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**TABLE 25**  
**CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO**  
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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?"

| <u>Date of Survey</u> | <u>Better Off</u> | <u>Same</u> | <u>Worse Off</u> | <u>DK, NA</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Relative</u> | <u>Cases</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| March 1978            | 33                | 24          | 36               | 7             | 100          | 98              | 746          |
| April 1978            | 33                | 21          | 41               | 5             | 100          | 92              | 745          |
| May 1978              | 33                | 21          | 40               | 6             | 100          | 93              | 734          |
| June 1978             | 36                | 21          | 39               | 4             | 100          | 97              | 732          |
| July 1978             | 41                | 21          | 33               | 4             | 100          | 108             | 732          |
| August 1978           | 43                | 18          | 36               | 3             | 100          | 107             | 787          |
| September 1978        | 41                | 20          | 34               | 5             | 100          | 107             | 795          |
| October 1978          | 37                | 24          | 35               | 4             | 100          | 102             | 788          |
| November 1978         | 33                | 26          | 35               | 6             | 100          | 98              | 834          |
| December 1978         | 30                | 26          | 36               | 7             | 100          | 94              | 837          |
| January 1979          | 30                | 24          | 38               | 8             | 100          | 92              | 872          |
| February 1979         | 31                | 21          | 39               | 9             | 100          | 92              | 800          |
| March 1979            | 32                | 20          | 40               | 8             | 100          | 93              | 809          |
| April 1979            | 31                | 19          | 42               | 9             | 100          | 89              | 837          |
| May 1979              | 29                | 21          | 44               | 7             | 100          | 85              | 756          |
| June 1979             | 27                | 18          | 49               | 6             | 100          | 79              | 816          |
| July 1979             | 23                | 17          | 55               | 5             | 100          | 68              | 866          |
| August 1979           | 19                | 14          | 61               | 5             | 100          | 58              | 893          |
| September 1979        | 17                | 14          | 65               | 4             | 100          | 53              | 871          |
| October 1979          | 18                | 15          | 63               | 4             | 100          | 55              | 894          |
| November 1979         | 18                | 16          | 62               | 4             | 100          | 56              | 913          |
| December 1979         | 17                | 17          | 62               | 4             | 100          | 55              | 861          |
| January 1980          | 17                | 17          | 61               | 4             | 100          | 56              | 719          |
| February 1980         | 18                | 15          | 62               | 4             | 100          | 56              | 631          |
| March 1980            | 19                | 15          | 61               | 5             | 100          | 58              | 638          |
| April 1980            | 15                | 13          | 70               | 3             | 100          | 45              | 642          |
| May 1980              | 10                | 11          | 78               | 2             | 100          | 32              | 586          |
| June 1980             | 5                 | 8           | 87               | 0             | 100          | 18              | 546          |
| July 1980             | 5                 | 6           | 88               | 1             | 100          | 17              | 534          |
| August 1980           | 8                 | 7           | 83               | 2             | 100          | 25              | 525          |
| September 1980        | 12                | 8           | 77               | 3             | 100          | 35              | 539          |
| October 1980          | 15                | 10          | 71               | 4             | 100          | 45              | 556          |
| November 1980         | 17                | 10          | 69               | 3             | 100          | 48              | 557          |
| December 1980         | 14                | 14          | 68               | 4             | 100          | 46              | 563          |
| January 1981          | 11                | 15          | 70               | 4             | 100          | 41              | 555          |
| February 1981         | 8                 | 20          | 68               | 4             | 100          | 41              | 557          |
| March 1981            | 11                | 20          | 65               | 3             | 100          | 46              | 577          |
| April 1981            | 13                | 21          | 63               | 3             | 100          | 51              | 594          |
| May 1981              | 19                | 21          | 57               | 2             | 100          | 62              | 589          |
| June 1981             | 23                | 24          | 52               | 1             | 100          | 71              | 567          |
| July 1981             | 26                | 25          | 46               | 3             | 100          | 80              | 529          |
| August 1981           | 26                | 24          | 48               | 3             | 100          | 78              | 570          |
| September 1981        | 26                | 19          | 51               | 4             | 100          | 75              | 574          |
| October 1981          | 22                | 18          | 57               | 3             | 100          | 66              | 603          |
| November 1981         | 17                | 16          | 64               | 4             | 100          | 53              | 566          |
| December 1981         | 11                | 13          | 72               | 3             | 100          | 39              | 582          |
| January 1982          | 8                 | 12          | 78               | 2             | 100          | 30              | 564          |
| February 1982         | 7                 | 11          | 82               | 1             | 100          | 25              | 596          |
| March 1982            | 6                 | 10          | 83               | 1             | 100          | 23              | 562          |
| April 1982            | 5                 | 8           | 86               | 1             | 100          | 20              | 578          |
| May 1982              | 7                 | 8           | 83               | 2             | 100          | 25              | 543          |
| June 1982             | 8                 | 9           | 82               | 1             | 100          | 26              | 568          |

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| July 1982             | 8                 | 9           | 81               | 2             | 100          | 27              | 549          |
| August 1982           | 6                 | 8           | 84               | 2             | 100          | 22              | 544          |
| September 1982        | 7                 | 8           | 83               | 2             | 100          | 24              | 543          |
| October 1982          | 9                 | 10          | 80               | 1             | 100          | 28              | 554          |
| November 1982         | 9                 | 9           | 81               | 1             | 100          | 28              | 567          |
| December 1982         | 9                 | 10          | 80               | 1             | 100          | 30              | 553          |
| January 1983          | 9                 | 10          | 79               | 1             | 100          | 30              | 538          |
| February 1983         | 15                | 12          | 72               | 1             | 100          | 43              | 524          |
| March 1983            | 24                | 12          | 62               | 1             | 100          | 62              | 540          |
| April 1983            | 35                | 13          | 51               | 1             | 100          | 83              | 564          |
| May 1983              | 46                | 14          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 107             | 562          |
| June 1983             | 51                | 15          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 119             | 552          |
| July 1983             | 55                | 14          | 28               | 2             | 100          | 127             | 572          |
| August 1983           | 56                | 14          | 28               | 2             | 100          | 128             | 577          |
| September 1983        | 57                | 13          | 28               | 3             | 100          | 129             | 593          |
| October 1983          | 58                | 14          | 26               | 2             | 100          | 132             | 574          |
