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Logistics Indicator

Results for 2006-Q4 to 2013-Q1

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See methodology on slide 11.

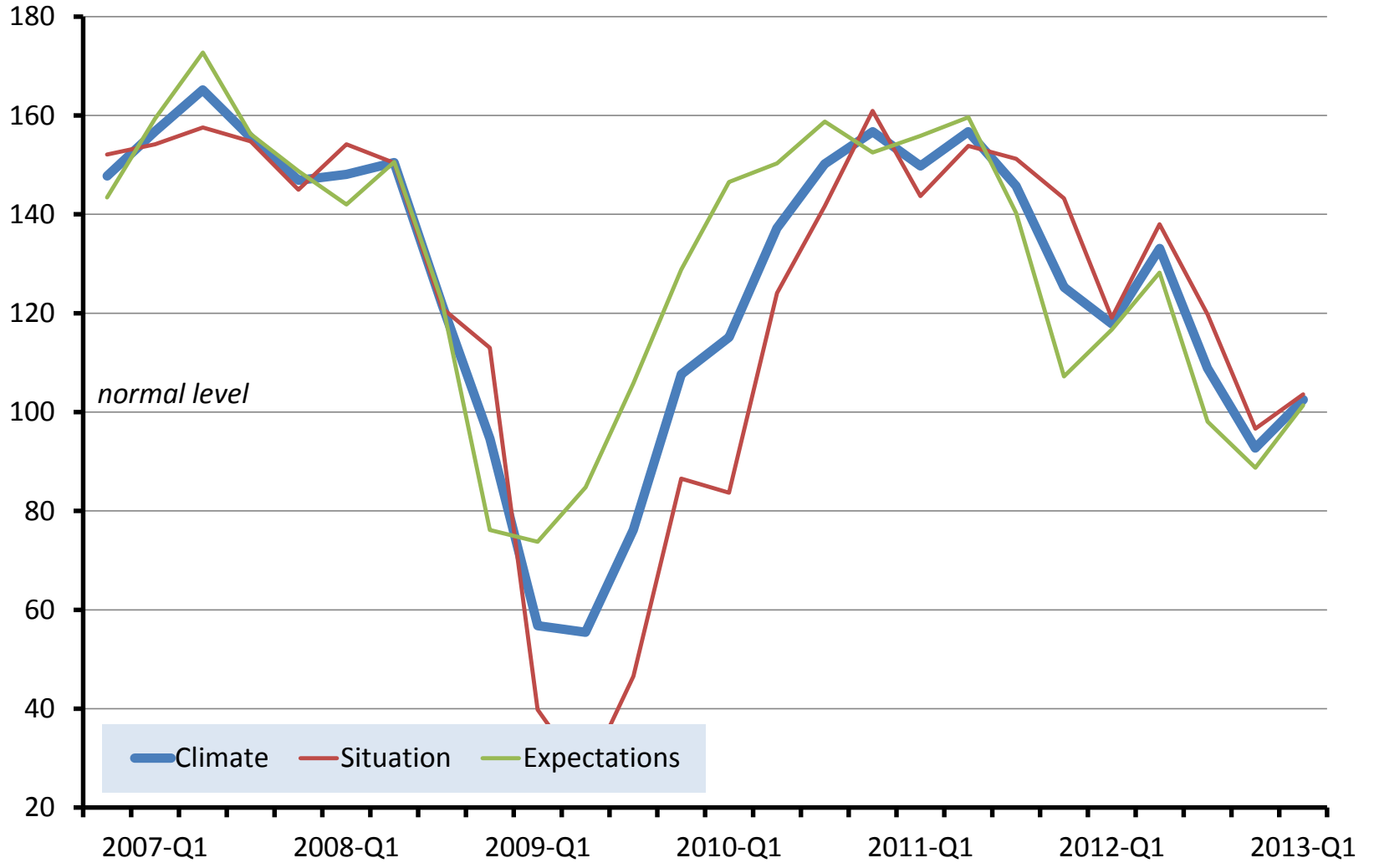


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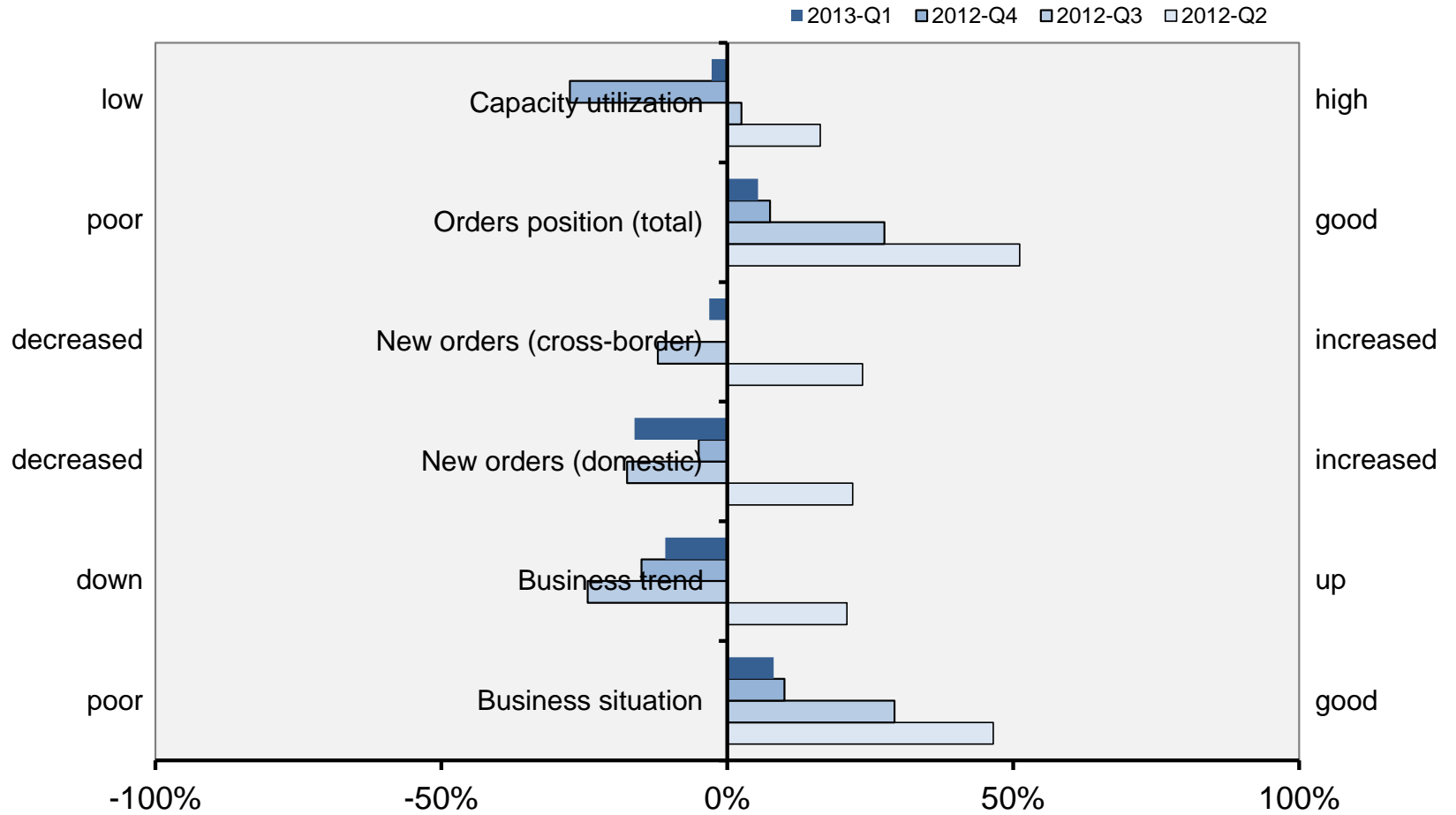


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Logistics Service Providers: Situation

