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

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 | 42                | 18          | 36               | 4             | 100          | 106             | 1514         |
| April                 | 1978 | 40                | 17          | 38               | 4             | 100          | 102             | 1552         |
| May                   | 1978 | 40                | 16          | 39               | 5             | 100          | 101             | 1580         |
| June                  | 1978 | 42                | 15          | 38               | 5             | 100          | 104             | 1522         |
| July                  | 1978 | 46                | 14          | 36               | 4             | 100          | 110             | 1506         |
| August                | 1978 | 45                | 13          | 38               | 4             | 100          | 106             | 1210         |
| September             | 1978 | 42                | 14          | 38               | 5             | 100          | 104             | 1240         |
| October               | 1978 | 40                | 16          | 39               | 5             | 100          | 101             | 1244         |
| November              | 1978 | 38                | 16          | 40               | 6             | 100          | 98              | 1396         |
| December              | 1978 | 35                | 18          | 41               | 5             | 100          | 94              | 1418         |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1979 | 33                | 17          | 45               | 5             | 100          | 87              | 1503         |
| February              | 1979 | 33                | 17          | 46               | 4             | 100          | 87              | 1634         |
| March                 | 1979 | 33                | 14          | 48               | 5             | 100          | 85              | 1600         |
| April                 | 1979 | 31                | 14          | 49               | 5             | 100          | 82              | 1663         |
| May                   | 1979 | 29                | 15          | 51               | 5             | 100          | 78              | 1623         |
| June                  | 1979 | 27                | 14          | 54               | 5             | 100          | 73              | 1798         |
| July                  | 1979 | 24                | 11          | 61               | 4             | 100          | 62              | 1882         |
| August                | 1979 | 21                | 9           | 66               | 4             | 100          | 55              | 1869         |
| September             | 1979 | 19                | 9           | 69               | 3             | 100          | 50              | 1802         |
| October               | 1979 | 20                | 11          | 66               | 4             | 100          | 54              | 1840         |
| November              | 1979 | 19                | 12          | 66               | 3             | 100          | 53              | 1893         |
| December              | 1979 | 19                | 13          | 65               | 3             | 100          | 54              | 1832         |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1980 | 19                | 13          | 65               | 3             | 100          | 54              | 1584         |
| February              | 1980 | 20                | 11          | 65               | 3             | 100          | 55              | 1427         |
| March                 | 1980 | 18                | 11          | 68               | 4             | 100          | 50              | 1364         |
| April                 | 1980 | 14                | 10          | 74               | 3             | 100          | 40              | 1373         |
| May                   | 1980 | 9                 | 9           | 81               | 2             | 100          | 28              | 1220         |
| June                  | 1980 | 7                 | 6           | 86               | 1             | 100          | 20              | 1210         |
| July                  | 1980 | 6                 | 4           | 88               | 1             | 100          | 18              | 1135         |
| August                | 1980 | 10                | 5           | 84               | 2             | 100          | 26              | 1090         |
| September             | 1980 | 13                | 7           | 78               | 2             | 100          | 34              | 1103         |
| October               | 1980 | 18                | 9           | 70               | 3             | 100          | 47              | 1143         |
| November              | 1980 | 20                | 10          | 68               | 3             | 100          | 52              | 1172         |
| December              | 1980 | 19                | 10          | 68               | 3             | 100          | 51              | 1172         |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1981 | 15                | 11          | 72               | 3             | 100          | 43              | 1160         |
| February              | 1981 | 12                | 13          | 71               | 4             | 100          | 41              | 1133         |
| March                 | 1981 | 13                | 12          | 71               | 3             | 100          | 42              | 1129         |
| April                 | 1981 | 17                | 13          | 67               | 3             | 100          | 50              | 1137         |
| May                   | 1981 | 21                | 14          | 63               | 2             | 100          | 58              | 1146         |
| June                  | 1981 | 26                | 17          | 55               | 2             | 100          | 70              | 1140         |
| July                  | 1981 | 28                | 17          | 52               | 3             | 100          | 75              | 1151         |
| August                | 1981 | 30                | 16          | 51               | 3             | 100          | 79              | 1157         |
| September             | 1981 | 29                | 15          | 53               | 3             | 100          | 76              | 1163         |
| October               | 1981 | 28                | 14          | 56               | 2             | 100          | 71              | 1161         |
| November              | 1981 | 21                | 12          | 64               | 3             | 100          | 57              | 1163         |
| December              | 1981 | 17                | 10          | 71               | 2             | 100          | 46              | 1173         |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1982 | 12                | 8           | 78               | 2             | 100          | 34              | 1161         |
| February              | 1982 | 11                | 6           | 82               | 1             | 100          | 29              | 1162         |
| March                 | 1982 | 8                 | 6           | 84               | 1             | 100          | 24              | 1159         |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| April                 | 1982 | 8                 | 6           | 84               | 1             | 100          | 24              | 1180         |
| May                   | 1982 | 9                 | 6           | 84               | 2             | 100          | 25              | 1151         |
| June                  | 1982 | 10                | 6           | 82               | 2             | 100          | 29              | 1155         |
| July                  | 1982 | 10                | 6           | 82               | 2             | 100          | 28              | 1144         |
| August                | 1982 | 10                | 6           | 83               | 2             | 100          | 27              | 1154         |
| September             | 1982 | 10                | 6           | 82               | 1             | 100          | 28              | 1146         |
| October               | 1982 | 12                | 6           | 81               | 1             | 100          | 31              | 1151         |
| November              | 1982 | 12                | 6           | 81               | 1             | 100          | 32              | 1178         |