| November 1983         | 56                | 13          | 28               | 3             | 100          | 128             | 595          |
| December 1983         | 57                | 14          | 26               | 4             | 100          | 131             | 609          |
| January 1984          | 59                | 11          | 25               | 4             | 100          | 134             | 642          |
| February 1984         | 61                | 12          | 24               | 3             | 100          | 138             | 628          |
| March 1984            | 61                | 11          | 25               | 3             | 100          | 136             | 621          |
| April 1984            | 58                | 14          | 25               | 3             | 100          | 133             | 588          |
| May 1984              | 57                | 15          | 25               | 3             | 100          | 133             | 619          |
| June 1984             | 56                | 17          | 23               | 3             | 100          | 133             | 618          |
| July 1984             | 57                | 17          | 23               | 3             | 100          | 134             | 619          |
| August 1984           | 56                | 16          | 24               | 3             | 100          | 132             | 585          |
| September 1984        | 58                | 16          | 23               | 3             | 100          | 135             | 576          |
| October 1984          | 56                | 16          | 24               | 4             | 100          | 132             | 568          |
| November 1984         | 57                | 17          | 24               | 3             | 100          | 133             | 599          |
| December 1984         | 54                | 18          | 25               | 3             | 100          | 128             | 580          |
| January 1985          | 54                | 18          | 26               | 2             | 100          | 127             | 576          |
| February 1985         | 51                | 18          | 28               | 3             | 100          | 123             | 549          |
| March 1985            | 50                | 16          | 31               | 3             | 100          | 119             | 560          |
| April 1985            | 46                | 20          | 31               | 3             | 100          | 115             | 575          |
| May 1985              | 45                | 20          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 113             | 569          |
| June 1985             | 46                | 19          | 31               | 4             | 100          | 115             | 553          |
| July 1985             | 47                | 16          | 33               | 3             | 100          | 114             | 550          |
| August 1985           | 43                | 19          | 34               | 4             | 100          | 109             | 573          |
| September 1985        | 39                | 21          | 37               | 3             | 100          | 102             | 583          |
| October 1985          | 37                | 22          | 38               | 3             | 100          | 99              | 568          |
| November 1985         | 37                | 18          | 41               | 4             | 100          | 97              | 539          |
| December 1985         | 38                | 18          | 40               | 4             | 100          | 98              | 524          |
| January 1986          | 39                | 20          | 37               | 4             | 100          | 102             | 516          |
| February 1986         | 40                | 21          | 36               | 4             | 100          | 104             | 516          |
| March 1986            | 39                | 21          | 37               | 3             | 100          | 103             | 542          |
| April 1986            | 41                | 18          | 38               | 3             | 100          | 103             | 535          |
| May 1986              | 41                | 19          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 104             | 561          |
| June 1986             | 44                | 16          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 106             | 532          |
| July 1986             | 40                | 20          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 103             | 548          |
| August 1986           | 39                | 19          | 40               | 2             | 100          | 99              | 528          |
| September 1986        | 33                | 21          | 42               | 3             | 100          | 91              | 557          |
| October 1986          | 32                | 20          | 45               | 4             | 100          | 87              | 569          |
| November 1986         | 32                | 23          | 42               | 3             | 100          | 89              | 595          |
| December 1986         | 31                | 22          | 44               | 3             | 100          | 87              | 585          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| January               | 1987 | 32                | 21          | 45               | 2             | 100          | 87              | 574          |
| February              | 1987 | 33                | 19          | 46               | 2             | 100          | 86              | 543          |
| March                 | 1987 | 35                | 20          | 43               | 2             | 100          | 92              | 532          |
| April                 | 1987 | 38                | 20          | 40               | 3             | 100          | 98              | 523          |
| May                   | 1987 | 35                | 21          | 41               | 3             | 100          | 95              | 536          |
| June                  | 1987 | 37                | 21          | 39               | 3             | 100          | 97              | 562          |
| July                  | 1987 | 35                | 23          | 39               | 3             | 100          | 96              | 575          |
| August                | 1987 | 39                | 23          | 35               | 4             | 100          | 104             | 565          |
| September             | 1987 | 39                | 21          | 35               | 5             | 100          | 104             | 543          |
| October               | 1987 | 41                | 20          | 35               | 4             | 100          | 106             | 485          |
| November              | 1987 | 35                | 21          | 40               | 3             | 100          | 95              | 452          |
| December              | 1987 | 32                | 22          | 43               | 3             | 100          | 89              | 410          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1988 | 28                | 23          | 47               | 3             | 100          | 81              | 431          |
| February              | 1988 | 30                | 22          | 45               | 4             | 100          | 85              | 429          |
| March                 | 1988 | 30                | 24          | 43               | 3             | 100          | 88              | 428          |
| April                 | 1988 | 35                | 23          | 38               | 4             | 100          | 98              | 424          |
| May                   | 1988 | 41                | 22          | 35               | 3             | 100          | 106             | 438          |
| June                  | 1988 | 41                | 22          | 34               | 3             | 100          | 107             | 440          |
| July                  | 1988 | 36                | 25          | 35               | 4             | 100          | 101             | 432          |
| August                | 1988 | 36                | 25          | 34               | 5             | 100          | 103             | 409          |
| September             | 1988 | 42                | 23          | 30               | 5             | 100          | 111             | 407          |
| October               | 1988 | 43                | 24          | 30               | 3             | 100          | 113             | 409          |
| November              | 1988 | 42                | 25          | 30               | 3             | 100          | 112             | 436          |
| December              | 1988 | 36                | 28          | 33               | 3             | 100          | 104             | 450          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1989 | 40                | 26          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 108             | 433          |
| February              | 1989 | 38                | 29          | 30               | 3             | 100          | 108             | 402          |
| March                 | 1989 | 42                | 28          | 26               | 4             | 100          | 116             | 408          |
| April                 | 1989 | 37                | 30          | 28               | 4             | 100          | 109             | 407          |
| May                   | 1989 | 36                | 30          | 29               | 5             | 100          | 108             | 429          |
| June                  | 1989 | 33                | 29          | 31               | 7             | 100          | 102             | 417          |
| July                  | 1989 | 32                | 30          | 31               | 8             | 100          | 101             | 427          |
| August                | 1989 | 31                | 30          | 32               | 7             | 100          | 99              | 427          |
