

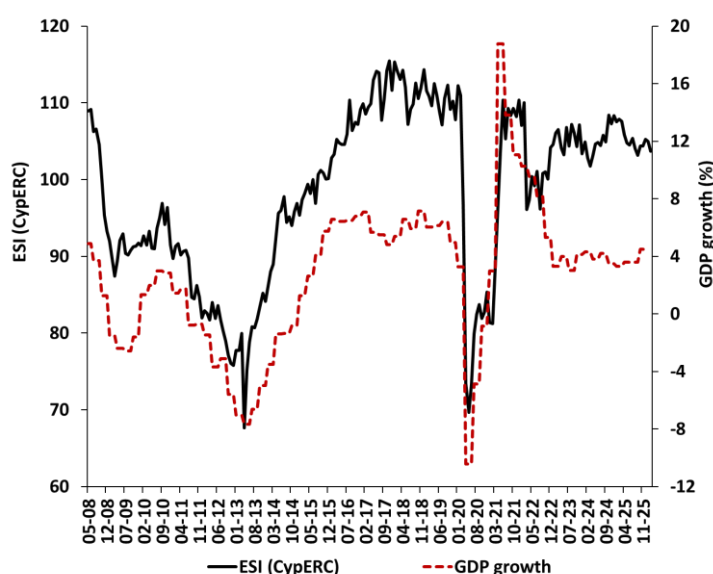
BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SURVEYS

February 2026

Summary

- In February 2026, economic sentiment in Cyprus deteriorated, as the Economic Sentiment Indicator (ESI-CypERC) declined by 1.3 points compared with January. This decline was driven by weaker business confidence in the services sector and lower consumer confidence.
- The fall in the Services Confidence Indicator was due to a deterioration in firms' assessments of their recent performance (i.e. business situation and turnover), despite an improvement in turnover expectations.
- The Retail Trade Confidence Indicator increased as firms' views on current stock levels and sales expectations improved.
- The increase in the Construction Confidence Indicator stemmed from an uptick in assessments of order book levels and upward revisions to employment expectations.
- The increase in the Industry Confidence Indicator resulted from more favourable views on current order book levels and upward revisions to production expectations.
- The Consumer Confidence Indicator declined as consumers' expectations regarding their future financial situation deteriorated and their intentions to make major purchases weakened further. Nevertheless, consumers' assessments of their recent financial situation remained highly favourable.
- The Economic Uncertainty Indicator for Cyprus increased in February, owing to a rise in consumer uncertainty and higher business uncertainty across all sectors except construction. However, economic uncertainty in Cyprus remained low relative to its historical average, particularly among consumers and firms in the services and construction sectors.

Economic Sentiment Indicator (ESI-CypERC) and GDP growth^{1,2}



Notes: ¹ ESI (CypERC): the weights used in the calculation of the Indicator reflect the contribution of each sector to the GDP of Cyprus.

² GDP growth: GDP (in real terms, adjusted for seasonality and working days) is compared to the same quarter of the previous year (Source: Statistical Service of Cyprus).

