

Business Confidence in the Market Services Sector and in the Retail

Trade

May 2012

The seasonally adjusted market services confidence indicator decreased to 72.7 in May (from 75.8 in April). The index declined in Tourism services (to 60.9) and in Information and communication (to 64.8). Instead, increased in Transportation and storage (to 77.1) and in Business services and other services (to 78.9). On a regional basis, confidence worsened in North West (to 73.6), in North East (to 70.9), but improved in the Centre (to 77.7) and in the South (to 74.0).

The seasonally adjusted retail trade confidence indicator decreased to 75.4 in May (from 80.9 in April). The confidence declined in small and medium scale distribution to 86.8 (from 90.1) and in large scale distribution (passing to 67.0 from 77.2 of the previous month).

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

	2012				
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
SERVICES CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	76.4	78.8	82.0	75.8	72.7
Assessments on demand	-18	-26	-21	-23	-21
Expectations of demand	-11	-8	-4	-3	-8
Expectations on economic situation	-50	-40	-39	-55	-62
RETAIL TRADE CONFIDENCE CLIMATE	78.5	81.3	83.0	80.9	75.4
Present business situation	-48	-44	-36	-38	-52
Expected business situation	-15	-11	-14	-21	-22
Volume of stocks	10	10	11	7	9

For more details please refer to the Italian version

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