| September             | 1989 | 34                | 28          | 33               | 5             | 100          | 101             | 444          |
| October               | 1989 | 38                | 25          | 32               | 4             | 100          | 106             | 449          |
| November              | 1989 | 36                | 24          | 36               | 4             | 100          | 100             | 450          |
| December              | 1989 | 33                | 24          | 39               | 4             | 100          | 95              | 437          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1990 | 31                | 24          | 41               | 5             | 100          | 90              | 436          |
| February              | 1990 | 28                | 22          | 45               | 4             | 100          | 83              | 434          |
| March                 | 1990 | 26                | 23          | 47               | 4             | 100          | 78              | 444          |
| April                 | 1990 | 24                | 25          | 48               | 2             | 100          | 76              | 469          |
| May                   | 1990 | 26                | 26          | 44               | 4             | 100          | 82              | 486          |
| June                  | 1990 | 26                | 26          | 45               | 3             | 100          | 82              | 475          |
| July                  | 1990 | 25                | 26          | 44               | 4             | 100          | 81              | 436          |
| August                | 1990 | 21                | 24          | 51               | 4             | 100          | 70              | 404          |
| September             | 1990 | 19                | 22          | 55               | 4             | 100          | 63              | 395          |
| October               | 1990 | 14                | 15          | 66               | 5             | 100          | 48              | 436          |
| November              | 1990 | 13                | 14          | 70               | 3             | 100          | 43              | 474          |
| December              | 1990 | 10                | 11          | 75               | 4             | 100          | 36              | 474          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1991 | 8                 | 14          | 76               | 2             | 100          | 32              | 439          |
| February              | 1991 | 7                 | 13          | 78               | 2             | 100          | 28              | 391          |
| March                 | 1991 | 7                 | 13          | 78               | 1             | 100          | 29              | 377          |
| April                 | 1991 | 9                 | 10          | 78               | 2             | 100          | 31              | 414          |
| May                   | 1991 | 14                | 11          | 73               | 3             | 100          | 41              | 434          |
| June                  | 1991 | 16                | 10          | 71               | 3             | 100          | 45              | 443          |
| July                  | 1991 | 20                | 13          | 64               | 3             | 100          | 55              | 414          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| August                | 1991 | 21                | 14          | 63               | 2             | 100          | 58              | 389          |
| September             | 1991 | 22                | 14          | 62               | 2             | 100          | 60              | 386          |
| October               | 1991 | 21                | 13          | 65               | 1             | 100          | 56              | 385          |
| November              | 1991 | 18                | 11          | 69               | 2             | 100          | 48              | 403          |
| December              | 1991 | 14                | 9           | 74               | 3             | 100          | 40              | 416          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1992 | 9                 | 9           | 79               | 3             | 100          | 29              | 408          |
| February              | 1992 | 8                 | 8           | 81               | 3             | 100          | 27              | 397          |
| March                 | 1992 | 8                 | 9           | 80               | 3             | 100          | 28              | 395          |
| April                 | 1992 | 12                | 11          | 75               | 2             | 100          | 37              | 389          |
| May                   | 1992 | 17                | 13          | 68               | 2             | 100          | 49              | 393          |
| June                  | 1992 | 21                | 15          | 63               | 1             | 100          | 58              | 392          |
| July                  | 1992 | 22                | 15          | 62               | 1             | 100          | 60              | 409          |
| August                | 1992 | 19                | 14          | 66               | 1             | 100          | 53              | 406          |
| September             | 1992 | 16                | 14          | 70               | 1             | 100          | 46              | 410          |
| October               | 1992 | 14                | 15          | 69               | 3             | 100          | 45              | 412          |
| November              | 1992 | 13                | 18          | 67               | 2             | 100          | 47              | 404          |
| December              | 1992 | 23                | 20          | 54               | 3             | 100          | 69              | 394          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1993 | 33                | 21          | 44               | 2             | 100          | 89              | 384          |
| February              | 1993 | 38                | 22          | 36               | 4             | 100          | 102             | 386          |
| March                 | 1993 | 38                | 19          | 39               | 4             | 100          | 98              | 377          |
| April                 | 1993 | 35                | 18          | 41               | 5             | 100          | 94              | 391          |
| May                   | 1993 | 33                | 22          | 40               | 5             | 100          | 93              | 405          |
| June                  | 1993 | 31                | 23          | 41               | 6             | 100          | 90              | 410          |
| July                  | 1993 | 26                | 21          | 47               | 6             | 100          | 79              | 398          |
| August                | 1993 | 28                | 19          | 49               | 4             | 100          | 79              | 399          |
| September             | 1993 | 25                | 21          | 51               | 3             | 100          | 74              | 403          |
| October               | 1993 | 25                | 25          | 47               | 3             | 100          | 78              | 410          |
| November              | 1993 | 26                | 21          | 49               | 4             | 100          | 76              | 412          |
| December              | 1993 | 35                | 18          | 42               | 5             | 100          | 93              | 407          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1994 | 44                | 15          | 36               | 5             | 100          | 109             | 401          |
| February              | 1994 | 50                | 17          | 29               | 4             | 100          | 120             | 394          |
| March                 | 1994 | 51                | 17          | 29               | 4             | 100          | 122             | 425          |
| April                 | 1994 | 49                | 17          | 30               | 4             | 100          | 119             | 435          |
| May                   | 1994 | 51                | 18          | 28               | 3             | 100          | 123             | 436          |
| June                  | 1994 | 50                | 19          | 29               | 3             | 100          | 121             | 416          |
| July                  | 1994 | 49                | 20          | 28               | 3             | 100          | 121             | 413          |
| August                | 1994 | 49                | 20          | 28               | 4             | 100          | 121             | 405          |
| September             | 1994 | 48                | 20          | 28               | 4             | 100          | 119             | 400          |
| October               | 1994 | 47                | 20          | 29               | 4             | 100          | 119             | 389          |
| November              | 1994 | 47                | 18          | 31               | 4             | 100          | 116             | 395          |
| December              | 1994 | 50                | 18          | 28               | 3             | 100          | 122             | 409          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1995 | 51                | 20          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 124             | 401          |
| February              | 1995 | 50                | 21          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 124             | 399          |
| March                 | 1995 | 44                | 22          | 30               | 3             | 100          | 114             | 384          |
