

Household income and savings and non-financial corporation profits

III quarter 2009

The analysis provided below is based on a selection of indicators derived from quarterly national accounts by institutional sector (QSA), which allow a timely analysis of the behaviour of households and non-financial corporations in the different phases of the economic cycle. At present only raw QSA series are compiled: a project is currently being carried out to produce seasonally adjusted data. Some results are going to be published by 2010. In order to smooth series which are generally volatile and seasonal, the variables presented here are calculated as the moving sum of the value of the last four quarters (“moving year”): therefore, the data provided in the tables refer to the last quarter and the three preceding ones and not only to the last quarter. Accordingly, the value for the third quarter of 2009 refers to the period October 2008- September 2009.

Saving rate and gross investment rate of households

		Raw values – Millions of Euro (4 quarter cumulated sum)				%	
		Gross disposable income (a)	Purchasing power of real income (b)	Final consumption expenditure (c)	Gross fixed capital formation	Saving rate (d)	Gross investment rate (e)
2008	Q1	1.068.562	887.722	914.124	104.333	14,5	9,8
	Q2	1.078.973	887.867	919.885	105.336	14,7	9,8
	Q3	1.089.474	888.665	926.589	106.439	15,0	9,8
	Q4	1.093.502	886.576	928.758	105.530	15,1	9,7
2009	Q1	1.093.341	885.382	923.319	103.416	15,6	9,5
	Q2	1.082.700	876.673	918.468	100.248	15,2	9,3
	Q3	1.078.633	874.778	912.869	97.328	15,4	9,0

(a) Gross disposable income adjusted for the change in the net equity of households in pension funds reserves

(b) Gross disposable income in real terms, obtained by applying the deflator of final consumption expenditure of households and NPISHs (chained values, reference year 2000)

(c) Final consumption of NPISHs is included.

(d) Gross saving divided by gross disposable income

(e) Gross fixed capital formation divided by gross disposable income

In the third quarter of 2009, the household saving rate (defined as gross saving divided by gross disposable income, with the latter being adjusted for the change in the net equity of households in pension funds reserves) was 15.4%, compared with 15.2% in the second quarter of 2009 and with 15.0% in the third quarter of 2008.

In the third quarter of 2009 and compared to the previous quarter, gross disposable income of households declined less (-0.4%) than final consumption expenditure (-0.6%). In the period October 2008-September 2009 the purchasing power of the gross disposable income of households declined by 0.2% compared to the previous quarter (July 2008-June 2009) and by 1.6% compared to the third quarter of 2008 (October 2007-September 2008).

In the third quarter of 2009 the gross investment rate of households (defined as gross fixed capital formation divided by gross disposable income, with the latter being adjusted for the change in the net equity of households in pension funds reserves) was 9.0%, compared with 9.3% in the second quarter of 2009 and with 9.8% in the third quarter of 2008. In the third quarter of 2009 and compared to the previous quarter, gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) of households registered a sharper decline (-2.9%) than gross disposable income (-0.4%).

Gross profit share and gross investment rate of non-financial corporations

		Raw values – Millions of Euro (4 quarter cumulated sum)			%	
		Gross value added at basic prices	Gross operating surplus	Gross fixed capital formation	Gross profit share (a)	Gross investment rate (b)
2008	Q1	726.485	312.362	183.221	43,0	25,2
	Q2	729.846	314.664	184.431	43,1	25,3
	Q3	733.143	314.551	185.972	42,9	25,4
	Q4	730.917	310.478	182.103	42,5	24,9
2009	Q1	720.731	302.459	174.986	42,0	24,3
	Q2	709.806	292.176	164.880	41,2	23,2
	Q3	702.686	287.358	156.722	40,9	22,3

(a) Gross operating surplus divided by gross value added

(b) Gross fixed capital formation divided by gross value added

The gross profit share of non-financial corporations (defined as gross operating surplus divided by gross value added) was 40.9% in the third quarter of 2009, compared with 42.9% in the third quarter of 2008. Compared to the second quarter of 2009, the profit share declined by 0.3 percentage points: the gross operating surplus of non-financial corporations, in fact, fell more (-1.6%) than gross value added (-1.0%).

The gross investment rate of non-financial corporations (defined as gross fixed capital formation divided by gross value added) was 22.3% in the third quarter of 2009, compared with 25.4% in the third quarter of 2008. Compared to the second quarter of 2009, the gross investment rate declined by 0.9 percentage points, since GFCF fell more (-4.9%) than gross value added.

For more detailed information please refer to the Italian version

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