

Consumer Confidence Survey

March 2012

The confidence index increases in March from 94.4 to 96.8.

The result is mainly due to an improvement of personal and current climate. The personal climate increases from 97.5 to 100.1, and the current climate rises from 100.3 to 102.6.

The balance of replies concerning forecasts on unemployment increases from 82 to 87.

Finally, inflation perceptions referring to the last 12 months increase from 76 to 89 compared to the previous month, while expectations for 12 months decrease from 39 to 33.

Table 1 – Consumer Confidence Climate and components

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

	2011		2012		
	Nov.	Dec	Jan	Feb.	Mar.
CONFIDENCE CLIMATE (a)	96.4	91.9	92.0	94.4	96.8
<i>Economic Climate</i>	83.5	77.7	76.0	86.8	87.4
<i>Personal Climate (b)</i>	101.6	97.3	97.9	97.5	100.1
<i>Current Climate (b)</i>	102.2	98.4	102.3	100.3	102.6
<i>Future Climate</i>	87.7	81.4	78.2	85.9	86.3
Assessments on Italy's economic situation	-127	-135	-126	-115	-109
Forecasts on Italy's economic situation	-51	-59	-65	-46	-47
Forecasts on unemployment	81	87	96	82	87
Assessments on household's situation	-52	-57	-55	-53	-53
Forecasts on household's situation (b)	-21	-31	-32	-27	-25
Household's financial situation (b)	-1	-8	-2	-7	-7
Saving's present convenience (b)	152	151	148	142	143
Saving's future possibility (b)	-72	-85	-94	-79	-71
Present convenience of durables purchase (b)	-83	-96	-93	-98	-82

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

(b) Not seasonal effects present

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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