| April                 | 1995 | 39                | 24          | 33               | 4             | 100          | 106             | 385          |
| May                   | 1995 | 38                | 25          | 33               | 4             | 100          | 105             | 383          |
| June                  | 1995 | 39                | 24          | 33               | 3             | 100          | 106             | 391          |
| July                  | 1995 | 40                | 22          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 105             | 390          |
| August                | 1995 | 41                | 22          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 106             | 406          |
| September             | 1995 | 37                | 29          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 104             | 404          |
| October               | 1995 | 34                | 28          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 98              | 415          |
| November              | 1995 | 34                | 27          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 96              | 410          |
| December              | 1995 | 35                | 22          | 41               | 2             | 100          | 94              | 420          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1996 | 36                | 23          | 37               | 3             | 100          | 99              | 408          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| February              | 1996 | 31                | 24          | 41               | 4             | 100          | 90              | 432          |
| March                 | 1996 | 35                | 22          | 40               | 3             | 100          | 95              | 418          |
| April                 | 1996 | 32                | 24          | 41               | 3             | 100          | 90              | 445          |
| May                   | 1996 | 36                | 25          | 36               | 3             | 100          | 101             | 408          |
| June                  | 1996 | 35                | 26          | 36               | 4             | 100          | 99              | 420          |
| July                  | 1996 | 41                | 26          | 29               | 4             | 100          | 111             | 397          |
| August                | 1996 | 40                | 25          | 30               | 4             | 100          | 110             | 415          |
| September             | 1996 | 45                | 23          | 28               | 4             | 100          | 117             | 411          |
| October               | 1996 | 47                | 20          | 29               | 5             | 100          | 118             | 436          |
| November              | 1996 | 49                | 21          | 26               | 4             | 100          | 123             | 432          |
| December              | 1996 | 48                | 22          | 26               | 3             | 100          | 122             | 412          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1997 | 49                | 23          | 25               | 3             | 100          | 124             | 392          |
| February              | 1997 | 52                | 20          | 25               | 2             | 100          | 128             | 375          |
| March                 | 1997 | 54                | 21          | 23               | 2             | 100          | 131             | 388          |
| April                 | 1997 | 50                | 22          | 26               | 2             | 100          | 124             | 403          |
| May                   | 1997 | 49                | 24          | 24               | 3             | 100          | 125             | 419          |
| June                  | 1997 | 49                | 24          | 24               | 3             | 100          | 124             | 420          |
| July                  | 1997 | 54                | 22          | 20               | 4             | 100          | 134             | 410          |
| August                | 1997 | 55                | 22          | 19               | 5             | 100          | 136             | 429          |
| September             | 1997 | 56                | 22          | 16               | 5             | 100          | 140             | 424          |
| October               | 1997 | 55                | 24          | 16               | 4             | 100          | 139             | 426          |
| November              | 1997 | 55                | 25          | 17               | 3             | 100          | 139             | 415          |
| December              | 1997 | 53                | 27          | 19               | 2             | 100          | 134             | 421          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1998 | 53                | 27          | 18               | 2             | 100          | 135             | 430          |
| February              | 1998 | 55                | 26          | 16               | 3             | 100          | 139             | 439          |
| March                 | 1998 | 59                | 24          | 14               | 4             | 100          | 145             | 447          |
| April                 | 1998 | 59                | 24          | 13               | 3             | 100          | 146             | 439          |
| May                   | 1998 | 57                | 25          | 16               | 3             | 100          | 141             | 440          |
| June                  | 1998 | 54                | 28          | 16               | 2             | 100          | 138             | 442          |
| July                  | 1998 | 56                | 26          | 16               | 2             | 100          | 140             | 443          |
| August                | 1998 | 54                | 25          | 18               | 3             | 100          | 137             | 432          |
| September             | 1998 | 53                | 24          | 20               | 4             | 100          | 133             | 426          |
| October               | 1998 | 45                | 24          | 27               | 4             | 100          | 118             | 446          |
| November              | 1998 | 41                | 25          | 31               | 3             | 100          | 109             | 450          |
| December              | 1998 | 41                | 24          | 33               | 3             | 100          | 108             | 439          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1999 | 46                | 26          | 26               | 2             | 100          | 120             | 408          |
| February              | 1999 | 56                | 23          | 19               | 2             | 100          | 137             | 404          |
| March                 | 1999 | 57                | 23          | 17               | 3             | 100          | 140             | 412          |
| April                 | 1999 | 56                | 24          | 16               | 4             | 100          | 141             | 422          |
| May                   | 1999 | 52                | 28          | 16               | 3             | 100          | 136             | 416          |
| June                  | 1999 | 54                | 30          | 14               | 2             | 100          | 140             | 412          |
| July                  | 1999 | 53                | 27          | 16               | 3             | 100          | 137             | 396          |
| August                | 1999 | 54                | 24          | 18               | 4             | 100          | 137             | 401          |
| September             | 1999 | 52                | 23          | 20               | 4             | 100          | 132             | 414          |
| October               | 1999 | 51                | 25          | 22               | 3             | 100          | 129             | 445          |
| November              | 1999 | 50                | 27          | 21               | 2             | 100          | 128             | 454          |
| December              | 1999 | 56                | 25          | 17               | 2             | 100          | 138             | 457          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2000 | 64                | 22          | 13               | 2             | 100          | 151             | 449          |
| February              | 2000 | 67                | 22          | 9                | 2             | 100          | 158             | 455          |
| March                 | 2000 | 65                | 21          | 10               | 4             | 100          | 154             | 462          |
| April                 | 2000 | 58                | 21          | 15               | 5             | 100          | 143             | 476          |
| May                   | 2000 | 54                | 23          | 20               | 4             | 100          | 134             | 472          |
| June                  | 2000 | 50                | 24          | 23               | 3             | 100          | 127             | 467          |
| July                  | 2000 | 48                | 25          | 24               | 3             | 100          | 124             | 469          |
| August                | 2000 | 49                | 23          | 23               | 5             | 100          | 126             | 475          |

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**TABLE 25**  
**CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO**  
**(Three Month Moving Averages)**

| <u>Date of Survey</u> | <u>Better Off</u> | <u>Same</u> | <u>Worse Off</u> | <u>DK, NA</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Relative</u> | <u>Cases</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| September 2000        | 48                | 25          | 24               | 4             | 100          | 124             | 478          |
