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Consumer confidence down

Consumer confidence is 4 points down in January on its December score. If seasonal effects are taken into account the fall increases to 10 points. Consumer opinion on the economic climate in the Netherlands is less positive than it was. Willingness to buy is declining, especially because consumers do not think it is the right time to buy large items. According to new figures from Statistics Netherlands, consumers' opinions of their own financial situation remains positive.

Consumers more negative about economic climate

Consumers are less enthusiastic about the Dutch economic climate in January than in December. Their expectations for the coming twelve months in particular have deteriorated, although their views on the last twelve months are slightly more positive. However, when seasonal effects are taken into account, their assessment of last year becomes less favourable.

Willingness to buy declining

Consumers are less willing to spend their money in January than last month, especially after seasonal adjustment. This is almost entirely caused by the fact that they do not think it is a good time to buy large items like refrigerators, TV sets and computers.

Stable opinions on financial position

Households' opinions about their own financial situation is stable. Their opinions on both the past and the coming twelve months are just as positive as in December. The number of households who think their finances have improved outnumber by far the number whose financial situation has deteriorated in their own eyes.

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