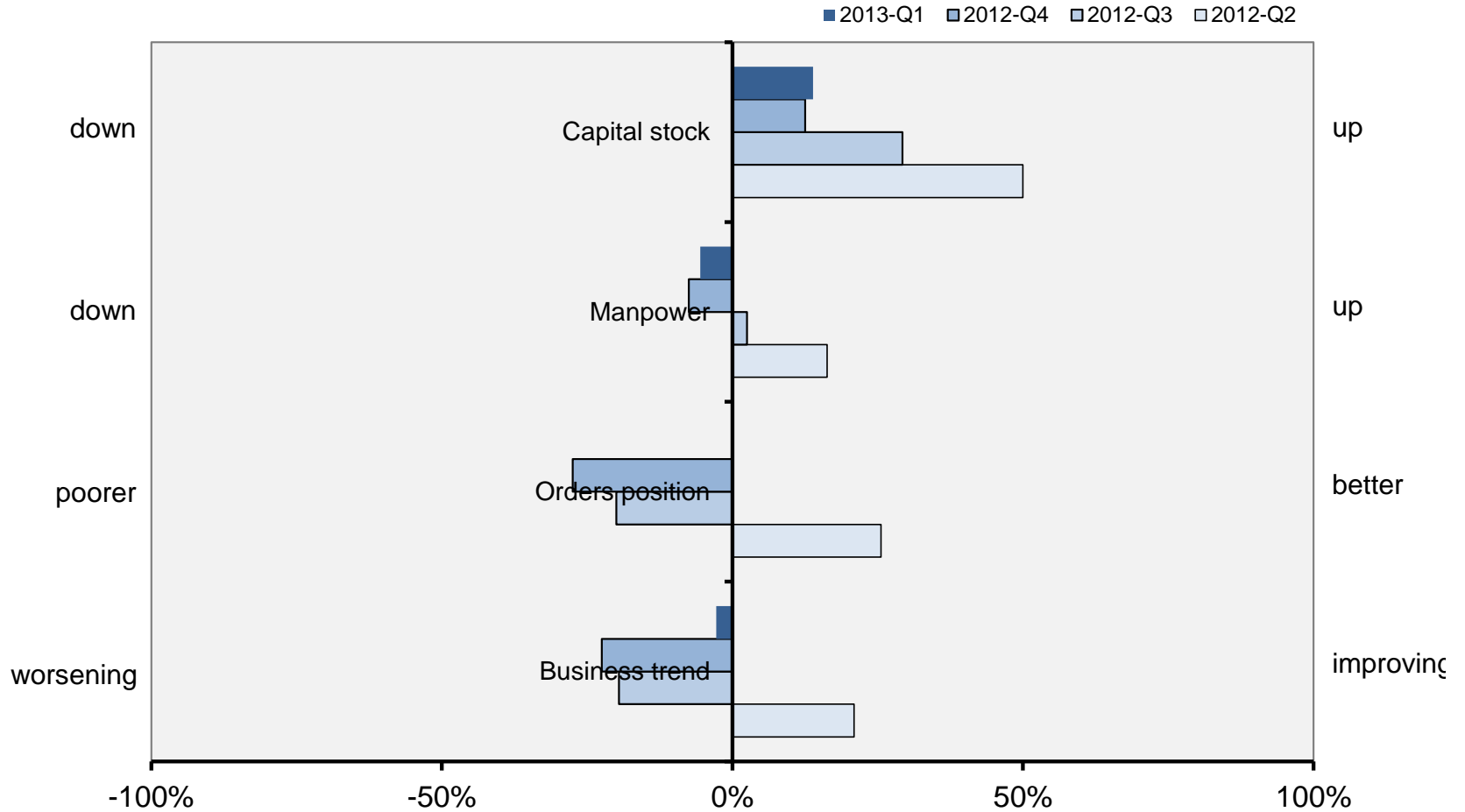
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