| December              | 1982 | 12                | 7           | 80               | 1             | 100          | 32              | 1184         |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1983 | 12                | 8           | 79               | 1             | 100          | 33              | 1147         |
| February              | 1983 | 15                | 8           | 76               | 1             | 100          | 39              | 1140         |
| March                 | 1983 | 22                | 8           | 69               | 1             | 100          | 53              | 1130         |
| April                 | 1983 | 31                | 9           | 59               | 1             | 100          | 72              | 1162         |
| May                   | 1983 | 44                | 11          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 101             | 1172         |
| June                  | 1983 | 53                | 11          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 117             | 1195         |
| July                  | 1983 | 57                | 10          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 126             | 1167         |
| August                | 1983 | 57                | 9           | 33               | 1             | 100          | 124             | 1157         |
| September             | 1983 | 56                | 9           | 33               | 1             | 100          | 123             | 1137         |
| October               | 1983 | 57                | 10          | 31               | 2             | 100          | 126             | 1147         |
| November              | 1983 | 56                | 10          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 125             | 1141         |
| December              | 1983 | 59                | 10          | 29               | 2             | 100          | 130             | 1163         |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1984 | 64                | 8           | 26               | 2             | 100          | 138             | 1171         |
| February              | 1984 | 68                | 8           | 22               | 2             | 100          | 146             | 1174         |
| March                 | 1984 | 67                | 9           | 22               | 2             | 100          | 145             | 1162         |
| April                 | 1984 | 62                | 11          | 24               | 2             | 100          | 138             | 1158         |
| May                   | 1984 | 63                | 10          | 25               | 2             | 100          | 137             | 1164         |
| June                  | 1984 | 63                | 11          | 24               | 2             | 100          | 140             | 1142         |
| July                  | 1984 | 65                | 10          | 23               | 2             | 100          | 142             | 1119         |
| August                | 1984 | 63                | 13          | 22               | 2             | 100          | 140             | 1099         |
| September             | 1984 | 63                | 12          | 23               | 2             | 100          | 140             | 1102         |
| October               | 1984 | 61                | 13          | 24               | 2             | 100          | 137             | 1127         |
| November              | 1984 | 61                | 12          | 25               | 2             | 100          | 136             | 1164         |
| December              | 1984 | 60                | 12          | 26               | 2             | 100          | 134             | 1181         |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1985 | 60                | 13          | 26               | 1             | 100          | 134             | 1159         |
| February              | 1985 | 58                | 12          | 28               | 2             | 100          | 130             | 1114         |
| March                 | 1985 | 57                | 12          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 128             | 1078         |
| April                 | 1985 | 53                | 14          | 31               | 2             | 100          | 123             | 1070         |
| May                   | 1985 | 52                | 15          | 31               | 2             | 100          | 121             | 1073         |
| June                  | 1985 | 53                | 15          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 123             | 1093         |
| July                  | 1985 | 56                | 13          | 29               | 2             | 100          | 127             | 1105         |
| August                | 1985 | 55                | 13          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 125             | 1114         |
| September             | 1985 | 54                | 13          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 122             | 1097         |
| October               | 1985 | 50                | 14          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 115             | 1071         |
| November              | 1985 | 48                | 13          | 37               | 2             | 100          | 112             | 1056         |
| December              | 1985 | 47                | 14          | 37               | 2             | 100          | 111             | 1069         |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1986 | 48                | 15          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 113             | 1078         |
| February              | 1986 | 48                | 16          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 114             | 1092         |
| March                 | 1986 | 47                | 15          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 111             | 1066         |
| April                 | 1986 | 52                | 11          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 117             | 1075         |
| May                   | 1986 | 53                | 11          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 119             | 1063         |
| June                  | 1986 | 56                | 9           | 33               | 2             | 100          | 123             | 1074         |
| July                  | 1986 | 51                | 12          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 117             | 1071         |

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| August 1986           | 49                | 12          | 36               | 3             | 100          | 113             | 1069         |
| September 1986        | 46                | 13          | 38               | 3             | 100          | 108             | 1065         |
| October 1986          | 46                | 12          | 39               | 3             | 100          | 107             | 1086         |
| November 1986         | 44                | 13          | 40               | 3             | 100          | 104             | 1103         |
| December 1986         | 41                | 15          | 42               | 3             | 100          | 99              | 1114         |
| January 1987          | 39                | 14          | 44               | 2             | 100          | 95              | 1119         |
| February 1987         | 40                | 13          | 45               | 2             | 100          | 95              | 1105         |
| March 1987            | 41                | 14          | 43               | 2             | 100          | 99              | 1105         |
| April 1987            | 43                | 13          | 41               | 2             | 100          | 102             | 1097         |
| May 1987              | 44                | 14          | 40               | 2             | 100          | 104             | 1100         |
| June 1987             | 44                | 14          | 39               | 2             | 100          | 105             | 1098         |
| July 1987             | 46                | 15          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 108             | 1095         |
| August 1987           | 46                | 15          | 35               | 3             | 100          | 111             | 1106         |
| September 1987        | 47                | 15          | 35               | 4             | 100          | 112             | 1116         |
| October 1987          | 44                | 14          | 38               | 4             | 100          | 106             | 1023         |
| November 1987         | 39                | 14          | 45               | 3             | 100          | 94              | 918          |
