

Consumer Confidence Survey

April 2012

The confidence climate index falls in April from 96.3 to 89.0.

The decrease was notably explained by short term expectations, whose climate decreased from 86.3 to 76.6. The indicator on the current climate fell from 102.6 to 96.7.

The balance concerning forecasts on unemployment increased from 88 to 106.

Finally, inflation perceptions referring to the last 12 months increased from 89 to 91 compared to the previous month. Inflation expectations for 12 months rose from 33 to 50.

Table 1 – Consumer Confidence Climate and components

(Indexes 2005=100; weighted balances; seasonally adjusted data)

| | 2011 | | 2012 | | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| | Dec. | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. |
| CONFIDENCE CLIMATE (a) | 91.7 | 91.5 | 93.9 | 96.3 | 89.0 |
| <i>Economic Climate</i> | 77.4 | 75.6 | 86.1 | 85.4 | 72.1 |
| <i>Personal Climate (b)</i> | 97.3 | 97.9 | 97.5 | 100.1 | 94.3 |
| <i>Current Climate (b)</i> | 98.4 | 102.3 | 100.3 | 102.6 | 96.7 |
| <i>Future Climate</i> | 81.4 | 78.2 | 85.9 | 86.3 | 76.6 |
| Assessments on Italy's economic situation | -136 | -127 | -116 | -111 | -127 |
| Forecasts on Italy's economic situation | -56 | -66 | -47 | -45 | -69 |
| Forecasts on unemployment | 87 | 97 | 83 | 88 | 106 |
| Assessments on household's situation | -57.0 | -56 | -54 | -54 | -63 |
| Forecasts on household's situation (b) | -31.0 | -32 | -27 | -25 | -39 |
| Household's financial situation (b) | -8 | -2 | -7 | -7 | -12 |
| Saving's present convenience (b) | 151 | 148 | 142 | 143 | 141 |
| Saving's future possibility (b) | -85 | -94 | -79 | -71 | -85 |
| Present convenience of durables purchase (b) | -99 | -88 | -100 | -84 | -100 |

(a) Confidence Climate may be subdivided in Economic and Personal Climate. or alternatively. in Current and Future Climate. Indexes are rebased with 2005 average

(b) Not seasonal effects present

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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