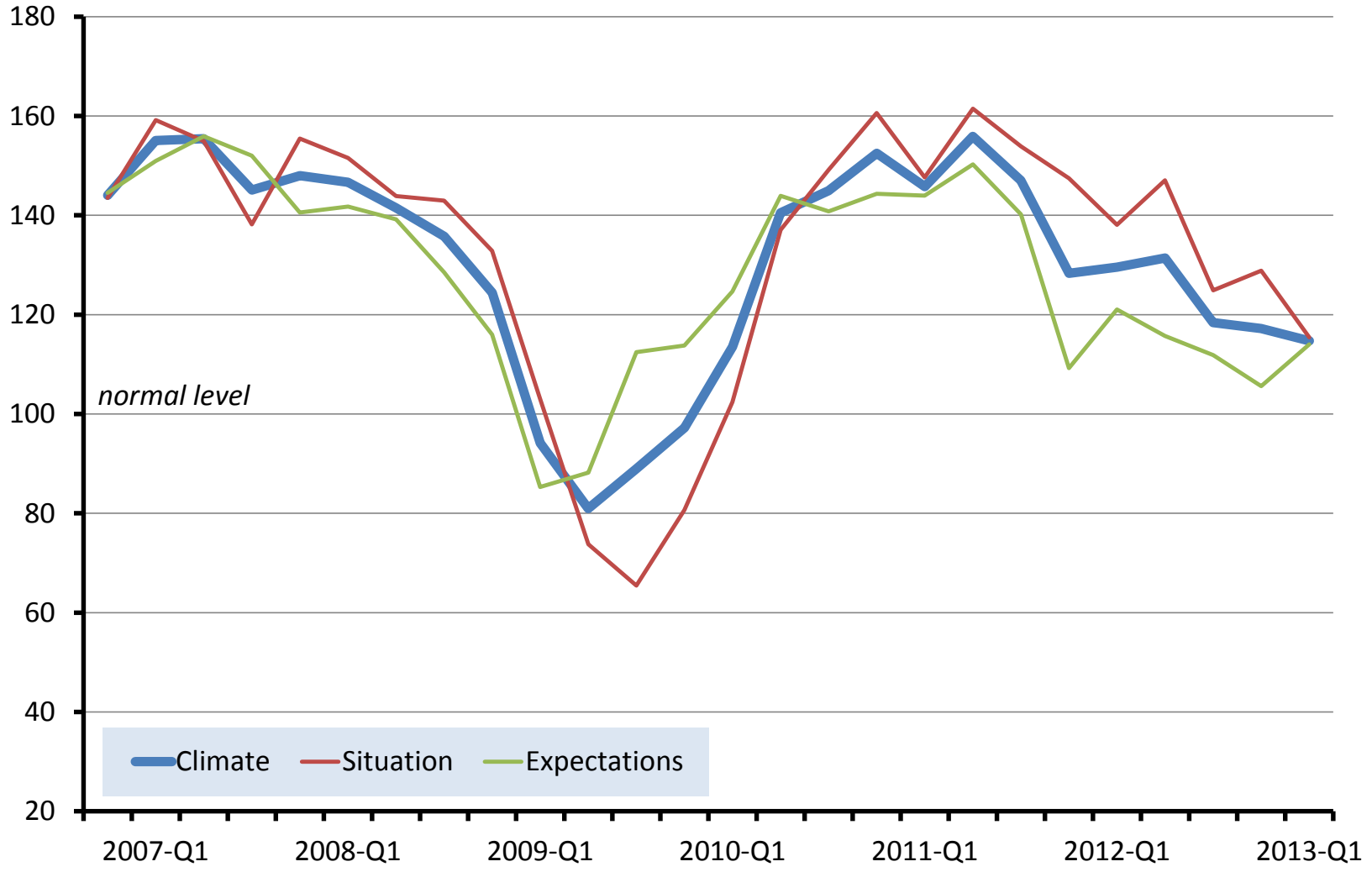
Logistics Service Providers: Expectations

