

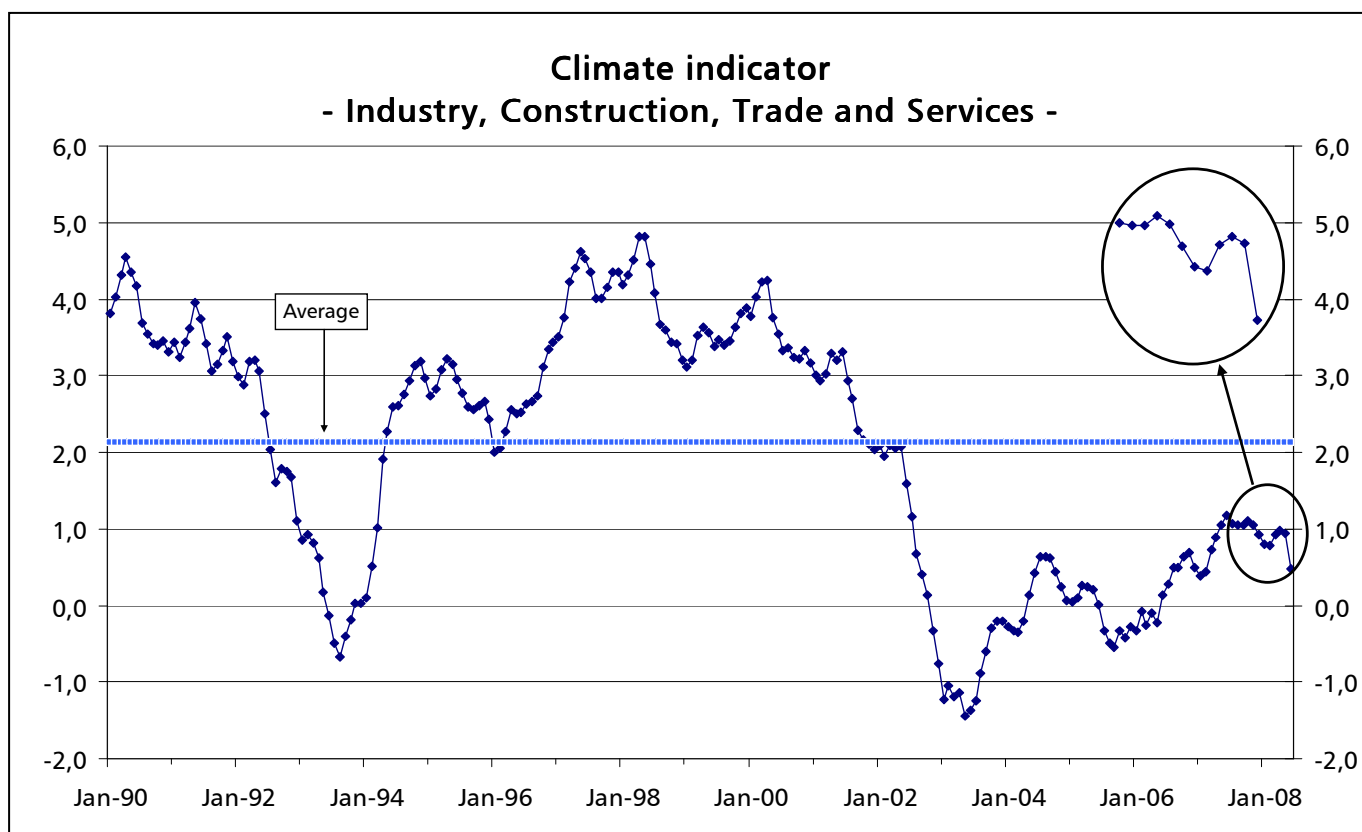
27<sup>th</sup> June, 2008**Business and Consumer Surveys****June 2008****Economic climate and Consumer confidence indicators decline in June**

In June, the economic climate indicator accentuated further the downward evolution observed in the previous month. In June, all the sectors' confidence indicators registered negative evolutions.

In June, the Consumer confidence indicator maintained its downward trend, attaining the lowest value since May 2003.

In Manufacturing Industry<sup>1</sup>, the confidence indicator declined in the last four months, more intensely in May and June mainly as a consequence of strong decreases of the balance of the opinions on global demand. It should be noted that this indicator reached the minimum value of the last two years. In Construction and Public Works, the confidence indicator slightly decreased in June, after recovering in the first five months of the year. The evolution of this indicator was due to both components (order books and employment perspectives) which recorded negative evolutions, more pronounced in the case of the former. In Trade, the confidence indicator intensified the downward movement of the two previous months, driven by the strong decline registered in both subsectors, more intensely in Retail. In June, this indicator reached the lowest value since July 2006. In Services, the confidence indicator diminished in June, offsetting the increase of the three previous months, what was due to the negative evolutions of the opinions on the order books and of the demand perspectives, less intense in the second case.

In June, similarly to what had happened in May, the Consumer confidence indicator negative evolution was led by the negative behaviour of all the components, mainly by the perspectives on the country's economic situation and on the household's financial situation. The first of these variables registered the minimum value since May 2003 and the latter the minimum value of the series.



