

# Master Builders Australia

## Industry Survey

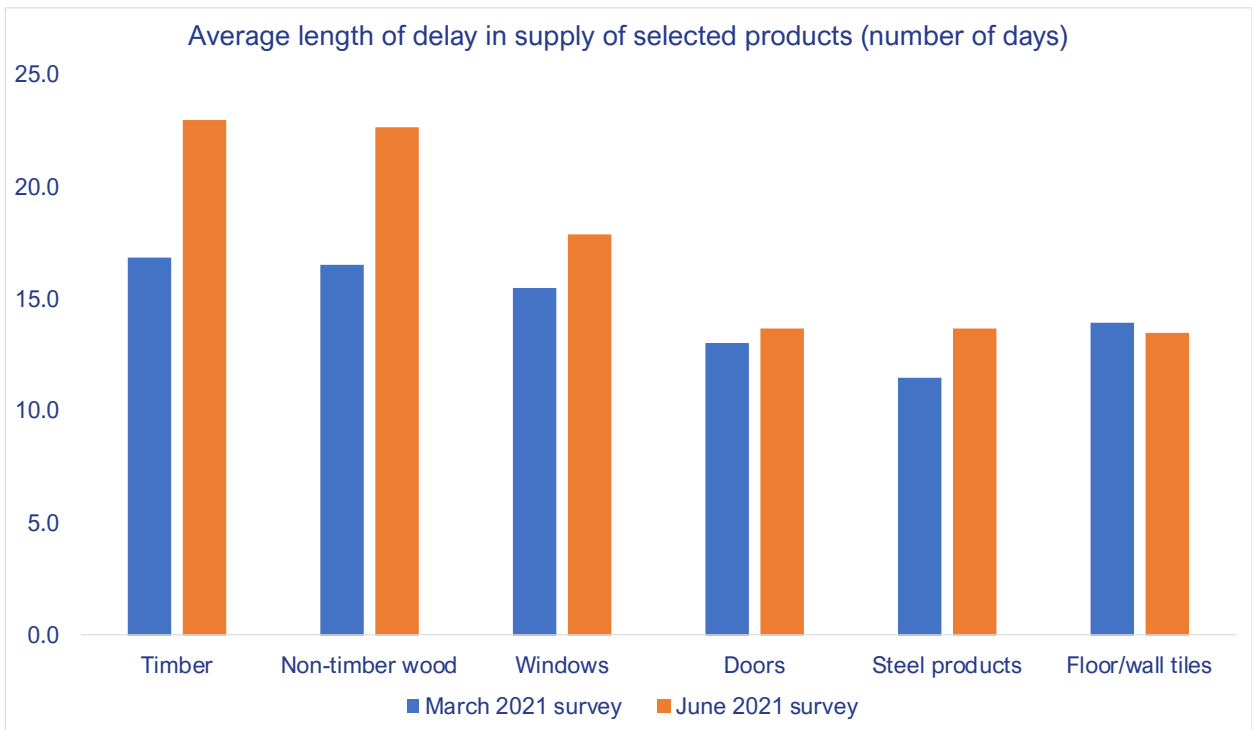
