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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            | 45                | 18          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 111             | 1169         |
| April 1978            | 44                | 16          | 37               | 2             | 100          | 107             | 1194         |
| May 1978              | 48                | 16          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 113             | 1215         |
| June 1978             | 52                | 16          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 121             | 1190         |
| July 1978             | 54                | 16          | 29               | 2             | 100          | 125             | 1220         |
| August 1978           | 53                | 14          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 123             | 1407         |
| September 1978        | 52                | 15          | 31               | 2             | 100          | 122             | 1422         |
| October 1978          | 51                | 16          | 31               | 2             | 100          | 120             | 1425         |
| November 1978         | 48                | 18          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 116             | 1548         |
| December 1978         | 42                | 20          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 106             | 1549         |
| January 1979          | 40                | 19          | 39               | 2             | 100          | 101             | 1594         |
| February 1979         | 39                | 17          | 41               | 3             | 100          | 98              | 1349         |
| March 1979            | 40                | 17          | 41               | 3             | 100          | 99              | 1386         |
| April 1979            | 41                | 16          | 40               | 3             | 100          | 101             | 1394         |
| May 1979              | 41                | 15          | 42               | 2             | 100          | 99              | 1337         |
| June 1979             | 38                | 14          | 45               | 3             | 100          | 94              | 1448         |
| July 1979             | 32                | 14          | 51               | 3             | 100          | 80              | 1576         |
| August 1979           | 25                | 13          | 59               | 2             | 100          | 66              | 1539         |
| September 1979        | 24                | 10          | 64               | 2             | 100          | 61              | 1497         |
| October 1979          | 23                | 10          | 65               | 1             | 100          | 58              | 1456         |
| November 1979         | 24                | 10          | 64               | 2             | 100          | 59              | 1529         |
| December 1979         | 23                | 11          | 65               | 1             | 100          | 58              | 1496         |
| January 1980          | 22                | 13          | 64               | 1             | 100          | 57              | 1346         |
| February 1980         | 22                | 13          | 64               | 1             | 100          | 58              | 1195         |
| March 1980            | 21                | 14          | 64               | 2             | 100          | 57              | 1112         |
| April 1980            | 18                | 11          | 69               | 2             | 100          | 48              | 1056         |
| May 1980              | 12                | 9           | 78               | 1             | 100          | 35              | 898          |
| June 1980             | 7                 | 7           | 86               | 0             | 100          | 20              | 884          |
| July 1980             | 7                 | 4           | 88               | 1             | 100          | 18              | 901          |
| August 1980           | 9                 | 6           | 84               | 1             | 100          | 25              | 901          |
| September 1980        | 16                | 7           | 76               | 1             | 100          | 40              | 884          |
| October 1980          | 20                | 8           | 71               | 1             | 100          | 49              | 862          |
| November 1980         | 22                | 10          | 67               | 1             | 100          | 55              | 865          |
| December 1980         | 19                | 11          | 68               | 1             | 100          | 51              | 870          |
| January 1981          | 17                | 14          | 67               | 1             | 100          | 50              | 895          |
| February 1981         | 15                | 15          | 69               | 1             | 100          | 46              | 896          |
| March 1981            | 17                | 17          | 65               | 2             | 100          | 52              | 917          |
| April 1981            | 21                | 18          | 60               | 1             | 100          | 61              | 896          |
| May 1981              | 28                | 19          | 52               | 1             | 100          | 76              | 886          |
| June 1981             | 33                | 18          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 85              | 859          |
| July 1981             | 36                | 19          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 858          |
| August 1981           | 36                | 17          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 90              | 875          |
| September 1981        | 34                | 16          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 86              | 882          |
| October 1981          | 29                | 13          | 57               | 1             | 100          | 71              | 905          |
| November 1981         | 23                | 12          | 63               | 1             | 100          | 60              | 903          |
| December 1981         | 17                | 11          | 71               | 1             | 100          | 46              | 908          |
| January 1982          | 14                | 10          | 74               | 1             | 100          | 40              | 909          |
| February 1982         | 13                | 10          | 77               | 1             | 100          | 36              | 923          |
| March 1982            | 11                | 8           | 79               | 2             | 100          | 33              | 915          |
| April 1982            | 10                | 8           | 80               | 1             | 100          | 30              | 895          |
| May 1982              | 11                | 7           | 81               | 1             | 100          | 30              | 911          |
| June 1982             | 12                | 8           | 81               | 0             | 100          | 31              | 924          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| July                  | 1982 | 10                | 7           | 82               | 1             | 100          | 29              | 942          |
| August                | 1982 | 11                | 8           | 81               | 1             | 100          | 30              | 927          |
| September             | 1982 | 12                | 8           | 79               | 1             | 100          | 33              | 930          |
| October               | 1982 | 16                | 9           | 75               | 1             | 100          | 41              | 903          |
| November              | 1982 | 15                | 8           | 77               | 0             | 100          | 38              | 873          |