Balances (positive minus negative) as percent of total answers; horizon: 12 months



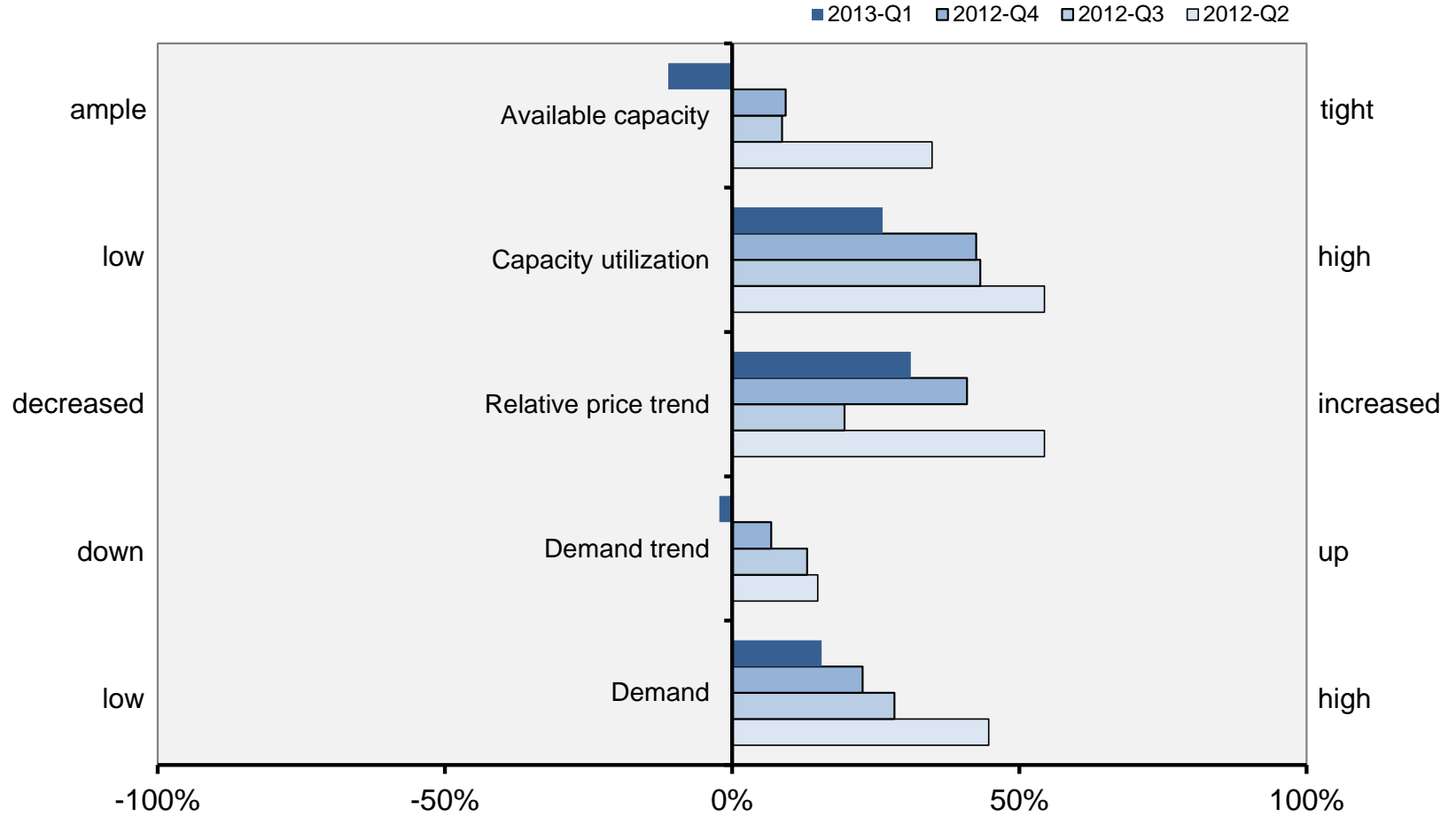
Logistics Activity in Industry and Trade