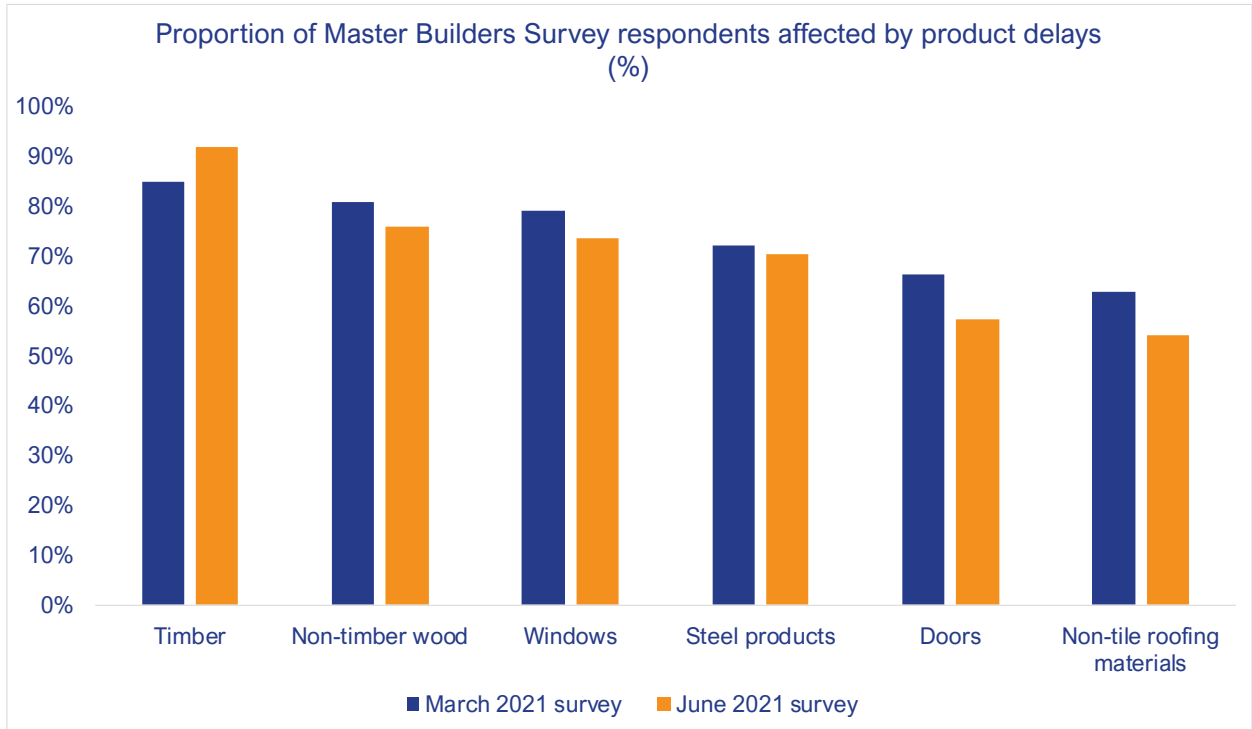
### June 2021

