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February 2010 consumer survey

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REMAINS STABLE IN FEBRUARY

Consumer confidence remained stable in February, for the second month in a row.

Compared with the month of January, consumers' outlook for the general economic situation in Belgium and for unemployment improved very slightly. As for their personal situation, however, households appeared rather more sceptical as far as both their financial situation and their future saving capacity are concerned.

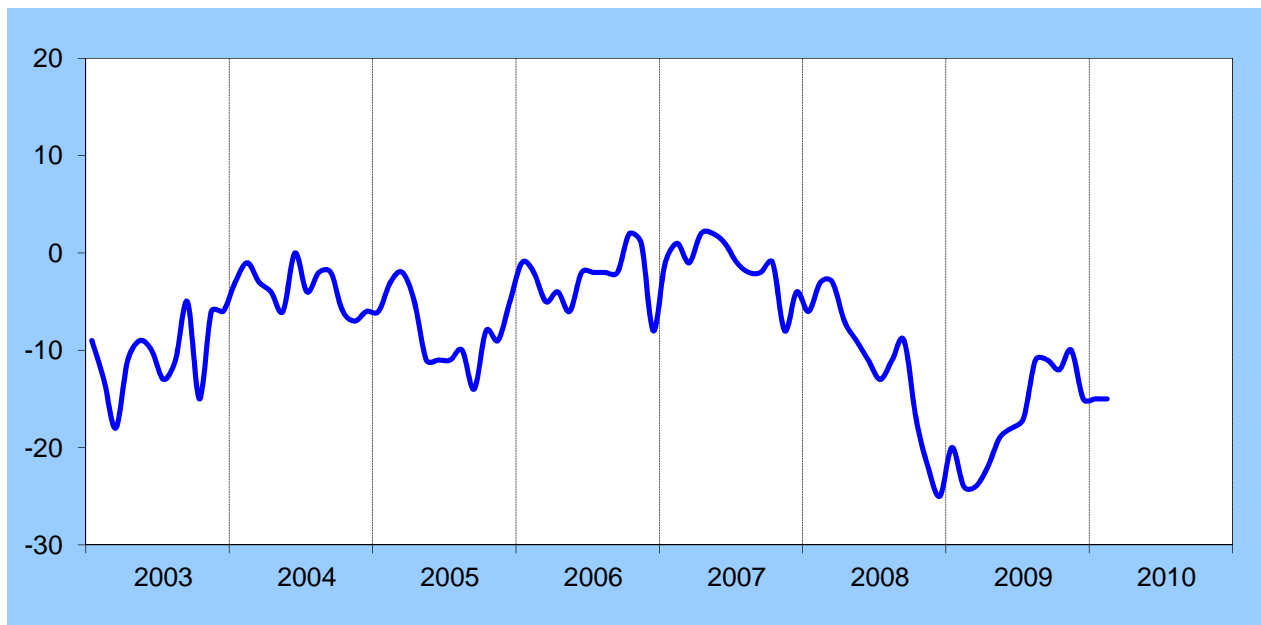
Consumer confidence indicators

		Expectations for the next twelve months				Consumer confidence indicator
		Economic situation in Belgium	Unemployment in Belgium ¹	Financial situation of households	Saving capacity of households	
2009	February	-22	73	-2	1	-24
	March	-21	71	-4	0	-24
	April	-10	71	-1	-4	-22
	May	-7	70	1	-2	-19
	June	-5	69	1	3	-18
	July	-4	65	-2	2	-17
	August	7	57	1	5	-11
	September	6	57	1	6	-11
	October	3	57	3	6	-12
	November	10	55	3	3	-10
	December	0	65	1	4	-15
	2010	January	-2	65	1	7
February		-1	64	0	5	-15

Source: National Bank of Belgium.

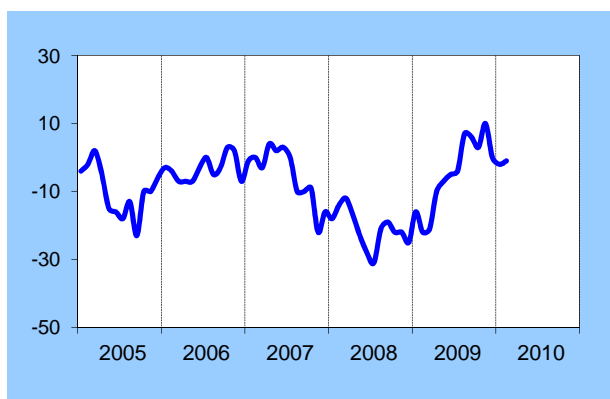
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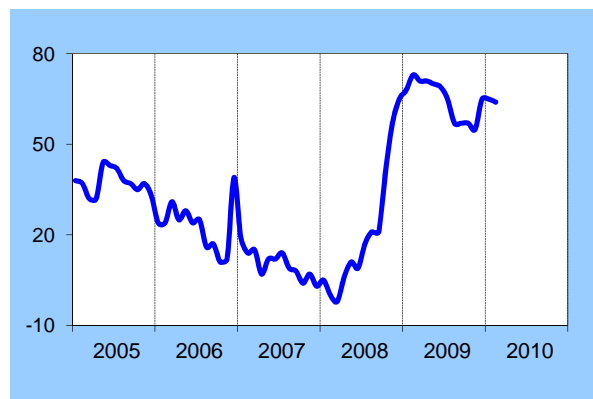


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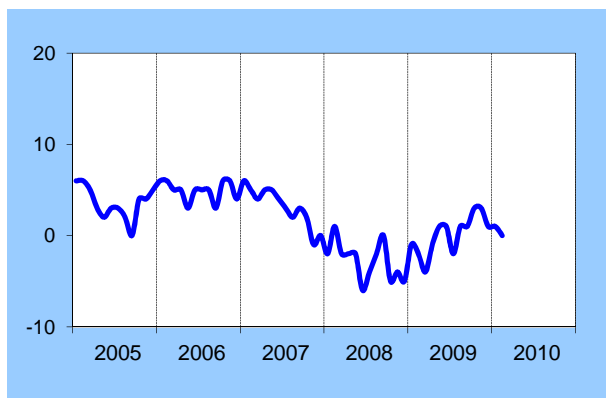
General economic situation in Belgium



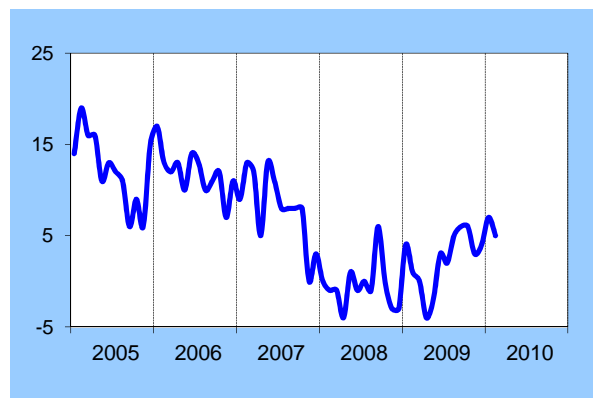
Unemployment in Belgium¹



Financial situation of households



Saving capacity of households



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