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Monthly consumer survey – June 2018

Consumer confidence drops further in June

- The consumer confidence indicator has fallen for the third month in a row
- Households take a less optimistic view of both the economy and their personal situation

At the macroeconomic level, consumers have an even more negative opinion of the future economic situation in Belgium than during last month. Additionally, they continue to assume that unemployment will rise slightly in the coming months.

Households take a dimmer view of their future financial situation and once again expect to save a little less in the coming months.

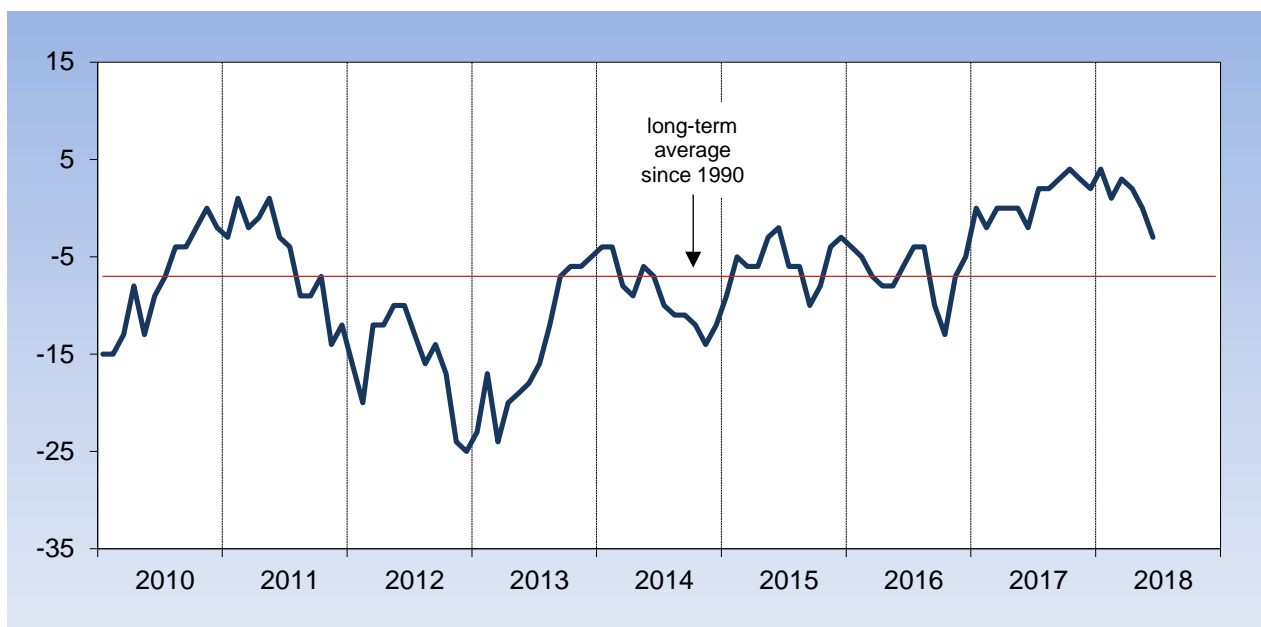
Consumer confidence indicators

		Expectations for the next twelve months				Consumer confidence indicator
		Economic situation in Belgium	Unemployment in Belgium ¹	Financial situation of households	Savings of households	
2017	June	4	8	-1	-2	-2
	July	4	3	1	5	2
	August	6	0	-1	4	2
	September	6	-2	0	3	3
	October	9	-4	1	3	4
	November	6	-5	0	2	3
	December	5	0	0	3	2
2018	January	11	-6	0	-2	4
	February	8	-1	-2	-4	1
	March	10	-5	1	-2	3
	April	5	-3	1	1	2
	May	2	2	1	0	0
	June	-5	4	-4	-1	-3

Source: National Bank of Belgium.

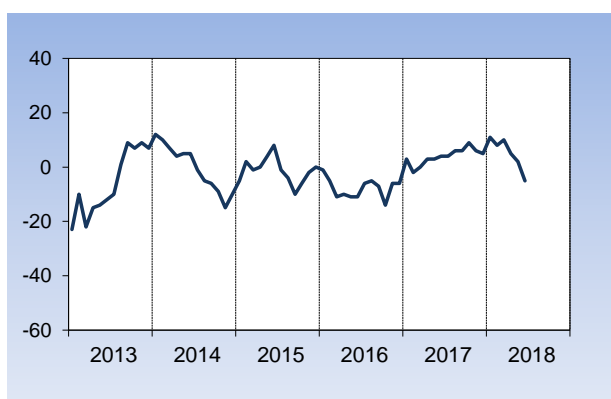
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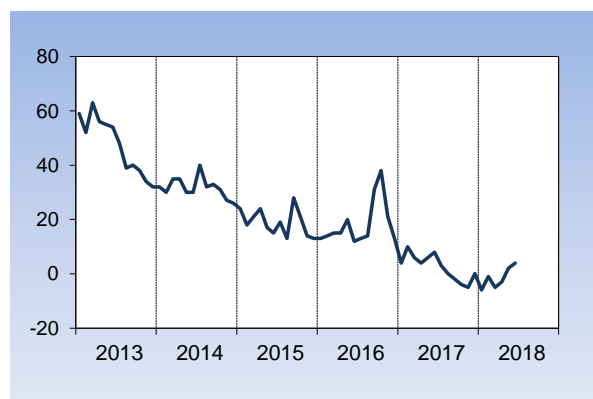


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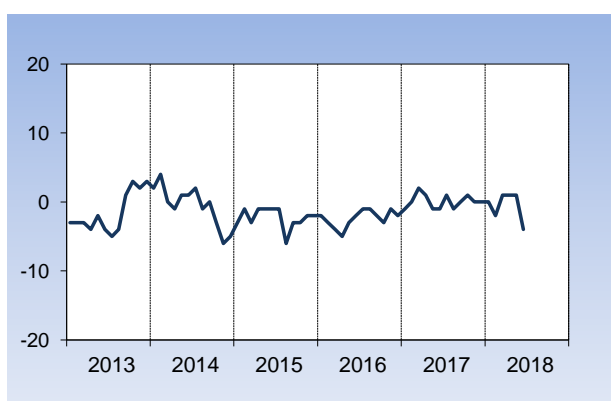
General economic situation in Belgium



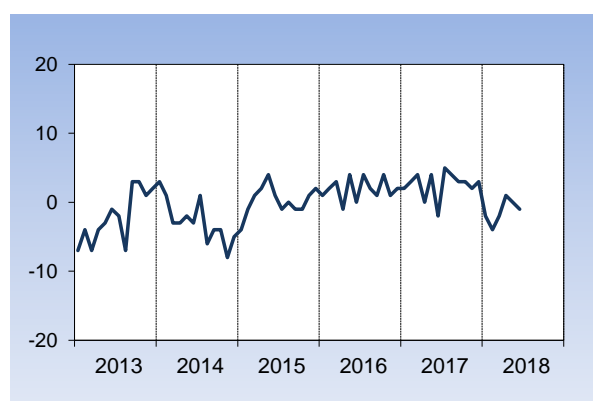
Unemployment in Belgium¹



Financial situation of households



Savings of households



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