

TABLE 7

SELECTED REASONS FOR OPINIONS ABOUT HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL SITUATION

	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024
BETTER THAN YEAR AGO:													
Income higher	28%	28%	29%	27%	30%	28%	27%	29%	25%	25%	25%	27%	30%
Increased HH Contribution	4	6	6	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	5
Assets Higher	3	5	3	4	3	5	7	6	5	5	5	5	10
Debt Lower	4	2	4	4	4	3	3	4	5	3	3	4	4
Expense Lower	8	7	5	6	6	7	5	6	7	4	6	7	6
WORSE THAN YEAR AGO:													
Income lower	19	18	19	20	21	20	20	18	21	21	19	20	19
Decreased HH Contribution	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	5	4	5	3
Higher prices	36	38	38	40	41	41	36	37	39	47	40	38	36
Assets Lower	11	5	6	6	6	6	5	3	3	4	5	3	3
Debt Higher	3	4	3	3	5	3	2	4	4	5	5	5	3
Expense Higher	2	3	3	8	3	6	4	3	5	4	5	5	3

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INCOME HIGHER - INCOME LOWER (THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)

All	7	8	10	9	9	8	8	9	7	6	5	6	8
Age 18 to 44	22	20	23	24	24	23	21	20	19	17	17	17	19
Age 45 to 64	-2	1	0	0	0	1	3	5	3	3	-1	-1	0
Age 65+	-3	-1	1	-1	-3	-5	-2	-2	-1	-4	-3	-2	3
Income Bottom Third	-2	-2	-1	-5	-6	-7	-5	-5	-5	-1	-3	0	-6
Income Middle Third	1	2	7	12	11	11	7	10	10	6	5	5	11
Income Top Third	22	24	23	21	21	22	21	22	20	16	13	14	19
Educ High School or Less	-5	-1	3	0	-5	-8	-7	-5	-7	-7	-8	-10	-10
Educ Some College	1	2	1	3	1	4	4	4	1	2	0	4	4
Educ College Degree	15	15	18	18	20	19	17	18	18	16	13	13	16
Democrat	17	18	22	22	20	16	17	20	22	17	18	17	21
Independent	6	8	8	6	5	6	6	7	6	9	3	4	2
Republican	-3	-2	1	2	3	1	-1	-2	-5	-5	-7	-3	0

HIGHER PRICES (THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)

All	42	39	37	39	40	41	39	38	37	41	42	42	38
Age 18 to 44	30	32	30	34	32	36	32	33	33	38	39	38	34
Age 45 to 64	50	45	44	43	46	44	42	39	40	44	44	43	40
Age 65+	47	42	39	40	43	44	46	44	41	41	44	45	41
Income Bottom Third	42	38	36	39	41	42	39	39	40	42	45	43	41
Income Middle Third	44	45	43	43	42	43	42	41	40	46	44	46	39
Income Top Third	38	34	33	35	37	38	36	33	32	37	38	37	33
Educ High School or Less	46	42	41	42	42	43	40	43	42	47	47	49	45
Educ Some College	47	44	41	42	44	47	44	43	42	46	49	46	44
Educ College Degree	37	35	34	35	35	35	36	33	33	36	36	36	32
Democrat	28	27	25	26	25	26	24	24	22	26	26	27	23
Independent	42	39	39	41	42	41	38	35	37	40	42	41	38
Republican	56	53	49	49	51	55	57	55	53	56	59	59	56

(ASSETS HIGHER + DEBTS LOWER) - (ASSETS LOWER + DEBTS HIGHER)

(THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)

All	-7	-5	-4	-2	-2	-2	-1	2	3	2	0	-1	2
Age 18 to 44	-3	-2	1	3	2	1	0	2	1	1	-1	-2	0
Age 45 to 64	-9	-6	-5	-3	-4	-3	0	3	6	3	2	0	1
Age 65+	-9	-9	-8	-6	-6	-5	-3	-1	3	2	1	2	9
Income Bottom Third	-3	-5	-4	-3	-2	-2	-4	-2	-2	-1	-3	-2	-2
Income Middle Third	-10	-4	-3	-1	-5	-4	-2	0	1	-2	0	-1	6
Income Top Third	-8	-5	-2	1	1	0	4	7	9	8	5	2	5
Educ High School or Less	-5	-4	-1	0	-2	-3	-4	-2	-2	-3	-2	-5	-2
Educ Some College	-5	-6	-5	-3	-3	-4	-5	-4	-3	-2	-4	-3	-2
Educ College Degree	-9	-5	-4	-1	-2	-1	3	6	8	5	3	2	7
Democrat	-2	-2	0	2	5	6	10	10	10	7	7	6	13
Independent	-4	-2	-3	-1	-3	-3	-3	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0
Republican	-16	-11	-9	-7	-10	-11	-9	-4	0	0	-3	-6	-6

Responses to query: "Why do you say so?" following the question on Table 6.

May add to more than 100% due to multiple mentions.