

Consumer Confidence Survey

August 2012

The confidence climate index decreased in August from 86.5 to 86.0.

The decrease was notably explained by personal climate and by future climate that decreased, respectively, from 92.9 to 92.0 and from 79.8 to 76.7.

The balance concerning expectations on unemployment remained stable to 112.

Finally, inflation perceptions referring to the last 12 months decreased from 64 to 50 compared to the previous month. Inflation expectations for next 12 months fell from 24 to 14.

Table 1 – Consumer Confidence Climate and components

(Indexes 2005=100; weighted balances; seasonally adjusted data)

	2012				
	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.
CONFIDENCE CLIMATE (a)	88.8	86.5	85.4	86.5	86.0
<i>Economic Climate</i>	71.8	64.8	60.4	68.7	69.4
<i>Personal Climate (b)</i>	94.3	95.2	94.8	92.9	92.0
<i>Current Climate (b)</i>	96.7	96.4	95.5	92.6	94.0
<i>Future Climate</i>	76.6	75.7	72.9	79.8	76.7
Assessments on Italy's economic situation	-127	-140	-140	-139	-134
Expectations on Italy's economic situation	-70	-80	-91	-66	-67
Expectations on unemployment	106	113	120	112	112
Assessments on household's situation	-63	-66	-64	-70	-64
Expectations on household's situation (b)	-39	-37	-41	-41	-36
Household's financial situation (b)	-12	-17	-16	-18	-17
Saving present opportunity (b)	141	145	141	131	122
Saving future possibility (b)	-85	-85	-81	-71	-92
Present opportunity of durables purchase (b)	-100	-91	-93	-104	-102

(a) Confidence Climate may be subdivided in Economic and Personal Climate, or alternatively, in Current and Future Climate. Indexes are expressed in base 2005

(b) Not seasonal effects present

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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