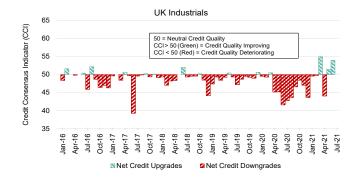


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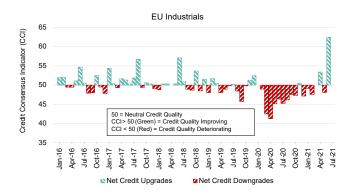


UK Industrials: More Improvement

UK Industrial firms have maintained positive credit quality after a recent tumble.

The **UK CCI score is 53.9**, compared to 51.4 last month.

The <u>Delta variant</u> is posing problems for the UK, but it might not be as bad as earlier waves due to vaccines and individuals exercising caution even with reduced restrictions. UK <u>manufacturing activity</u> has slowed

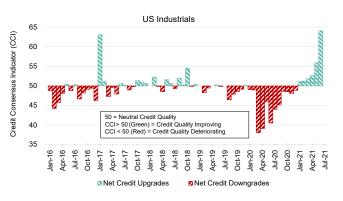


EU Industrials: Positive Movement

EU Industrial companies have returned to positive territory after last month's negative blip.

Now the **EU CCI score is 62.4**, compared to 48.1 last month.

The EU has <u>passed the US</u> in vaccinations, which will help limit the damage from the virus. Eurozone <u>manufacturing activity</u> keeps expanding quickly.



US Industrials: Ongoing Strength

US Industrial firms remain in a good position.

The **US CCI score is currently 64.1**, compared to 55.9 last month.

The virus continues to hold parts of the US in a grip, but there are signs vaccinations are trending higher, especially in states that have been <u>laggards</u> thus far. US <u>manufacturing activity</u> continues to expand robustly.

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