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### September 2010 consumer survey

#### CONSUMER CONFIDENCE STABLE IN SEPTEMBER

The consumer confidence indicator levelled out during September, after rising over the three previous months.

Forecasts for the economic situation in Belgium have been revised downwards from last month. The more negative outlook on the general economic context has nevertheless had no impact on expectations concerning the labour market: consumers still appear to be increasingly less pessimistic about a new upsurge in unemployment in the future. As far as their personal position is concerned, households are anticipating a very slight increase in their own saving capacity and no change in their financial situation.

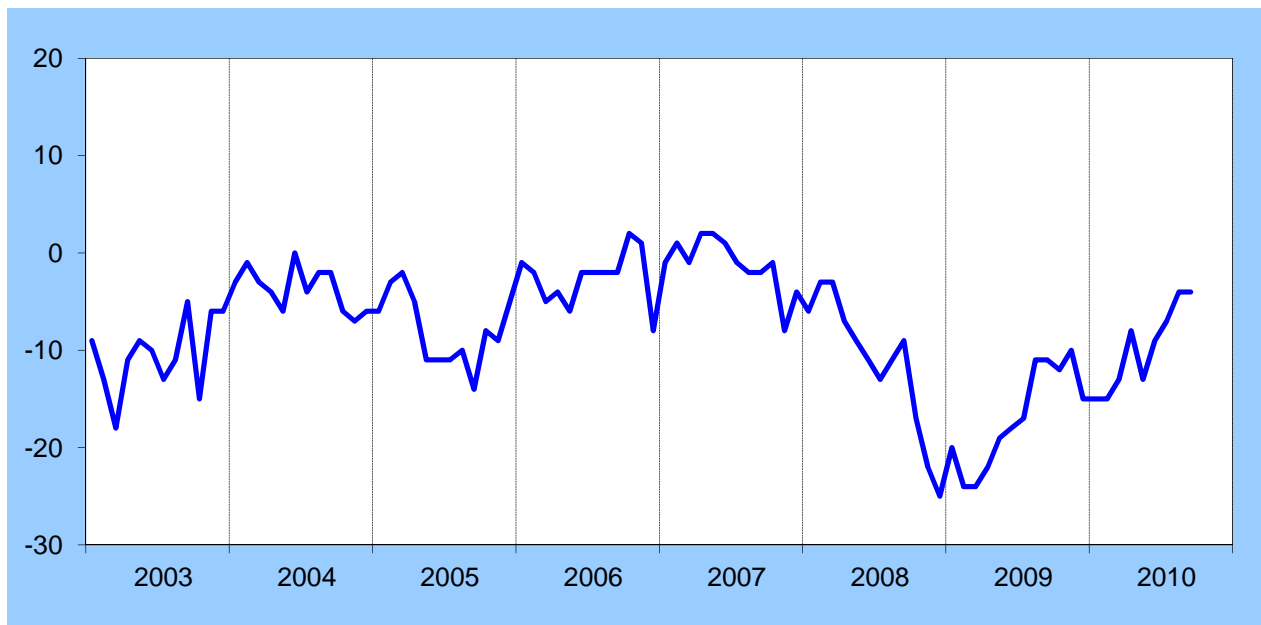
#### Consumer confidence indicators

		Expectations for the next twelve months				Consumer confidence indicator
		Economic situation in Belgium	Unemployment in Belgium <sup>1</sup>	Financial situation of households	Saving capacity of households	
2009	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
	April	8	43	2	1	-8
	May	-6	47	-1	3	-13
	June	-4	40	1	6	-9
	July	4	31	0	0	-7
	August	7	27	1	3	-4
	September	3	24	1	4	-4

Source: National Bank of Belgium.

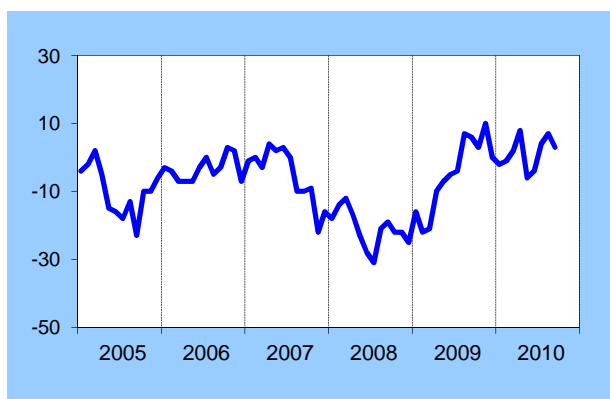
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**CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDICATOR**

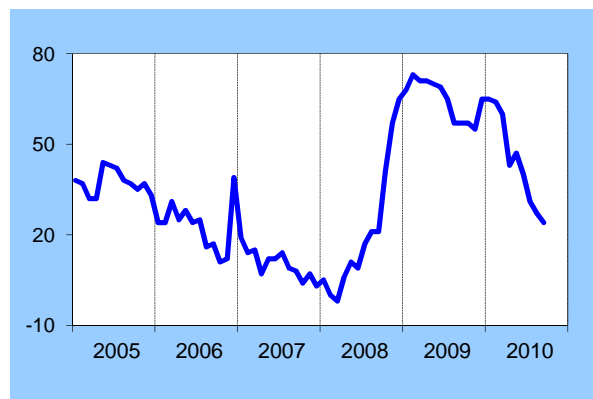


**Expectations for the next twelve months**

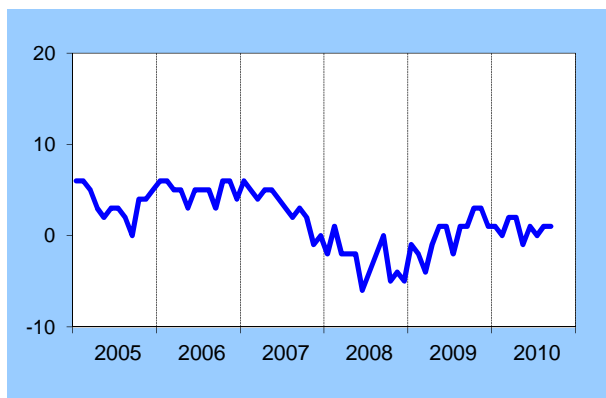
**General economic situation in Belgium**



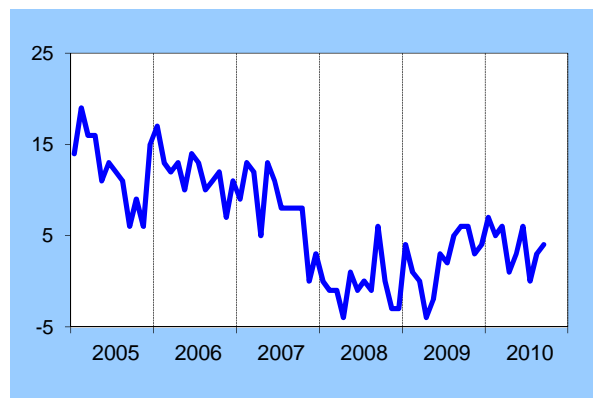
**Unemployment in Belgium<sup>1</sup>**



**Financial situation of households**



**Saving capacity of households**



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