

Consumer Confidence Survey

January 2011

The confidence index goes down from 109.1 in December to 105.9. The worsening is mainly due to the pessimism on short-term expectations both on country and household situation (from 98.1 to 90.9). The indicator on current situations slightly improves (from 116.5 to 117.0).

The indicator on the Italy's overall economic situation falls from 81.9 to 77.3, while the personal climate lowers to a lesser extent from 121.9 to 120.6.

Consumers show perceptions of rise in inflation in both the last twelve months and the next year.

Table 1 – Consumer Confidence Climate and components
(Indexes 1980=100; weighted balances; s.a. data)

	2010				2011
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	107.2	107.7	108.5	109.1	105.9
<i>Economic Climate</i>	80.4	81.1	80.4	81.9	77.3
<i>Personal Climate (b)</i>	121.1	119.3	121.7	121.9	120.6
<i>Current Climate</i>	115.8	115.0	116.0	116.5	117.0
<i>Future Climate</i>	97.8	98.0	98.0	98.1	90.9
Assessments on Italy's economic situation	-95	-94	-93	-93	-97
Forecasts on Italy's economic situation	-39	-38	-41	-39	-47
Forecasts on unemployment	78	77	78	74	84
Assessments on household's situation	-37	-41	-40	-38	-37
Forecasts on household's situation	-4	-8	-9	-6	-13
Household's financial situation	-2	-1	3	4	3
Saving's present convenience (b)	130	128	147	141	133
Saving's future possibility (b)	-48	-53	-45	-52	-66
Present convenience of durables purchase	-72	-68	-74	-68	-57

(a) Confidence Climate may be subdivided in Economic and Personal Climate, or alternatively, in Current and Future climate.

(b) Not seasonal effects present

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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