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March 2010 consumer survey

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE PICKS UP IN MARCH

After remaining stable for two months in a row, the consumer confidence indicator rose again in March.

The Belgian consumers' outlook regarding general economic developments has improved slightly further, while fears of an increase in unemployment have receded somewhat as well. Furthermore, households also expect their financial situation and their saving capacity to pick up again in the next twelve months.

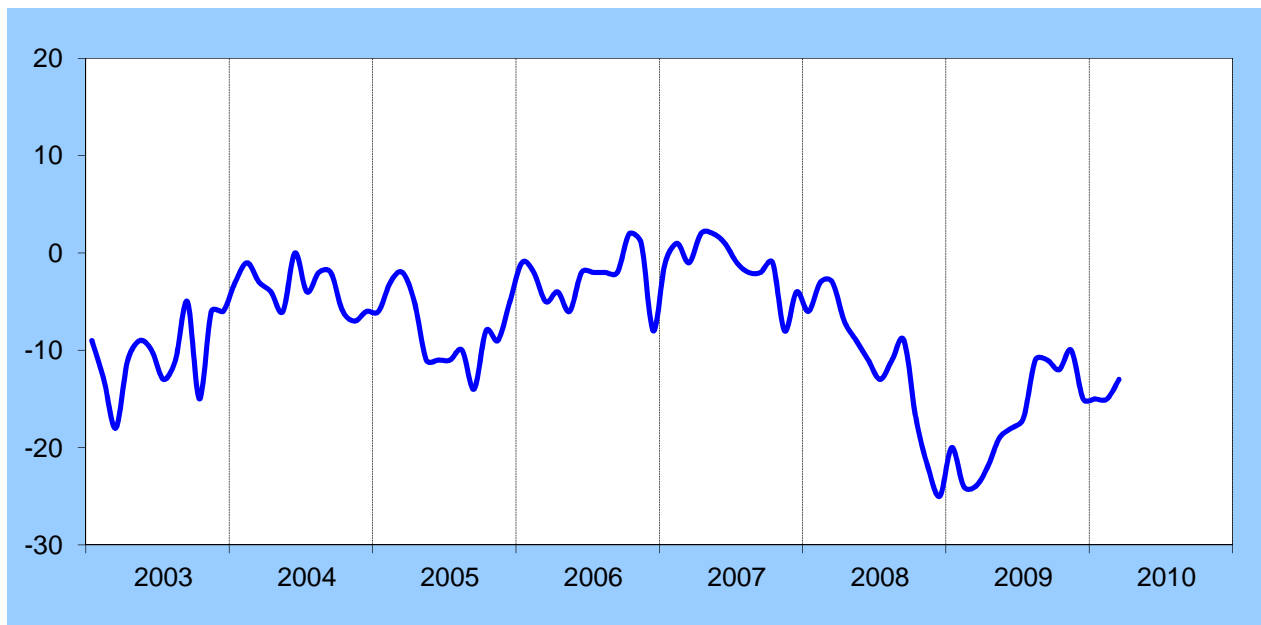
Consumer confidence indicators

		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	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	-15
		February	-1	64	0	5	-15
March		2	60	2	6	-13	

Source: National Bank of Belgium.

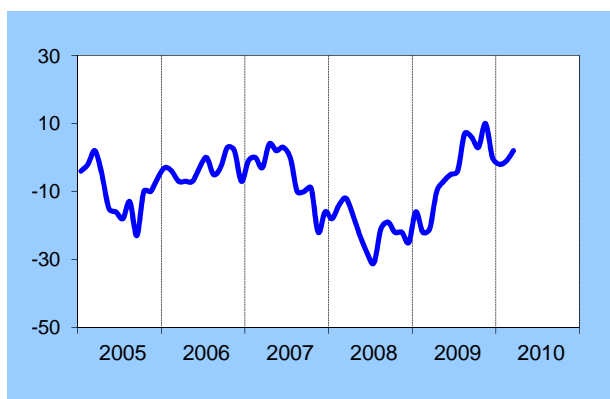
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CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDICATOR

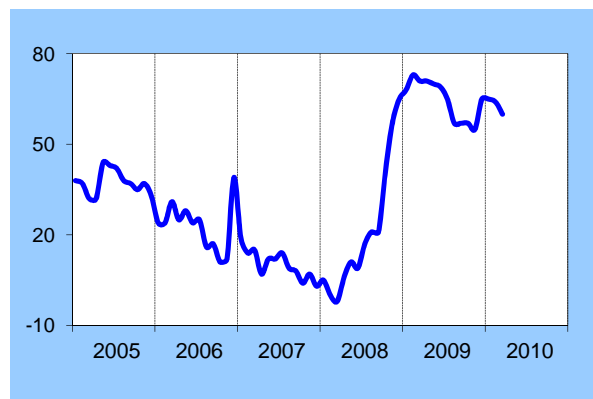


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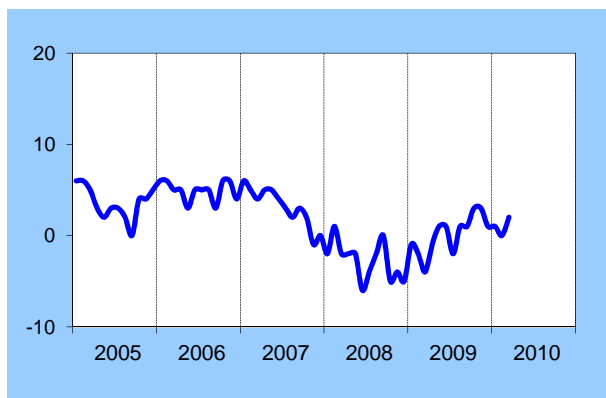
General economic situation in Belgium



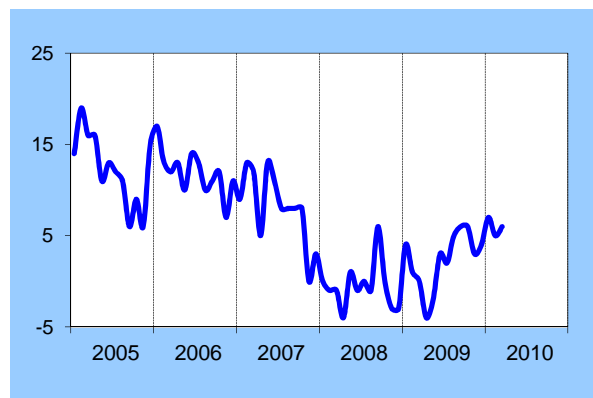
Unemployment in Belgium¹



Financial situation of households



Saving capacity of households



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