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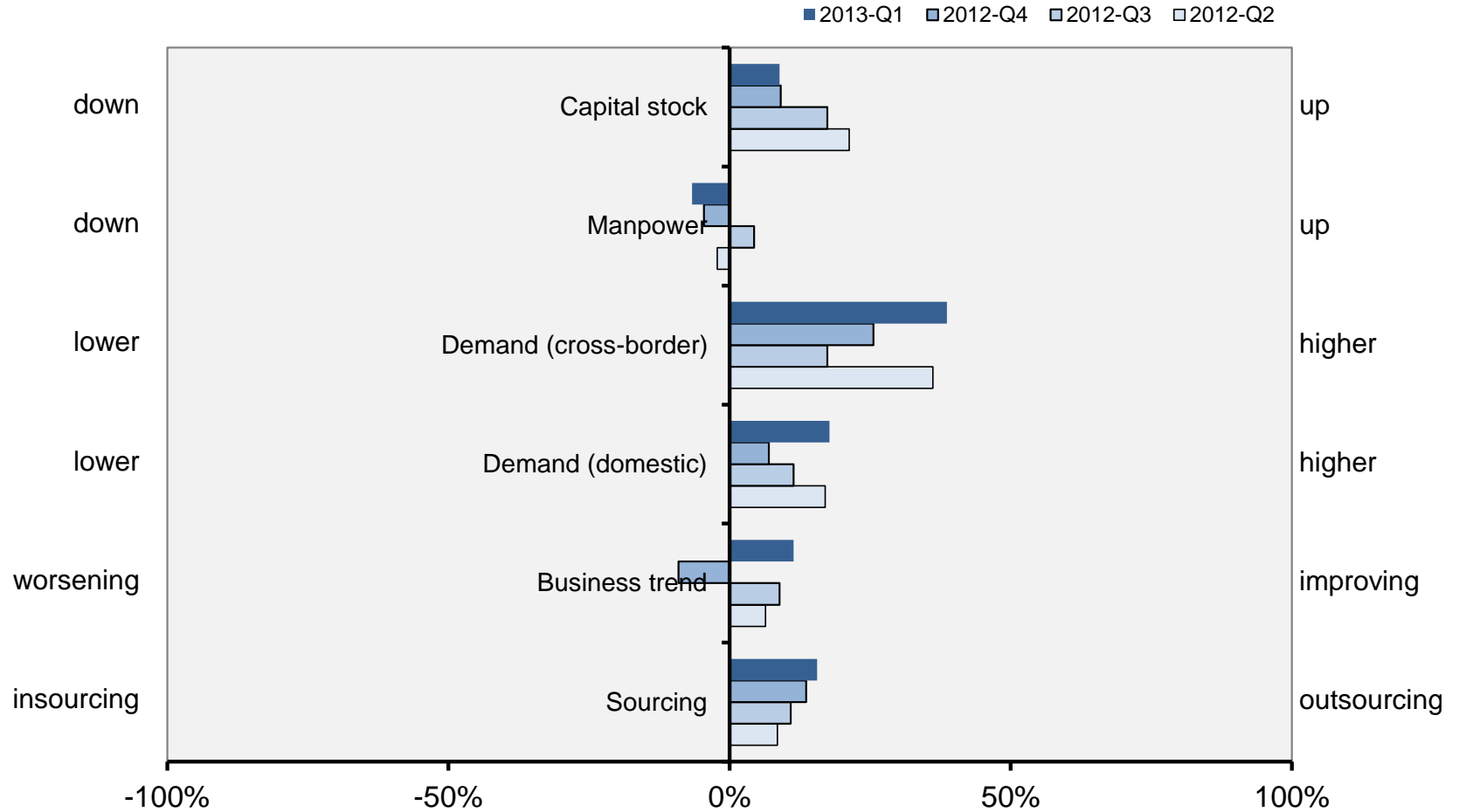
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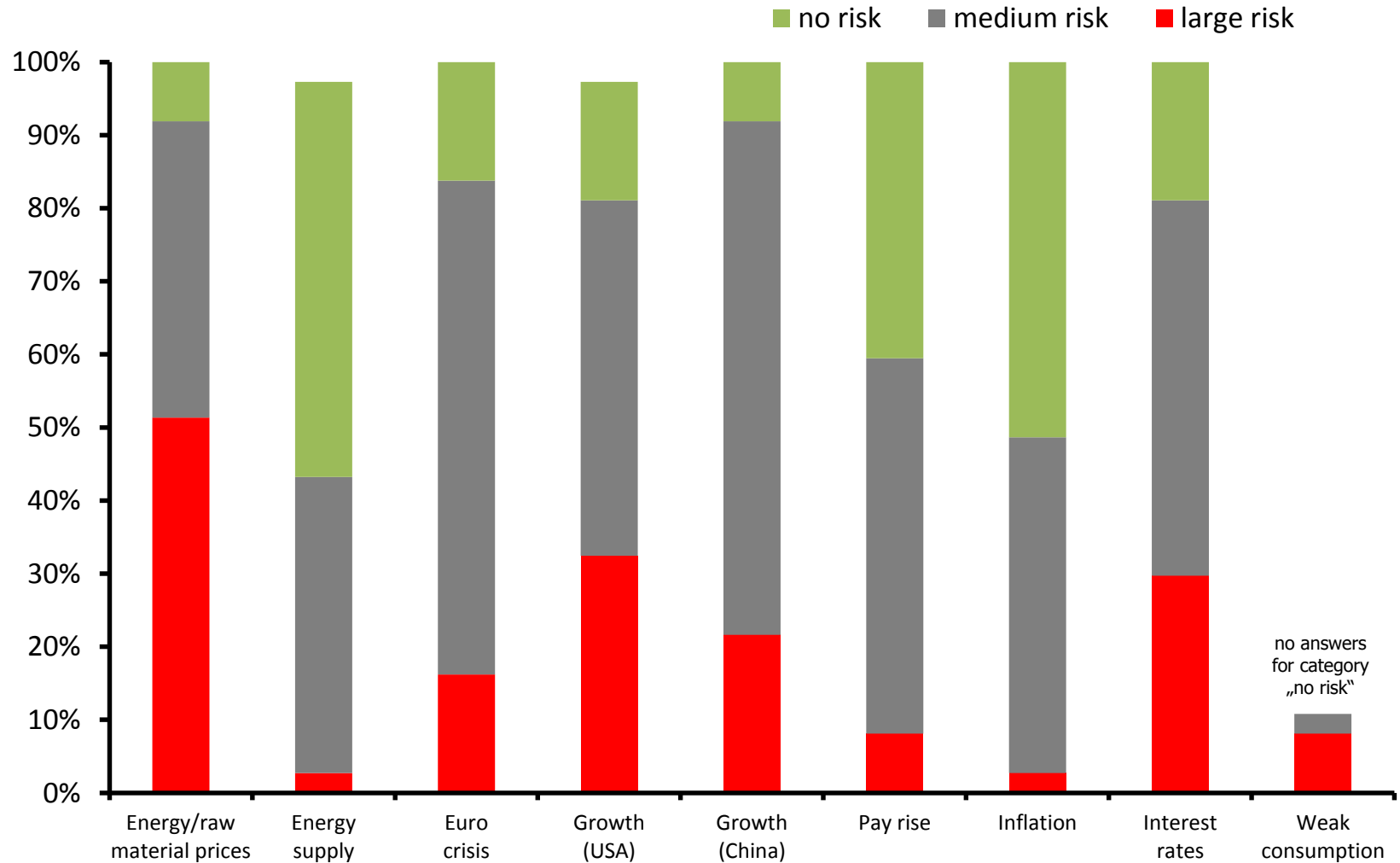
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Business Risks: Service Provider

