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 | 56 | 12 | 30 | 2 | 100 | 126 | 884 |
| March | 1981 | 53 | 9 | 37 | 1 | 100 | 116 | 917 |
| September | 1981 | 56 | 14 | 30 | 0 | 100 | 126 | 882 |
| March | 1982 | 54 | 12 | 33 | 1 | 100 | 121 | 915 |
| September | 1982 | 52 | 12 | 34 | 1 | 100 | 118 | 930 |
| March | 1983 | 53 | 10 | 36 | 1 | 100 | 117 | 950 |
| September | 1983 | 58 | 10 | 31 | 1 | 100 | 127 | 916 |
| March | 1984 | 62 | 14 | 23 | 1 | 100 | 138 | 899 |
| September | 1984 | 65 | 11 | 22 | 1 | 100 | 143 | 919 |
| September | 1985 | 63 | 11 | 26 | 1 | 100 | 137 | 842 |
| September | 2011 | 41 | 10 | 48 | 1 | 100 | 93 | 627 |
| October | 2011 | 40 | 11 | 48 | 1 | 100 | 92 | 646 |
| November | 2011 | 39 | 10 | 49 | 1 | 100 | 90 | 645 |
| December | 2011 | 42 | 10 | 47 | 1 | 100 | 95 | 645 |
| January | 2012 | 40 | 9 | 51 | 0 | 100 | 90 | 641 |
| February | 2012 | 43 | 8 | 49 | 0 | 100 | 94 | 649 |
| March | 2012 | 41 | 10 | 49 | 0 | 100 | 92 | 665 |
| April | 2012 | 43 | 12 | 45 | 1 | 100 | 98 | 687 |
| May | 2012 | 40 | 14 | 45 | 1 | 100 | 95 | 687 |
| June | 2012 | 44 | 14 | 42 | 1 | 100 | 102 | 684 |
| July | 2012 | 44 | 13 | 43 | 1 | 100 | 101 | 673 |
| August | 2012 | 45 | 10 | 44 | 1 | 100 | 100 | 669 |
| September | 2012 | 44 | 11 | 44 | 1 | 100 | 100 | 687 |
| October | 2012 | 46 | 13 | 41 | 0 | 100 | 104 | 697 |
| November | 2012 | 45 | 14 | 40 | 0 | 100 | 105 | 702 |
| December | 2012 | 42 | 13 | 44 | 0 | 100 | 98 | 698 |
| January | 2013 | 41 | 11 | 47 | 0 | 100 | 94 | 708 |
| February | 2013 | 42 | 12 | 46 | 0 | 100 | 97 | 714 |
| March | 2013 | 45 | 11 | 43 | 0 | 100 | 102 | 725 |
| April | 2013 | 46 | 13 | 40 | 1 | 100 | 106 | 715 |
| May | 2013 | 48 | 12 | 39 | 1 | 100 | 109 | 706 |
| June | 2013 | 48 | 12 | 39 | 1 | 100 | 109 | 687 |
| July | 2013 | 49 | 11 | 39 | 1 | 100 | 110 | 705 |
| August | 2013 | 50 | 10 | 40 | 0 | 100 | 109 | 732 |
| September | 2013 | 47 | 10 | 43 | 0 | 100 | 104 | 757 |
| October | 2013 | 47 | 10 | 43 | 1 | 100 | 104 | 772 |
| November | 2013 | 46 | 10 | 43 | 1 | 100 | 104 | 769 |
| December | 2013 | 49 | 11 | 39 | 1 | 100 | 109 | 784 |
| January | 2014 | 50 | 12 | 38 | 0 | 100 | 113 | 797 |
| February | 2014 | 52 | 11 | 37 | 1 | 100 | 115 | 817 |
| March | 2014 | 51 | 9 | 39 | 1 | 100 | 112 | 811 |
| April | 2014 | 52 | 9 | 38 | 1 | 100 | 114 | 800 |
| May | 2014 | 54 | 10 | 36 | 1 | 100 | 118 | 784 |
| June | 2014 | 55 | 11 | 34 | 0 | 100 | 121 | 792 |
| July | 2014 | 55 | 10 | 35 | 0 | 100 | 120 | 812 |
| August | 2014 | 53 | 9 | 37 | 1 | 100 | 117 | 833 |


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| September | 2014 | 55 | 8 | 37 | 1 | 100 | 118 | 865 |
| October | 2014 | 56 | 8 | 35 | 1 | 100 | 120 | 880 |
| November | 2014 | 55 | 10 | 34 | 1 | 100 | 121 | 900 |
