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Consumer confidence remains high

In October Dutch consumer put as much trust in the economy as they did in September. The indicator of consumer confidence stood at 23. According to the latest figures by Statistics Netherlands the willingness to purchase remains high, and the economic climate is generally seen as positive. Optimism about the economic climate in the twelve months to come, however, was not as high as earlier on in the year during September and October. When the seasonal influences are taken into account, consumer confidence in the period July-October is slightly lower than in the first 6 months of the year.

Seasonal influences significant

Consumer confidence has been at a high and stable level throughout the entire year. However, consumers tend to be more positive in the spring and summer than average. When these seasonal influences are taken into account, consumer confidence in the period July-October was slightly lower than in the first 6 months of the year 2000.

Opinion on economic climate stable.

In October, consumers were again quite positive about the economic climate. They considered the economic climate over the last twelve months in more or less the same way as they did in September. However, optimism about the twelve months to come was not as high in September and October as it was earlier on in the year.

Willingness to purchase remains high

In October Dutch consumers remained quite willing to purchase. Throughout the year willingness to purchase has been high and stable, also when there are corrections for seasonal influences.

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Table 1: Consumer confidence, economic climate, willingness to purchase, and major purchases (original series)

	Consu- mentenver- trouwen	Economisch klimaat	Koopbereid- heid	w.o. grote aankopen
1999-May	11	-3	20	34
June	10	-4	20	35
July	15	6	21	38
August	16	6	22	34
September	23	24	22	36
October	23	24	22	31
November	20	17	22	34
December	20	18	21	22
2000-January	28	34	24	38
February	24	25	24	35
March	25	27	23	36
April	26	30	24	36
May	25	26	24	37
June	27	27	27	43
July	25	25	25	42
August	26	24	27	41
September	24	23	25	38
October	23	21	24	35

Source/Bron: Statistics Netherlands: CBS

Tabel 2: Details on economic climate: last year, next year, total (original series)

	Economisch klimaat		
	Afgelopen jaar	Komend jaar	Totaal
1999-May	6	-13	-3
June	4	-12	-4
July	14	-2	6
August	15	-2	6
September	35	13	24
October	33	15	24
November	32	2	17
December	32	3	18
2000-January	47	21	34
February	38	12	25
March	38	17	27
April	40	19	30
May	38	14	26
June	37	16	27
July	35	14	25
Augustus	35	14	24
September	36	10	23
October	33	9	21

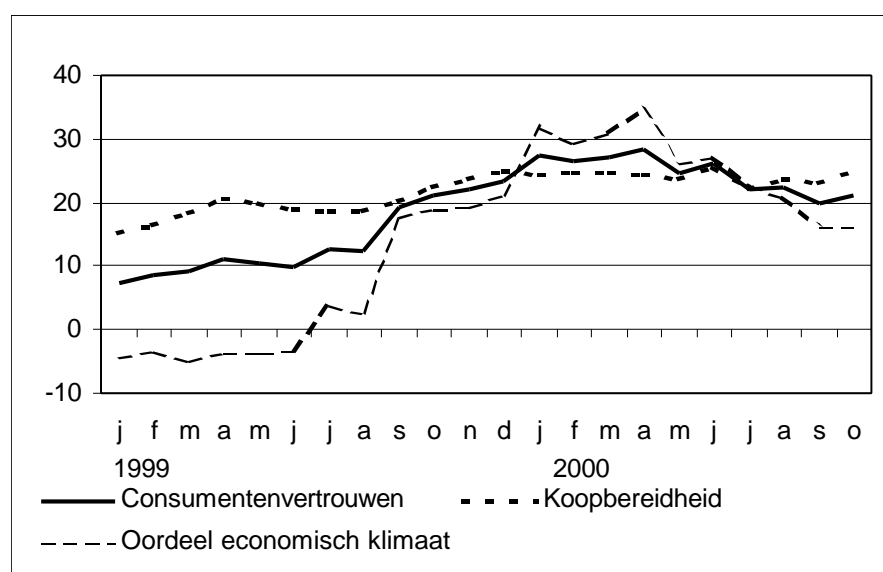
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Table 3: Consumer confidence, economic climate, willingness to purchase, and major purchases (seasonally corrected figures)

	Consumentenvertrouwen	Economisch klimaat	Koopbereidheid	w.o. grote aankopen
1999-May	10	-4	20	33
June	10	-4	19	30
July	13	4	19	30
August	12	3	19	27
September	19	18	20	34
October	21	19	23	32
November	22	19	24	41
December	23	21	25	34
2000-January	27	32	24	39
February	26	29	24	37
March	27	31	25	37
April	28	35	24	36
May	25	26	23	36
June	26	27	26	38
July	22	23	22	35
August	22	21	23	34
September	20	16	23	36
October	21	16	25	35

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Figure 1: Consumer confidence, willingness to purchase, opinion on economic climate (seasonally corrected figures)



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