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June 2009 consumer survey

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE RECOVERS SOMEWHAT FURTHER IN JUNE

In June the consumer confidence indicator improved slightly for the third month in a row.

Households especially took a more optimistic view as to their saving capacity in the next twelve months. In addition, their prospects as to the overall economic situation further ameliorated. Although the fear of a rise in unemployment also gradually waned somewhat during the past four months, a great majority remain pessimistic as to the developments on the labour market. Finally, households' expectations regarding their financial situation remained unchanged in June.

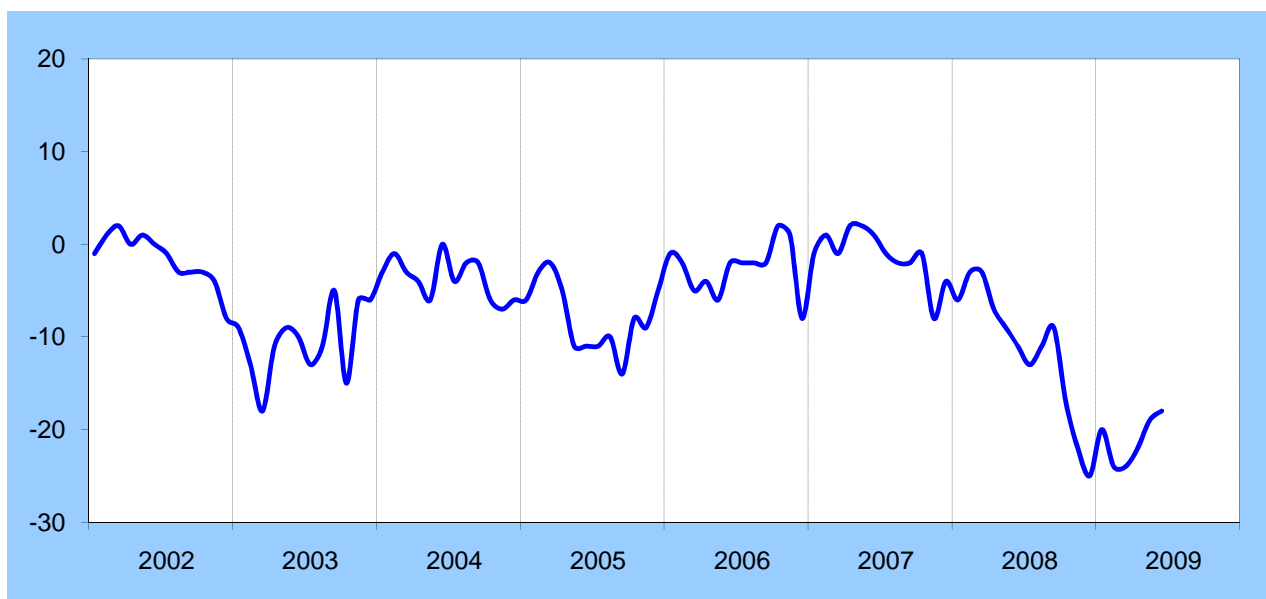
Consumer confidence indicators

		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	
2008	June	-28	9	-6	-1	-11
	July	-31	17	-4	0	-13
	August	-21	21	-2	-1	-11
	September	-19	21	0	6	-9
	October	-22	41	-5	0	-17
	November	-22	57	-4	-3	-22
	December	-25	65	-5	-3	-25
	2009	January	-16	68	-1	4
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

Source: National Bank of Belgium.

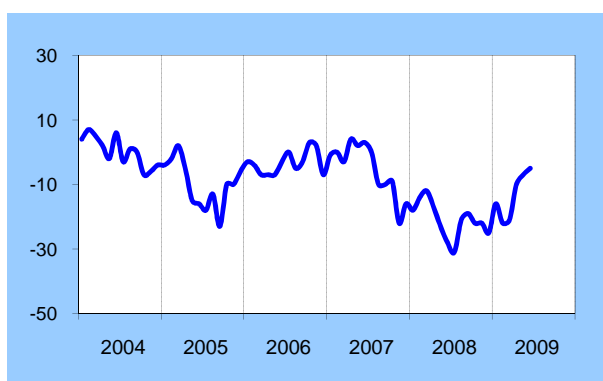
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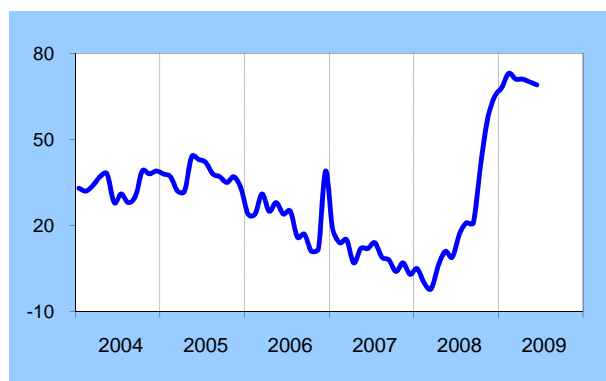


Expectations over the 12 twelve months

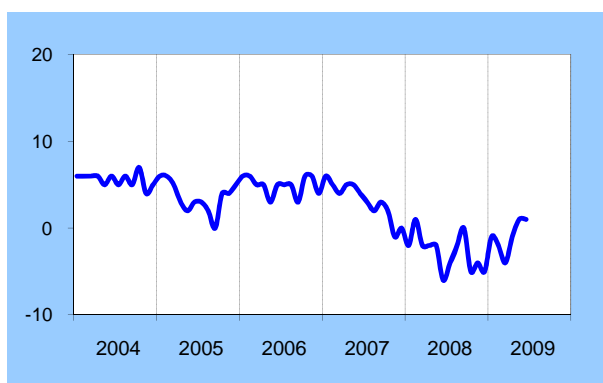
General economic situation in Belgium



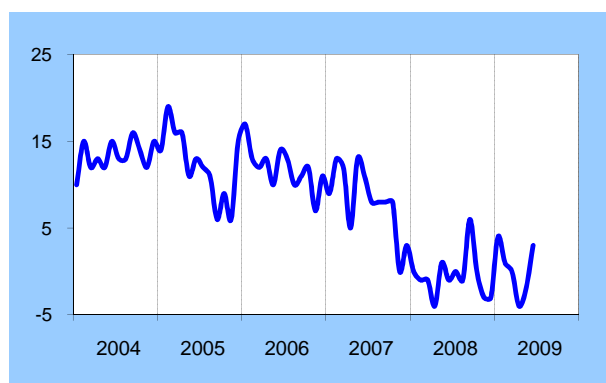
Unemployment in Belgium¹



Financial situation of households



Saving capacity of households



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