<sup>1</sup> Unless stated otherwise, the analysis in this press release refers to three-month moving average.

**Confidence indicators and their underlying series (3mma; balances; wide range)**

	First Period	Average Value	Standard Deviation	Minimum Value	Date	Maximum Value	Date
<b>1 Manufacturing Industry - confidence indicator (2+3-4)/3 (a)</b>	<i>Jan-89</i>	<b>-5.2</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>-27.5</b>	<i>Jul-93</i>	<b>7.9</b>	<i>Jan-89</i>
2 Demand/Order books (a)	<i>Jan-89</i>	-15.7	11.1	-27.5	<i>Jul-93</i>	5.3	<i>Mar-98</i>
3 Production expectations over the next 3 months (a)	<i>Jan-89</i>	7.7	7.6	-10.8	<i>Jul-93</i>	25.1	<i>Mar-97</i>
4 Stocks of finished goods (a)	<i>Jan-89</i>	7.5	5.1	-3.5	<i>Dec-94</i>	24.9	<i>Jul-93</i>
<b>5 Services - confidence indicator (6+7+8)/3 (d)</b>	<i>Apr-01</i>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>-13.5</b>	<i>Jun-03</i>	<b>21.9</b>	<i>Jun-01</i>
6 Assessment of the business situation over the past 3 months** (d)	<i>Apr-01</i>	-2.1	8.7	-17.5	<i>Jul-03</i>	22.4	<i>Jun-01</i>
7 Demand perspectives over the next 3 months (d)	<i>Apr-01</i>	11.3	5.2	-2.6	<i>Jun-03</i>	20.9	<i>May-04</i>
8 Demand/Order books over the past 3 months (d)	<i>Apr-01</i>	0.5	10.0	-21.8	<i>Jun-03</i>	24.2	<i>May-01</i>
<b>9 Trade - confidence indicator (12+15-18)/3 (b)</b>	<i>Jan-89</i>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>-13.2</b>	<i>Sep-05</i>	<b>12.2</b>	<i>Jan-89</i>
10 -Wholesale (b)	<i>Jan-89</i>	2.6	6.6	-19.6	<i>Dec-92</i>	20.0	<i>Nov-90</i>
11 -Retail trade (b)	<i>Jan-89</i>	-1.4	8.1	-18.6	<i>Sep-05</i>	12.1	<i>Nov-98</i>
12 Present business situation (b)	<i>Jan-89</i>	-5.6	12.6	-27.0	<i>May-03</i>	22.0	<i>Jan-89</i>
13 - Wholesale (b)	<i>Jan-89</i>	-4.6	11.2	-27.4	<i>May-03</i>	36.3	<i>Apr-90</i>
14 - Retail trade (b)	<i>Jan-89</i>	-7.9	15.6	-34.4	<i>Apr-04</i>	23.9	<i>Dec-92</i>
15 Expected business situation over the next 3 months*** (b)	<i>Jan-89</i>	15.8	10.8	-8.4	<i>Aug-05</i>	32.6	<i>Apr-90</i>
16 - Wholesale (b)	<i>Jan-89</i>	15.1	11.8	-35.9	<i>Dec-92</i>	51.8	<i>Nov-89</i>
17 - Retail trade (b)	<i>Jan-89</i>	18.5	13.2	-15.0	<i>Aug-05</i>	42.0	<i>Jun-93</i>
18 Volume of Stocks (b)	<i>Jan-89</i>	10.3	5.1	0.5	<i>Dec-03</i>	25.1	<i>Aug-90</i>
19 - Wholesale (b)	<i>Jan-89</i>	2.9	6.7	-26.6	<i>Aug-92</i>	29.1	<i>Oct-89</i>
20 - Retail trade (b)	<i>Jan-89</i>	14.9	7.5	1.3	<i>Dec-92</i>	49.3	<i>Aug-90</i>
<b>21 Construction and Public Works - confidence indicator (22+23)/2 (b)</b>	<i>Feb-91</i>	<b>-25.5</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>-54.3</b>	<i>Apr-03</i>	<b>5.2</b>	<i>Sep-97</i>
22 Current order books (b)	<i>Feb-91</i>	-41.2	18.0	-71.3	<i>May-03</i>	0.3	<i>Nov-97</i>
23 Employment perspectives over the next 3 months (b)	<i>Feb-91</i>	-9.8	14.9	-43.8	<i>Jan-03</i>	16.2	<i>Apr-97</i>
<b>24 Consumers - Confidence indicator (25+26-27+28)/4 (c)</b>	<i>Jun-86</i>	<b>-22.2</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>-46.2</b>	<i>Apr-03</i>	<b>-2.0</b>	<i>Nov-87</i>
25 Financial situation of the Households over the next 12 months (c)	<i>Jun-86</i>	-7.6	8.8	-29.2	<i>Jun-08</i>	8.6	<i>Jan-92</i>
26 General economic situation in the country over the next 12 months (c)	<i>Jun-86</i>	-14.9	14.7	-46.1	<i>Apr-03</i>	12.3	<i>Oct-87</i>
27 Unemployment over the next 12 months (c)	<i>Jun-86</i>	30.8	19.6	-1.3	<i>Jun-90</i>	67.1	<i>Apr-03</i>
28 Savings over the next 12 months (c)	<i>Jun-86</i>	-35.2	10.2	-59.4	<i>Dec-07</i>	-16.3	<i>Dec-87</i>