| December 1987         | 35                | 13          | 50               | 2             | 100          | 85              | 796          |
| January 1988          | 33                | 13          | 52               | 2             | 100          | 82              | 812          |
| February 1988         | 36                | 13          | 49               | 2             | 100          | 87              | 843          |
| March 1988            | 37                | 15          | 45               | 3             | 100          | 92              | 874          |
| April 1988            | 40                | 15          | 42               | 3             | 100          | 98              | 853          |
| May 1988              | 42                | 15          | 39               | 3             | 100          | 103             | 826          |
| June 1988             | 44                | 16          | 38               | 3             | 100          | 106             | 791          |
| July 1988             | 42                | 17          | 37               | 4             | 100          | 105             | 793          |
| August 1988           | 42                | 18          | 35               | 5             | 100          | 107             | 810          |
| September 1988        | 44                | 16          | 35               | 5             | 100          | 109             | 845          |
| October 1988          | 44                | 18          | 34               | 4             | 100          | 110             | 840          |
| November 1988         | 45                | 18          | 34               | 3             | 100          | 111             | 832          |
| December 1988         | 45                | 19          | 33               | 3             | 100          | 112             | 822          |
| January 1989          | 49                | 18          | 31               | 3             | 100          | 118             | 842          |
| February 1989         | 49                | 18          | 29               | 4             | 100          | 120             | 839          |
| March 1989            | 50                | 19          | 27               | 4             | 100          | 122             | 846          |
| April 1989            | 45                | 20          | 31               | 3             | 100          | 114             | 838          |
| May 1989              | 44                | 20          | 33               | 3             | 100          | 111             | 836          |
| June 1989             | 41                | 19          | 36               | 4             | 100          | 106             | 851          |
| July 1989             | 42                | 20          | 33               | 5             | 100          | 109             | 860          |
| August 1989           | 40                | 21          | 34               | 5             | 100          | 107             | 858          |
| September 1989        | 44                | 20          | 32               | 5             | 100          | 112             | 836          |
| October 1989          | 45                | 18          | 34               | 3             | 100          | 112             | 840          |
| November 1989         | 45                | 17          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 110             | 853          |
| December 1989         | 44                | 17          | 37               | 2             | 100          | 107             | 862          |
| January 1990          | 43                | 17          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 105             | 848          |
| February 1990         | 42                | 16          | 39               | 3             | 100          | 102             | 824          |
| March 1990            | 38                | 17          | 42               | 3             | 100          | 96              | 830          |
| April 1990            | 37                | 17          | 44               | 2             | 100          | 93              | 828          |
| May 1990              | 36                | 17          | 44               | 3             | 100          | 93              | 852          |
| June 1990             | 38                | 15          | 45               | 3             | 100          | 93              | 829          |
| July 1990             | 36                | 17          | 44               | 3             | 100          | 93              | 817          |
| August 1990           | 34                | 15          | 49               | 2             | 100          | 85              | 806          |
| September 1990        | 28                | 16          | 53               | 3             | 100          | 75              | 832          |
| October 1990          | 21                | 11          | 65               | 4             | 100          | 56              | 833          |
| November 1990         | 15                | 10          | 72               | 3             | 100          | 43              | 842          |

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| December 1990         | 11                | 8           | 78               | 3             | 100          | 33              | 823          |
| January 1991          | 9                 | 10          | 79               | 2             | 100          | 30              | 833          |
| February 1991         | 10                | 9           | 79               | 2             | 100          | 30              | 822          |
| March 1991            | 12                | 9           | 78               | 1             | 100          | 34              | 837          |
| April 1991            | 15                | 7           | 76               | 2             | 100          | 38              | 818          |
| May 1991              | 17                | 7           | 74               | 2             | 100          | 42              | 810          |
| June 1991             | 19                | 8           | 71               | 2             | 100          | 48              | 788          |
| July 1991             | 20                | 10          | 68               | 2             | 100          | 52              | 805          |
| August 1991           | 22                | 11          | 65               | 2             | 100          | 58              | 808          |
| September 1991        | 23                | 11          | 65               | 2             | 100          | 58              | 818          |
| October 1991          | 24                | 11          | 63               | 2             | 100          | 61              | 798          |
| November 1991         | 21                | 10          | 67               | 2             | 100          | 54              | 811          |
| December 1991         | 16                | 9           | 73               | 2             | 100          | 43              | 806          |
| January 1992          | 10                | 7           | 81               | 2             | 100          | 29              | 835          |
| February 1992         | 7                 | 7           | 85               | 1             | 100          | 22              | 821          |
| March 1992            | 9                 | 7           | 83               | 1             | 100          | 25              | 816          |
| April 1992            | 14                | 7           | 77               | 1             | 100          | 37              | 803          |
| May 1992              | 20                | 8           | 70               | 2             | 100          | 50              | 824          |
| June 1992             | 25                | 10          | 64               | 1             | 100          | 61              | 826          |
| July 1992             | 25                | 10          | 65               | 1             | 100          | 60              | 834          |
| August 1992           | 24                | 9           | 66               | 1             | 100          | 57              | 808          |
| September 1992        | 20                | 9           | 70               | 1             | 100          | 50              | 818          |
| October 1992          | 18                | 11          | 68               | 3             | 100          | 51              | 814          |
| November 1992         | 19                | 13          | 66               | 3             | 100          | 53              | 838          |
| December 1992         | 28                | 14          | 55               | 3             | 100          | 72              | 845          |
