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TABLE 25
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The question was: "Would you say that at the present time business conditions are better or worse than they were a year ago?"

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
March	1978	43	18	37	2	100	106	781
April	1978	41	19	36	3	100	105	810
May	1978	42	18	37	3	100	105	845
June	1978	46	16	35	3	100	111	805
July	1978	47	15	35	3	100	112	823
August	1978	47	15	34	4	100	113	827
September	1978	46	16	35	4	100	111	844
October	1978	45	16	36	4	100	109	867
November	1978	44	15	38	3	100	106	962
December	1978	41	17	40	3	100	101	988
January	1979	38	16	44	2	100	94	1027
February	1979	37	16	45	2	100	91	936
March	1979	37	13	48	2	100	88	929
April	1979	40	13	45	2	100	94	936
May	1979	38	13	47	2	100	92	944
June	1979	35	15	47	3	100	88	1022
July	1979	29	13	56	3	100	73	1093
August	1979	23	11	63	3	100	60	1050
September	1979	21	9	68	2	100	54	1024
October	1979	20	10	69	2	100	51	999
November	1979	20	10	68	2	100	52	1041
December	1979	20	11	67	2	100	52	1011
January	1980	20	12	67	1	100	52	915
February	1980	19	12	67	1	100	52	816
March	1980	18	12	67	3	100	50	772
April	1980	14	11	71	4	100	43	749
May	1980	9	8	80	3	100	29	676
June	1980	6	6	87	1	100	18	655
July	1980	5	3	91	1	100	15	654
August	1980	9	4	86	1	100	23	626
September	1980	13	5	81	1	100	32	643
October	1980	19	7	72	2	100	46	625
November	1980	19	10	68	2	100	51	666
December	1980	17	10	70	2	100	47	678
January	1981	13	13	73	2	100	40	702
February	1981	14	11	74	1	100	40	658
March	1981	16	14	69	1	100	46	650
April	1981	20	16	63	1	100	57	628
May	1981	23	18	57	1	100	66	636
June	1981	27	18	53	2	100	74	628
July	1981	29	16	53	2	100	76	648
August	1981	32	14	52	3	100	80	637
September	1981	31	13	54	2	100	77	643
October	1981	28	11	59	2	100	69	627
November	1981	22	10	67	2	100	55	636
December	1981	16	8	75	1	100	42	641
January	1982	12	6	80	2	100	31	653
February	1982	9	6	83	2	100	26	655
March	1982	7	6	85	2	100	22	655

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
April	1982	7	8	83	1	100	24	641
May	1982	9	7	83	1	100	25	647
June	1982	9	7	83	1	100	26	639
July	1982	9	6	84	1	100	25	648
August	1982	9	6	84	1	100	25	666
September	1982	11	6	82	1	100	29	668
October	1982	12	6	81	1	100	32	657
November	1982	12	6	81	1	100	32	632
December	1982	13	6	80	2	100	33	642
January	1983	14	5	80	1	100	34	651
February	1983	17	6	75	1	100	42	699
March	1983	27	8	65	0	100	62	698
April	1983	39	10	50	0	100	89	696
May	1983	53	10	37	0	100	116	680
June	1983	61	10	29	0	100	132	681
July	1983	65	9	25	0	100	140	674
August	1983	66	9	24	0	100	142	667
September	1983	66	9	24	1	100	142	653
October	1983	69	7	23	1	100	145	658
November	1983	68	7	24	1	100	144	652
December	1983	72	7	20	1	100	152	638
January	1984	75	8	17	0	100	157	627
February	1984	79	7	14	1	100	165	631
March	1984	75	8	16	1	100	159	623
April	1984	72	9	18	1	100	154	639
May	1984	69	9	21	1	100	149	627
June	1984	69	11	19	1	100	150	639
July	1984	69	9	20	1	100	149	640
August	1984	70	10	19	1	100	151	638
September	1984	69	8	21	2	100	148	641
October	1984	69	9	22	1	100	147	653
November	1984	66	9	24	1	100	142	686
December	1984	65	10	24	1	100	140	735
January	1985	62	11	25	2	100	137	720
February	1985	62	11	26	1	100	136	672
March	1985	59	12	28	1	100	131	632
April	1985	57	13	29	1	100	128	653
May	1985	52	14	33	2	100	119	705
June	1985	52	14	32	1	100	120	711
July	1985	52	14	32	1	100	120	689
August	1985	54	14	31	2	100	123	646
September	1985	54	13	32	2	100	122	660
October	1985	52	14	33	1	100	119	665
November	1985	53	14	32	1	100	121	687
December	1985	52	16	32	1	100	120	666
January	1986	53	14	31	1	100	122	671
February	1986	51	16	32	1	100	119	645
March	1986	51	14	34	1	100	117	659
April	1986	55	11	32	1	100	123	664
May	1986	58	9	31	1	100	127	650
June	1986	59	8	31	2	100	128	651
July	1986	57	9	32	2	100	125	650