| December | 2014 | 57 | 11 | 31 | 1 | 100 | 126 | 895 |
| January | 2015 | 59 | 10 | 30 | 1 | 100 | 128 | 902 |
| February | 2015 | 60 | 10 | 29 | 1 | 100 | 130 | 919 |
| March | 2015 | 59 | 10 | 30 | 1 | 100 | 129 | 918 |
| April | 2015 | 59 | 10 | 29 | 1 | 100 | 130 | 930 |
| May | 2015 | 60 | 10 | 29 | 1 | 100 | 132 | 920 |
| June | 2015 | 61 | 10 | 28 | 1 | 100 | 133 | 925 |
| July | 2015 | 60 | 11 | 29 | 0 | 100 | 130 | 899 |
| August | 2015 | 61 | 10 | 28 | , | 100 | 133 | 962 |
| September | 2015 | 62 | 9 | 28 | 1 | 100 | 134 | 943 |
| October | 2015 | 64 | 9 | 26 | 1 | 100 | 138 | 969 |
| November | 2015 | 61 | 10 | 28 | 1 | 100 | 133 | 913 |
| December | 2015 | 60 | 11 | 29 | 0 | 100 | 131 | 957 |
| January | 2016 | 59 | 11 | 29 | 1 | 100 | 130 | 930 |
| February | 2016 | 62 | 11 | 27 | 1 | 100 | 135 | 942 |
| March | 2016 | 63 | 10 | 26 | 1 | 100 | 137 | 938 |
| April | 2016 | 63 | 10 | 26 | 1 | 100 | 137 | 971 |
| May | 2016 | 62 | 10 | 27 | 1 | 100 | 135 | 1001 |
| June | 2016 | 61 | 10 | 28 | 1 | 100 | 133 | 997 |
| July | 2016 | 60 | 11 | 29 | 1 | 100 | 131 | 1014 |
| August | 2016 | 60 | 11 | 29 | 0 | 100 | 131 | 1000 |
| September | 2016 | 59 | 12 | 29 | 0 | 100 | 129 | 1049 |
| October | 2016 | 60 | 12 | 27 | 1 | 100 | 133 | 1056 |
| November | 2016 | 60 | 12 | 27 | 1 | 100 | 132 | 1126 |
| December | 2016 | 62 | 12 | 26 | 1 | 100 | 136 | 1126 |
| January | 2017 | 63 | 11 | 26 | 1 | 100 | 137 | 1152 |
| February | 2017 | 64 | 10 | 25 | 1 | 100 | 139 | 1120 |
| March | 2017 | 65 | 11 | 23 | 1 | 100 | 142 | 1101 |
| April | 2017 | 67 | 11 | 21 | 1 | 100 | 146 | 1105 |
| May | 2017 | 68 | 11 | 20 | 1 | 100 | 148 | 1117 |
| June | 2017 | 68 | 10 | 21 | 1 | 100 | 148 | 1155 |
| July | 2017 | 67 | 10 | 23 | 0 | 100 | 144 | 1148 |
| August | 2017 | 67 | 10 | 23 | 0 | 100 | 144 | 1141 |
| September | 2017 | 68 | 11 | 22 | 0 | 100 | 146 | 1127 |
| October | 2017 | 70 | 10 | 19 | 0 | 100 | 151 | 1128 |
| November | 2017 | 70 | 10 | 20 | 1 | 100 | 150 | 1123 |
| December | 2017 | 70 | 10 | 19 | 1 | 100 | 152 | 1122 |
| January | 2018 | 68 | 11 | 20 | 1 | 100 | 147 | 1139 |
| February | 2018 | 69 | 10 | 19 | 1 | 100 | 150 | 1136 |
| March | 2018 | 70 | 10 | 20 | 1 | 100 | 150 | 1126 |
| April | 2018 | 72 | 9 | 19 | 0 | 100 | 153 | 1100 |
| May | 2018 | 71 | 10 | 19 | 0 | 100 | 152 | 1097 |
| June | 2018 | 70 | 10 | 19 | 0 | 100 | 151 | 1096 |
| July | 2018 | 72 | 10 | 18 | 0 | 100 | 153 | 1091 |
| August | 2018 | 74 | 8 | 18 | 0 | 100 | 156 | 1100 |
| September | 2018 | 75 | 8 | 17 | 1 | 100 | 158 | 1115 |
| October | 2018 | 74 | 8 | 17 | 1 | 100 | 157 | 1112 |
| November | 2018 | 72 | 9 | 18 | 1 | 100 | 154 | 1112 |
| December | 2018 | 70 | 9 | 19 | 1 | 100 | 151 | 1111 |
| January | 2019 | 70 | 9 | 20 | 1 | 100 | 150 | 1117 |