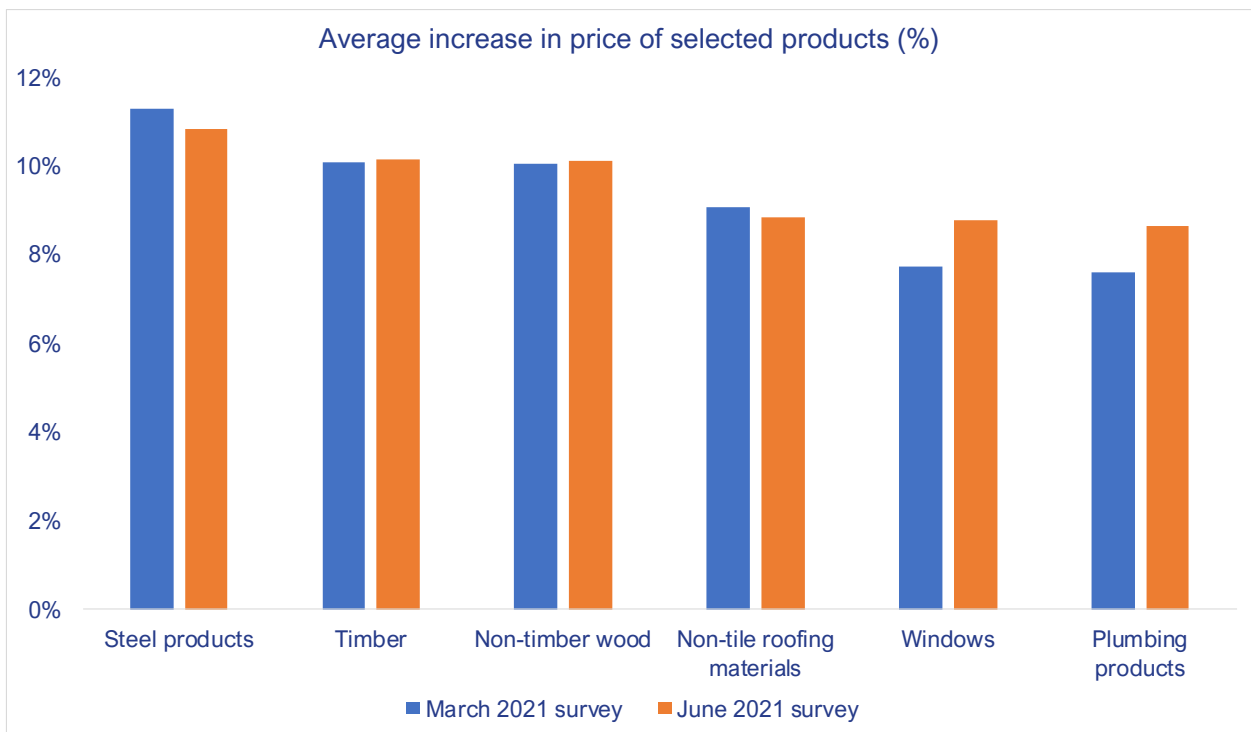
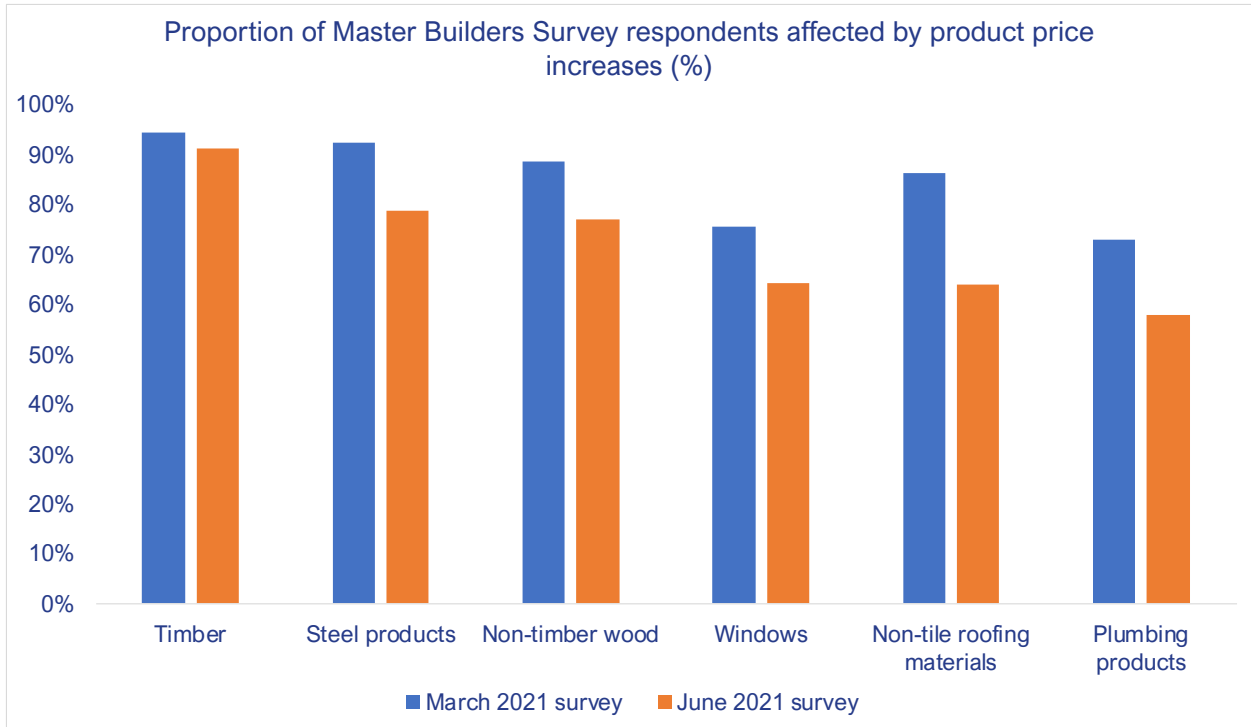
#### **Summary: supply pressures still biting**