| December              | 1982 | 16                | 8           | 75               | 1             | 100          | 41              | 850          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1983 | 17                | 7           | 76               | 0             | 100          | 40              | 884          |
| February              | 1983 | 24                | 8           | 67               | 1             | 100          | 56              | 922          |
| March                 | 1983 | 34                | 9           | 57               | 0             | 100          | 76              | 950          |
| April                 | 1983 | 48                | 9           | 42               | 0             | 100          | 106             | 942          |
| May                   | 1983 | 59                | 8           | 33               | 0             | 100          | 126             | 921          |
| June                  | 1983 | 68                | 8           | 24               | 0             | 100          | 143             | 907          |
| July                  | 1983 | 70                | 8           | 21               | 1             | 100          | 149             | 909          |
| August                | 1983 | 74                | 8           | 16               | 1             | 100          | 158             | 895          |
| September             | 1983 | 73                | 8           | 18               | 1             | 100          | 155             | 916          |
| October               | 1983 | 74                | 9           | 17               | 1             | 100          | 157             | 916          |
| November              | 1983 | 72                | 8           | 18               | 1             | 100          | 154             | 947          |
| December              | 1983 | 75                | 7           | 16               | 1             | 100          | 159             | 922          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1984 | 77                | 6           | 15               | 1             | 100          | 162             | 906          |
| February              | 1984 | 79                | 6           | 14               | 1             | 100          | 165             | 890          |
| March                 | 1984 | 77                | 6           | 16               | 0             | 100          | 161             | 899          |
| April                 | 1984 | 76                | 8           | 15               | 1             | 100          | 161             | 920          |
| May                   | 1984 | 74                | 10          | 15               | 1             | 100          | 159             | 919          |
| June                  | 1984 | 73                | 11          | 15               | 1             | 100          | 159             | 913          |
| July                  | 1984 | 71                | 10          | 17               | 2             | 100          | 154             | 891          |
| August                | 1984 | 73                | 8           | 18               | 1             | 100          | 155             | 904          |
| September             | 1984 | 74                | 8           | 17               | 1             | 100          | 157             | 919          |
| October               | 1984 | 74                | 9           | 16               | 0             | 100          | 158             | 944          |
| November              | 1984 | 71                | 10          | 18               | 1             | 100          | 153             | 933          |
| December              | 1984 | 68                | 11          | 20               | 1             | 100          | 148             | 931          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1985 | 63                | 12          | 23               | 1             | 100          | 140             | 884          |
| February              | 1985 | 63                | 13          | 22               | 1             | 100          | 141             | 873          |
| March                 | 1985 | 60                | 15          | 23               | 2             | 100          | 137             | 859          |
| April                 | 1985 | 60                | 15          | 23               | 2             | 100          | 137             | 905          |
| May                   | 1985 | 55                | 15          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 128             | 909          |
| June                  | 1985 | 54                | 14          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 125             | 886          |
| July                  | 1985 | 53                | 14          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 122             | 843          |
| August                | 1985 | 54                | 15          | 30               | 1             | 100          | 124             | 822          |
| September             | 1985 | 53                | 15          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 123             | 842          |
| October               | 1985 | 51                | 17          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 121             | 880          |
| November              | 1985 | 52                | 16          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 122             | 897          |
| December              | 1985 | 53                | 15          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 122             | 884          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1986 | 55                | 15          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 127             | 877          |
| February              | 1986 | 56                | 15          | 27               | 1             | 100          | 129             | 868          |
| March                 | 1986 | 58                | 15          | 25               | 2             | 100          | 132             | 897          |
| April                 | 1986 | 59                | 14          | 26               | 1             | 100          | 132             | 889          |
| May                   | 1986 | 59                | 13          | 27               | 0             | 100          | 132             | 901          |
| June                  | 1986 | 62                | 11          | 27               | 0             | 100          | 135             | 892          |
| July                  | 1986 | 61                | 12          | 27               | 1             | 100          | 134             | 900          |
| August                | 1986 | 58                | 13          | 28               | 1             | 100          | 129             | 898          |
| September             | 1986 | 52                | 15          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 120             | 901          |
| October               | 1986 | 49                | 16          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 114             | 871          |
| November              | 1986 | 49                | 16          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 115             | 858          |
| December              | 1986 | 48                | 15          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 112             | 842          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| January               | 1987 | 47                | 15          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 840          |
| February              | 1987 | 48                | 14          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 111             | 857          |
| March                 | 1987 | 49                | 17          | 33               | 0             | 100          | 116             | 858          |
| April                 | 1987 | 50                | 19          | 31               | 0             | 100          | 118             | 864          |
| May                   | 1987 | 46                | 20          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 113             | 851          |
| June                  | 1987 | 47                | 18          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 113             | 853          |
