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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	55	8	37	1	100	119	446
March	1981	52	9	38	2	100	114	420
September	1981	55	12	32	1	100	123	427
March	1982	58	11	31	1	100	127	446
September	1982	56	9	34	1	100	121	457
March	1983	49	8	43	0	100	106	464
September	1983	57	9	31	2	100	126	456
March	1984	61	14	24	1	100	137	458
September	1984	69	8	22	1	100	147	460
September	1985	58	13	27	1	100	131	450
September	2011	34	9	57	1	100	77	438
October	2011	35	8	56	1	100	80	434
November	2011	34	8	58	0	100	76	443
December	2011	33	7	59	1	100	74	436
January	2012	33	10	57	0	100	77	447
February	2012	34	10	56	0	100	77	439
March	2012	35	12	54	0	100	81	442
April	2012	32	11	56	1	100	76	415
May	2012	33	10	55	1	100	78	402
June	2012	33	10	56	1	100	77	393
July	2012	36	10	54	0	100	82	416
August	2012	36	10	54	0	100	82	441
September	2012	36	10	53	1	100	83	447
October	2012	34	11	54	1	100	80	442
November	2012	37	11	51	1	100	86	439
December	2012	35	12	52	1	100	84	421
January	2013	39	11	49	1	100	90	409
February	2013	38	11	50	1	100	88	405
March	2013	42	9	49	1	100	93	405
April	2013	40	10	49	1	100	91	403
May	2013	42	10	47	1	100	94	413
June	2013	39	13	47	0	100	92	422
July	2013	43	12	45	0	100	97	422
August	2013	41	11	47	1	100	94	418
September	2013	42	9	48	1	100	94	430
October	2013	40	9	50	1	100	91	461
November	2013	41	12	47	0	100	93	446
December	2013	40	13	46	1	100	95	446
January	2014	42	13	44	0	100	98	423
February	2014	43	12	44	1	100	99	445
March	2014	43	9	46	1	100	97	448
April	2014	44	8	46	2	100	98	468
May	2014	51	9	40	1	100	111	445

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June	2014	51	9	39	0	100	112	418
July	2014	51	10	38	1	100	113	403
August	2014	49	10	40	1	100	108	409
September	2014	46	9	43	2	100	103	431
October	2014	45	10	44	1	100	101	424
November	2014	43	11	46	1	100	97	435
December	2014	48	13	38	1	100	110	413
January	2015	51	12	37	0	100	114	427
February	2015	52	12	36	0	100	116	427
March	2015	50	10	39	1	100	112	435
April	2015	49	11	39	1	100	109	419
May	2015	50	9	40	1	100	111	435
June	2015	53	11	36	0	100	117	444
July	2015	52	10	38	0	100	115	447
August	2015	52	11	37	0	100	115	440
September	2015	51	10	39	0	100	113	453
October	2015	56	9	35	1	100	121	463
November	2015	54	8	38	0	100	116	449
December	2015	56	8	35	1	100	120	440
January	2016	52	9	39	1	100	113	441
February	2016	54	9	35	1	100	119	439
March	2016	53	9	37	1	100	115	458
April	2016	57	9	33	1	100	124	483
May	2016	56	11	32	1	100	124	501
June	2016	59	11	30	1	100	129	472
July	2016	54	12	34	0	100	121	486
August	2016	52	9	38	1	100	114	471
September	2016	49	11	39	1	100	110	515
October	2016	51	11	38	1	100	113	504
November	2016	52	12	36	0	100	116	531
December	2016	54	10	35	0	100	119	505
January	2017	55	9	35	0	100	120	518
February	2017	58	8	33	1	100	125	509
March	2017	59	9	30	1	100	129	526
April	2017	61	10	28	2	100	133	519
May	2017	62	11	26	1	100	136	533
June	2017	63	9	28	1	100	135	522
July	2017	63	8	28	0	100	135	497
August	2017	63	10	27	0	100	136	487
September	2017	61	13	26	0	100	135	492
October	2017	62	14	24	0	100	138	516
November	2017	61	13	25	0	100	136	523
December	2017	64	13	23	0	100	141	512
January	2018	61	14	24	1	100	136	498
February	2018	63	12	25	1	100	138	519
March	2018	65	10	24	1	100	141	546
April	2018	69	7	24	0	100	145	563
May	2018	68	8	24	0	100	144	554
June	2018	66	9	25	1	100	141	537
July	2018	67	10	23	1	100	144	509
August	2018	65	11	23	1	100	141	506
September	2018	66	10	23	1	100	144	519