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
August	1986	53	9	36	2	100	117	673
September	1986	50	11	37	2	100	112	671
October	1986	47	13	39	2	100	108	665
November	1986	49	12	38	1	100	111	655
December	1986	48	12	39	1	100	109	650
January	1987	46	12	40	2	100	106	650
February	1987	45	13	40	2	100	105	673
March	1987	46	14	38	1	100	108	693
April	1987	48	15	36	1	100	112	703
May	1987	48	14	37	1	100	111	701
June	1987	48	14	36	2	100	112	670
July	1987	50	12	36	2	100	115	669
August	1987	52	13	33	2	100	118	657
September	1987	52	14	32	1	100	120	692
October	1987	52	14	34	1	100	118	649
November	1987	46	14	39	1	100	107	619
December	1987	44	13	42	2	100	102	533
January	1988	40	12	46	2	100	94	532
February	1988	41	11	45	2	100	96	497
March	1988	40	14	44	2	100	96	514
April	1988	40	15	43	2	100	98	512
May	1988	42	17	39	2	100	103	522
June	1988	47	17	34	2	100	114	500
July	1988	49	18	31	2	100	118	490
August	1988	53	19	26	2	100	126	494
September	1988	49	19	29	3	100	120	512
October	1988	50	19	28	2	100	122	529
November	1988	50	18	30	2	100	120	528
December	1988	54	16	30	1	100	124	518
January	1989	55	17	27	1	100	128	510
February	1989	52	18	28	1	100	124	531
March	1989	49	19	31	2	100	118	539
April	1989	44	17	36	2	100	108	538
May	1989	41	16	41	2	100	99	521
June	1989	42	15	41	2	100	101	527
July	1989	46	16	36	2	100	110	524
August	1989	47	16	34	3	100	113	560
September	1989	48	17	33	2	100	115	553
October	1989	46	16	36	2	100	110	564
November	1989	47	15	36	2	100	112	539
December	1989	46	16	36	2	100	110	550
January	1990	47	17	35	2	100	112	549
February	1990	46	15	37	2	100	108	578
March	1990	43	15	40	1	100	103	565
April	1990	38	15	46	1	100	92	551
May	1990	36	18	44	2	100	92	527
June	1990	35	17	46	2	100	89	545
July	1990	38	18	42	2	100	96	559
August	1990	36	18	44	2	100	92	563
September	1990	32	15	51	2	100	80	568
October	1990	23	11	64	2	100	60	559
November	1990	16	9	74	1	100	42	550

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
December	1990	13	9	77	1	100	35	557
January	1991	10	8	81	1	100	29	587
February	1991	12	8	79	1	100	32	604
March	1991	12	6	80	2	100	32	612
April	1991	15	7	76	2	100	39	577
May	1991	16	7	76	2	100	40	578
June	1991	23	8	68	1	100	55	561
July	1991	24	9	66	1	100	58	583
August	1991	28	11	60	1	100	68	574
September	1991	25	11	63	1	100	62	601
October	1991	24	11	65	0	100	60	588
November	1991	19	9	72	0	100	47	593
December	1991	14	7	79	0	100	35	560
January	1992	10	6	83	1	100	27	578
February	1992	8	6	85	1	100	23	587
March	1992	11	6	82	1	100	30	610
April	1992	16	6	77	1	100	39	602
May	1992	23	7	69	1	100	54	590
June	1992	29	8	61	1	100	68	574
July	1992	29	9	61	1	100	68	586
August	1992	28	9	62	1	100	66	594
September	1992	23	10	67	1	100	56	599
October	1992	23	12	64	1	100	59	584
November	1992	24	12	63	1	100	61	604
December	1992	30	14	55	2	100	75	621
January	1993	38	14	46	1	100	92	646
February	1993	45	16	38	1	100	107	648
March	1993	46	16	37	1	100	109	649
April	1993	42	14	43	1	100	100	630
May	1993	39	14	46	1	100	94	620
June	1993	39	12	48	1	100	91	616
July	1993	36	12	50	1	100	86	646
August	1993	38	13	48	1	100	89	654
September	1993	36	13	50	1	100	86	660
October	1993	38	14	46	2	100	92	638
November	1993	37	11	50	2	100	87	637
December	1993	41	12	45	2	100	96	646
January	1994	46	13	40	2	100	106	655
February	1994	52	15	32	1	100	120	644
March	1994	54	15	29	1	100	125	635
April	1994	54	15	30	1	100	124	623
May	1994	55	11	33	1	100	122	628
June	1994	54	10	34	2	100	120	626
July	1994	53	10	34	2	100	119	638
August	1994	53	12	33	2	100	120	636
September	1994	55	12	32	1	100	123	638
October	1994	55	14	30	1	100	125	636
November	1994	55	14	30	1	100	125	633
December	1994	56	13	30	1	100	126	617
January	1995	59	12	28	1	100	131	615
February	1995	60	11	27	2	100	132	622

