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## ***Consumer confidence remains high***

Consumer confidence is virtually the same in September as it was in August. The consumer confidence indicator is 24. Consumers are nearly as optimistic about the economic climate as last month, Statistics Netherlands figures further show that they are still willing to spend their money. If seasonal effects are taken into account consumer confidence is slightly lower in the third quarter than in the first six months of the year.

### ***Important seasonal effects***

Consumer confidence has been fairly stable at a high level all year. Consumers are usually more pessimistic than average at the start of the year, and extra optimistic in the summer months. If these seasonal effects are taken into account consumer confidence is slightly lower in July, August and September than in the first six months of 2000.

### ***Opinion on economic climate unchanged***

Consumer opinion on the economic climate in the Netherlands is again positive in September. They remain optimistic about the last as well the next twelve months. After adjustment for seasonal effects these opinions have become slightly less positive in the course of this year.

### ***Willingness to buy remains high***

Consumers are just as willing to spend their money as in August. Willingness to buy has been relatively stable and high this year, even when seasonal effects are taken into account.

The high indicator for willingness to buy is apparent from ongoing consumers' sentiments that it is a good time to buy large items such as computers and televisions.

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