| February | 2019 | 70 | 9 | 20 | 1 | 100 | 149 | 1112 |


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| March | 2019 | 71 | 9 | 19 | 1 | 100 | 152 | 1117 |
| April | 2019 | 71 | 9 | 19 | 0 | 100 | 152 | 1132 |
| May | 2019 | 73 | 9 | 17 | 1 | 100 | 156 | 1123 |
| June | 2019 | 73 | 9 | 17 | 1 | 100 | 156 | 1126 |
| July | 2019 | 75 | 8 | 16 | 1 | 100 | 158 | 1114 |
| August | 2019 | 72 | 9 | 18 | 1 | 100 | 154 | 1123 |
| September | 2019 | 71 | 9 | 20 | 1 | 100 | 151 | 1106 |
| October | 2019 | 69 | 9 | 20 | 1 | 100 | 149 | 1185 |
| November | 2019 | 70 | 9 | 20 | 1 | 100 | 150 | 1208 |
| December | 2019 | 72 | 9 | 19 | 0 | 100 | 153 | 1254 |
| January | 2020 | 73 | 9 | 18 | 0 | 100 | 156 | 1207 |
| February | 2020 | 75 | 8 | 17 | 1 | 100 | 158 | 1209 |
| March | 2020 | 74 | 8 | 17 | 1 | 100 | 157 | 1212 |
| April | 2020 | 72 | 10 | 17 | 1 | 100 | 155 | 1212 |
| May | 2020 | 71 | 10 | 18 | 1 | 100 | 152 | 1226 |
| June | 2020 | 70 | 11 | 18 | 1 | 100 | 152 | 1187 |
| July | 2020 | 70 | 10 | 19 | 1 | 100 | 151 | 1169 |
| August | 2020 | 69 | 11 | 20 | 1 | 100 | 149 | 1151 |
| September | 2020 | 68 | 10 | 21 | 1 | 100 | 148 | 1125 |
| October | 2020 | 68 | 11 | 20 | 1 | 100 | 149 | 1127 |
| November | 2020 | 69 | 12 | 18 | 1 | 100 | 151 | 1122 |
| December | 2020 | 71 | 11 | 18 | 0 | 100 | 153 | 1129 |
| January | 2021 | 70 | 10 | 20 | 0 | 100 | 150 | 1108 |
| February | 2021 | 70 | 9 | 21 | 0 | 100 | 149 | 1086 |
| March | 2021 | 68 | 10 | 21 | 1 | 100 | 147 | 1096 |
| April | 2021 | 70 | 10 | 18 | 1 | 100 | 152 | 1118 |
| May | 2021 | 70 | 12 | 17 | 1 | 100 | 154 | 1140 |
| June | 2021 | 71 | 11 | 18 | 1 | 100 | 153 | 1155 |
| July | 2021 | 70 | 11 | 18 | 0 | 100 | 152 | 1155 |
| August | 2021 | 69 | 10 | 20 | 1 | 100 | 148 | 1140 |
| September | 2021 | 67 | 11 | 21 | 1 | 100 | 146 | 1118 |
| October | 2021 | 65 | 10 | 24 | 1 | 100 | 142 | 1115 |
| November | 2021 | 66 | 10 | 24 | 1 | 100 | 142 | 1104 |
| December | 2021 | 66 | 9 | 24 | 1 | 100 | 141 | 1142 |
| January | 2022 | 66 | 10 | 24 | 1 | 100 | 142 | 1152 |
| February | 2022 | 63 | 10 | 26 | 1 | 100 | 137 | 1183 |
| March | 2022 | 61 | 10 | 28 | 1 | 100 | 133 | 1134 |
| April | 2022 | 60 | 10 | 30 | 1 | 100 | 130 | 1125 |
| May | 2022 | 60 | 9 | 30 | 1 | 100 | 129 | 1106 |
| June | 2022 | 60 | 8 | 31 | 0 | 100 | 129 | 1158 |
| July | 2022 | 58 | 9 | 33 | 1 | 100 | 125 | 1172 |
| August | 2022 | 57 | 8 | 34 | 1 | 100 | 123 | 1187 |
| September | 2022 | 55 | 9 | 35 | 1 | 100 | 120 | 1152 |
| October | 2022 | 54 | 9 | 36 | 1 | 100 | 119 | 1152 |
| November | 2022 | 54 | 9 | 36 | 1 | 100 | 118 | 1143 |
| December | 2022 | 55 | 8 | 36 | 1 | 100 | 120 | 1158 |
| January | 2023 | 56 | 9 | 35 | 1 | 100 | 121 | 1149 |
| February | 2023 | 56 | 9 | 34 | 1 | 100 | 122 | 1143 |