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
March	1995	58	11	29	2	100	129	629
April	1995	54	11	33	2	100	121	630
May	1995	49	14	36	2	100	113	624
June	1995	47	15	36	2	100	110	624
July	1995	47	17	34	2	100	112	620
August	1995	50	16	31	2	100	119	616
September	1995	53	15	31	1	100	122	612
October	1995	54	13	32	2	100	122	621
November	1995	53	10	35	1	100	118	623
December	1995	52	12	34	2	100	118	624
January	1996	46	14	39	1	100	108	603
February	1996	44	16	38	1	100	106	597
March	1996	43	15	41	2	100	102	594
April	1996	48	14	36	2	100	112	613
May	1996	47	14	38	2	100	109	639
June	1996	49	14	36	1	100	113	646
July	1996	50	14	33	2	100	117	639
August	1996	52	13	32	3	100	120	618
September	1996	50	14	33	3	100	117	613
October	1996	47	15	35	3	100	112	636
November	1996	51	17	30	2	100	120	647
December	1996	56	16	27	2	100	129	679
January	1997	60	15	23	2	100	137	651
February	1997	62	14	23	1	100	139	646
March	1997	58	16	24	2	100	134	632
April	1997	54	17	26	2	100	128	647
May	1997	52	20	26	2	100	126	646
June	1997	59	17	22	2	100	136	662
July	1997	64	15	19	1	100	145	657
August	1997	69	12	17	2	100	151	651
September	1997	66	14	17	2	100	149	638
October	1997	64	16	18	2	100	147	642
November	1997	61	18	19	2	100	143	640
December	1997	59	19	21	2	100	139	659
January	1998	55	20	22	3	100	133	659
February	1998	57	19	21	3	100	137	682
March	1998	62	17	19	2	100	143	648
April	1998	68	15	15	2	100	154	649
May	1998	67	16	15	2	100	151	630
June	1998	65	18	15	2	100	150	638
July	1998	62	18	17	2	100	145	639
August	1998	64	17	17	2	100	147	664
September	1998	61	16	20	2	100	141	654
October	1998	57	16	26	2	100	131	637
November	1998	52	15	32	1	100	120	632
December	1998	56	15	28	1	100	128	637
January	1999	63	14	22	1	100	141	656
February	1999	66	15	18	1	100	148	642
March	1999	65	15	18	1	100	147	634
April	1999	64	16	18	2	100	146	627
May	1999	66	17	16	2	100	150	653
June	1999	67	18	15	1	100	152	669

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
July	1999	67	18	14	1	100	153	698
August	1999	66	16	17	1	100	149	681
September	1999	63	17	17	2	100	146	658
October	1999	61	19	18	2	100	143	634
November	1999	62	19	17	2	100	144	630
December	1999	63	18	17	2	100	147	643
January	2000	67	15	16	2	100	151	656
February	2000	67	15	15	3	100	153	665
March	2000	66	15	17	2	100	149	662
April	2000	64	16	19	2	100	145	642
May	2000	63	15	21	1	100	141	623
June	2000	61	15	23	1	100	138	616
July	2000	58	15	26	1	100	131	604
August	2000	55	15	28	2	100	127	610
September	2000	56	15	28	2	100	128	638
October	2000	55	17	26	2	100	129	662
November	2000	55	16	28	1	100	127	678
December	2000	49	17	33	1	100	116	661
January	2001	42	15	42	2	100	100	656
February	2001	32	12	55	1	100	77	637
March	2001	27	9	62	1	100	65	673
April	2001	23	9	68	1	100	55	682
May	2001	20	9	70	1	100	50	709
June	2001	18	12	69	1	100	49	685
July	2001	20	11	67	2	100	52	676
August	2001	23	12	64	1	100	59	643
September	2001	23	10	66	1	100	56	657
October	2001	17	9	73	1	100	45	654
November	2001	12	6	81	1	100	31	669
December	2001	9	6	84	1	100	25	660
January	2002	11	5	83	1	100	28	648
February	2002	11	6	82	1	100	29	657
March	2002	14	5	80	1	100	34	644
April	2002	16	7	76	1	100	39	659
May	2002	21	8	70	1	100	51	634
June	2002	25	8	67	0	100	58	643
July	2002	24	7	69	1	100	55	640
August	2002	19	6	74	1	100	45	662
September	2002	14	6	79	1	100	35	656
October	2002	15	6	78	1	100	37	658
November	2002	20	7	73	1	100	47	642
December	2002	26	7	65	1	100	61	640
January	2003	29	8	61	1	100	68	643
February	2003	28	9	62	1	100	66	673
March	2003	23	9	67	1	100	56	695
April	2003	22	9	68	1	100	54	687
May	2003	24	9	66	1	100	58	668
June	2003	30	7	61	1	100	69	640
July	2003	36	7	56	1	100	80	644
August	2003	40	6	53	1	100	86	664
September	2003	39	7	54	0	100	85	689
October	2003	36	8	55	1	100	81	693

