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February 2008 consumer survey

RISE IN CONSUMER CONFIDENCE IN FEBRUARY

The consumer confidence indicator, which had somewhat eroded in January, rose again in February. The expectations regarding the overall economic situation and unemployment clearly improved. After their less favourable assessment in the previous month, consumers also took a more optimistic view on their future financial situation. The prospects regarding the saving capacity of households, on the other hand, continue to show a downward trend. The latter indicator is now on its lowest level in almost fifteen years.

Consumer confidence indicators

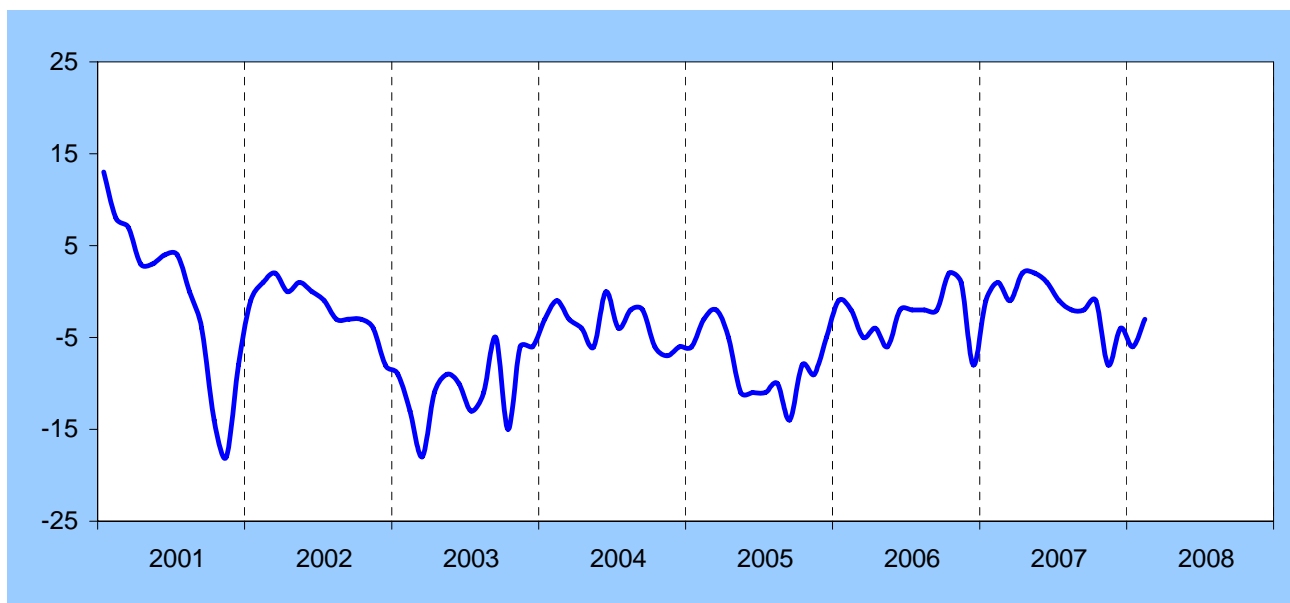
		Expectations for the next twelve months				Consumer confidence indicator
		Economic situation in Belgium	Unemployment in Belgium ¹	Financial situation of households	Saving capacity of households	
2007	February	0	14	5	13	1
	March	-3	15	4	12	-1
	April	4	7	5	5	2
	May	2	12	5	13	2
	June	3	12	4	11	1
	July	0	14	3	8	-1
	August	-10	9	2	8	-2
	September	-10	8	3	8	-2
	October	-9	4	2	8	-1
	November	-22	7	-1	0	-8
	December	-16	3	0	3	-4
	2008	January	-18	5	-2	0
February		-14	0	1	-1	-3

Source: National Bank of Belgium.

¹ Regarding unemployment expectations, a rise indicates a deterioration while a decline indicates an improvement.

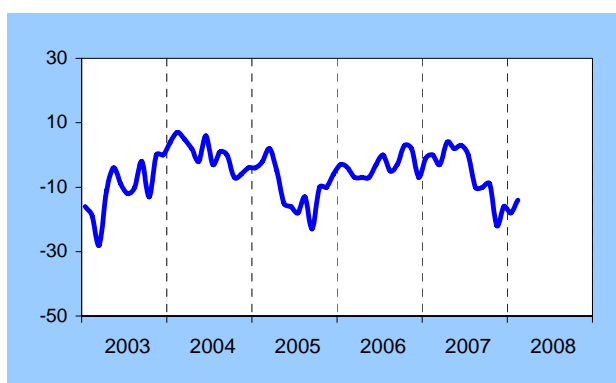
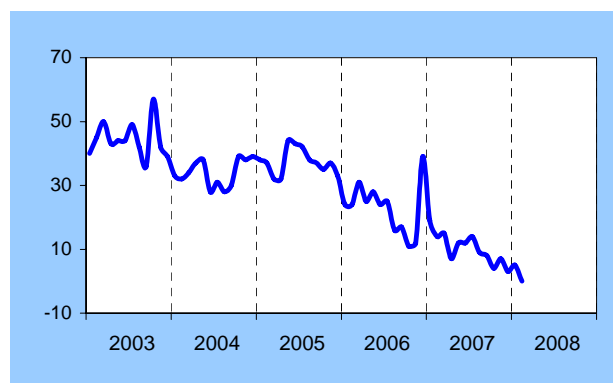
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CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDICATOR

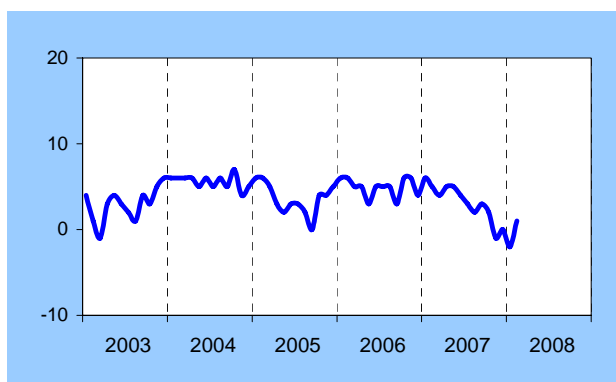


Expectations over the 12 twelve months

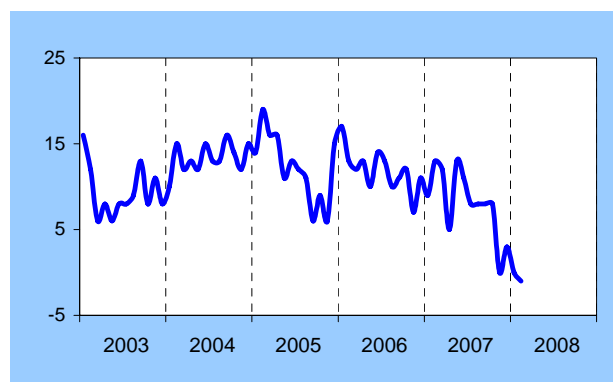
General economic situation in Belgium

Unemployment in Belgium¹

Financial situation of households



Saving capacity of households



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