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January 2013 consumer survey

Consumer confidence recovers slightly in January

The consumer confidence indicator climbed back up a little in January but still remains at a very low level.

Consumers gave a little less gloomier view about the economic prospects in Belgium but their fear of an increase in unemployment is mounting again.

In comparison to the previous month, households have also become somewhat less pessimistic with regard to their future financial situation and their capacity to save.

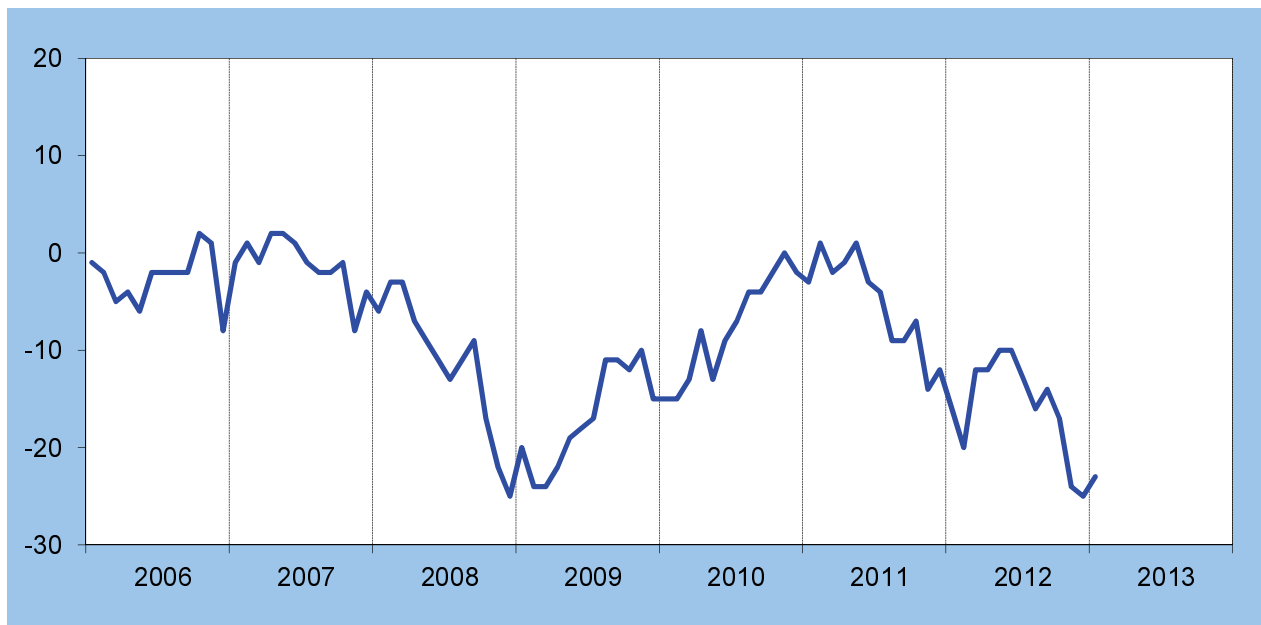
Consumer confidence indicators

		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	
2012	January	-22	34	-5	-4	-16
	February	-25	47	-6	0	-20
	March	-10	33	-4	-1	-12
	April	-8	35	-3	-1	-12
	May	-9	31	-3	3	-10
	June	-5	35	-1	2	-10
	July	-7	39	-2	-4	-13
	August	-11	46	-3	-3	-16
	September	-11	40	-3	-1	-14
	October	-16	50	-3	3	-17
	November	-28	62	-5	-2	-24
	December	-27	57	-5	-10	-25
2013	January	-23	59	-3	-7	-23

Source: National Bank of Belgium.

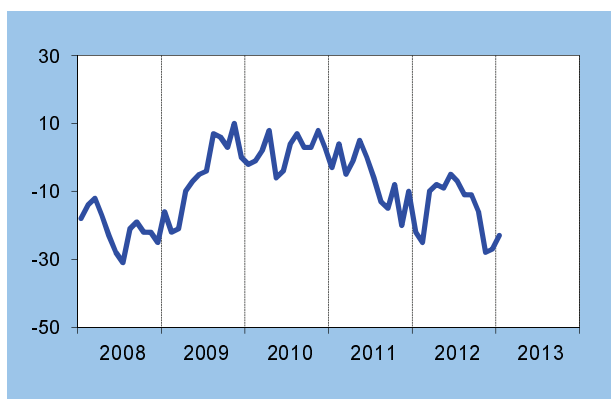
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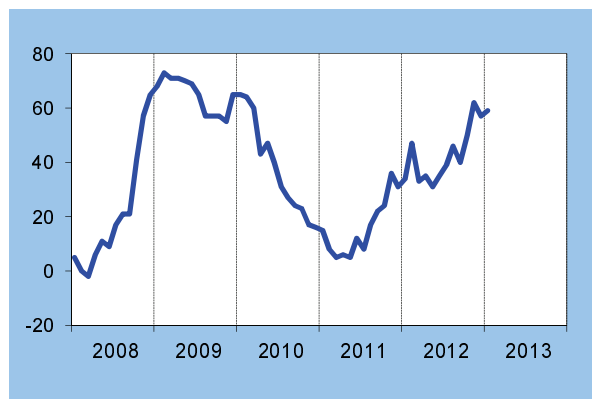


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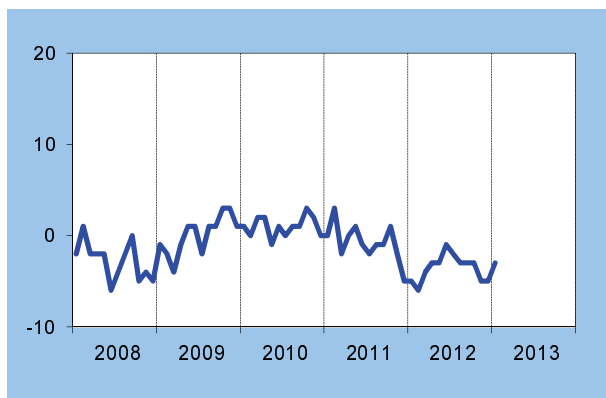
General economic situation in Belgium



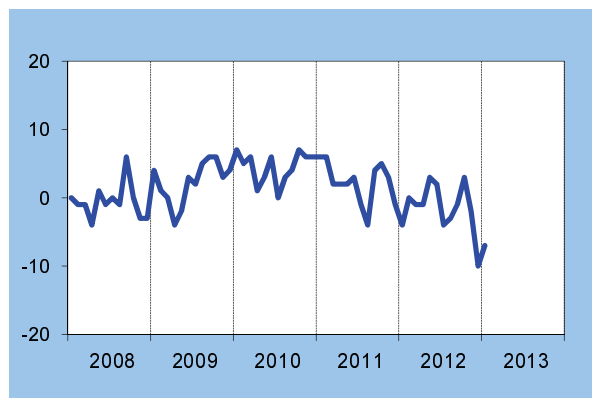
Unemployment in Belgium¹



Financial situation of households



Saving capacity of households



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