| October 2000          | 50                | 24          | 23               | 4             | 100          | 127             | 473          |
| November 2000         | 48                | 24          | 26               | 2             | 100          | 121             | 464          |
| December 2000         | 46                | 24          | 28               | 3             | 100          | 118             | 462          |
| January 2001          | 36                | 22          | 40               | 3             | 100          | 96              | 464          |
| February 2001         | 26                | 20          | 51               | 3             | 100          | 75              | 489          |
| March 2001            | 17                | 17          | 63               | 3             | 100          | 54              | 473          |
| April 2001            | 17                | 16          | 64               | 3             | 100          | 53              | 465          |
| May 2001              | 15                | 18          | 64               | 3             | 100          | 51              | 436          |
| June 2001             | 15                | 19          | 63               | 3             | 100          | 52              | 452          |
| July 2001             | 14                | 20          | 63               | 3             | 100          | 50              | 462          |
| August 2001           | 15                | 17          | 66               | 3             | 100          | 49              | 467          |
| September 2001        | 14                | 12          | 72               | 2             | 100          | 42              | 478          |
| October 2001          | 11                | 10          | 76               | 3             | 100          | 35              | 486          |
| November 2001         | 10                | 8           | 80               | 2             | 100          | 29              | 498          |
| December 2001         | 8                 | 9           | 81               | 2             | 100          | 27              | 473          |
| January 2002          | 10                | 6           | 82               | 2             | 100          | 28              | 483          |
| February 2002         | 10                | 7           | 80               | 3             | 100          | 30              | 460          |
| March 2002            | 13                | 8           | 76               | 3             | 100          | 37              | 483          |
| April 2002            | 16                | 9           | 72               | 3             | 100          | 43              | 481          |
| May 2002              | 20                | 10          | 66               | 4             | 100          | 55              | 501          |
| June 2002             | 22                | 11          | 63               | 4             | 100          | 60              | 482          |
| July 2002             | 21                | 10          | 65               | 5             | 100          | 56              | 475          |
| August 2002           | 17                | 11          | 69               | 4             | 100          | 48              | 467          |
| September 2002        | 14                | 10          | 74               | 2             | 100          | 40              | 499          |
| October 2002          | 12                | 12          | 74               | 2             | 100          | 38              | 510          |
| November 2002         | 13                | 11          | 75               | 1             | 100          | 38              | 519          |
| December 2002         | 16                | 12          | 70               | 2             | 100          | 46              | 501          |
| January 2003          | 18                | 12          | 68               | 2             | 100          | 51              | 481          |
| February 2003         | 18                | 14          | 66               | 2             | 100          | 51              | 478          |
| March 2003            | 14                | 12          | 72               | 1             | 100          | 42              | 470          |
| April 2003            | 14                | 11          | 74               | 1             | 100          | 41              | 476          |
| May 2003              | 19                | 11          | 69               | 1             | 100          | 50              | 488          |
| June 2003             | 24                | 15          | 60               | 1             | 100          | 64              | 503          |
| July 2003             | 29                | 15          | 54               | 2             | 100          | 75              | 501          |
| August 2003           | 31                | 13          | 54               | 2             | 100          | 77              | 496          |
| September 2003        | 32                | 10          | 56               | 1             | 100          | 76              | 487          |
| October 2003          | 31                | 10          | 57               | 2             | 100          | 75              | 473          |
| November 2003         | 35                | 11          | 52               | 1             | 100          | 83              | 478          |
| December 2003         | 40                | 13          | 45               | 2             | 100          | 95              | 470          |
| January 2004          | 49                | 13          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 114             | 488          |
| February 2004         | 49                | 12          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 111             | 502          |
| March 2004            | 45                | 13          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 105             | 527          |
| April 2004            | 41                | 14          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 531          |
| May 2004              | 43                | 15          | 40               | 2             | 100          | 104             | 532          |
| June 2004             | 45                | 13          | 40               | 2             | 100          | 105             | 548          |
| July 2004             | 44                | 12          | 42               | 2             | 100          | 103             | 572          |
| August 2004           | 42                | 13          | 43               | 2             | 100          | 99              | 576          |
| September 2004        | 41                | 14          | 44               | 2             | 100          | 97              | 567          |
| October 2004          | 38                | 15          | 45               | 2             | 100          | 93              | 560          |
| November 2004         | 37                | 15          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 551          |
| December 2004         | 41                | 17          | 40               | 2             | 100          | 101             | 562          |
| January 2005          | 46                | 16          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 109             | 579          |
| February 2005         | 48                | 17          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 114             | 580          |

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**TABLE 25**  
**CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO**  
**(Three Month Moving Averages)**

| <u>Date of Survey</u> |      | <u>Better Off</u> | <u>Same</u> | <u>Worse Off</u> | <u>DK, NA</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Relative</u> | <u>Cases</u> |
|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| March                 | 2005 | 46                | 17          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 111             | 600          |
| April                 | 2005 | 42                | 17          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 101             | 582          |
| May                   | 2005 | 39                | 16          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 584          |
| June                  | 2005 | 35                | 16          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 88              | 555          |
| July                  | 2005 | 37                | 17          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 93              | 571          |
| August                | 2005 | 38                | 17          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 95              | 596          |
| September             | 2005 | 35                | 16          | 47               | 2             | 100          | 88              | 640          |
| October               | 2005 | 27                | 16          | 55               | 2             | 100          | 71              | 634          |
| November              | 2005 | 22                | 15          | 60               | 2             | 100          | 62              | 633          |
| December              | 2005 | 26                | 14          | 58               | 2             | 100          | 68              | 602          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2006 | 36                | 11          | 52               | 2             | 100          | 84              | 615          |
| February              | 2006 | 38                | 11          | 49               | 2             | 100          | 90              | 606          |
| March                 | 2006 | 37                | 11          | 49               | 3             | 100          | 88              | 617          |
| April                 | 2006 | 33                | 14          | 50               | 3             | 100          | 83              | 614          |
| May                   | 2006 | 34                | 13          | 51               | 2             | 100          | 83              | 626          |