<b>29 Economic climate indicator ****</b>	<i>Jan-89</i>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-1.5</b>	<i>May-03</i>	<b>5.0</b>	<i>Jan-89</i>
	Jun-07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08
<b>1 Manufacturing Industry - confidence indicator (2+3-4)/3 (a)</b>	<b>-1.1</b>	<b>-1.7</b>	<b>-1.6</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>-7.9</b>
2 Demand/Order books (a)	-3.7	-12.3	-12.0	-14.0	-9.0	-16.0	-23.7
3 Production expectations over the next 3 months (a)	3.7	4.7	6.0	6.7	4.3	5.7	5.3
4 Stocks of finished goods (a)	3.3	-2.7	-1.3	-1.3	4.7	6.3	5.3
<b>5 Services - confidence indicator (6+7+8)/3 (d)</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>8.8</b>
6 Assessment of the business situation over the past 3 months** (d)	4.0	5.3	3.0	0.8	2.4	2.9	4.8
7 Demand perspectives over the next 3 months (d)	13.8	12.6	10.4	14.6	16.5	18.1	15.1
8 Demand/Order books over the past 3 months (d)	11.3	13.7	13.1	12.8	11.8	11.2	6.6
<b>9 Trade - confidence indicator (12+15-18)/3 (b)</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>-6.2</b>	<b>-6.5</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	<b>-6.0</b>	<b>-6.8</b>	<b>-9.4</b>
10 -Wholesale (b)	-1.4	-4.9	-5.3	-3.1	-2.0	-2.8	-5.2
11 -Retail trade (b)	-12.7	-7.8	-7.9	-9.4	-11.0	-11.7	-14.6
12 Present business situation (b)	-20.1	-16.8	-17.4	-18.3	-19.5	-20.6	-22.8
13 - Wholesale (b)	-10.3	-10.7	-11.6	-8.7	-9.7	-11.3	-14.9
14 - Retail trade (b)	-32.0	-24.1	-24.5	-29.9	-31.7	-32.3	-32.7
15 Expected business situation over the next 3 months*** (b)	7.2	3.7	3.0	6.1	7.3	7.9	3.0
16 - Wholesale (b)	7.8	3.4	1.2	4.9	5.6	6.5	4.5
17 - Retail trade (b)	6.5	4.1	5.0	7.5	9.4	9.8	1.1
18 Volume of Stocks (b)	6.6	5.5	5.0	5.6	5.8	7.7	8.3
19 - Wholesale (b)	1.8	7.3	5.6	5.5	1.9	3.7	5.3
20 - Retail trade (b)	12.4	3.4	4.3	5.8	10.7	12.7	12.2
<b>21 Construction and Public Works - confidence indicator (22+23)/2 (b)</b>	<b>-40.7</b>	<b>-42.3</b>	<b>-40.3</b>	<b>-38.0</b>	<b>-36.7</b>	<b>-35.8</b>	<b>-36.5</b>
22 Current order books (b)	-60.0	-60.7	-60.7	-58.3	-56.3	-54.7	-55.7
23 Employment perspectives over the next 3 months (b)	-21.3	-24.0	-20.0	-17.7	-17.0	-17.0	-17.3
<b>24 Consumers - Confidence indicator (25+26-27+28)/4 (c)</b>	<b>-32.9</b>	<b>-41.4</b>	<b>-42.5</b>	<b>-42.9</b>	<b>-41.8</b>	<b>-43.4</b>	<b>-44.8</b>
25 Financial situation of the Households over the next 12 months (c)	-15.7	-23.5	-25.2	-26.3	-25.2	-27.6	-29.2
26 General economic situation over the next 12 months (c)	-23.5	-36.8	-39.9	-42.5	-40.2	-42.6	-44.9
27 Unemployment over the next 12 months (c)	40.4	46.6	47.8	46.6	45.2	46.1	47.5
28 Savings over the next 12 months (c)	-51.9	-58.9	-57.3	-56.3	-56.5	-57.4	-57.9
<b>29 Economic climate indicator****</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>

\* Series average since its beginning till the current observation.

\*\* In May 2003 a break in the series occurred, until that moment the reference period was the month under review and afterwards it refers to the past 3 months.

\*\*\* In May 2003 a break in the series occurred, until that moment the question referred to the next 6 months.

\*\*\*\* From September 2004 onwards Services sector was included, besides industry, trade and construction.

(a) Data after December 2002 is computed using a new sample. Back data was rebased.

(b) Data after January 2003 is computed using a new sample. Back data was rebased.

(c) Data after September 2003 is computed using a new sample. Back data was rebased.

(d) Seasonal adjusted series.