

Business Confidence in the Market Services Sector and in the Retail

Trade

April 2012

The seasonally adjusted market services confidence indicator decreased to 76.0 in April (from 82.2 in March 2012). The index declined in Tourism services (to 69.5), in Business services and other services (to 76.2), in Information and communication (to 79.8) and in Transportation and storage (to 72.1). On a regional basis, confidence worsened everywhere: in North West (to 75.7), in North East (to 79.1), in the Centre (to 75.5) and in the South (to 73.0).

The seasonally adjusted retail trade confidence indicator decreased to 81.8 in April (from 83.8 in March). The confidence declined for small and medium scale distribution to 90.6 (from 92.7), while it improved in large scale distribution (rising to 77.7 from 76.1 of the previous month).

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

	2011	2012			
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
SERVICES CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	80.1	76.5	78.9	82.2	76.0
Assessments on demand	-22	-18	-26	-21	-23
Expectations of demand	-13	-11	-7	-4	-3
Expectations on economic situation	-33	-50	-39	-38	-55
RETAIL TRADE CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	82.1	79.0	81.8	83.8	81.8
Present business situation	-39	-47	-44	-35	-37
Expected business situation	-12	-15	-11	-13	-20
Volume of stocks	12	9	9	10	7

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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