

Business Confidence in the Market Services Sector and in the Retail Trade

September 2011

The seasonally adjusted market services confidence indicator decreased to 82.5 in September (from 93.9 in August). The index diminished in Transportation and storage (to 80.0), in Information and communication (to 73.9), in Business services and other services (to 83.9) and in Tourism services (to 86.2). On a regional basis, confidence decreased in the North West (to 83.5), in the North East (to 84.6), in the Centre (to 79.5) and in the South (to 87.7).

The seasonally adjusted retail trade confidence indicator worsened to 94.6 in September (from 97.1 in August). According to the breakdown by type of retail distribution, a mixed picture emerged: the indicator declined for small and medium scale distribution (to 97.8 from 104.1), while it improved slightly for large scale distribution (moving to 93.1 from 92.6).

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

	2011				
	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept
SERVICES CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	96.4	100.5	93.8	93.9	82.5
Assessments on demand	-4	2	-8	-3	-9
Expectations of demand	-1	6	1	3	-5
Expectations on economic situation	-17	-18	-23	-30	-48
RETAIL TRADE CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	100.8	98.5	102.1	97.1	94.6
Present business situation	-13	-14	-11	-16	-19
Expected business situation	12	8	11	5	3
Volume of stocks	9	11	6	9	12

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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