| January 1993          | 37                | 14          | 47               | 2             | 100          | 90              | 837          |
| February 1993         | 41                | 15          | 41               | 2             | 100          | 100             | 825          |
| March 1993            | 39                | 16          | 42               | 3             | 100          | 97              | 812          |
| April 1993            | 35                | 16          | 46               | 3             | 100          | 89              | 804          |
| May 1993              | 33                | 17          | 47               | 3             | 100          | 87              | 822          |
| June 1993             | 34                | 16          | 47               | 3             | 100          | 86              | 837          |
| July 1993             | 34                | 15          | 47               | 4             | 100          | 87              | 836          |
| August 1993           | 35                | 13          | 48               | 3             | 100          | 87              | 819          |
| September 1993        | 30                | 14          | 53               | 3             | 100          | 78              | 791          |
| October 1993          | 30                | 15          | 53               | 2             | 100          | 77              | 796          |
| November 1993         | 31                | 14          | 53               | 3             | 100          | 78              | 808          |
| December 1993         | 39                | 14          | 44               | 3             | 100          | 95              | 828          |
| January 1994          | 45                | 15          | 37               | 2             | 100          | 108             | 832          |
| February 1994         | 49                | 16          | 32               | 3             | 100          | 117             | 834          |
| March 1994            | 51                | 15          | 32               | 3             | 100          | 119             | 845          |
| April 1994            | 50                | 13          | 34               | 3             | 100          | 117             | 851          |
| May 1994              | 51                | 12          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 116             | 830          |
| June 1994             | 51                | 12          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 116             | 824          |
| July 1994             | 50                | 12          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 114             | 825          |
| August 1994           | 50                | 13          | 34               | 3             | 100          | 116             | 848          |
| September 1994        | 50                | 14          | 34               | 3             | 100          | 116             | 858          |
| October 1994          | 51                | 14          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 118             | 873          |
| November 1994         | 51                | 14          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 119             | 860          |
| December 1994         | 52                | 13          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 120             | 844          |
| January 1995          | 54                | 14          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 124             | 811          |
| February 1995         | 52                | 15          | 30               | 3             | 100          | 122             | 789          |

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| March 1995            | 50                | 14          | 33               | 4             | 100          | 117             | 797          |
| April 1995            | 46                | 15          | 35               | 4             | 100          | 111             | 831          |
| May 1995              | 43                | 16          | 37               | 4             | 100          | 106             | 840          |
| June 1995             | 44                | 17          | 36               | 3             | 100          | 108             | 817          |
| July 1995             | 45                | 15          | 37               | 2             | 100          | 108             | 789          |
| August 1995           | 49                | 14          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 115             | 784          |
| September 1995        | 46                | 16          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 110             | 785          |
| October 1995          | 44                | 18          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 108             | 804          |
| November 1995         | 43                | 17          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 105             | 818          |
| December 1995         | 43                | 16          | 39               | 2             | 100          | 104             | 828          |
| January 1996          | 41                | 15          | 41               | 3             | 100          | 100             | 811          |
| February 1996         | 37                | 17          | 43               | 3             | 100          | 93              | 804          |
| March 1996            | 36                | 16          | 45               | 3             | 100          | 92              | 807          |
| April 1996            | 39                | 18          | 40               | 3             | 100          | 99              | 819          |
| May 1996              | 40                | 17          | 41               | 3             | 100          | 99              | 832          |
| June 1996             | 43                | 17          | 38               | 3             | 100          | 105             | 842          |
| July 1996             | 44                | 17          | 36               | 3             | 100          | 108             | 826          |
| August 1996           | 47                | 17          | 33               | 3             | 100          | 115             | 811          |
| September 1996        | 47                | 17          | 32               | 4             | 100          | 115             | 807          |
| October 1996          | 44                | 17          | 36               | 4             | 100          | 108             | 820          |
| November 1996         | 45                | 18          | 33               | 4             | 100          | 112             | 824          |
| December 1996         | 49                | 18          | 31               | 2             | 100          | 117             | 845          |
| January 1997          | 55                | 17          | 26               | 2             | 100          | 129             | 835          |
| February 1997         | 60                | 15          | 24               | 2             | 100          | 136             | 831          |
| March 1997            | 58                | 15          | 25               | 3             | 100          | 133             | 782          |
| April 1997            | 55                | 15          | 27               | 3             | 100          | 128             | 772          |
| May 1997              | 53                | 16          | 27               | 3             | 100          | 126             | 778          |
| June 1997             | 55                | 17          | 25               | 4             | 100          | 130             | 840          |
| July 1997             | 61                | 14          | 21               | 4             | 100          | 139             | 859          |
| August 1997           | 61                | 15          | 21               | 4             | 100          | 140             | 855          |
| September 1997        | 62                | 14          | 20               | 4             | 100          | 143             | 806          |
| October 1997          | 60                | 17          | 20               | 4             | 100          | 140             | 812          |
| November 1997         | 60                | 18          | 19               | 3             | 100          | 141             | 809          |
| December 1997         | 58                | 20          | 20               | 2             | 100          | 139             | 841          |
| January 1998          | 56                | 21          | 20               | 3             | 100          | 136             | 861          |
| February 1998         | 57                | 21          | 19               | 3             | 100          | 138             | 860          |
