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December 2010 consumer survey

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE DIPS SLIGHTLY IN DECEMBER

After having picked up strength over the last few months, the consumer confidence indicator has weakened somewhat in December.

Above all, consumers seemed to be less confident about the general economic outlook in Belgium for the next twelve months. In spite of the rather negative prognosis of the global macroeconomic context, fears of a resurgence of unemployment in the future have once again faded slightly. As regards their own personal situation, households are expecting their saving capacity to remain stable despite an anticipated deterioration in their overall finances.

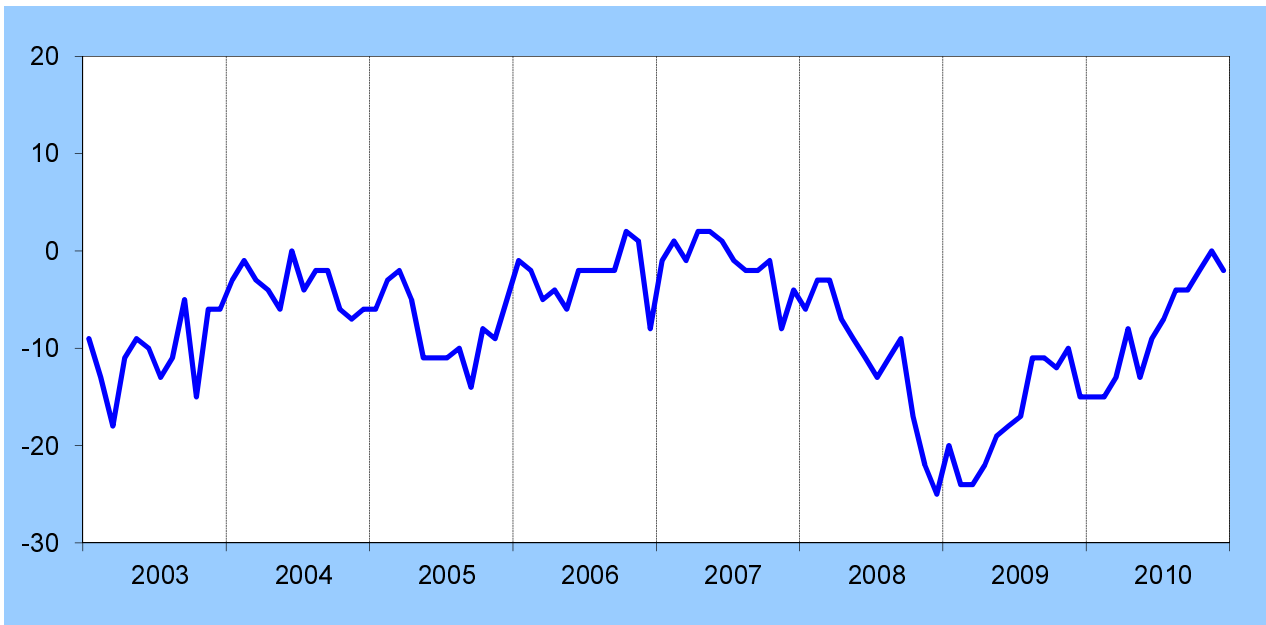
Consumer confidence indicators

		Expectations for the next twelve months				Consumer confidence indicator
		Economic situation in Belgium	Unemployment in Belgium ¹	Financial situation of households	Saving capacity of households	
2009	December	0	65	1	4	-15
2010	January	-2	65	1	7	-15
	February	-1	64	0	5	-15
	March	2	60	2	6	-13
	April	8	43	2	1	-8
	May	-6	47	-1	3	-13
	June	-4	40	1	6	-9
	July	4	31	0	0	-7
	August	7	27	1	3	-4
	September	3	24	1	4	-4
	October	3	23	3	7	-2
	November	8	17	2	6	0
	December	3	16	0	6	-2

Source: National Bank of Belgium.

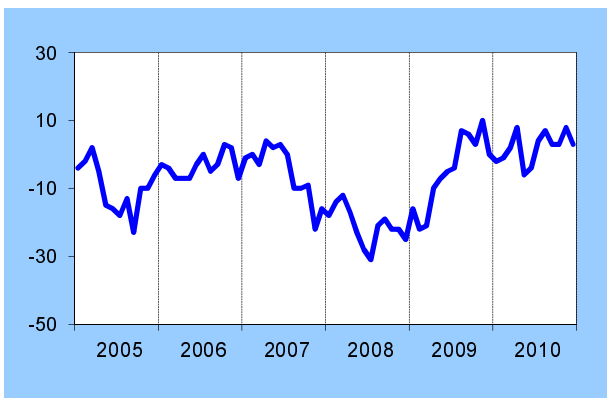
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CONSUMER CONFIDENCE INDICATOR

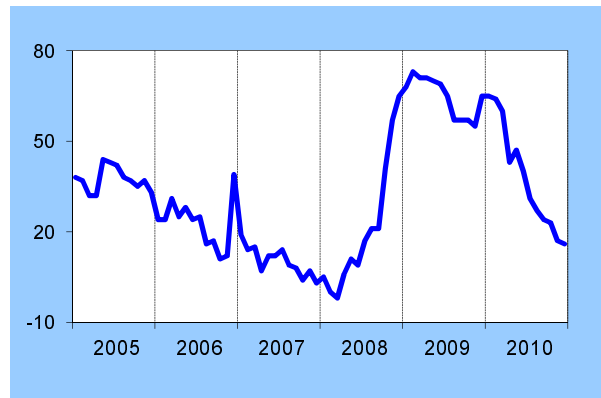


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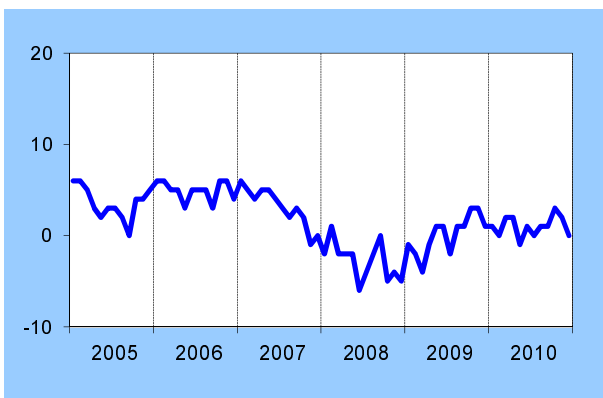
General economic situation in Belgium



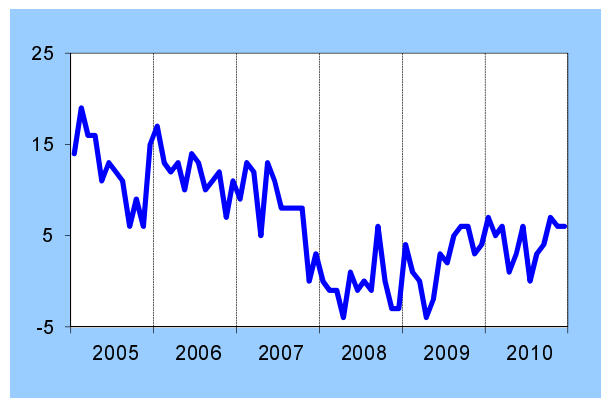
Unemployment in Belgium¹



Financial situation of households



Saving capacity of households



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