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Consumer confidence still high

Consumers are just as confident in the economy in May as they were in April. The consumer confidence indicator is 25. Consumers are slightly less optimistic about the economic climate than last month, but are just as willing to spend their money according to figures from Statistics Netherlands.

Consumers slightly less positive about economic climate

Consumers are still very positive about the economy in May, albeit slightly less than in April. Their optimism with regard to the next twelve months seems to be waning slightly. Their opinion on the last twelve months has hardly changed. Up to now consumers have been more optimistic in 2000 than they were in the second half of 1999.

Willingness to buy still high

Consumers are just as willing to spend their money in May as they were in April. The indicator for willingness to buy has been hovering between 20 and 24 points for over a year now. This is comparable with the high level in the summer of 1998. The high level of willingness to buy is reflected in the fact that consumers think it is a good time to buy large items like refrigerators and television sets.

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