| March 1998            | 61                | 19          | 17               | 3             | 100          | 144             | 839          |
| April 1998            | 65                | 18          | 14               | 3             | 100          | 151             | 823          |
| May 1998              | 65                | 18          | 15               | 3             | 100          | 150             | 817          |
| June 1998             | 62                | 19          | 16               | 3             | 100          | 146             | 811          |
| July 1998             | 61                | 18          | 18               | 3             | 100          | 144             | 820          |
| August 1998           | 62                | 18          | 17               | 3             | 100          | 145             | 849          |
| September 1998        | 60                | 17          | 20               | 3             | 100          | 140             | 850          |
| October 1998          | 56                | 17          | 24               | 3             | 100          | 132             | 823          |
| November 1998         | 51                | 17          | 30               | 3             | 100          | 121             | 791          |
| December 1998         | 52                | 16          | 29               | 3             | 100          | 123             | 800          |
| January 1999          | 56                | 17          | 24               | 2             | 100          | 132             | 813          |
| February 1999         | 61                | 17          | 19               | 3             | 100          | 142             | 839          |
| March 1999            | 63                | 17          | 16               | 4             | 100          | 146             | 828          |
| April 1999            | 64                | 17          | 16               | 3             | 100          | 148             | 828          |
| May 1999              | 62                | 19          | 16               | 3             | 100          | 146             | 823          |
| June 1999             | 65                | 19          | 15               | 2             | 100          | 150             | 821          |

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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> |
|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| July                  | 1999 | 62                | 18          | 17               | 2             | 100          | 145             | 826          |
| August                | 1999 | 63                | 15          | 20               | 3             | 100          | 143             | 827          |
| September             | 1999 | 61                | 15          | 21               | 3             | 100          | 140             | 844          |
| October               | 1999 | 61                | 16          | 21               | 2             | 100          | 139             | 820          |
| November              | 1999 | 62                | 18          | 18               | 2             | 100          | 145             | 832          |
| December              | 1999 | 63                | 16          | 18               | 3             | 100          | 146             | 814          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2000 | 69                | 14          | 15               | 3             | 100          | 154             | 842          |
| February              | 2000 | 70                | 13          | 14               | 4             | 100          | 156             | 838          |
| March                 | 2000 | 68                | 14          | 15               | 3             | 100          | 152             | 857          |
| April                 | 2000 | 63                | 14          | 19               | 4             | 100          | 144             | 831          |
| May                   | 2000 | 60                | 15          | 22               | 2             | 100          | 138             | 825          |
| June                  | 2000 | 58                | 15          | 24               | 3             | 100          | 133             | 818          |
| July                  | 2000 | 57                | 17          | 24               | 2             | 100          | 132             | 835          |
| August                | 2000 | 57                | 16          | 23               | 3             | 100          | 134             | 835          |
| September             | 2000 | 58                | 17          | 22               | 3             | 100          | 136             | 849          |
| October               | 2000 | 58                | 16          | 24               | 2             | 100          | 134             | 848          |
| November              | 2000 | 56                | 16          | 26               | 2             | 100          | 131             | 835          |
| December              | 2000 | 52                | 18          | 28               | 2             | 100          | 125             | 822          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2001 | 44                | 17          | 36               | 3             | 100          | 108             | 820          |
| February              | 2001 | 34                | 15          | 49               | 2             | 100          | 85              | 834          |
| March                 | 2001 | 27                | 12          | 59               | 2             | 100          | 69              | 829          |
| April                 | 2001 | 23                | 11          | 64               | 2             | 100          | 60              | 844          |
| May                   | 2001 | 21                | 11          | 66               | 2             | 100          | 55              | 818          |
| June                  | 2001 | 20                | 13          | 64               | 3             | 100          | 55              | 839          |
| July                  | 2001 | 20                | 15          | 61               | 4             | 100          | 59              | 835          |
| August                | 2001 | 23                | 15          | 59               | 3             | 100          | 64              | 854          |
| September             | 2001 | 24                | 10          | 64               | 3             | 100          | 60              | 825          |
| October               | 2001 | 18                | 8           | 71               | 3             | 100          | 47              | 846          |
| November              | 2001 | 14                | 7           | 77               | 2             | 100          | 36              | 844          |
| December              | 2001 | 10                | 7           | 81               | 2             | 100          | 29              | 879          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2002 | 11                | 6           | 81               | 2             | 100          | 30              | 847          |
| February              | 2002 | 11                | 6           | 81               | 2             | 100          | 29              | 850          |
| March                 | 2002 | 12                | 7           | 80               | 2             | 100          | 32              | 814          |
| April                 | 2002 | 14                | 7           | 77               | 1             | 100          | 37              | 821          |
| May                   | 2002 | 19                | 8           | 71               | 2             | 100          | 48              | 818          |
| June                  | 2002 | 22                | 9           | 67               | 2             | 100          | 54              | 832          |
| July                  | 2002 | 20                | 8           | 69               | 3             | 100          | 51              | 829          |
| August                | 2002 | 16                | 8           | 74               | 2             | 100          | 42              | 846          |
| September             | 2002 | 15                | 7           | 76               | 2             | 100          | 39              | 843          |
| October               | 2002 | 16                | 7           | 75               | 2             | 100          | 41              | 837          |
| November              | 2002 | 20                | 7           | 71               | 2             | 100          | 49              | 827          |
| December              | 2002 | 23                | 7           | 67               | 2             | 100          | 56              | 831          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2003 | 24                | 9           | 66               | 2             | 100          | 58              | 832          |
