

Business Confidence in the Market Services Sector and in the Retail Trade

October 2011

The seasonally adjusted market services confidence indicator improved to 87.3 in October (from 82.6 in September). The index increased in Transportation and storage (to 91.8), in Tourism services (to 90.3), in Information and communication (to 81.5) and in Business services and other services (to 84.3). On a regional basis, confidence improved in the North West (to 84.3), in the North East (to 89.1), in the Centre (to 88.0) and in the South (to 89.1).

The seasonally adjusted retail trade confidence indicator decreased to 92.3 in October (from 94.0 in September). The confidence diminished both in large scale distribution (moving to 89.8 from 93.0) and in small and medium scale distribution (passing to 96.1 from 97.4 of the previous month).

Confidence Climate and its component series (index 2005=100 and balances, seasonally adjusted data)

	2011				
	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct
SERVICES CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	100.6	93.9	94.0	82.6	87.3
Assessments on demand	2	-8	-3	-9	-2
Expectations of demand	6	1	3	-5	-11
Expectations on economic situation	-18	-22	-29	-48	-35
RETAIL TRADE CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	98.2	101.7	96.6	94.0	92.3
Present business situation	-14	-12	-17	-20	-26
Expected business situation	7	10	4	3	1
Volume of stocks	11	6	9	12	10

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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