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Consumer confidence remains high

Consumer trust in the Dutch economy was high in June and equally high in July. The indicator showing consumer confidence stands at 25. The opinion expressed about the economic climate is also as positive as it was in June. The latest figures by Statistics Netherlands further show that consumers remain as willing to purchase as before.

Opinions on economic climate stable

In July Dutch consumers remain positive about the economic climate. The opinions about the economic situation past twelve months and about the twelve months to come are about the same. In the first six months of 2000, consumers were more positive about the economy than in the last six months of 1999.

Willingness to purchase

Dutch consumers are consistently very willing to consume. In July the willingness to purchase indicator stood at 25. The substantial willingness to purchase is shown by the fact that consumers feel this is a good time for major purchases, such as refrigerators or television sets.

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Table 1: consumer confidence, economic climate, willingness to purchase and major purchases. Balance of positive and negative answers (original series)

Tabel 1: Consumentenvertrouwen, economisch klimaat, koopbereidheid en grote aankopen: saldo van positieve en negatieve antwoorden (oorspronkelijke reeks)

	Consumentenvertrouwen	Economisch klimaat	Koopbereidheid	w.o. grote aankopen
1999-Februari	6	-7	16	24
Maart	7	-8	17	34
April	9	-9	20	35
Mei	11	-3	20	34
Juni	10	-4	20	35
Juli	15	6	21	38
Augustus	16	6	22	34
September	23	24	22	36
Oktober	23	24	22	31
November	20	17	22	34
December	20	18	21	22
2000-Januari	28	34	24	38
Februari	24	25	24	35
Maart	25	27	23	36
April	26	30	24	36
Mei	25	26	24	37
Juni	27	27	27	43
Juli	25	25	25	42

Source/Bron: Statistics Netherlands/CBS

Table 2: details economic climate: . Balance of positive and negative answers (original series) past twelve months, next twelve months, total/

Tabel 2: Detailgegevens economisch klimaat: saldo van positieve en negatieve antwoorden (oorspronkelijke reeks)

	Economisch klimaat		
	Afgelopen jaar	Komend jaar	Totaal
1999-Februari	5	-19	-7
Maart	5	-21	-8
April	4	-21	-9
Mei	6	-13	-3
Juni	4	-12	-4
Juli	14	-2	6
Augustus	15	-2	6
September	35	13	24
Oktober	33	15	24
November	32	2	17
December	32	3	18
2000-Januari	47	21	34
Februari	38	12	25
Maart	38	17	27
April	40	19	30
Mei	38	14	26
Juni	37	16	27
Juli	35	14	25

Source/Bron: Statistics Netherlands/CBS

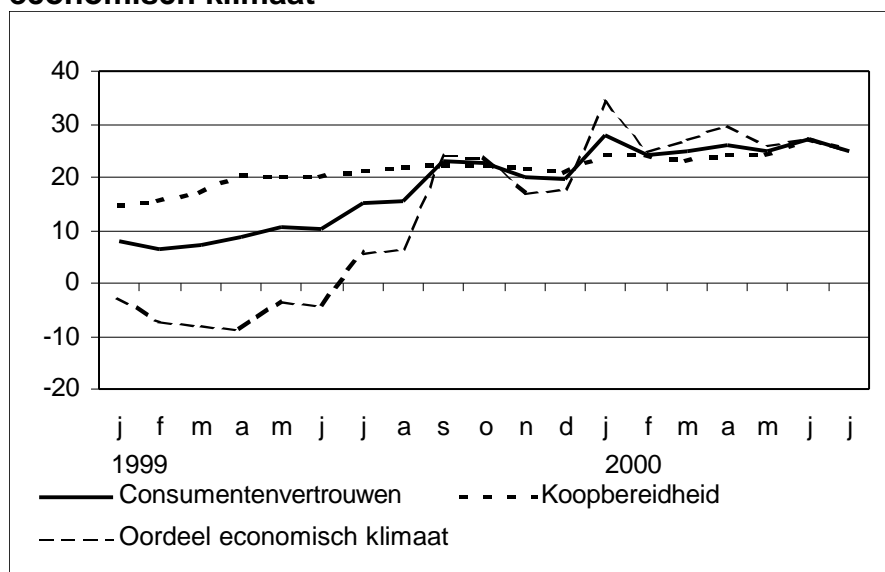
**Table 3, seasonally corrected figures/
Tabel 3: Consumentenvertrouwen, economisch klimaat, koop-
bereidheid en grote aankopen: saldo van positieve en negatieve
antwoorden (na verwijdering van seizoeninvloeden)**

	Consu- mentenver- trouwen	Economisch klimaat	Koopbereid- heid	w.o. grote aankopen
1999-Februari	8	-3	16	26
Maart	9	-5	18	35
April	11	-4	21	35
Mei	10	-4	20	33
Juni	10	-4	19	30
Juli	13	4	19	30
Augustus	12	3	19	27
September	19	18	20	34
Oktober	21	19	23	32
November	22	19	24	41
December	23	21	25	34
2000-Januari	27	32	24	39
Februari	26	29	24	37
Maart	27	31	25	37
April	28	35	24	36
Mei	25	26	23	36
Juni	26	27	26	38
Juli	22	23	22	35

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**Figure 1: consumer confidence, willingness to purchase and
opinion on the Dutch economic climate**

**Figuur 1: Consumentenvertrouwen, koopbereidheid en oordeel
economisch klimaat**



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