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Indicators and balances ¹

Month	2025											2026	
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2
ECONOMIC SENTIMENT INDICATOR (ESI CypERC) ²	107.9	107.6	105.9	104.8	104.5	105.4	104.0	103.1	104.4	104.4	105.2	105.0	103.7
ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY INDICATOR (CypERC) ²	13.7	11.6	13.2	8.5	18.6	14.5	11.0	15.8	11.7	10.9	9.1	3.7	11.9
SERVICES													
Services Confidence Indicator ³	28	27	20	15	16	19	11	8	14	11	13	15	10
Business situation, past 3 months ⁴	25	33	17	17	9	19	15	-4	3	2	14	11	5
Turnover (demand), past 3 months ⁴	29	28	21	14	13	21	9	6	9	6	12	13	1
Expected turnover (demand), next 3 months ⁴	29	21	23	14	25	18	10	22	28	26	14	20	24
Expected employment, next 3 months	-1	0	6	10	8	9	4	11	17	9	14	12	7
Expected selling prices, next 3 months	-1	8	-4	1	2	1	5	2	8	6	10	12	18
Uncertainty: difficulty predicting business situation ^{5,6}	6	8	6	2	18	10	4	17	9	8	6	-2	9
RETAIL TRADE													
Retail Trade Confidence Indicator ³	1	5	3	4	-2	1	6	4	0	4	6	2	4
Business activity (sales), past 3 months ⁴	0	4	4	3	-2	3	0	0	-3	0	0	0	-2
Stock of goods ⁴	1	3	4	-3	9	7	-2	0	6	2	2	8	3
Expected business activity (sales), next 3 months ⁴	5	13	9	5	5	5	15	12	10	15	21	12	15
Orders placed with suppliers, next 3 months	5	4	4	-1	-2	-2	4	2	2	6	18	10	9
Expected employment, next 3 months	3	4	3	4	2	5	1	2	3	1	1	1	1
Expected selling prices, next 3 months	41	35	39	32	35	35	32	33	34	34	36	30	39
Uncertainty: difficulty predicting business situation ^{5,6}	62	57	57	50	60	59	62	60	57	59	61	54	63
CONSTRUCTION													
Construction Confidence Indicator ³	2	-1	7	5	8	14	9	5	11	14	14	0	4
Building activity, past 3 months	7	9	-1	3	10	19	8	11	14	14	15	4	1
Current overall order books ⁴	0	1	1	-9	6	15	4	2	11	14	16	0	2
Expected employment, next 3 months ⁴	4	-3	12	19	10	12	13	8	11	14	12	1	7
Expected selling prices, next 3 months	24	17	20	24	23	29	23	25	25	32	31	28	29
Uncertainty: difficulty predicting business situation ^{5,6}	5	-4	12	12	13	7	13	-6	-12	-7	1	-2	-5
INDUSTRY													
Industrial Confidence Indicator ³	2	-2	0	1	0	2	3	4	3	4	4	0	4
Production, past 3 months	3	3	-3	-6	-5	-2	2	2	-5	-1	3	1	4
Current overall order books ⁴	-14	-20	-20	-21	-18	-18	-17	-15	-24	-20	-16	-17	-8
Stock of finished products ⁴	-26	-15	-23	-24	-19	-24	-18	-20	-26	-22	-20	-16	-16
Expected production, next 3 months ⁴	-7	0	-2	-1	-1	0	7	8	6	9	8	1	5
Expected employment, next 3 months	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Expected selling prices, next 3 months	19	13	15	16	15	11	8	18	17	15	17	17	20
Uncertainty: difficulty predicting business situation ^{5,6}	71	61	66	60	64	66	64	63	65	69	65	68	74
CONSUMERS													
Consumer Confidence Indicator ³	-19	-17	-17	-16	-15	-19	-13	-12	-16	-14	-10	-10	-12
Financial situation of household, past 12 months ⁴	-13	-16	-17	-13	-12	-16	-10	-8	-12	-10	-8	-8	-6
Expected financial situation of household, next 12 months ⁴	-13	-7	-10	-7	-9	-9	-2	-5	-5	-3	-2	2	-4
General economic situation in Cyprus, past 12 months	-33	-39	-36	-35	-35	-43	-33	-31	-32	-30	-24	-24	-25
Expected general economic situation in Cyprus, next 12 months ⁴	-31	-26	-24	-26	-24	-32	-26	-17	-23	-19	-15	-19	-19
Consumer prices, past 12 months	74	76	71	75	71	68	58	60	65	56	58	59	57
Expected consumer prices, next 12 months	28	29	31	32	29	35	24	19	31	22	29	25	28
Expected unemployment in Cyprus, next 12 months	10	10	8	7	9	9	8	6	8	7	9	6	8
Major purchases at present	-35	-35	-32	-31	-29	-27	-23	-23	-30	-29	-21	-19	-25
Major purchases intentions, next 12 months ⁴	-18	-17	-18	-17	-14	-20	-15	-18	-24	-22	-15	-17	-20
Savings intentions, next 12 months	-35	-26	-31	-28	-35	-41	-29	-28	-34	-32	-31	-35	-35
Statement on the current financial condition of household	16	17	14	19	15	13	21	19	19	21	20	19	19
Uncertainty: difficulty predicting household's financial situation ^{5,6}	2	-5	2	-5	-7	-4	-6	-13	-8	-12	-18	-14	-10

Notes: ¹ The balance is the difference between the percentage of positive responses and the percentage of negative responses. Positive responses refer to 'increase', 'improvement', 'above normal', 'very likely', 'fairly likely', etc., while negative responses refer to 'decrease', 'deterioration', 'below normal', 'not at all likely', 'not likely', etc. Data are seasonally adjusted. ² The calculation of the Indicator is described in [Methodological User Guide](#); however, the weights used in the calculation reflect the contribution of each sector to the GDP of Cyprus. ³ The Confidence Indicator is described in [Methodological User Guide](#). ⁴ The responses to this question are used in the calculation of the Confidence Indicator for each survey. ⁵ The responses to this question are not adjusted for seasonality. ⁶ The balance is the difference between the percentage of respondents who state that the future business situation (or household financial situation) is difficult to predict, and the percentage of respondents who state the opposite.

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