

Consumer Confidence Survey

February 2011

The confidence index goes up from 105.9 in January to 106.4. The increase is mainly due to the optimism on short-term expectations both on country and household situation (from 90.9 to 94.7). The indicator on current situations slightly declines (from 116.7 to 115.1).

The indicator on the Italy's overall economic situation rises from 77.4 to 78.6, while the personal climate is stable at 120.5 (120.6 in January).

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	
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	107,7	108,5	109,1	105,9	106,4
<i>Economic Climate</i>	<i>81,1</i>	<i>80,5</i>	<i>82,0</i>	<i>77,4</i>	<i>78,6</i>
<i>Personal Climate (b)</i>	<i>119,3</i>	<i>121,7</i>	<i>121,9</i>	<i>120,6</i>	<i>120,5</i>
<i>Current Climate</i>	<i>114,8</i>	<i>115,6</i>	<i>116,7</i>	<i>116,7</i>	<i>115,1</i>
<i>Future Climate</i>	<i>98,0</i>	<i>98,0</i>	<i>98,1</i>	<i>90,9</i>	<i>94,7</i>
Assessments on Italy's economic situation	-94	-93	-93	-98	-104
Forecasts on Italy's economic situation	-38	-41	-39	-47	-45
Forecasts on unemployment	77	77	74	84	72
Assessments on household's situation	-42	-41	-39	-38	-42
Forecasts on household's situation	-8	-9	-6	-13	-15
Household's financial situation	-1	3	4	3	2
Saving's present convenience (b)	128	147	141	133	151
Saving's future possibility (b)	-53	-45	-52	-66	-55
Present convenience of durables purchase	-68	-74	-68	-58	-75

(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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