- This survey was conducted during the second half of June 2021 and was of a similar design to a Master Builders Australia survey conducted during March 2021.
- The results show that supply issues with respect to building materials and trades continue to represent a significant challenge for our industry.
- Timber, other wood products, windows, steel products and roofing supplies represent the greatest difficulties in the market for building materials.
- For other building materials, there are some indications that the product supply situation has improved since March.
- In contrast, trade supply pressures appear to have worsened markedly since March across almost all 15 categories.
- The tightest trade supply pressures relate to bricklayers, carpenters, concreters, electricians and floor finishers.
- For both materials and trades, these supply issues typically involve longer-than-usual delays in accessing the product as well as price increases.

#### **Building materials: timber represents biggest headache**

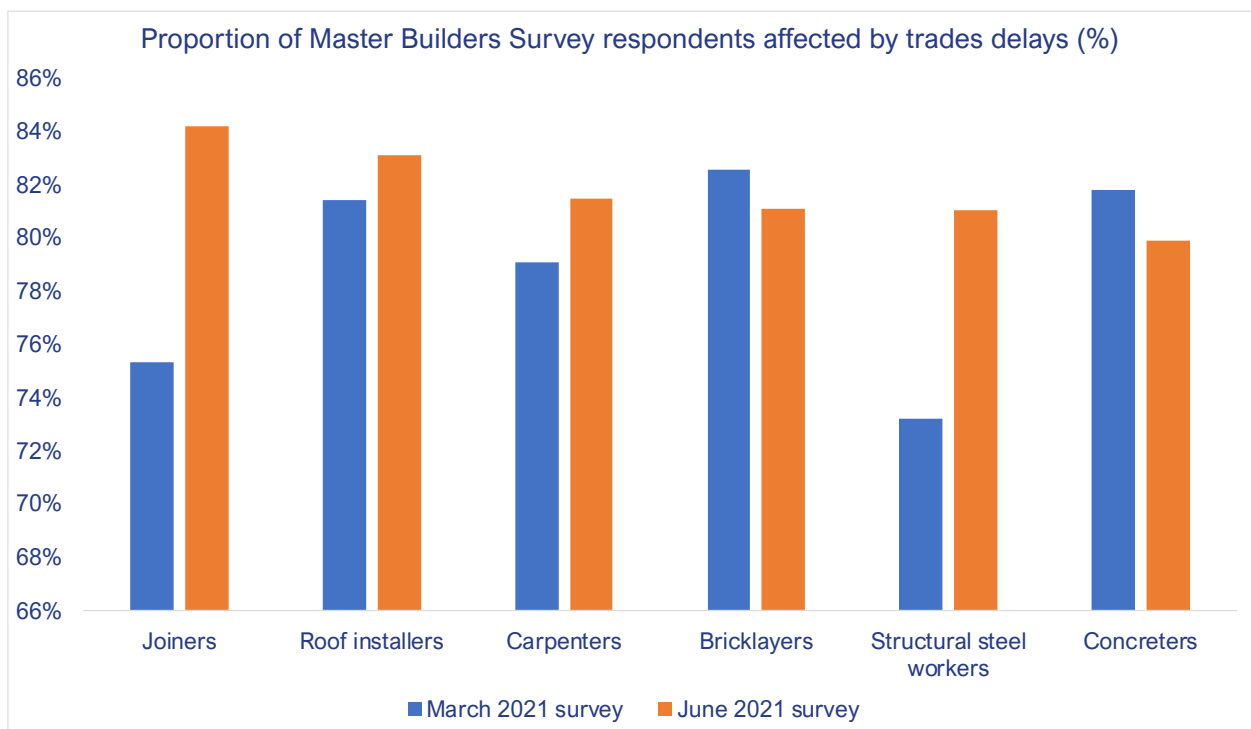
- Delays are more common than not in accessing six categories of building product (out of 19 included in the survey).
- These six categories are timber, non-timber wood, windows, steel products, doors and non-tile roofing materials.
- Most respondents have seen the price increase for 13 of the 19 categories of material included in the survey.
- Price increases were most common for timber (91.1 per cent), steel products (78.8 per cent), other wood (77.1 per cent), windows (64.2 per cent) and non-tile roofing (64.1 per cent).
- The largest average price increases affected steel products (+10.8 per cent), timber (+10.1 per cent), non-timber wood (+10.1 per cent), non-tile roofing (+8.8 per cent) and windows (+8.8 per cent).