| July                  | 1987 | 47                | 17          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 114             | 852          |
| August                | 1987 | 54                | 15          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 125             | 844          |
| September             | 1987 | 55                | 16          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 128             | 830          |
| October               | 1987 | 59                | 15          | 25               | 1             | 100          | 133             | 775          |
| November              | 1987 | 50                | 17          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 117             | 731          |
| December              | 1987 | 44                | 18          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 108             | 700          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1988 | 40                | 17          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 99              | 686          |
| February              | 1988 | 44                | 15          | 40               | 2             | 100          | 104             | 654          |
| March                 | 1988 | 45                | 17          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 108             | 623          |
| April                 | 1988 | 47                | 19          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 113             | 645          |
| May                   | 1988 | 48                | 20          | 31               | 0             | 100          | 117             | 671          |
| June                  | 1988 | 51                | 19          | 29               | 0             | 100          | 122             | 707          |
| July                  | 1988 | 51                | 19          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 122             | 703          |
| August                | 1988 | 54                | 18          | 27               | 1             | 100          | 128             | 687          |
| September             | 1988 | 55                | 19          | 25               | 1             | 100          | 130             | 656          |
| October               | 1988 | 55                | 20          | 23               | 1             | 100          | 132             | 661          |
| November              | 1988 | 56                | 20          | 23               | 1             | 100          | 133             | 677          |
| December              | 1988 | 55                | 20          | 25               | 1             | 100          | 130             | 687          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1989 | 55                | 20          | 24               | 1             | 100          | 131             | 667          |
| February              | 1989 | 51                | 23          | 25               | 1             | 100          | 127             | 662          |
| March                 | 1989 | 49                | 23          | 27               | 1             | 100          | 122             | 657          |
| April                 | 1989 | 45                | 22          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 114             | 664          |
| May                   | 1989 | 43                | 20          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 108             | 669          |
| June                  | 1989 | 46                | 18          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 111             | 659          |
| July                  | 1989 | 46                | 19          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 113             | 651          |
| August                | 1989 | 46                | 20          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 114             | 652          |
| September             | 1989 | 45                | 21          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 112             | 673          |
| October               | 1989 | 46                | 22          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 115             | 668          |
| November              | 1989 | 46                | 21          | 30               | 3             | 100          | 116             | 655          |
| December              | 1989 | 46                | 22          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 116             | 640          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1990 | 45                | 19          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 112             | 654          |
| February              | 1990 | 42                | 19          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 104             | 687          |
| March                 | 1990 | 39                | 18          | 41               | 2             | 100          | 99              | 684          |
| April                 | 1990 | 37                | 20          | 42               | 2             | 100          | 95              | 690          |
| May                   | 1990 | 37                | 22          | 40               | 2             | 100          | 97              | 659          |
| June                  | 1990 | 36                | 23          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 679          |
| July                  | 1990 | 40                | 21          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 103             | 687          |
| August                | 1990 | 36                | 20          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 93              | 694          |
| September             | 1990 | 31                | 16          | 52               | 1             | 100          | 80              | 670          |
| October               | 1990 | 20                | 14          | 64               | 1             | 100          | 56              | 672          |
| November              | 1990 | 19                | 12          | 69               | 1             | 100          | 50              | 664          |
| December              | 1990 | 15                | 11          | 73               | 1             | 100          | 41              | 685          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1991 | 13                | 10          | 77               | 1             | 100          | 36              | 703          |
| February              | 1991 | 11                | 9           | 80               | 1             | 100          | 31              | 717          |
| March                 | 1991 | 12                | 9           | 79               | 1             | 100          | 33              | 702          |
| April                 | 1991 | 15                | 8           | 76               | 1             | 100          | 40              | 691          |
| May                   | 1991 | 18                | 8           | 73               | 1             | 100          | 45              | 695          |
| June                  | 1991 | 22                | 9           | 69               | 0             | 100          | 54              | 714          |
| July                  | 1991 | 25                | 10          | 64               | 1             | 100          | 61              | 698          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| August                | 1991 | 30                | 11          | 59               | 0             | 100          | 72              | 695          |
| September             | 1991 | 32                | 11          | 57               | 0             | 100          | 74              | 684          |
| October               | 1991 | 30                | 9           | 61               | 0             | 100          | 69              | 706          |
| November              | 1991 | 25                | 7           | 67               | 0             | 100          | 58              | 698          |
| December              | 1991 | 18                | 7           | 73               | 1             | 100          | 45              | 704          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1992 | 14                | 7           | 77               | 2             | 100          | 38              | 681          |