| February              | 2003 | 21                | 10          | 67               | 2             | 100          | 55              | 836          |
| March                 | 2003 | 17                | 10          | 72               | 1             | 100          | 45              | 851          |
| April                 | 2003 | 17                | 9           | 73               | 1             | 100          | 44              | 857          |
| May                   | 2003 | 21                | 9           | 70               | 1             | 100          | 51              | 851          |
| June                  | 2003 | 25                | 10          | 64               | 1             | 100          | 61              | 837          |
| July                  | 2003 | 28                | 10          | 60               | 1             | 100          | 68              | 832          |
| August                | 2003 | 30                | 9           | 59               | 2             | 100          | 71              | 829          |
| September             | 2003 | 31                | 7           | 60               | 1             | 100          | 71              | 827          |
| October               | 2003 | 32                | 7           | 59               | 2             | 100          | 73              | 845          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| November              | 2003 | 35                | 8           | 55               | 1             | 100          | 80              | 839          |
| December              | 2003 | 41                | 8           | 50               | 2             | 100          | 91              | 827          |
| January               | 2004 | 49                | 7           | 42               | 1             | 100          | 107             | 820          |
| February              | 2004 | 51                | 7           | 41               | 1             | 100          | 109             | 841          |
| March                 | 2004 | 47                | 8           | 44               | 0             | 100          | 103             | 842          |
| April                 | 2004 | 42                | 11          | 47               | 0             | 100          | 94              | 849          |
| May                   | 2004 | 40                | 11          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 814          |
| June                  | 2004 | 42                | 10          | 46               | 2             | 100          | 96              | 811          |
| July                  | 2004 | 45                | 8           | 44               | 2             | 100          | 101             | 808          |
| August                | 2004 | 44                | 9           | 44               | 3             | 100          | 100             | 845          |
| September             | 2004 | 41                | 9           | 47               | 2             | 100          | 94              | 857          |
| October               | 2004 | 36                | 12          | 49               | 3             | 100          | 87              | 851          |
| November              | 2004 | 36                | 13          | 50               | 2             | 100          | 86              | 804          |
| December              | 2004 | 42                | 12          | 44               | 2             | 100          | 98              | 794          |
| January               | 2005 | 46                | 12          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 104             | 794          |
| February              | 2005 | 49                | 12          | 37               | 2             | 100          | 111             | 831          |
| March                 | 2005 | 46                | 14          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 107             | 857          |
| April                 | 2005 | 45                | 13          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 103             | 840          |
| May                   | 2005 | 43                | 11          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 821          |
| June                  | 2005 | 44                | 10          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 98              | 828          |
| July                  | 2005 | 44                | 13          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 101             | 842          |
| August                | 2005 | 41                | 13          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 858          |
| September             | 2005 | 35                | 14          | 50               | 2             | 100          | 85              | 860          |
| October               | 2005 | 29                | 12          | 58               | 1             | 100          | 70              | 857          |
| November              | 2005 | 26                | 11          | 62               | 1             | 100          | 64              | 862          |
| December              | 2005 | 27                | 10          | 62               | 1             | 100          | 65              | 861          |
| January               | 2006 | 32                | 9           | 57               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 851          |
| February              | 2006 | 35                | 10          | 53               | 1             | 100          | 82              | 849          |
| March                 | 2006 | 38                | 10          | 50               | 2             | 100          | 88              | 835          |
| April                 | 2006 | 35                | 11          | 52               | 2             | 100          | 84              | 841          |
| May                   | 2006 | 31                | 11          | 56               | 2             | 100          | 76              | 823          |
| June                  | 2006 | 28                | 12          | 57               | 2             | 100          | 71              | 831          |
| July                  | 2006 | 28                | 10          | 61               | 2             | 100          | 67              | 838          |
| August                | 2006 | 28                | 11          | 60               | 1             | 100          | 68              | 863          |
| September             | 2006 | 29                | 11          | 59               | 1             | 100          | 70              | 848          |
| October               | 2006 | 31                | 13          | 55               | 1             | 100          | 76              | 840          |
| November              | 2006 | 36                | 11          | 51               | 2             | 100          | 85              | 802          |
| December              | 2006 | 38                | 12          | 48               | 2             | 100          | 90              | 796          |
| January               | 2007 | 40                | 12          | 44               | 3             | 100          | 96              | 806          |
| February              | 2007 | 39                | 13          | 45               | 3             | 100          | 94              | 837          |
| March                 | 2007 | 38                | 12          | 47               | 3             | 100          | 91              | 850          |
| April                 | 2007 | 35                | 11          | 52               | 2             | 100          | 83              | 837          |
| May                   | 2007 | 36                | 13          | 50               | 2             | 100          | 86              | 841          |
| June                  | 2007 | 34                | 13          | 51               | 2             | 100          | 83              | 824          |
| July                  | 2007 | 35                | 13          | 51               | 1             | 100          | 83              | 831          |
| August                | 2007 | 31                | 11          | 57               | 1             | 100          | 74              | 812          |
| September             | 2007 | 30                | 11          | 58               | 1             | 100          | 71              | 832          |
| October               | 2007 | 26                | 10          | 62               | 2             | 100          | 64              | 824          |
| November              | 2007 | 24                | 9           | 65               | 2             | 100          | 58              | 841          |
