

Business Confidence in the Market Services and in the Retail Trade

March 2011

In the market service sector, the seasonally adjusted confidence indicator decreased to 97.9 in March (from 99.6 in February). The index worsened in Transportation and storage (to 90.2) and in Business services and other services (to 93.1); the indicator improved instead in Tourism services (to 105.7) and Information and communication (to 102.6). On a regional basis, confidence declined in the North East (to 97.2), in the Centre (to 100.3) and in the South (to 98.0) but improved in the North West (to 98.2).

The seasonally adjusted retail trade confidence indicator slightly declined to 100.4 from 100.9. In particular, confidence improved in small and medium scale distribution (the indicator being equal to 107.6 with respect to 104.9 of the previous month), but decreased in large scale distribution (moving to 95.0 from 99.2).

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

	2010		2011		
	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
SERVICES CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	99.6	95.7	98.5	99.6	97.9
Assessments on demand	-1	-8	-4	-5	-11
Expectations of demand	3	1	6	3	4
Expectations on economic situation	-15	-17	-18	-10	-11
RETAIL TRADE CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	102.3	106.4	99.6	100.9	100.4
Present business situation	-12	-9	-14	-14	-15
Expected business situation	11	19	8	12	12
Volume of stocks	5	4	8	8	9

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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