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
November	2003	38	9	53	0	100	85	671
December	2003	44	8	48	1	100	96	673
January	2004	52	6	41	0	100	111	682
February	2004	58	5	37	0	100	121	672
March	2004	54	6	40	0	100	114	659
April	2004	49	9	41	1	100	108	638
May	2004	45	9	45	1	100	100	631
June	2004	50	9	40	1	100	109	637
July	2004	53	9	38	1	100	115	648
August	2004	52	9	38	1	100	115	664
September	2004	48	10	41	1	100	108	646
October	2004	44	11	44	1	100	100	634
November	2004	43	12	44	1	100	99	648
December	2004	47	11	40	1	100	107	643
January	2005	51	12	36	1	100	115	624
February	2005	54	11	34	1	100	120	620
March	2005	51	11	37	1	100	113	611
April	2005	50	9	40	0	100	110	635
May	2005	46	9	44	1	100	102	626
June	2005	49	8	42	1	100	107	626
July	2005	48	10	41	1	100	107	623
August	2005	50	9	41	0	100	110	617
September	2005	42	11	47	0	100	94	633
October	2005	33	11	56	0	100	78	640
November	2005	28	10	61	0	100	67	627
December	2005	31	9	60	1	100	71	625
January	2006	36	10	53	1	100	83	614
February	2006	42	10	47	1	100	95	635
March	2006	45	10	45	0	100	101	641
April	2006	44	8	48	0	100	96	633
May	2006	39	8	53	1	100	86	607
June	2006	34	10	54	2	100	80	596
July	2006	33	11	55	1	100	78	603
August	2006	33	12	54	1	100	80	623
September	2006	34	11	55	0	100	79	619
October	2006	36	11	53	0	100	83	594
November	2006	41	11	48	0	100	93	588
December	2006	43	11	44	1	100	99	592
January	2007	46	12	40	2	100	106	623
February	2007	46	12	40	2	100	107	619
March	2007	43	12	43	1	100	100	601
April	2007	39	13	48	1	100	91	590
May	2007	35	15	50	0	100	85	579
June	2007	35	14	51	1	100	84	602
July	2007	36	12	52	1	100	84	606
August	2007	35	9	54	1	100	81	603
September	2007	34	9	55	1	100	79	589
October	2007	29	11	59	1	100	71	586
November	2007	24	11	64	1	100	61	586
December	2007	21	10	69	0	100	52	571
January	2008	19	9	72	0	100	48	557

