

Consumer Confidence Survey

February 2013

In February, the confidence climate index increased from 84.7 to 86.0.

The increase was notably explained by personal, future and current climate that raised from 89.3 to 91.7, from 77.2 to 79.9 and from 90.9 to 91.1.

The balance concerning expectations on unemployment decreased from 106 to 99.

Finally, the balance on inflation perceptions referring to the last 12 months decreased from 60 to 51 compared to the previous month. The balance on inflation expectations for next12 months also decreased from 22 to 2.

Table 1 – Consumer confidence climate and components

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

		2012			2013	
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
CONFIDENCE CLIMATE (a)	86.2	84.9	85.7	84.7	86.0	
Economic climate	71.8	69.7	73.0	72.7	72.9	
Personal climate (b)	91.0	90.9	90.7	89.3	91.7	
Current climate (b)	91.9	92.3	91.4	90.9	91.1	
Future climate	78.3	75.4	78.1	77.2	79.9	
Assessments on Italy's economic situation	-136	-134	-133	-136	-142	
Expectations on Italy's economic situation	-59	-64	-60	-60	-59	
Expectations on unemployment	108	113	104	106	99	
Assessments on household's situation	-71	-75	-74	-78	-74	
Expectations on household's situation (b)	-33	-35	-33	-38	-26	
Household's financial situation (b)	-24	-25	-29	-33	-28	
Saving present opportunity (b)	135	143	136	130	139	
Saving future possibility (b)	-95	-94	-92	-92	-91	
Present opportunity of durables purchase (b)	-111	-111	-110	-106	-111	

(a) Confidence Climate may be broken down by Economic and Personal Climate, or by Current and Future Climate. Indexes are expressed

in base 2005

(b) Not seasonal effects present

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