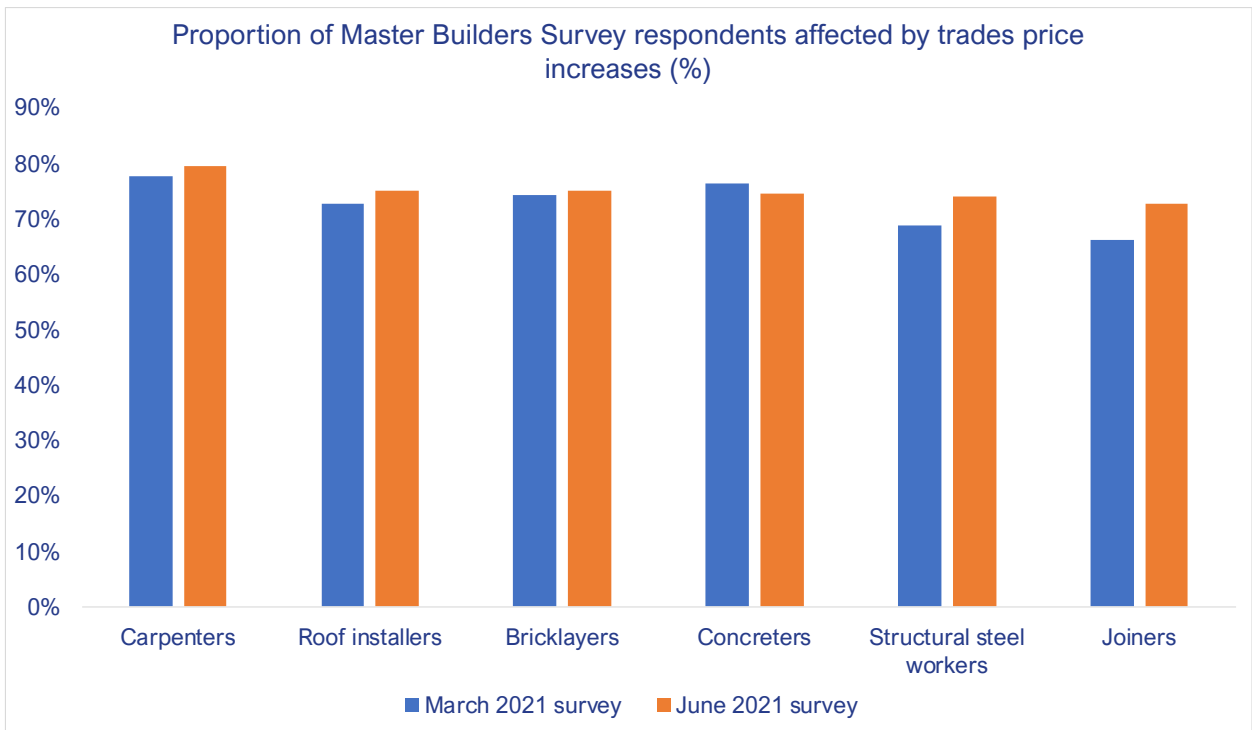
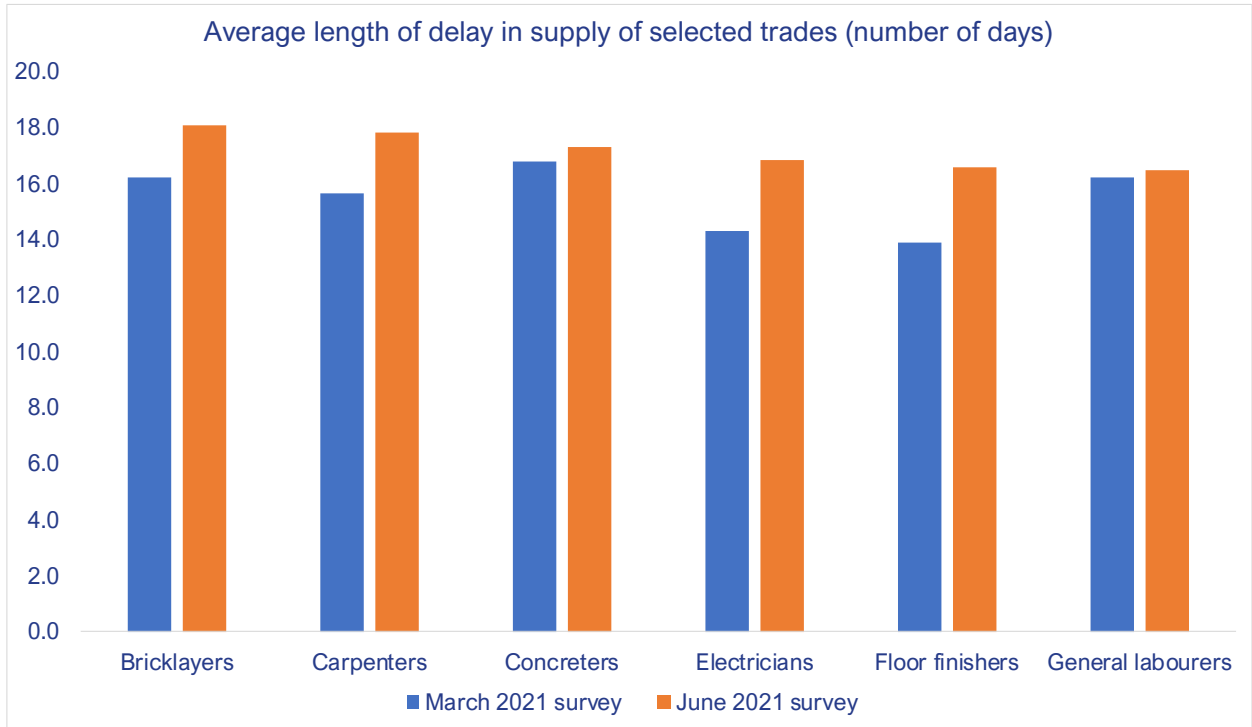




