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### December 2015 consumer survey

#### Slight rise in consumer confidence in December

For the third month running, the consumer confidence indicator has risen a little in December.

Forecasts about the general economic situation in Belgium have continued to firm up. Moreover, fears of a rise in unemployment over the next twelve months have receded slightly, in line with the downward trend that began in early 2013.

As regards the personal situation of households questioned in the survey, there has been little change on the previous month. Their financial situation is actually expected to stabilise and their savings increase modestly.

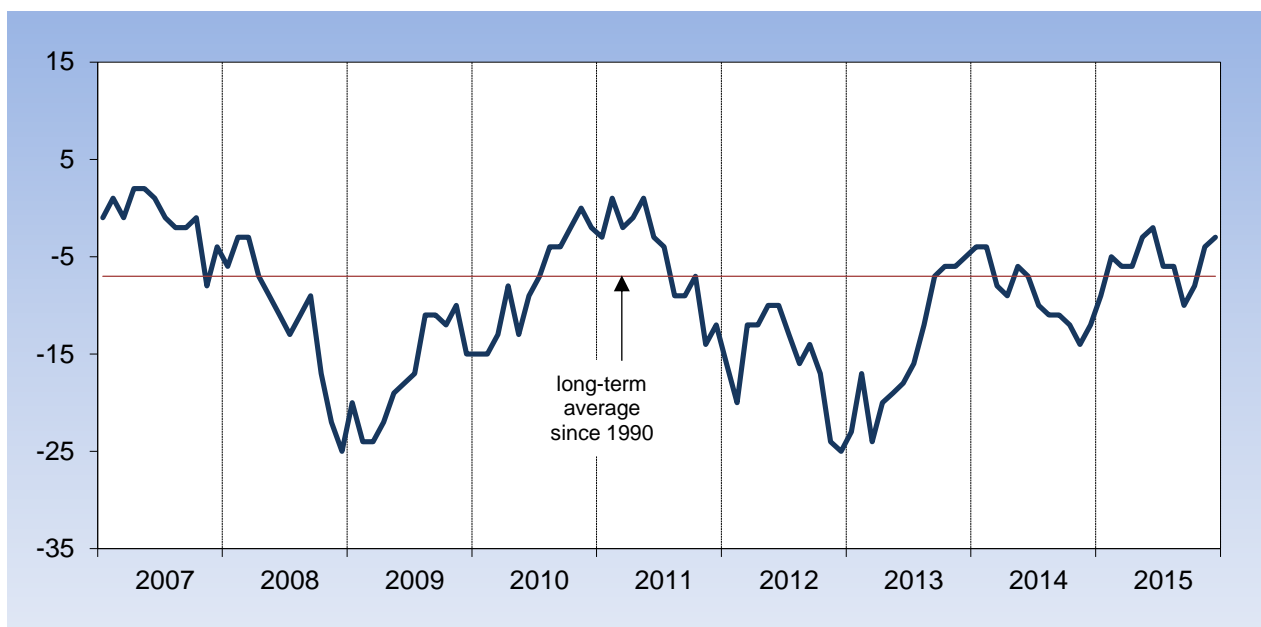
#### Consumer confidence indicators

		Expectations for the next twelve months				Consumer confidence indicator
		Economic situation in Belgium	Unemployment in Belgium <sup>1</sup>	Financial situation of households	Savings of households	
2014	December	-10	26	-5	-5	-12
2015	January	-5	24	-3	-4	-9
	February	2	18	-1	-1	-5
	March	-1	21	-3	1	-6
	April	0	24	-1	2	-6
	May	4	17	-1	4	-3
	June	8	15	-1	1	-2
	July	-1	19	-1	-1	-6
	August	-4	13	-6	0	-6
	September	-10	28	-3	-1	-10
	October	-6	21	-3	-1	-8
	November	-2	14	-2	1	-4
	December	0	13	-2	2	-3

Source: National Bank of Belgium.

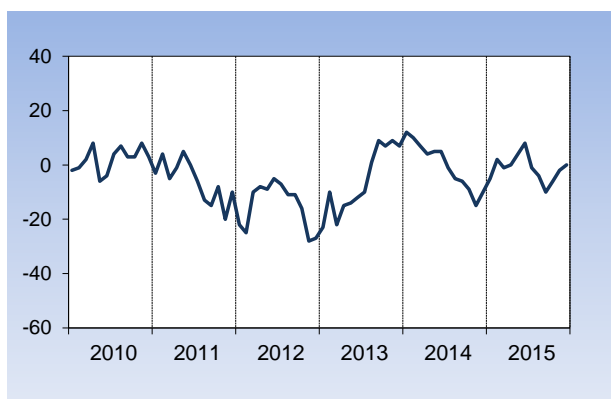
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**CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDICATOR**



**Expectations for the next twelve months**

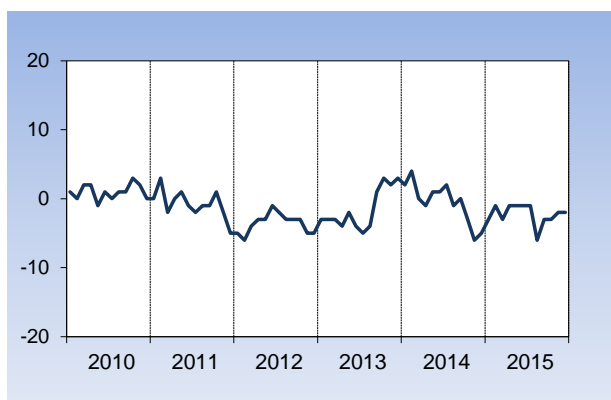
**General economic situation in Belgium**



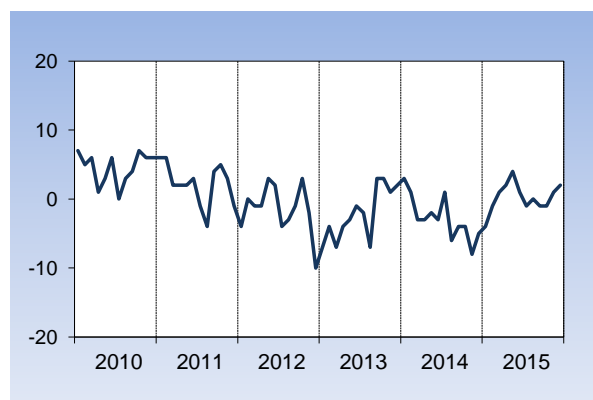
**Unemployment in Belgium<sup>1</sup>**



**Financial situation of households**



**Savings of households**



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