| June                  | 2006 | 33                | 15          | 51               | 2             | 100          | 82              | 634          |
| July                  | 2006 | 31                | 12          | 56               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 634          |
| August                | 2006 | 29                | 14          | 57               | 0             | 100          | 72              | 640          |
| September             | 2006 | 29                | 14          | 57               | 1             | 100          | 72              | 661          |
| October               | 2006 | 32                | 15          | 51               | 1             | 100          | 81              | 683          |
| November              | 2006 | 39                | 12          | 46               | 2             | 100          | 93              | 674          |
| December              | 2006 | 41                | 14          | 43               | 2             | 100          | 98              | 671          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2007 | 43                | 15          | 39               | 3             | 100          | 105             | 650          |
| February              | 2007 | 40                | 18          | 40               | 2             | 100          | 100             | 676          |
| March                 | 2007 | 38                | 17          | 42               | 3             | 100          | 96              | 682          |
| April                 | 2007 | 33                | 15          | 49               | 2             | 100          | 84              | 701          |
| May                   | 2007 | 34                | 16          | 47               | 2             | 100          | 87              | 683          |
| June                  | 2007 | 33                | 17          | 48               | 2             | 100          | 85              | 667          |
| July                  | 2007 | 35                | 17          | 46               | 2             | 100          | 89              | 665          |
| August                | 2007 | 31                | 15          | 52               | 2             | 100          | 79              | 687          |
| September             | 2007 | 28                | 14          | 56               | 2             | 100          | 72              | 702          |
| October               | 2007 | 25                | 12          | 61               | 2             | 100          | 65              | 712          |
| November              | 2007 | 23                | 12          | 64               | 1             | 100          | 58              | 702          |
| December              | 2007 | 20                | 12          | 68               | 1             | 100          | 52              | 705          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2008 | 16                | 11          | 73               | 1             | 100          | 43              | 715          |
| February              | 2008 | 13                | 8           | 78               | 1             | 100          | 35              | 712          |
| March                 | 2008 | 10                | 6           | 82               | 1             | 100          | 28              | 702          |
| April                 | 2008 | 8                 | 6           | 85               | 1             | 100          | 23              | 695          |
| May                   | 2008 | 6                 | 6           | 87               | 1             | 100          | 18              | 726          |
| June                  | 2008 | 6                 | 5           | 88               | 1             | 100          | 18              | 730          |
| July                  | 2008 | 5                 | 4           | 90               | 1             | 100          | 15              | 754          |
| August                | 2008 | 4                 | 4           | 90               | 1             | 100          | 14              | 734          |
| September             | 2008 | 5                 | 4           | 91               | 1             | 100          | 14              | 722          |
| October               | 2008 | 5                 | 4           | 91               | 0             | 100          | 13              | 694          |
| November              | 2008 | 4                 | 3           | 93               | 0             | 100          | 11              | 707          |
| December              | 2008 | 2                 | 3           | 94               | 1             | 100          | 8               | 718          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2009 | 2                 | 2           | 95               | 1             | 100          | 7               | 740          |
| February              | 2009 | 2                 | 2           | 94               | 1             | 100          | 8               | 729          |
| March                 | 2009 | 3                 | 3           | 93               | 1             | 100          | 10              | 751          |
| April                 | 2009 | 5                 | 4           | 90               | 1             | 100          | 14              | 742          |
| May                   | 2009 | 7                 | 4           | 87               | 1             | 100          | 20              | 765          |
| June                  | 2009 | 11                | 4           | 85               | 1             | 100          | 26              | 771          |
| July                  | 2009 | 14                | 3           | 83               | 0             | 100          | 31              | 766          |
| August                | 2009 | 17                | 4           | 79               | 1             | 100          | 38              | 759          |
| September             | 2009 | 20                | 5           | 74               | 1             | 100          | 47              | 754          |

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**TABLE 25**  
**CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO**  
**(Three Month Moving Averages)**

| <u>Date of Survey</u> |      | <u>Better Off</u> | <u>Same</u> | <u>Worse Off</u> | <u>DK, NA</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Relative</u> | <u>Cases</u> |
|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| October               | 2009 | 23                | 6           | 70               | 2             | 100          | 53              | 782          |
| November              | 2009 | 24                | 6           | 69               | 1             | 100          | 55              | 784          |
| December              | 2009 | 27                | 6           | 66               | 1             | 100          | 61              | 801          |
| January               | 2010 | 30                | 7           | 61               | 1             | 100          | 69              | 797          |
| February              | 2010 | 34                | 8           | 56               | 1             | 100          | 78              | 798          |
| March                 | 2010 | 35                | 8           | 55               | 1             | 100          | 80              | 796          |
| April                 | 2010 | 37                | 8           | 55               | 1             | 100          | 82              | 809          |
| May                   | 2010 | 39                | 8           | 52               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 817          |
| June                  | 2010 | 40                | 9           | 49               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 801          |
| July                  | 2010 | 35                | 10          | 54               | 1             | 100          | 82              | 796          |
| August                | 2010 | 32                | 9           | 58               | 1             | 100          | 74              | 803          |
| September             | 2010 | 29                | 8           | 62               | 1             | 100          | 67              | 826          |
| October               | 2010 | 30                | 9           | 60               | 1             | 100          | 70              | 819          |
| November              | 2010 | 30                | 11          | 58               | 1             | 100          | 73              | 821          |
| December              | 2010 | 34                | 11          | 53               | 1             | 100          | 81              | 809          |
| January               | 2011 | 38                | 10          | 51               | 1             | 100          | 88              | 826          |
| February              | 2011 | 42                | 10          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 840          |
| March                 | 2011 | 41                | 10          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 93              | 874          |
| April                 | 2011 | 41                | 11          | 47               | 2             | 100          | 94              | 856          |
| May                   | 2011 | 41                | 9           | 49               | 1             | 100          | 93              | 850          |
| June                  | 2011 | 42                | 9           | 48               | 1             | 100          | 93              | 830          |
| July                  | 2011 | 39                | 7           | 53               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 835          |
| August                | 2011 | 29                | 9           | 61               | 1             | 100          | 68              | 841          |
| September             | 2011 | 22                | 9           | 68               | 2             | 100          | 54              | 860          |
| October               | 2011 | 17                | 10          | 73               | 1             | 100          | 44              | 860          |