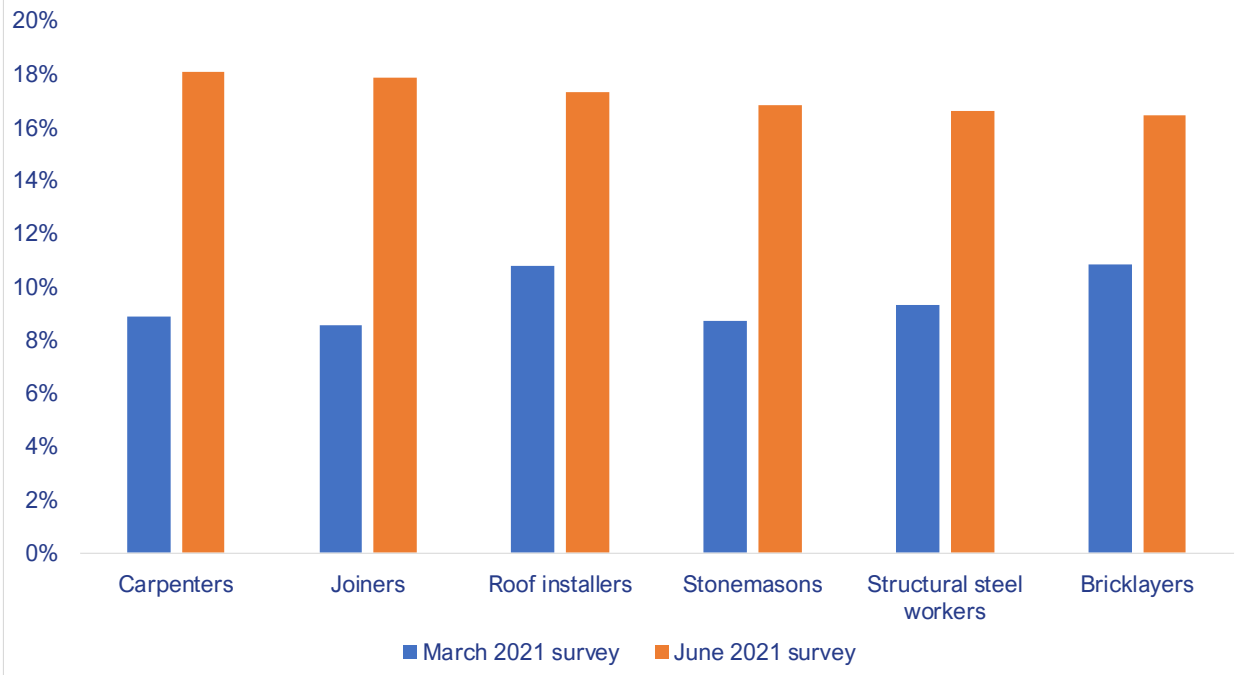
## Trades: delays lengthen, price pressure accelerate

- In general, the trade supply situation appears to be more challenging than with products.
- The majority of survey respondents have experienced both delays and price increases for every single one of the 15 trade categories included in the survey.
- The survey shows that average delays are longest when it comes to the supply of bricklayers, carpenters, concreters, electricians and floor finishers.
- In terms of average trade price rises, the largest have affected carpenters (+18.0 per cent), joiners (+17.8 per cent), roof installers (+17.3 per cent), stonemasons (+16.8 per cent) and structural steel workers (+16.6 per cent).
- There has been a significant worsening of conditions with respect to delays and price increases in the market for trades since March.





