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Consumer confidence remains high

In August 1999 consumer confidence in the developments of the Dutch economy remained at the high level observed in July. The willingness to purchase remains high, and opinions about the economic climate unchanged, according to the most recent figures by Statistics Netherlands.

Very willing to purchase

Again there is relatively much willingness to purchase. Consumers feel more positive about their own personal financial situation, especially about developments in the past 12 months. On the other hand, fewer people interviewed in August saw it as a good time for major purchases than in July. In July 48% felt it was a good time for major purchases, in August it was 43%. The August level is comparable with that of March, April and May this year. The number of interviewees who did not feel this was a good time for major purchases stayed about the same: 10% in July and 9% in August.

Economic climate considered stable

Consumer sentiment about the economic climate in August stayed about the same. This is true for the sentiments about the last 12 months and about expectations for the 12 months to come.

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