

Business Confidence in the Market Services Sector and in the Retail

Trade

February 2012

The seasonally adjusted market services confidence indicator increased to 79.1 in February (from 76.7 in January). The index increased in Information and communication (to 83.9), in Tourism services (to 78.3) and in Business services and other services (to 79.6). It decreased in Transportation and storage (to 72.5). On a regional basis, confidence improved in the North West (to 80.2), in the North East (to 82.6) and in South (to 83.5). It fell, on the contrary, to 73.1 in the Centre.

The seasonally adjusted retail trade confidence indicator increased to 81.4 in February (from 78.7). The confidence improved both in large scale distribution (moving to 67.9 from 65.9) and in small and medium scale distribution (passing to 92.8 from 89.0 of the previous month).

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

	2011			2012	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
SERVICES CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	87.2	84.8	80.5	76.7	79.1
Assessments on demand	-2	-9	-22	-18	-26
Expectations of demand	-11	-9	-13	-12	-8
Expectations on economic situation	-36	-37	-33	-49	-39
RETAIL TRADE CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	89.3	86.6	81.9	78.7	81.4
Present business situation	-31	-34	-39	-48	-44
Expected business situation	0	-5	-12	-15	-11
Volume of stocks	12	12	13	10	10

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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