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June 2017 consumer survey

Consumer confidence weakens in June

Consumer confidence was down slightly in June, after remaining stable over the last two months.

The components of the confidence indicator displayed divergent trends.

Forecasts for the general economic situation are slowly but surely continuing to improve. By contrast, like last month, households appeared a little more worried about unemployment rising over the next twelve months.

From a personal viewpoint, consumers have not changed their expectations concerning their own financial situation. However, they are expecting to save a lot less.

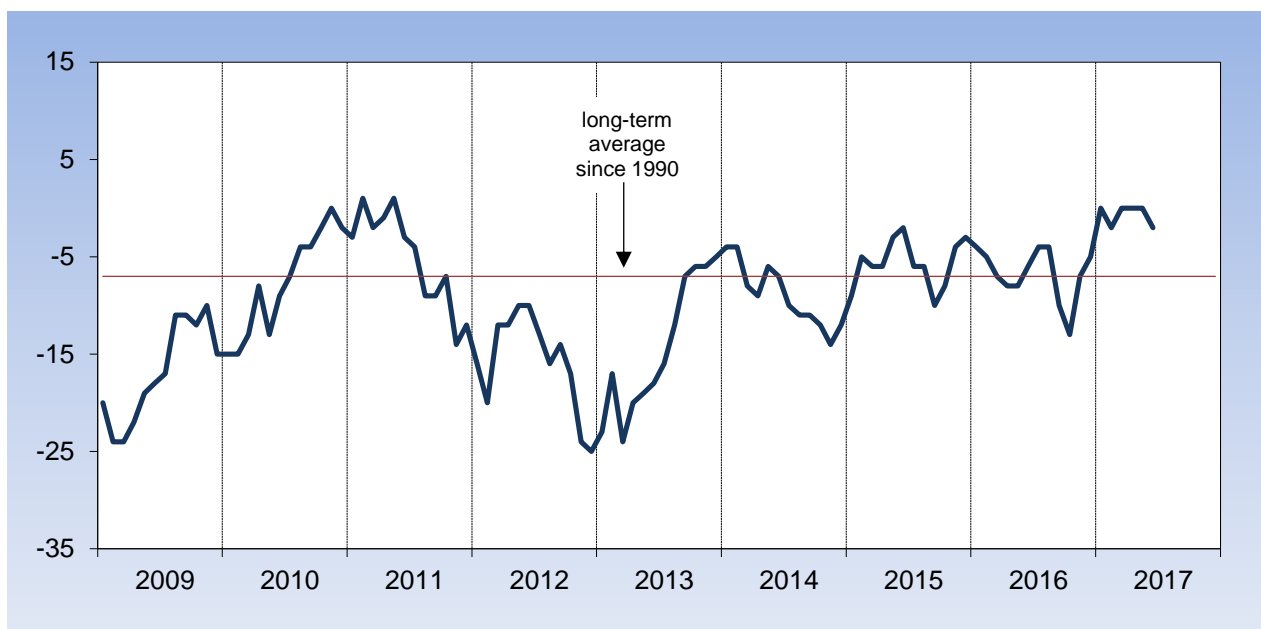
Consumer confidence indicators

		Expectations for the next twelve months				Consumer confidence indicator
		Economic situation in Belgium	Unemployment in Belgium ¹	Financial situation of households	Savings of households	
2016	June	-11	12	-2	0	-6
	July	-6	13	-1	4	-4
	August	-5	14	-1	2	-4
	September	-7	31	-2	1	-10
	October	-14	38	-3	4	-13
	November	-6	21	-1	1	-7
	December	-6	13	-2	2	-5
	2017	January	3	4	-1	2
February		-2	10	0	3	-2
March		0	6	2	4	0
April		3	4	1	0	0
May		3	6	-1	4	0
June		4	8	-1	-2	-2

Source: National Bank of Belgium.

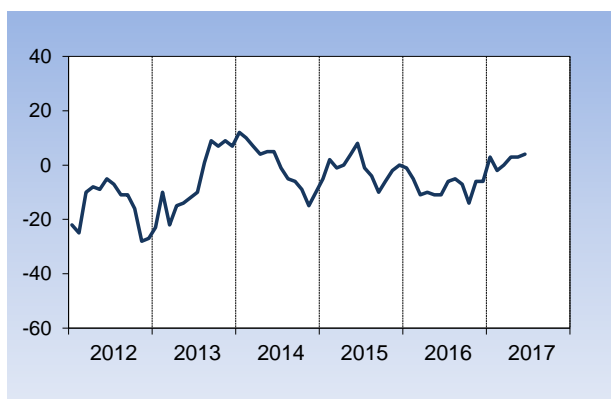
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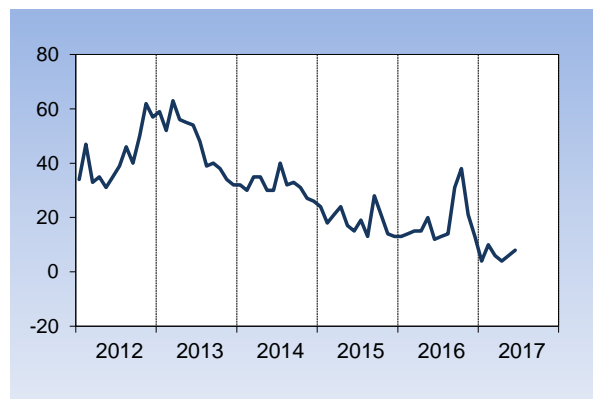


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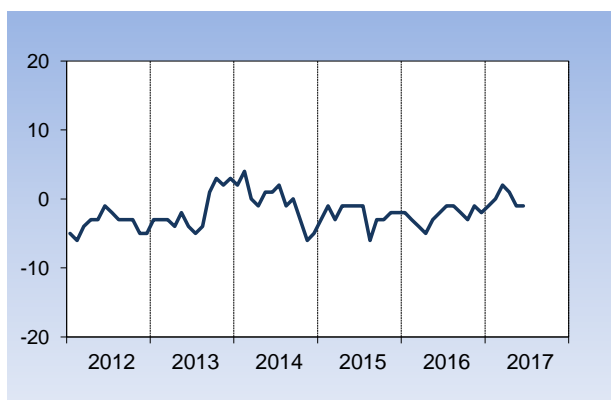
General economic situation in Belgium



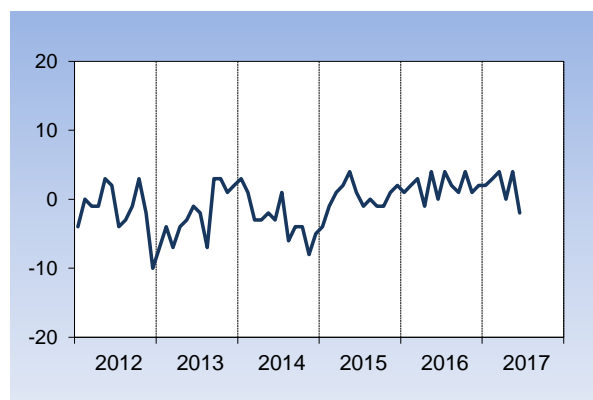
Unemployment in Belgium¹



Financial situation of households



Savings of households



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