| November              | 2011 | 20                | 9           | 70               | 1             | 100          | 49              | 881          |
| December              | 2011 | 24                | 10          | 65               | 0             | 100          | 59              | 878          |
| January               | 2012 | 33                | 10          | 56               | 1             | 100          | 77              | 901          |
| February              | 2012 | 38                | 9           | 52               | 1             | 100          | 85              | 862          |
| March                 | 2012 | 43                | 8           | 48               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 864          |
| April                 | 2012 | 43                | 8           | 47               | 2             | 100          | 96              | 838          |
| May                   | 2012 | 46                | 8           | 44               | 2             | 100          | 102             | 862          |
| June                  | 2012 | 45                | 9           | 45               | 2             | 100          | 100             | 865          |
| July                  | 2012 | 41                | 10          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 897          |
| August                | 2012 | 39                | 11          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 89              | 886          |
| September             | 2012 | 37                | 11          | 51               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 891          |
| October               | 2012 | 38                | 11          | 50               | 1             | 100          | 89              | 873          |
| November              | 2012 | 42                | 10          | 46               | 2             | 100          | 95              | 864          |
| December              | 2012 | 42                | 12          | 45               | 2             | 100          | 97              | 869          |
| January               | 2013 | 43                | 13          | 43               | 2             | 100          | 100             | 874          |
| February              | 2013 | 42                | 13          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 862          |
| March                 | 2013 | 46                | 12          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 104             | 822          |
| April                 | 2013 | 49                | 10          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 108             | 825          |
| May                   | 2013 | 52                | 9           | 38               | 1             | 100          | 115             | 831          |
| June                  | 2013 | 50                | 12          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 114             | 851          |
| July                  | 2013 | 51                | 11          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 116             | 819          |
| August                | 2013 | 49                | 11          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 110             | 816          |
| September             | 2013 | 49                | 9           | 39               | 2             | 100          | 110             | 794          |
| October               | 2013 | 45                | 10          | 44               | 2             | 100          | 101             | 833          |
| November              | 2013 | 42                | 12          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 839          |
| December              | 2013 | 42                | 11          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 95              | 867          |
| January               | 2014 | 45                | 12          | 42               | 2             | 100          | 103             | 862          |
| February              | 2014 | 46                | 10          | 42               | 2             | 100          | 104             | 885          |
| March                 | 2014 | 46                | 9           | 44               | 1             | 100          | 102             | 875          |



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**TABLE 25**  
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| <u>Date of Survey</u> |      | <u>Better Off</u> | <u>Same</u> | <u>Worse Off</u> | <u>DK, NA</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Relative</u> | <u>Cases</u> |
|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| April                 | 2014 | 46                | 9           | 44               | 1             | 100          | 102             | 858          |
| May                   | 2014 | 47                | 11          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 107             | 845          |
| June                  | 2014 | 48                | 12          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 110             | 857          |
| July                  | 2014 | 47                | 12          | 39               | 2             | 100          | 107             | 872          |
| August                | 2014 | 46                | 12          | 40               | 2             | 100          | 106             | 867          |
| September             | 2014 | 46                | 10          | 42               | 2             | 100          | 104             | 838          |
| October               | 2014 | 49                | 11          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 801          |
| November              | 2014 | 50                | 11          | 37               | 2             | 100          | 112             | 783          |
| December              | 2014 | 53                | 11          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 120             | 789          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2015 | 58                | 10          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 128             | 765          |
| February              | 2015 | 60                | 10          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 131             | 753          |
| March                 | 2015 | 60                | 9           | 30               | 0             | 100          | 130             | 697          |
| April                 | 2015 | 56                | 10          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 121             | 691          |
| May                   | 2015 | 53                | 9           | 37               | 0             | 100          | 116             | 655          |
| June                  | 2015 | 55                | 10          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 122             | 684          |
| July                  | 2015 | 54                | 11          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 121             | 687          |
| August                | 2015 | 53                | 11          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 119             | 733          |
| September             | 2015 | 47                | 11          | 40               | 2             | 100          | 107             | 699          |
| October               | 2015 | 43                | 10          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 687          |
| November              | 2015 | 43                | 10          | 45               | 2             | 100          | 98              | 648          |
| December              | 2015 | 44                | 12          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 101             | 657          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2016 | 42                | 14          | 42               | 2             | 100          | 100             | 671          |
| February              | 2016 | 41                | 14          | 44               | 2             | 100          | 97              | 667          |
| March                 | 2016 | 38                | 13          | 46               | 3             | 100          | 91              | 701          |
| April                 | 2016 | 40                | 12          | 45               | 2             | 100          | 95              | 718          |
| May                   | 2016 | 41                | 13          | 44               | 2             | 100          | 97              | 776          |
| June                  | 2016 | 44                | 12          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 101             | 752          |
| July                  | 2016 | 42                | 13          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 754          |
| August                | 2016 | 42                | 13          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 97              | 728          |
| September             | 2016 | 41                | 13          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 767          |
| October               | 2016 | 42                | 13          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 99              | 789          |
| November              | 2016 | 42                | 14          | 42               | 2             | 100          | 101             | 808          |
| December              | 2016 | 45                | 15          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 107             | 796          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2017 | 46                | 16          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 110             | 807          |
| February              | 2017 | 50                | 15          | 32               | 3             | 100          | 118             | 811          |
| March                 | 2017 | 51                | 17          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 121             | 824          |
| April                 | 2017 | 56                | 15          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 129             | 835          |
