

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

December 2011

The seasonally adjusted market services confidence indicator decreased to 80.4 in December (from 84.8 in November). The index increased in Transportation and storage (to 84.6) and in Information and communication (to 78.5); decreased in Tourism services (to 84.0) and in Business services and other services (to 78.6). On a regional basis, confidence worsened in the North West (to 76.1), in the North East (to 85.0) and in the Centre (to 84.7); the index grows in the South (from 79.5 to 85.5).

The seasonally adjusted retail trade confidence indicator decreased to 81.8 in December (from 86.6 in November). The confidence fell both in large scale distribution (moving to 70.9 from 77.2) and in small and medium scale distribution (to 94.3 from 97.2 of the previous month).

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

	2011				
	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
SERVICES CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	94.1	82.3	87.2	84.8	80.4
Assessments on demand	-3	-9	-2	-9	-22
Expectations of demand	4	-6	-11	-10	-14
Expectations on economic situation	-29	-48	-35	-37	-32
RETAIL TRADE CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	93.3	91.4	89.3	86.6	81.8
Present business situation	-22	-24	-30	-33	-38
Expected business situation	3	0	0	-4	-11
Volume of stocks	12	13	13	13	14

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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