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### June 2016 consumer survey

#### June brings rise in consumer confidence

The consumer confidence indicator has risen during the month of June. This is the first improvement for seven months.

The strengthening of consumer confidence is mainly due to a markedly less pessimistic outlook among consumers regarding unemployment in Belgium. Forecasts with regard to the general economic situation have remained stable at the level observed over the last four months.

As far as their personal situation is concerned, households are assuming that their financial prospects will improve slightly over the next few months. However, they reckon they will be saving considerably less.

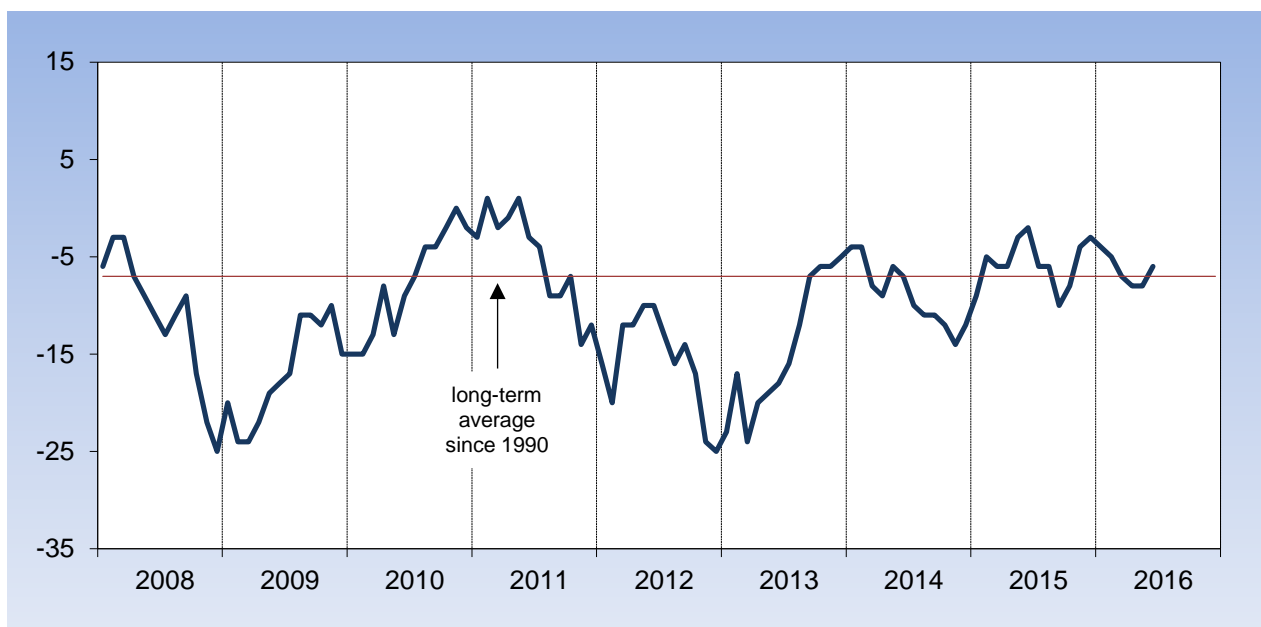
#### Consumer confidence indicators

		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	
2015	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
2016	January	-1	13	-2	1	-4
	February	-5	14	-3	2	-5
	March	-11	15	-4	3	-7
	April	-10	15	-5	-1	-8
	May	-11	20	-3	4	-8
	June	-11	12	-2	0	-6

Source: National Bank of Belgium.

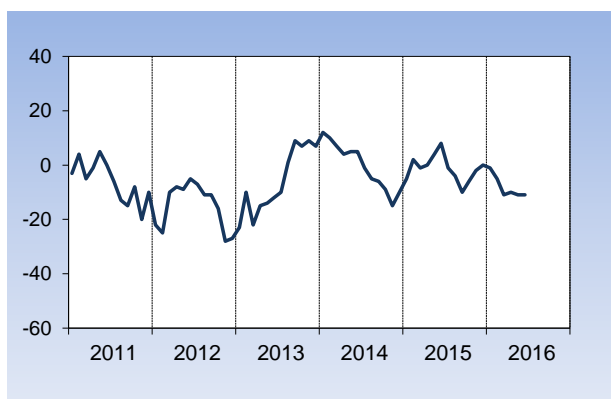
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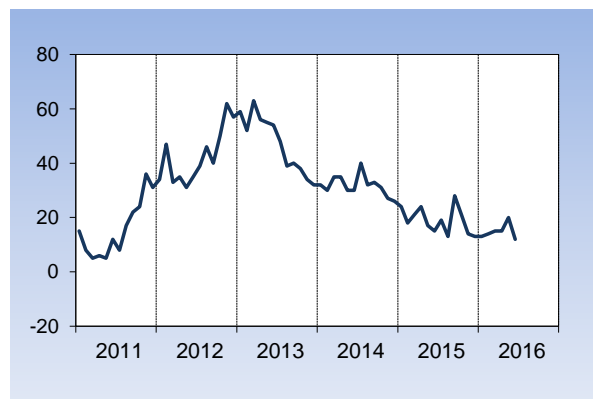


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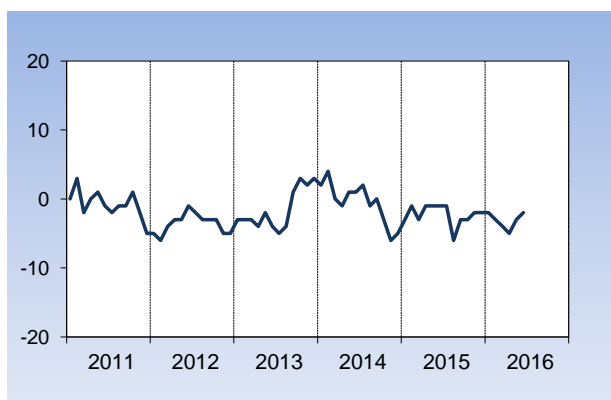
General economic situation in Belgium



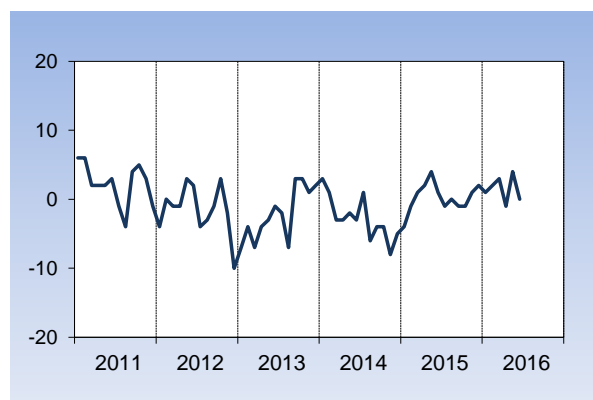
Unemployment in Belgium<sup>1</sup>



Financial situation of households



Savings of households



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