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October	2018	65	8	26	1	100	139	532
November	2018	67	8	25	1	100	142	543
December	2018	64	8	27	1	100	137	535
January	2019	64	8	27	1	100	138	536
February	2019	63	7	29	2	100	134	513
March	2019	66	6	26	1	100	140	500
April	2019	65	8	26	1	100	139	496
May	2019	66	8	25	1	100	141	515
June	2019	63	9	27	1	100	136	523
July	2019	64	7	29	0	100	135	529
August	2019	63	9	28	0	100	134	493
September	2019	62	8	29	0	100	133	483
October	2019	63	10	27	0	100	136	489
November	2019	62	10	28	0	100	134	521
December	2019	63	10	26	0	100	137	539
January	2020	63	9	28	0	100	135	533
February	2020	66	8	26	1	100	140	514
March	2020	67	9	23	1	100	144	509
April	2020	69	7	23	1	100	145	490
May	2020	69	7	24	1	100	145	507
June	2020	66	7	26	1	100	139	515
July	2020	65	9	25	1	100	140	528
August	2020	64	9	26	1	100	138	507
September	2020	65	10	24	1	100	142	478
October	2020	66	10	23	1	100	143	459
November	2020	68	9	22	1	100	146	452
December	2020	68	8	24	0	100	143	477
January	2021	66	7	27	0	100	139	478
February	2021	65	8	26	0	100	139	492
March	2021	63	9	27	1	100	137	465
April	2021	65	10	25	1	100	140	471
May	2021	66	10	22	1	100	144	459
June	2021	67	10	22	1	100	145	471
July	2021	67	9	23	1	100	144	485
August	2021	65	8	26	1	100	139	499
September	2021	64	10	26	1	100	138	490
October	2021	63	10	27	1	100	136	475
November	2021	62	8	29	1	100	133	465
December	2021	61	7	31	1	100	130	491
January	2022	59	7	33	1	100	126	506
February	2022	56	7	36	1	100	119	512
March	2022	53	8	38	1	100	115	486
April	2022	55	7	37	1	100	118	456
May	2022	57	8	35	0	100	123	451
June	2022	56	8	36	0	100	120	461
July	2022	49	9	41	0	100	108	481
August	2022	47	10	42	1	100	105	485
September	2022	46	10	43	1	100	103	483
October	2022	46	10	43	1	100	102	470
November	2022	47	9	42	1	100	105	481
December	2022	48	9	42	1	100	106	509

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February	2023	50	9	41	0	100	109	473
March	2023	48	10	42	0	100	107	452
April	2023	46	12	41	0	100	105	470
May	2023	45	10	44	0	100	101	485
June	2023	47	9	43	0	100	104	472
July	2023	48	6	46	0	100	103	463
August	2023	49	7	43	0	100	106	444
September	2023	49	7	44	0	100	105	462
October	2023	46	9	44	1	100	101	471
November	2023	42	10	48	1	100	94	495
December	2023	42	9	48	1	100	94	471
January	2024	46	8	45	0	100	101	461
February	2024	49	8	42	1	100	107	438
March	2024	50	8	41	1	100	109	446
April	2024	45	9	45	1	100	101	529
May	2024	41	10	48	1	100	93	621
June	2024	36	10	52	1	100	84	697
July	2024	34	11	53	2	100	80	689
August	2024	31	12	56	1	100	75	718
September	2024	28	15	56	1	100	72	721
October	2024	28	13	58	1	100	70	726
November	2024	31	12	56	1	100	75	640
December	2024	32	11	55	2	100	77	601
January	2025	32	14	52	1	100	80	623
February	2025	30	16	53	2	100	77	674
March	2025	29	16	53	1	100	76	801
April	2025	30	14	55	1	100	74	792
May	2025	31	14	53	1	100	78	818
June	2025	31	17	51	2	100	80	738
July	2025	31	20	47	2	100	84	748
August	2025	32	20	47	2	100	85	713
September	2025	31	20	48	2	100	83	735
October	2025	32	18	49	1	100	83	753
November	2025	31	17	51	1	100	79	760
December	2025	32	15	51	1	100	81	750
January	2026	30	15	53	1	100	77	771
February	2026	30	16	53	1	100	78	793
March	2026	30	17	52	1	100	79	886
April	2026	30	18	50	2	100	80	883
May	2026	29	16	53	2	100	76	878
June	2026	28	14	56	2	100	72	833
July	2026	27	13	58	1	100	69	837
August	2026	27	16	55	1	100	72	807