| December              | 2007 | 21                | 9           | 69               | 1             | 100          | 52              | 849          |
| January               | 2008 | 18                | 8           | 73               | 1             | 100          | 46              | 871          |

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| February 2008         | 14                | 7           | 78               | 1             | 100          | 36              | 856          |
| March 2008            | 11                | 6           | 82               | 1             | 100          | 29              | 830          |
| April 2008            | 8                 | 5           | 87               | 1             | 100          | 21              | 828          |
| May 2008              | 6                 | 5           | 88               | 1             | 100          | 18              | 852          |
| June 2008             | 4                 | 5           | 91               | 1             | 100          | 13              | 882          |
| July 2008             | 3                 | 4           | 92               | 0             | 100          | 11              | 889          |
| August 2008           | 3                 | 3           | 93               | 0             | 100          | 10              | 874          |
| September 2008        | 4                 | 3           | 93               | 0             | 100          | 12              | 839          |
| October 2008          | 4                 | 3           | 93               | 1             | 100          | 11              | 837          |
| November 2008         | 3                 | 2           | 94               | 1             | 100          | 10              | 857          |
| December 2008         | 2                 | 3           | 95               | 1             | 100          | 7               | 890          |
| January 2009          | 2                 | 2           | 95               | 1             | 100          | 6               | 897          |
| February 2009         | 2                 | 2           | 95               | 1             | 100          | 7               | 883          |
| March 2009            | 2                 | 2           | 95               | 1             | 100          | 7               | 852          |
| April 2009            | 4                 | 3           | 93               | 1             | 100          | 11              | 830          |
| May 2009              | 6                 | 3           | 90               | 1             | 100          | 16              | 848          |
| June 2009             | 10                | 2           | 87               | 1             | 100          | 22              | 879          |
| July 2009             | 13                | 2           | 84               | 0             | 100          | 29              | 909          |
| August 2009           | 16                | 3           | 81               | 0             | 100          | 35              | 900          |
| September 2009        | 20                | 4           | 76               | 0             | 100          | 44              | 876          |
| October 2009          | 22                | 4           | 73               | 1             | 100          | 48              | 853          |
| November 2009         | 23                | 4           | 72               | 0             | 100          | 51              | 827          |
| December 2009         | 23                | 4           | 72               | 1             | 100          | 50              | 837          |
| January 2010          | 26                | 5           | 68               | 1             | 100          | 58              | 848          |
| February 2010         | 29                | 6           | 64               | 1             | 100          | 65              | 885          |
| March 2010            | 33                | 6           | 60               | 1             | 100          | 72              | 877          |
| April 2010            | 34                | 7           | 59               | 0             | 100          | 75              | 855          |
| May 2010              | 36                | 8           | 55               | 0             | 100          | 81              | 826          |
| June 2010             | 38                | 9           | 52               | 0             | 100          | 86              | 830          |
| July 2010             | 34                | 10          | 56               | 1             | 100          | 78              | 846          |
| August 2010           | 33                | 9           | 57               | 1             | 100          | 77              | 888          |
| September 2010        | 32                | 8           | 60               | 1             | 100          | 72              | 906          |
| October 2010          | 33                | 7           | 59               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 884          |
| November 2010         | 31                | 8           | 61               | 1             | 100          | 70              | 843          |
| December 2010         | 33                | 8           | 58               | 1             | 100          | 76              | 802          |
| January 2011          | 36                | 9           | 55               | 1             | 100          | 81              | 827          |
| February 2011         | 41                | 10          | 49               | 0             | 100          | 92              | 842          |
| March 2011            | 40                | 10          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 873          |
| April 2011            | 41                | 11          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 93              | 869          |
| May 2011              | 40                | 9           | 51               | 1             | 100          | 89              | 867          |
| June 2011             | 40                | 9           | 51               | 0             | 100          | 89              | 859          |
| July 2011             | 37                | 8           | 54               | 1             | 100          | 83              | 857          |
| August 2011           | 30                | 8           | 61               | 1             | 100          | 69              | 853          |
| September 2011        | 26                | 7           | 67               | 1             | 100          | 59              | 865          |
| October 2011          | 22                | 7           | 70               | 1             | 100          | 52              | 868          |
| November 2011         | 23                | 6           | 70               | 1             | 100          | 54              | 865          |
| December 2011         | 26                | 8           | 66               | 1             | 100          | 60              | 855          |
| January 2012          | 33                | 8           | 59               | 1             | 100          | 74              | 858          |
| February 2012         | 39                | 8           | 52               | 1             | 100          | 86              | 849          |
| March 2012            | 44                | 8           | 47               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 842          |
| April 2012            | 44                | 9           | 46               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 824          |
| May 2012              | 47                | 10          | 42               | 2             | 100          | 105             | 824          |

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| June 2012             | 44                | 8           | 46               | 2             | 100          | 98              | 817          |
| July 2012             | 42                | 9           | 47               | 2             | 100          | 94              | 833          |
| August 2012           | 39                | 8           | 51               | 2             | 100          | 88              | 846          |
| September 2012        | 38                | 9           | 51               | 2             | 100          | 87              | 844          |
| October 2012          | 41                | 10          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 836          |
| November 2012         | 43                | 10          | 46               | 2             | 100          | 97              | 822          |
| December 2012         | 46                | 10          | 42               | 2             | 100          | 103             | 817          |
| January 2013          | 46                | 10          | 43               | 2             | 100          | 103             | 797          |