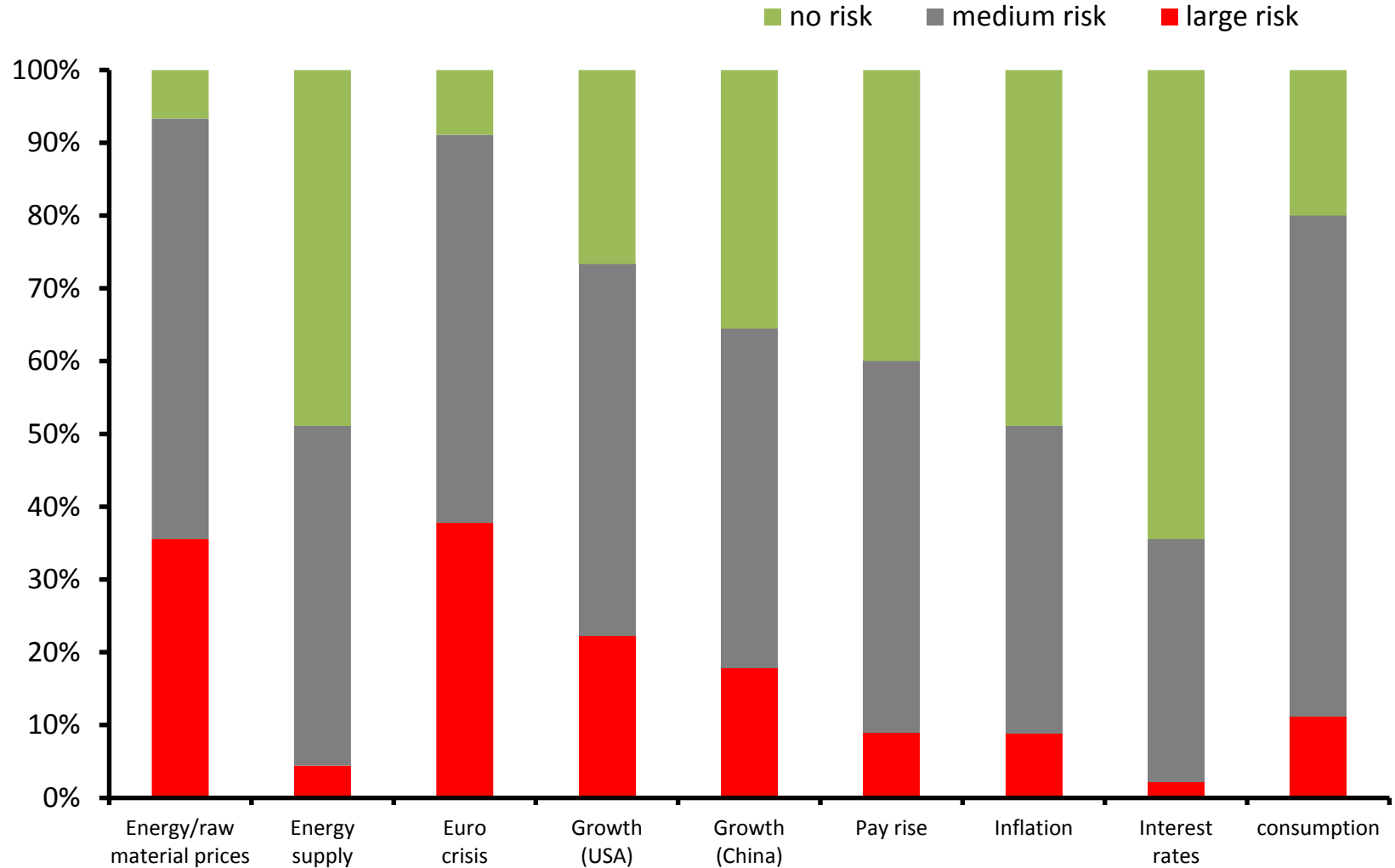
Percent of all respondents, weighted by turnout