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
February	2008	15	8	77	0	100	38	575
March	2008	11	7	82	1	100	29	591
April	2008	7	5	87	1	100	20	600
May	2008	5	3	91	1	100	14	576
June	2008	5	3	92	0	100	13	568
July	2008	5	3	92	0	100	14	540
August	2008	7	4	90	0	100	17	567
September	2008	8	3	89	0	100	19	568
October	2008	5	3	91	0	100	14	600
November	2008	3	3	93	0	100	10	582
December	2008	1	3	95	0	100	6	601
January	2009	1	3	96	0	100	5	586
February	2009	1	2	96	0	100	5	602
March	2009	2	1	97	0	100	5	563
April	2009	4	2	95	0	100	9	565
May	2009	5	2	93	0	100	12	555
June	2009	9	2	88	0	100	21	576
July	2009	11	3	86	0	100	26	589
August	2009	15	4	81	0	100	34	581
September	2009	20	4	76	0	100	44	578
October	2009	24	4	72	0	100	52	538
November	2009	28	4	68	1	100	60	545
December	2009	28	4	67	1	100	62	520
January	2010	34	5	60	1	100	73	535
February	2010	34	5	60	0	100	74	514
March	2010	37	7	56	0	100	81	530
April	2010	38	8	54	0	100	84	522
May	2010	41	9	51	0	100	90	522
June	2010	42	9	49	0	100	93	522
July	2010	40	8	52	0	100	88	532
August	2010	42	8	50	0	100	92	531
September	2010	41	7	51	0	100	90	523
October	2010	41	8	51	0	100	90	527
November	2010	39	7	54	0	100	85	532
December	2010	40	8	52	0	100	88	537
January	2011	44	9	47	0	100	96	520
February	2011	48	9	42	0	100	106	505
March	2011	48	10	42	0	100	106	476
April	2011	46	9	45	0	100	101	493
May	2011	45	10	45	0	100	101	493
June	2011	45	9	46	0	100	99	505
July	2011	44	9	47	0	100	96	478
August	2011	36	7	57	0	100	79	482
September	2011	30	7	63	0	100	67	469
October	2011	27	8	65	0	100	63	489
November	2011	29	9	62	0	100	66	465
December	2011	32	9	58	1	100	74	456
January	2012	38	8	53	1	100	85	438
February	2012	46	9	45	1	100	101	468
March	2012	52	9	39	0	100	113	486
April	2012	55	8	37	0	100	119	509
May	2012	56	8	36	0	100	119	499

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
June	2012	52	7	40	0	100	112	495
July	2012	47	10	42	1	100	105	480
August	2012	42	11	46	1	100	96	478
September	2012	43	12	44	1	100	99	470
October	2012	46	12	41	1	100	106	478
November	2012	49	12	39	1	100	110	485
December	2012	47	12	40	1	100	107	474
January	2013	46	9	45	1	100	101	459
February	2013	46	11	43	1	100	103	451
March	2013	46	11	43	0	100	104	483
April	2013	47	12	40	1	100	107	472
May	2013	50	11	38	1	100	112	465
June	2013	54	10	34	2	100	120	440
July	2013	58	10	31	1	100	127	470
August	2013	57	9	33	1	100	124	471
September	2013	53	11	36	0	100	117	475
October	2013	47	10	42	1	100	105	436
November	2013	43	11	45	1	100	98	430
December	2013	46	9	44	1	100	102	421
January	2014	50	9	40	1	100	111	418
February	2014	53	9	36	2	100	117	410
March	2014	51	10	38	1	100	113	410
April	2014	48	9	41	2	100	107	414
May	2014	49	9	41	1	100	107	417
June	2014	56	10	33	2	100	123	415
July	2014	57	9	33	1	100	124	412
August	2014	55	8	35	2	100	121	413
September	2014	50	8	41	1	100	109	420
October	2014	53	10	35	2	100	117	434
November	2014	55	11	32	1	100	123	433
December	2014	62	9	28	1	100	134	425
January	2015	63	9	28	0	100	136	443
February	2015	67	8	24	1	100	142	456
March	2015	64	10	25	1	100	139	487
April	2015	64	9	25	2	100	138	484
May	2015	60	11	28	1	100	131	486
June	2015	59	14	27	1	100	132	467
July	2015	59	15	26	0	100	133	465
August	2015	58	15	26	1	100	132	474
September	2015	55	13	30	1	100	125	477
October	2015	53	12	33	1	100	120	484
November	2015	51	13	34	2	100	117	488
December	2015	51	12	35	2	100	117	516
January	2016	52	12	34	2	100	118	508
February	2016	53	11	35	1	100	118	499
March	2016	53	11	35	2	100	118	485
April	2016	51	12	35	2	100	116	486
May	2016	53	14	32	1	100	120	469
June	2016	54	13	32	1	100	122	467
July	2016	55	13	31	1	100	123	471
August	2016	53	13	32	2	100	121	511
September	2016	53	15	31	1	100	121	533

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
October	2016	52	15	32	1	100	120	538
November	2016	50	15	34	1	100	116	547
December	2016	51	13	35	2	100	116	560
January	2017	55	14	31	1	100	124	580
February	2017	58	14	28	0	100	130	575
March	2017	58	16	26	1	100	132	576
April	2017	56	15	27	2	100	128	572
May	2017	54	18	25	3	100	129	563
June	2017	53	18	26	2	100	127	559
July	2017	55	19	26	1	100	129	562
August	2017	54	15	31	0	100	123	572
September	2017	54	14	32	0	100	122	592
October	2017	51	15	33	0	100	118	588
November	2017	54	17	28	1	100	126	562
December	2017	57	17	25	1	100	133	548