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Press Release*

Consumer Confidence Index in July 2022 equals 73,2 p.

According to the data provided by Info Sapiens "Consumer confidence of Ukrainians" in July, 2022, the Consumer Confidence Index of Ukrainians has increased by 1.1 points and equals 73.2 points. The indices of Expected Changes in Financial Standing, Expected Economic Conditions in the Country Over the Next Year and Propensity to Consume have slightly increased. The indices of Personal Financial Standing and Expected Economic Conditions in the Country Over the Next 5 Years decreased.

In July 2022, the Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) equals 73,2, which is 1,1 point higher than the indicator in June.

Index of the Current Situation (ICS) have decreased and equals 37,2, which is 1,1 p. lower than in June. The components of this index have changed as follows:

- Index of Current Personal Financial Standing (x1) equals 30,7, which is 2,9 points lower than the indicator in June;
- Index of Propensity to Consume (x5) increased by 0,8 p. to the level 43,8.

In July, *Index of Economic Expectations (IEE)* increased by 2,5 p. and equals 97,2. The components of this index have changed as follows:

- Index of Expected Changes in Personal Financial Standing (x2) equals 78,8, which is 7,7 points higher than in Jun;
- Index of Expectations of the Country's Economic Development Over the Next Year (x3) in July equals 79, which is 2,2 points higher than in previous month;
- Index of Expectations of the Country's Economic Development over the Next 5 Years (x4) decreased by 2,5 points compared to last month and equals 133,9 p.

In July, the indicator of *Index of Expectations of Changes in Unemployment* has increased by 3,7 points and equals 146,4. *Index of Inflationary Expectations* increased by 0,6 point and equals 183 p. Expectations of Ukrainians regarding the hryvna's exchange rate in the coming three months have worsened: *Index of Devaluation Expectations* increased by 5,4 p. and equals 157,5.

«The main indexes stabilized in July, and the changes were statistically insignificant compared to June 2022. The index of the current situation significantly slowed down the pace of decline, and the index of economic expectations even showed an upward trend. At the same time, expectations of unemployment, inflation, and devaluation are deteriorating» – as Info Sapiens analysts comment.

Dear subscribers and readers, an error was made in the June indicators, the CCI was 72.2 points instead of 78.1, and the index to make large purchases was 43.0 points instead of 76.7. We apologize for this situation.





Dynamics of the Consumer Confidence Index in Ukraine (16+ target group)						
Month, year	Consumer Confidence Index (CCI)	Index of the Current Situation (ICS)	Index of Economic Expectations (IEE)	Index of Expectations of Changes in Unemployment (IECU)	Index of Inflationary Expectations (IIE)	Index of Devaluation Expectations (IDE)
07′22	73,2	37,2	97,2	146,4	183,0	157,5
06′22	72,2	38,3	94,8	142,7	182,4	152,1
07′21	71,3	68,2	73,3	137,4	192,0	139,4

How the indices are calculated

In Ukraine, the Consumer Confidence Index is determined through a random survey of domestic households. During the poll, 1,000 people aged 16 and over are interviewed. The structure of the sample corresponds to the structure of the population according to such parameters as gender, age, size of the settlement, and region according to the latest available data of the State Statistics Service of Ukraine before the full-scale invasion of russia on February 24, 2022. The "Consumer Confidence" study is not conducted in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, the city of Sevastopol, as well as other territories of Ukraine temporarily occupied by russia, where Ukrainian operators do not provide mobile phone services. Also, the survey does not include Ukrainians who went abroad. The margin of error does not exceed 3.1%. In April and May 2020, as well as in April 2021, due to COVID-10, and from March 2022, the survey was conducted by telephone interview with calls to mobile numbers. Dates of the latest survey: July 5-27.

To define the CCI respondents are asked these questions:



1. How has the financial standing of your family changed over the last six months?

2. How do you think your family's financial standing will change in the next six months?

3. Looking at economic conditions in the country as a whole. do you think the next 12 months will be good or bad?

4. Looking at the next five years. will they be good ones or bad ones for the country's economy?

5. In terms of large purchases for your home. do you think now is generally a good time or a bad time to make such purchases?

Each of these questions is related to a corresponding index:

• Index of Current Personal Financial Standing (x1);

• Index of Expected Changes in Personal Financial Standing (x2);

• Index of Expected Economic Conditions in the Country Over the Next Year (x3);

• Index of Expected Economic Conditions in the Country Over the Next 5 Years (x4);

• Index of Propensity to Consume (x5).

Indices are constructed thus: the share of negative answers is deducted from the share of positive answers. and 100 is added to this difference in order to eliminate negative values. On the basis of these five indices. three aggregate indices are calculated:

• Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) as the arithmetic average of indices x1-x5;

• Index of the Current Situation (ICS) as the arithmetic average of indices x1 and x5;

• Index of Economic Expectations (IEE) as the arithmetic average of indices x2. x3. and x4.

Index values range from 0 to 200. The index equals 200 when all respondents positively assess the economic situation. It totals 100 when the shares of positive and negative assessments are equal. Indices of less than 100 indicate the prevalence of negative assessments.

To determine the Index of Expected Changes in Unemployment (IECU). the Index of Inflationary Expectations (IIE) and the Index of Devaluation Expectations (IDE), the respondents are asked these three questions:

1. Do you think that within next 12 months the number of unemployed (people who do not have job and are looking for work) will increase. will remain roughly the same. or will decrease?

2. How do you think that prices for major consumer goods and services will change in the next 1–2 months?

3. How do you think the USD value will change towards the UAH value during the next 3 months?

The IECU. the IIE and the IDE are calculated thus: the share of answers that indicate a decrease of unemployment/inflation/devaluation is subtracted from the share of answers that indicate the growth of unemployment/inflation/devaluation. and 100 is added to the difference to eliminate negative values. The values of indices can vary from 0 to 200. The index totals 200 when all residents expect an increase in unemployment/inflation/devaluation.

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Research agency Info Sapiens specializes in public opinion polls, behavioral studies and secondary data analysis. Our team complies with the ICC/ESOMAR International Code of Marketing and Social Research Practice and is a member of Ukrainian Marketing Association.

Info Sapiens provides fieldwork for GfK Ukraine projects and also independently conducts research projects. namely social and political surveys including «Consumer confidence in Ukraine». More information about the company and its services is available on the <u>website</u> or <u>facebook page</u>.