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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)

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
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
March	2018	70	10	19	0	100	151	924
April	2018	71	11	18	0	100	153	885
May	2018	69	12	19	0	100	149	892
June	2018	69	10	21	0	100	148	905
July	2018	70	9	21	1	100	149	937
August	2018	72	8	19	1	100	153	928
September	2018	73	9	17	1	100	156	918

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October	2018	71	9	19	1	100	153	911
November	2018	68	11	21	0	100	147	908
December	2018	67	11	22	1	100	145	905
January	2019	68	11	21	0	100	147	911
February	2019	69	11	20	1	100	149	931
March	2019	69	11	20	0	100	150	952
April	2019	68	10	21	0	100	147	943
May	2019	68	10	22	0	100	146	924
June	2019	67	11	22	0	100	146	925
July	2019	68	11	21	0	100	147	929
August	2019	69	10	20	0	100	149	955
September	2019	69	10	21	1	100	148	951
October	2019	68	10	21	1	100	147	988
November	2019	68	10	21	1	100	146	985
December	2019	70	10	18	1	100	152	993
January	2020	71	11	17	0	100	154	976
February	2020	73	11	16	0	100	156	996
March	2020	71	10	19	0	100	153	1049
April	2020	70	10	20	0	100	149	1068
May	2020	69	11	20	0	100	150	1065
June	2020	70	11	20	0	100	150	1015
July	2020	68	11	20	0	100	148	987
August	2020	67	10	22	0	100	145	1029
September	2020	68	10	22	0	100	146	1037
October	2020	69	10	20	0	100	149	1058
November	2020	69	12	19	0	100	149	1011
December	2020	69	12	18	0	100	151	980
January	2021	69	11	20	0	100	149	952
February	2021	70	10	19	0	100	151	940
March	2021	71	10	19	0	100	152	961
April	2021	73	10	16	1	100	157	989
May	2021	74	11	14	1	100	160	983
June	2021	74	11	14	1	100	160	976
July	2021	73	11	16	0	100	157	924
August	2021	72	10	17	0	100	155	928
September	2021	72	10	18	1	100	154	941
October	2021	72	10	18	1	100	154	961
November	2021	71	10	18	1	100	153	971
December	2021	71	10	18	1	100	152	943
January	2022	71	10	18	1	100	153	937
February	2022	70	9	20	1	100	150	915
March	2022	68	8	23	1	100	145	933
April	2022	66	9	24	1	100	142	932
May	2022	64	10	25	1	100	139	949
June	2022	64	10	26	1	100	138	935
July	2022	62	10	27	1	100	135	928
August	2022	63	10	27	1	100	136	900
September	2022	61	11	27	1	100	134	896
October	2022	61	9	29	1	100	132	876
November	2022	60	8	32	0	100	128	885
December	2022	59	8	32	0	100	127	875

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January	2023	59	11	29	0	100	130	908
February	2023	60	12	28	0	100	132	914
March	2023	61	12	28	0	100	133	909
April	2023	59	9	31	0	100	128	886
May	2023	58	9	32	1	100	126	889
June	2023	56	8	35	1	100	122	896
July	2023	59	9	32	0	100	127	931
August	2023	59	9	32	0	100	127	931
September	2023	62	9	29	0	100	133	935
October	2023	59	9	32	0	100	126	912
November	2023	59	9	32	0	100	128	905
December	2023	57	10	33	0	100	124	925
January	2024	57	11	31	1	100	126	940
February	2024	56	11	32	1	100	123	953
March	2024	57	10	32	1	100	125	939
April	2024	58	10	31	1	100	127	1035
May	2024	59	10	30	1	100	128	1289
June	2024	57	11	32	1	100	125	1526
July	2024	53	12	34	1	100	119	1598
August	2024	51	13	35	1	100	115	1723
September	2024	51	13	36	1	100	115	1720
October	2024	50	14	36	1	100	114	1784
November	2024	50	13	36	1	100	115	1591
December	2024	50	14	35	1	100	116	1550
January	2025	53	13	32	1	100	121	1624
February	2025	54	14	31	1	100	122	1700
March	2025	53	15	31	0	100	122	2100
April	2025	50	17	33	0	100	118	2187
May	2025	47	18	35	1	100	112	2338
June	2025	45	18	36	1	100	109	2114
July	2025	46	18	35	0	100	111	2257
August	2025	47	19	34	0	100	113	2195
September	2025	49	18	32	1	100	118	2298
October	2025	49	17	33	1	100	117	2180
November	2025	48	16	35	1	100	112	2254
December	2025	46	15	38	1	100	107	2136
January	2026	44	15	40	1	100	104	2220
February	2026	46	15	39	1	100	107	2322
March	2026	45	16	38	1	100	107	2572
April	2026	46	16	37	1	100	109	2506
May	2026	44	16	39	1	100	105	2382
June	2026	44	16	40	0	100	105	2320
July	2026	43	16	40	0	100	103	2370
August	2026	43	16	40	1	100	104	2325