Average increase in price of selected trades (%)



## Detailed results tables

Master Builders Australia survey: proportion of respondents experiencing product delays				
	Product	March 2021 survey	June 2021 survey	Percentage point change (+/-)
1	Timber	84.8%	91.7%	+6.89
2	Wood (apart from timber)	80.8%	75.7%	-5.15
3	Bricks	49.8%	45.8%	-3.93
4	Floor/wall tiles	56.5%	44.4%	-12.19
5	Roof tiles	41.1%	34.6%	-6.53
6	Other roofing materials	62.6%	53.9%	-8.73
7	Cement and cement products	30.2%	29.7%	-0.47
8	Ready mixed concrete	27.1%	24.9%	-2.15
9	Concrete	26.9%	25.3%	-1.62
10	Sand	16.5%	10.8%	-5.64
11	Steel products	72.0%	70.4%	-1.57
12	Plumbing products	58.4%	45.9%	-12.49
13	Doors	66.2%	57.2%	-8.96
14	Windows	79.1%	73.3%	-5.75
15	Electrical equipment	49.7%	42.2%	-7.53
16	Insulation	30.0%	28.9%	-1.01
17	Plaster	29.8%	27.2%	-2.55
18	Plasterboard	30.2%	29.1%	-1.17
19	Waterproofing materials	23.9%	22.3%	-1.57

Source: Master Builders Australia industry surveys

Master Builders Australia survey: average length of delay in accessing products (number of days)

	Product	March 2021 survey	June 2021 survey	Change (days)
1	Timber	16.80	22.98	+6.18
2	Wood (apart from timber)	16.51	22.65	+6.14
3	Bricks	11.76	11.21	-0.55
4	Floor/wall tiles	13.94	13.49	-0.45
5	Roof tiles	17.41	12.41	-5.00
6	Other roofing materials	14.73	12.24	-2.49
7	Cement and cement products	9.59	9.79	+0.20
8	Ready mixed concrete	8.14	7.67	-0.48
9	Concrete	10.00	8.26	-1.74
10	Sand	8.71	8.61	-0.09
11	Steel products	11.48	13.66	+2.18
12	Plumbing products	11.69	11.34	-0.36
13	Doors	13.00	13.68	+0.69
14	Windows	15.47	17.85	+2.38
15	Electrical equipment	12.53	12.20	-0.33
16	Insulation	10.02	8.77	-1.25
17	Plaster	9.97	10.08	+0.11
18	Plasterboard	9.37	9.25	-0.12
19	Waterproofing materials	9.21	8.97	-0.24

Source: Master Builders Australia industry surveys



Master Builders Australia survey: proportion of respondents experiencing price increases (%)

	Product	March 2021 survey	June 2021 survey	Percentage point change (+/-)
1	Timber	94.4%	91.1%	-3.26
2	Wood (apart from timber)	88.5%	77.1%	-11.40
3	Bricks	71.3%	52.6%	-18.71
4	Floor/wall tiles	53.3%	43.9%	-9.34
5	Roof tiles	54.5%	35.6%	-18.89
6	Other roofing materials	86.3%	64.1%	-22.28
7	Cement and cement products	67.8%	53.6%	-14.11
8	Ready mixed concrete	73.3%	54.2%	-19.13
9	Concrete	75.5%	54.3%	-21.13
10	Sand	54.3%	39.1%	-15.28
11	Steel products	92.4%	78.8%	-13.55
12	Plumbing products	72.9%	57.8%	-15.11
13	Doors	72.5%	55.0%	-17.43
14	Windows	75.5%	64.2%	-11.23
15	Electrical equipment	68.1%	50.7%	-17.36
16	Insulation	53.4%	42.9%	-10.49
17	Plaster	60.8%	44.1%	-16.75
18	Plasterboard	66.3%	51.4%	-14.96
19	Waterproofing materials	51.9%	40.3%	-11.63

Source: Master Builders Australia industry surveys

Master Builders Australia survey: average magnitude of product price increase (%)

	Product	March 2021 survey	June 2021 survey	Percentage point change (+/-)
1	Timber	10.1%	10.1%	+0.05
2	Wood (apart from timber)	10.0%	10.1%	+0.05
3	Bricks	7.2%	7.6%	+0.42
4	Floor/wall tiles	6.8%	6.6%	-0.17
5	Roof tiles	11.7%	5.8%	-5.85
6	Other roofing materials	9.1%	8.8%	-0.21
7	Cement and cement products	6.8%	7.1%	+0.35
8	Ready mixed concrete	6.9%	7.2%	+0.33
9	Concrete	7.1%	7.6%	+0.50
10	Sand	6.6%	6.1%	-0.54
11	Steel products	11.3%	10.8%	-0.46
12	Plumbing products	7.6%	8.6%	+1.05
13	Doors	7.3%	8.5%	+1.18
14	Windows	7.7%	8.8%	+1.04
15	Electrical equipment	7.7%	8.2%	+0.46
16	Insulation	6.4%	6.6%	+0.16
17	Plaster	7.1%	6.5%	-0.53
18	Plasterboard	6.7%	7.0%	+0.34
19	Waterproofing materials	7.1%	6.3%	-0.83

