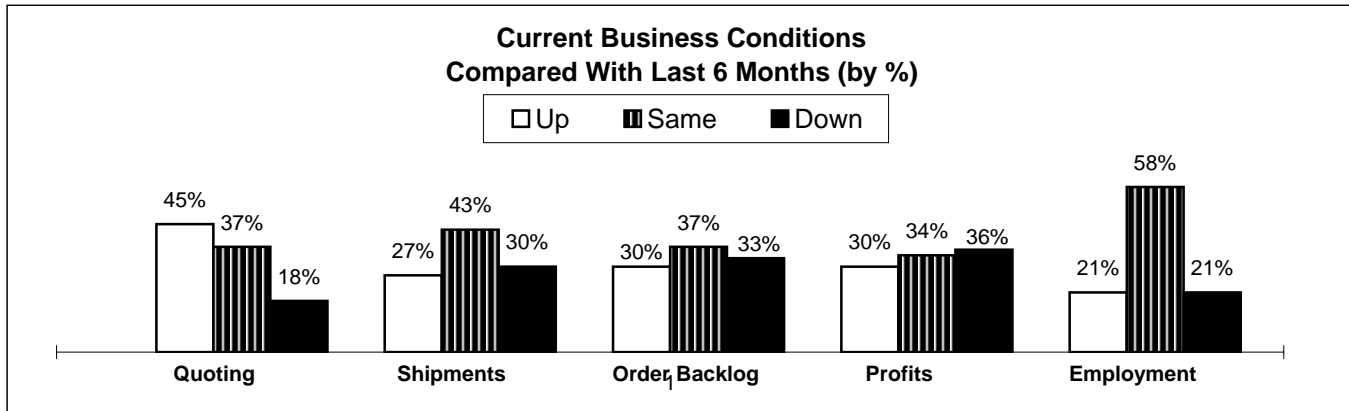
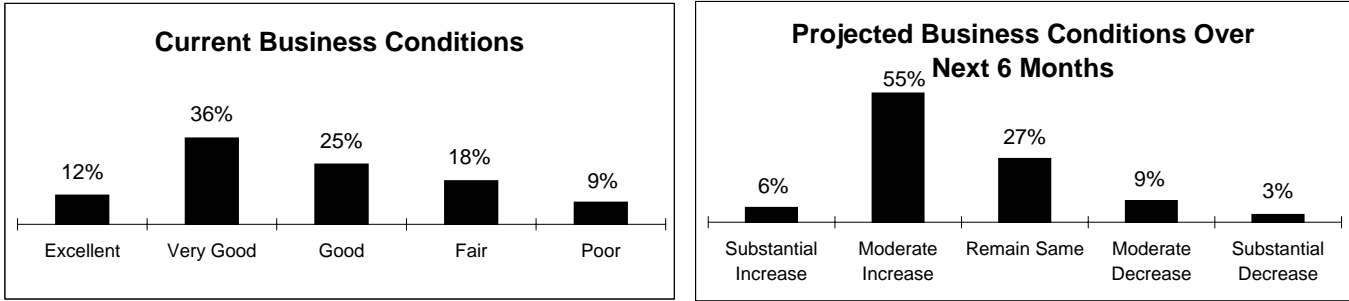
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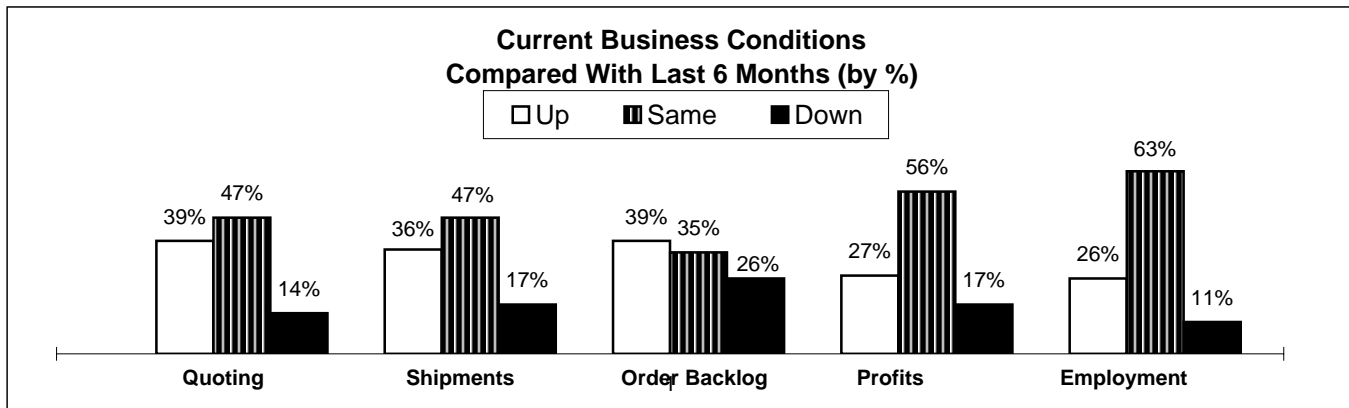
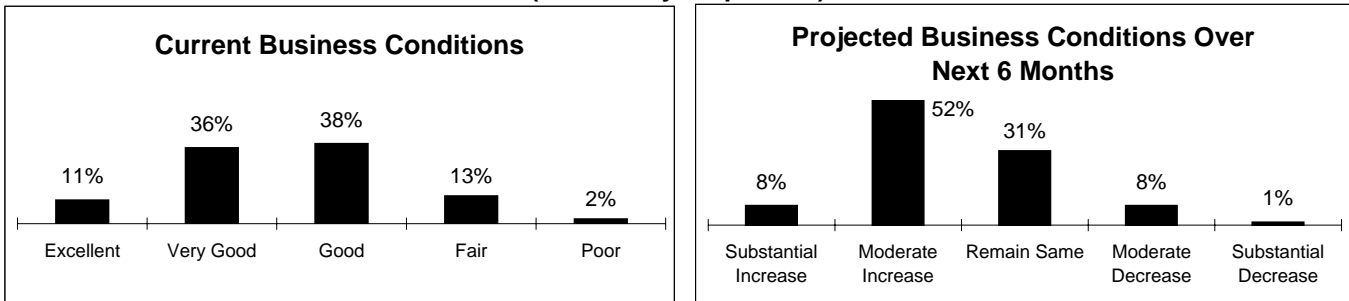
SPECIAL MACHINES SECTOR

(33 survey responses)



PRECISION MACHINING SECTOR (excluding Aerospace)

(168 survey responses)



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AEROSPACE MACHINING & FABRICATION SECTOR

(63 survey responses)

