

CONSUMER SURVEY INTERVIEW

1. Gender of respondent
 - male
 - female

2. How old are you?
 - 18 to 29 years
 - 30 to 49 years
 - 50 to 64 years
 - 65 or over

3. Are you in paid employment?
 - yes
 - no

- 3a. If you are not working, how would you describe your situation?
 - retired
 - early retirement
 - illness benefit/invalidity pension
 - student
 - housewife/househusband
 - unemployed
 - other

- 3b. Which of the following best describes your professional category?
 - Company manager or member of the liberal professions
 - Managerial/executive function or a university degree-based profession
 - Specialised medical staff
 - Teaching staff (all levels)

 - A specialised administrative function
 - General nursing staff
 - A specialised technical function
 - Another profession based on a non-university-level higher education diploma

 - General administrative or commercial employee
 - Hotel, catering
 - General care personnel
 - Police, fire-fighting and security staff
 - Transport personnel

 - Skilled worker in the building, wood- or metal-working sector
 - Skilled worker in farming, fisheries, forestry or horticulture
 - Tradesman, self-employed in the food industry

 - Low-skilled worker in industry and trade
 - Working in cleaning/maintenance services
 - Chauffeur

4. In the case of "work" is it a full-time or a part-time job?
 - full-time
 - part-time

5. In your opinion, over the past twelve months, has the general economic situation in Belgium become:
 - much better
 - slightly better
 - remained the same
 - slightly worse
 - much worse

6. How do you expect the general economic situation in Belgium to develop over the next twelve months?
It will....
- get a lot better
 - get a little better
 - stay the same
 - get a little worse
 - get a lot worse
7. How do you think that consumer prices have developed over the last twelve months?
They have...
- risen a lot
 - risen moderately
 - risen slightly
 - stayed about the same
 - fallen
8. By how many per cent do you think that consumer prices have gone up/gone down over the last twelve months?%.
9. By comparison with the past twelve months, how do you expect that consumer prices will develop in the next twelve months? They will...:
- increase more rapidly
 - increase at the same rate
 - increase at a slower rate
 - stay about the same
 - fall
10. By how many per cent do you expect consumer prices to go up/go down in the next twelve months? %.
11. What do you think will happen to unemployment in Belgium over the next twelve months? Do you believe that it will:
- increase sharply
 - increase slightly
 - remain the same
 - fall slightly
 - fall sharply
12. As regards durable goods like furniture, a washing machine, a television, a computer and other durables, do you think that now is a good or bad time for people to make such a major purchase, or neither good nor bad?
- good
 - not good but not bad either
 - bad
13. As regards major purchases such as furniture, a washing machine, a television or other durables, do you think that over the next twelve months your household will be spending more, less or the same on such durable goods as over the past twelve months?
- much more
 - a bit more
 - the same
 - a bit less
 - much less

14. Do you expect to buy a car within the next twelve months?
 - yes, definitely
 - yes, possibly
 - probably not
 - definitely not

15. Are you planning to buy or build a home over the next twelve months (to live in yourself, for a member of your family, as a holiday home, to let...?)
 - yes, definitely
 - possibly
 - probably not
 - definitely not

16. How likely are you to spend any large sums of money on home improvements or renovations over the next twelve months?
 - very likely
 - fairly likely
 - not likely
 - not at all likely

17. Would you say that your financial situation has got better or worse or remained unchanged over the past twelve months?
 - much better
 - slightly better
 - remained unchanged
 - slightly worse
 - much worse

18. And what about your financial situation at the moment? Is your household in a financial situation where you are short of money, or have money to spare, or can just get by?
 - plenty over, saving
 - saving a bit
 - just getting by
 - using savings
 - getting into debt

19. How do you expect the financial position of your household to change over the next twelve months? It will...
 - get a lot better
 - get a little better
 - stay the same
 - get a little worse
 - get a lot worse

20. Do you expect to save any money over the next twelve months?
 - definitely
 - yes, possibly
 - probably not
 - definitely not

21. In view of the general situation, do you think that now is...?
 - a very good moment to save
 - a fairly good moment to save
 - not a good moment to save
 - a very bad moment to save

22. For a survey such as this we need to be able to place people in broad income groups. May I therefore ask you to class yourself in one of the following income groups (= total net household income per month in EUR)?

- under EUR 1,000 per month
- between EUR 1,000 and 2,500 per month
- between EUR 2,500 and 4,000 per month
- over EUR 4,000 per month

23. And finally, what is the highest standard of education that you attained?

- elementary school
- lower intermediate
- higher intermediate
- higher non-university education
- university