Source: Master Builders Australia industry surveys

Master Builders Australia survey: proportion of respondents experiencing trade delays

	Trade category	March 2021 survey	June 2021 survey	Percentage point change (+/-)
1	Bricklayers	82.6%	81.1%	-1.48
2	Carpenters	79.1%	81.4%	+2.35
3	Concreters	81.8%	79.9%	-1.91
4	Electricians	57.7%	64.2%	+6.49
5	Floor finishers	62.8%	65.4%	+2.56
6	General labourers	52.1%	57.4%	+5.33
7	Glaziers	66.9%	69.2%	+2.31
8	Joiners	75.3%	84.2%	+8.91
9	Painters	72.2%	74.2%	+1.95
10	Plasterers	66.9%	72.6%	+5.73
11	Plumbers	66.8%	69.3%	+2.42
12	Roof installers	81.4%	83.1%	+1.68
13	Stonemasons	61.8%	60.7%	-1.06
14	Structural steel workers	73.2%	81.0%	+7.80
15	Wall and floor tilers	72.9%	77.8%	+4.85

Source: Master Builders Australia industry surveys

Master Builders Australia survey: average length of delay in accessing trades (number of days)

	Trade category	March 2021 survey	June 2021 survey	Change (days)
1	Bricklayers	16.22	16.45	+0.23
2	Carpenters	16.18	18.04	+1.86
3	Concreters	15.23	15.51	+0.28
4	Electricians	10.95	11.74	+0.78
5	Floor finishers	12.45	14.35	+1.90
6	General labourers	13.02	15.63	+2.61
7	Glaziers	13.43	14.26	+0.83
8	Joiners	15.64	17.82	+2.18
9	Painters	13.89	15.17	+1.28
10	Plasterers	12.55	14.08	+1.53
11	Plumbers	11.09	12.10	+1.01
12	Roof installers	16.77	17.30	+0.53
13	Stonemasons	14.27	16.82	+2.56
14	Structural steel workers	13.90	16.57	+2.67
15	Wall and floor tilers	14.78	16.28	+1.50

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Master Builders Australia survey: proportion of respondents experiencing price increases (%)

	Trade category	March 2021 survey	June 2021 survey	Percentage point change (+/-)
1	Bricklayers	74.2%	75.0%	+0.79
2	Carpenters	77.7%	79.5%	+1.84
3	Concreters	76.4%	74.4%	-2.01
4	Electricians	64.5%	69.5%	+5.08
5	Floor finishers	53.4%	60.6%	+7.19
6	General labourers	56.7%	64.7%	+7.99
7	Glaziers	58.4%	63.4%	+5.07
8	Joiners	66.2%	72.6%	+6.43
9	Painters	66.1%	68.0%	+1.92
10	Plasterers	64.8%	66.5%	+1.74
11	Plumbers	66.6%	71.7%	+5.12
12	Roof installers	72.7%	75.1%	+2.41
13	Stonemasons	54.3%	55.4%	+1.06
14	Structural steel workers	68.8%	73.9%	+5.12
15	Wall and floor tilers	65.4%	67.6%	+2.20

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Master Builders Australia survey: average magnitude of trade price increase (%)

	Trade category	March 2021 survey	June 2021 survey	Percentage point change (+/-)
1	Bricklayers	10.8%	16.4%	+5.62
2	Carpenters	8.9%	18.0%	+9.16
3	Concreters	9.0%	15.5%	+6.47
4	Electricians	7.6%	11.7%	+4.14
5	Floor finishers	7.5%	14.4%	+6.81
6	General labourers	7.9%	15.6%	+7.68
7	Glaziers	7.6%	14.3%	+6.65
8	Joiners	8.5%	17.8%	+9.30
9	Painters	7.9%	15.2%	+7.22
10	Plasterers	7.7%	14.1%	+6.41
11	Plumbers	8.5%	12.1%	+3.65
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13	Stonemasons	8.7%	16.8%	+8.11
14	Structural steel workers	9.3%	16.6%	+7.26
15	Wall and floor tilers	8.4%	16.3%	+7.86

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