| May                   | 2017 | 56                | 16          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 129             | 841          |
| June                  | 2017 | 55                | 14          | 29               | 2             | 100          | 126             | 819          |
| July                  | 2017 | 51                | 15          | 31               | 2             | 100          | 120             | 804          |
| August                | 2017 | 54                | 14          | 29               | 2             | 100          | 125             | 799          |
| September             | 2017 | 57                | 14          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 130             | 818          |
| October               | 2017 | 61                | 13          | 25               | 1             | 100          | 136             | 839          |
| November              | 2017 | 60                | 13          | 27               | 0             | 100          | 133             | 860          |
| December              | 2017 | 59                | 14          | 27               | 0             | 100          | 133             | 863          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2018 | 59                | 14          | 27               | 1             | 100          | 132             | 863          |
| February              | 2018 | 61                | 13          | 24               | 2             | 100          | 137             | 863          |
| March                 | 2018 | 61                | 12          | 25               | 2             | 100          | 136             | 886          |
| April                 | 2018 | 60                | 10          | 29               | 2             | 100          | 131             | 879          |
| May                   | 2018 | 58                | 11          | 30               | 1             | 100          | 127             | 897          |
| June                  | 2018 | 59                | 10          | 30               | 1             | 100          | 129             | 883          |
| July                  | 2018 | 60                | 11          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 131             | 876          |
| August                | 2018 | 61                | 9           | 29               | 1             | 100          | 132             | 854          |
| September             | 2018 | 60                | 9           | 29               | 2             | 100          | 131             | 861          |
| October               | 2018 | 62                | 9           | 27               | 2             | 100          | 135             | 859          |

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**TABLE 25**  
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**(Three Month Moving Averages)**

| <u>Date of Survey</u> |      | <u>Better Off</u> | <u>Same</u> | <u>Worse Off</u> | <u>DK, NA</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Relative</u> | <u>Cases</u> |
|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| November              | 2018 | 62                | 10          | 25               | 3             | 100          | 137             | 877          |
| December              | 2018 | 62                | 11          | 26               | 2             | 100          | 136             | 852          |
| January               | 2019 | 55                | 12          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 125             | 854          |
| February              | 2019 | 51                | 11          | 35               | 3             | 100          | 116             | 841          |
| March                 | 2019 | 49                | 13          | 35               | 3             | 100          | 114             | 838          |
| April                 | 2019 | 55                | 11          | 31               | 3             | 100          | 124             | 816          |
| May                   | 2019 | 59                | 12          | 27               | 1             | 100          | 132             | 794          |
| June                  | 2019 | 61                | 10          | 28               | 1             | 100          | 133             | 832          |
| July                  | 2019 | 60                | 11          | 28               | 1             | 100          | 132             | 863          |
| August                | 2019 | 55                | 10          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 122             | 864          |
| September             | 2019 | 52                | 10          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 114             | 855          |
| October               | 2019 | 49                | 11          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 862          |
| November              | 2019 | 49                | 12          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 921          |
| December              | 2019 | 53                | 12          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 118             | 957          |
| January               | 2020 | 57                | 12          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 128             | 974          |
| February              | 2020 | 59                | 13          | 26               | 2             | 100          | 132             | 941          |
| March                 | 2020 | 53                | 14          | 31               | 2             | 100          | 122             | 959          |
| April                 | 2020 | 35                | 10          | 54               | 1             | 100          | 81              | 943          |
| May                   | 2020 | 18                | 6           | 76               | 1             | 100          | 42              | 939          |
| June                  | 2020 | 5                 | 3           | 91               | 1             | 100          | 14              | 902          |
| July                  | 2020 | 4                 | 3           | 93               | 1             | 100          | 11              | 889          |
| August                | 2020 | 5                 | 2           | 92               | 1             | 100          | 13              | 888          |
| September             | 2020 | 6                 | 2           | 92               | 1             | 100          | 14              | 874          |
| October               | 2020 | 7                 | 3           | 90               | 1             | 100          | 17              | 881          |
| November              | 2020 | 10                | 4           | 86               | 1             | 100          | 24              | 868          |
| December              | 2020 | 11                | 4           | 85               | 1             | 100          | 26              | 867          |
| January               | 2021 | 12                | 4           | 84               | 0             | 100          | 28              | 838          |
| February              | 2021 | 10                | 4           | 86               | 0             | 100          | 24              | 847          |
| March                 | 2021 | 16                | 4           | 79               | 1             | 100          | 38              | 838          |
| April                 | 2021 | 27                | 4           | 68               | 1             | 100          | 59              | 848          |
| May                   | 2021 | 40                | 4           | 55               | 1             | 100          | 85              | 831          |
| June                  | 2021 | 48                | 4           | 46               | 1             | 100          | 102             | 835          |
| July                  | 2021 | 52                | 5           | 42               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 802          |
| August                | 2021 | 50                | 5           | 44               | 1             | 100          | 106             | 817          |
| September             | 2021 | 47                | 6           | 46               | 1             | 100          | 100             | 814          |
| October               | 2021 | 41                | 5           | 53               | 1             | 100          | 89              | 828          |
| November              | 2021 | 41                | 4           | 55               | 0             | 100          | 86              | 830          |
| December              | 2021 | 39                | 4           | 57               | 0             | 100          | 83              | 846          |
| January               | 2022 | 39                | 5           | 56               | 0             | 100          | 82              | 846          |
| February              | 2022 | 35                | 6           | 58               | 1             | 100          | 77              | 841          |
| March                 | 2022 | 35                | 5           | 59               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 824          |
| April                 | 2022 | 36                | 5           | 59               | 0             | 100          | 77              | 856          |
| May                   | 2022 | 35                | 4           | 61               | 0             | 100          | 74              | 852          |
| June                  | 2022 | 30                | 4           | 66               | 0             | 100          | 64              | 867          |
| July                  | 2022 | 24                | 4           | 71               | 1             | 100          | 53              | 850          |
| August                | 2022 | 24                | 4           | 71               | 1             | 100          | 53              | 862          |
| September             | 2022 | 25                | 5           | 68               | 2             | 100          | 57              | 848          |
| October               | 2022 | 28                | 5           | 65               | 2             | 100          | 63              | 858          |