

# EDUCATION COLLEGE DEGREE

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**TABLE 10**  
**CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH 5 YEARS AGO**  
**(Three Month Moving Averages)**

The question was: "Now thinking back 5 years, would you say you (and your family living there)  
are better off or worse off financially now than you were 5 years ago?"  
( Note: Prior to 1972 a four year horizon was used)

| <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 1980        | 61                | 12          | 26               | 1             | 100          | 134             | 425          |
| March 1981            | 57                | 11          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 125             | 498          |
| September 1981        | 58                | 10          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 127             | 446          |
| March 1982            | 62                | 11          | 26               | 1             | 100          | 137             | 513          |
| September 1982        | 60                | 13          | 26               | 1             | 100          | 133             | 543          |
| March 1983            | 63                | 9           | 26               | 2             | 100          | 136             | 516          |
| September 1983        | 66                | 9           | 24               | 1             | 100          | 142             | 514          |
| March 1984            | 68                | 7           | 22               | 2             | 100          | 146             | 540          |
| September 1984        | 71                | 9           | 19               | 1             | 100          | 152             | 559          |
| September 1985        | 67                | 10          | 22               | 1             | 100          | 144             | 463          |
| September 2011        | 47                | 10          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 104             | 592          |
| October 2011          | 44                | 9           | 47               | 0             | 100          | 97              | 610          |
| November 2011         | 42                | 11          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 618          |
| December 2011         | 42                | 11          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 597          |
| January 2012          | 42                | 10          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 95              | 585          |
| February 2012         | 42                | 9           | 49               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 580          |
| March 2012            | 42                | 11          | 47               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 606          |
| April 2012            | 43                | 11          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 99              | 615          |
| May 2012              | 45                | 12          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 103             | 624          |
| June 2012             | 47                | 12          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 107             | 598          |
| July 2012             | 47                | 13          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 107             | 603          |
| August 2012           | 46                | 10          | 44               | 0             | 100          | 102             | 597          |
| September 2012        | 45                | 11          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 101             | 614          |
| October 2012          | 44                | 12          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 101             | 627          |
| November 2012         | 46                | 13          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 106             | 619          |
| December 2012         | 48                | 13          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 108             | 616          |
| January 2013          | 50                | 11          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 111             | 613          |
| February 2013         | 47                | 13          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 107             | 628          |
| March 2013            | 50                | 12          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 111             | 628          |
| April 2013            | 48                | 12          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 108             | 640          |
| May 2013              | 52                | 10          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 114             | 632          |
| June 2013             | 52                | 11          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 115             | 631          |
| July 2013             | 54                | 11          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 120             | 638          |
| August 2013           | 54                | 11          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 121             | 654          |
| September 2013        | 53                | 10          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 116             | 677          |
| October 2013          | 51                | 10          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 112             | 682          |
| November 2013         | 50                | 11          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 111             | 697          |
| December 2013         | 51                | 12          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 115             | 708          |
| January 2014          | 54                | 12          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 121             | 709          |
| February 2014         | 56                | 12          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 124             | 713          |
| March 2014            | 57                | 10          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 125             | 710          |
| April 2014            | 56                | 9           | 34               | 0             | 100          | 122             | 713          |
| May 2014              | 55                | 9           | 35               | 0             | 100          | 120             | 728          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| June                  | 2014 | 53                | 11          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 117             | 748          |
| July                  | 2014 | 53                | 10          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 116             | 758          |
| August                | 2014 | 54                | 9           | 36               | 1             | 100          | 118             | 750          |
| September             | 2014 | 58                | 8           | 33               | 1             | 100          | 125             | 735          |
| October               | 2014 | 60                | 9           | 30               | 1             | 100          | 130             | 725          |
| November              | 2014 | 60                | 10          | 30               | 1             | 100          | 130             | 728          |
| December              | 2014 | 60                | 11          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 131             | 746          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2015 | 61                | 10          | 28               | 1             | 100          | 133             | 760          |
| February              | 2015 | 63                | 10          | 26               | 1             | 100          | 137             | 770          |
| March                 | 2015 | 60                | 10          | 28               | 1             | 100          | 132             | 763          |
| April                 | 2015 | 62                | 9           | 28               | 1             | 100          | 134             | 757          |
| May                   | 2015 | 61                | 10          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 132             | 729          |
| June                  | 2015 | 65                | 9           | 25               | 1             | 100          | 140             | 720          |
| July                  | 2015 | 65                | 9           | 25               | 1             | 100          | 139             | 718          |
| August                | 2015 | 65                | 9           | 24               | 2             | 100          | 141             | 762          |
| September             | 2015 | 64                | 8           | 27               | 1             | 100          | 138             | 749          |
| October               | 2015 | 64                | 7           | 28               | 1             | 100          | 135             | 754          |
| November              | 2015 | 63                | 7           | 29               | 1             | 100          | 133             | 716          |
| December              | 2015 | 62                | 9           | 29               | 0             | 100          | 133             | 710          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2016 | 62                | 12          | 26               | 1             | 100          | 136             | 704          |
| February              | 2016 | 63                | 12          | 24               | 1             | 100          | 139             | 707          |
| March                 | 2016 | 64                | 11          | 24               | 1             | 100          | 140             | 730          |
| April                 | 2016 | 64                | 10          | 25               | 1             | 100          | 138             | 727          |
| May                   | 2016 | 64                | 10          | 26               | 0             | 100          | 137             | 758          |
| June                  | 2016 | 64                | 10          | 26               | 0             | 100          | 138             | 762          |
| July                  | 2016 | 64                | 10          | 26               | 1             | 100          | 138             | 749          |
| August                | 2016 | 63                | 10          | 26               | 1             | 100          | 138             | 752          |
| September             | 2016 | 62                | 11          | 26               | 1             | 100          | 137             | 771          |
| October               | 2016 | 64                | 11          | 24               | 1             | 100          | 139             | 819          |
| November              | 2016 | 63                | 11          | 25               | 1             | 100          | 139             | 856          |
| December              | 2016 | 66                | 9           | 24               | 1             | 100          | 141             | 889          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2017 | 67                | 9           | 23               | 1             | 100          | 144             | 904          |
| February              | 2017 | 69                | 9           | 22               | 0             | 100          | 147             | 904          |
| March                 | 2017 | 68                | 11          | 21               | 0             | 100          | 148             | 893          |
| April                 | 2017 | 69                | 10          | 20               | 0             | 100          | 149             | 906          |
| May                   | 2017 | 69                | 11          | 19               | 0             | 100          | 150             | 917          |
| June                  | 2017 | 69                | 10          | 21               | 0             | 100          | 148             | 931          |
| July                  | 2017 | 67                | 11          | 22               | 0             | 100          | 145             | 952          |
| August                | 2017 | 67                | 10          | 23               | 0             | 100          | 143             | 944          |
| September             | 2017 | 69                | 9           | 22               | 0             | 100          | 148             | 956          |
| October               | 2017 | 72                | 9           | 19               | 1             | 100          | 153             | 939          |
| November              | 2017 | 71                | 9           | 19               | 1             | 100          | 152             | 943          |
| December              | 2017 | 69                | 10          | 20               | 1             | 100          | 149             | 956          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2018 | 68                | 10          | 22               | 0             | 100          | 145             | 974          |
| February              | 2018 | 70                | 10          | 20               | 0             | 100          | 149             | 954          |