Question: Please evaluate major business risks in 2013.

Business Risks: Industry and Trade

Percent of all respondents, weighted by turnout



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Methodology

- The quarterly Logistics Indicator is computed by the Kiel Institute for the World Economy on behalf of the German Logistics Association (BVL). It reflects the current business situation as well as the expectations over the next 12 months of Germany's logistics service providers and customers of logistical services in industry and trade. Each quarter, a panel of 200 decision makers is polled (100 managers of the most important logistics service providers and 100 top executives of industrial customers of logistical services). Polling takes place in the first half of the mid-quarter month. The design of the questionnaire targets the cyclical assessment of all logistics-related activities in the Federal Republic of Germany. All questions on quarterly developments refer to seasonally adjusted values.
- For all questions, three alternative answers apply: positive/expansionary, normal/neutral, and negative/contractionary. In a first step, the polled answers are balanced by subtracting the negative answers from the positive ones. The results are then related to the number of all answers for each question (the resulting percentage values are published separately, see slides 4, 5, 7, and 8).
Next, for each market side and each indicator category (current situation and 12-months expectations) all relative balances are averaged and scaled to a span reaching from 0 (implying that 100 % of all answers are negative) to 200 (only positive answers). A value of 100 (normal level) indicates that positive and negative answers are equally represented. By further averaging the situation and expectations components the climate indicator for each market side results. Finally, the composite logistics indicator represents the equally weighted mean of the corresponding specific market side values.