| February 2013         | 44                | 11          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 100             | 789          |
| March 2013            | 44                | 11          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 99              | 777          |
| April 2013            | 44                | 10          | 44               | 2             | 100          | 101             | 790          |
| May 2013              | 49                | 9           | 40               | 2             | 100          | 109             | 804          |
| June 2013             | 50                | 9           | 38               | 3             | 100          | 111             | 824          |
| July 2013             | 53                | 8           | 36               | 2             | 100          | 117             | 806          |
| August 2013           | 51                | 8           | 39               | 2             | 100          | 111             | 780          |
| September 2013        | 51                | 8           | 40               | 2             | 100          | 111             | 756          |
| October 2013          | 45                | 10          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 101             | 738          |
| November 2013         | 41                | 11          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 740          |
| December 2013         | 40                | 10          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 726          |
| January 2014          | 43                | 9           | 46               | 2             | 100          | 97              | 716          |
| February 2014         | 47                | 8           | 43               | 2             | 100          | 103             | 698          |
| March 2014            | 47                | 8           | 44               | 2             | 100          | 103             | 704          |
| April 2014            | 45                | 9           | 44               | 2             | 100          | 102             | 716          |
| May 2014              | 49                | 8           | 41               | 2             | 100          | 107             | 729          |
| June 2014             | 51                | 10          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 115             | 723          |
| July 2014             | 52                | 9           | 37               | 2             | 100          | 115             | 699          |
| August 2014           | 48                | 11          | 39               | 2             | 100          | 109             | 675          |
| September 2014        | 45                | 8           | 44               | 2             | 100          | 101             | 646          |
| October 2014          | 48                | 9           | 41               | 2             | 100          | 107             | 631          |
| November 2014         | 52                | 8           | 38               | 2             | 100          | 113             | 612          |
| December 2014         | 56                | 10          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 124             | 611          |
| January 2015          | 59                | 9           | 30               | 2             | 100          | 130             | 608          |
| February 2015         | 61                | 10          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 134             | 595          |
| March 2015            | 61                | 11          | 27               | 1             | 100          | 134             | 596          |
| April 2015            | 60                | 10          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 131             | 578          |
| May 2015              | 58                | 10          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 126             | 586          |
| June 2015             | 61                | 8           | 31               | 0             | 100          | 129             | 584          |
| July 2015             | 60                | 10          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 132             | 611          |
| August 2015           | 58                | 10          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 128             | 609          |
| September 2015        | 53                | 11          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 118             | 622          |
| October 2015          | 49                | 10          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 598          |
| November 2015         | 48                | 11          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 110             | 598          |
| December 2015         | 49                | 12          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 111             | 562          |
| January 2016          | 46                | 13          | 39               | 2             | 100          | 108             | 589          |
| February 2016         | 48                | 11          | 39               | 2             | 100          | 110             | 574          |
| March 2016            | 48                | 9           | 39               | 4             | 100          | 109             | 615          |
| April 2016            | 49                | 8           | 41               | 3             | 100          | 108             | 607          |
| May 2016              | 51                | 10          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 115             | 619          |
| June 2016             | 51                | 12          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 115             | 588          |
| July 2016             | 51                | 13          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 117             | 581          |
| August 2016           | 48                | 12          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 108             | 598          |
| September 2016        | 48                | 12          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 108             | 619          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| October               | 2016 | 50                | 12          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 114             | 649          |
| November              | 2016 | 50                | 12          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 114             | 639          |
| December              | 2016 | 52                | 11          | 35               | 3             | 100          | 117             | 661          |
| January               | 2017 | 50                | 12          | 35               | 3             | 100          | 115             | 661          |
| February              | 2017 | 53                | 12          | 33               | 3             | 100          | 120             | 685          |
| March                 | 2017 | 50                | 16          | 31               | 2             | 100          | 119             | 705          |
| April                 | 2017 | 49                | 15          | 34               | 3             | 100          | 115             | 702          |
| May                   | 2017 | 46                | 18          | 33               | 4             | 100          | 113             | 699          |
| June                  | 2017 | 46                | 15          | 36               | 3             | 100          | 110             | 662          |
| July                  | 2017 | 45                | 16          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 109             | 670          |
| August                | 2017 | 47                | 13          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 110             | 668          |
| September             | 2017 | 48                | 12          | 37               | 2             | 100          | 111             | 690          |
| October               | 2017 | 48                | 14          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 113             | 690          |
| November              | 2017 | 48                | 14          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 113             | 699          |
| December              | 2017 | 49                | 14          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 114             | 692          |
| January               | 2018 | 51                | 13          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 116             | 693          |
| February              | 2018 | 52                | 12          | 33               | 3             | 100          | 119             | 699          |