| February              | 1992 | 13                | 8           | 78               | 1             | 100          | 35              | 691          |
| March                 | 1992 | 15                | 9           | 76               | 1             | 100          | 39              | 702          |
| April                 | 1992 | 20                | 9           | 70               | 1             | 100          | 50              | 706          |
| May                   | 1992 | 26                | 10          | 62               | 1             | 100          | 64              | 684          |
| June                  | 1992 | 33                | 10          | 55               | 1             | 100          | 78              | 675          |
| July                  | 1992 | 34                | 12          | 53               | 1             | 100          | 81              | 673          |
| August                | 1992 | 31                | 12          | 55               | 1             | 100          | 76              | 700          |
| September             | 1992 | 26                | 13          | 60               | 1             | 100          | 66              | 695          |
| October               | 1992 | 25                | 13          | 61               | 1             | 100          | 64              | 692          |
| November              | 1992 | 27                | 14          | 58               | 1             | 100          | 68              | 671          |
| December              | 1992 | 35                | 15          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 86              | 663          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1993 | 43                | 16          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 103             | 672          |
| February              | 1993 | 50                | 16          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 118             | 683          |
| March                 | 1993 | 50                | 15          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 118             | 700          |
| April                 | 1993 | 50                | 15          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 117             | 708          |
| May                   | 1993 | 45                | 18          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 109             | 693          |
| June                  | 1993 | 44                | 18          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 106             | 670          |
| July                  | 1993 | 39                | 17          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 95              | 672          |
| August                | 1993 | 38                | 17          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 694          |
| September             | 1993 | 38                | 17          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 722          |
| October               | 1993 | 41                | 19          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 103             | 719          |
| November              | 1993 | 42                | 17          | 39               | 2             | 100          | 103             | 708          |
| December              | 1993 | 47                | 15          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 110             | 698          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1994 | 52                | 13          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 118             | 693          |
| February              | 1994 | 59                | 13          | 27               | 1             | 100          | 132             | 683          |
| March                 | 1994 | 59                | 14          | 25               | 1             | 100          | 134             | 670          |
| April                 | 1994 | 60                | 15          | 24               | 1             | 100          | 135             | 662          |
| May                   | 1994 | 59                | 14          | 25               | 2             | 100          | 134             | 679          |
| June                  | 1994 | 58                | 13          | 26               | 3             | 100          | 132             | 685          |
| July                  | 1994 | 57                | 13          | 27               | 3             | 100          | 130             | 712          |
| August                | 1994 | 59                | 12          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 132             | 694          |
| September             | 1994 | 59                | 14          | 26               | 2             | 100          | 133             | 683          |
| October               | 1994 | 60                | 15          | 24               | 2             | 100          | 136             | 640          |
| November              | 1994 | 58                | 15          | 25               | 2             | 100          | 134             | 648          |
| December              | 1994 | 61                | 13          | 25               | 1             | 100          | 136             | 660          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1995 | 62                | 14          | 24               | 1             | 100          | 138             | 699          |
| February              | 1995 | 64                | 12          | 23               | 1             | 100          | 141             | 723          |
| March                 | 1995 | 62                | 15          | 22               | 1             | 100          | 140             | 713          |
| April                 | 1995 | 60                | 15          | 24               | 1             | 100          | 136             | 672          |
| May                   | 1995 | 57                | 18          | 24               | 1             | 100          | 133             | 663          |
| June                  | 1995 | 54                | 18          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 127             | 686          |
| July                  | 1995 | 51                | 20          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 124             | 718          |
| August                | 1995 | 51                | 19          | 28               | 2             | 100          | 124             | 721          |
| September             | 1995 | 53                | 22          | 24               | 1             | 100          | 129             | 719          |
| October               | 1995 | 55                | 17          | 26               | 2             | 100          | 129             | 702          |
| November              | 1995 | 52                | 18          | 28               | 1             | 100          | 124             | 689          |
| December              | 1995 | 52                | 17          | 30               | 1             | 100          | 122             | 679          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1996 | 48                | 20          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 116             | 690          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| February              | 1996 | 47                | 20          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 114             | 700          |
| March                 | 1996 | 50                | 18          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 119             | 698          |
| April                 | 1996 | 49                | 19          | 30               | 1             | 100          | 119             | 686          |
| May                   | 1996 | 52                | 19          | 28               | 2             | 100          | 124             | 669          |
| June                  | 1996 | 47                | 20          | 31               | 2             | 100          | 116             | 658          |
| July                  | 1996 | 51                | 20          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 123             | 675          |
| August                | 1996 | 50                | 20          | 27               | 3             | 100          | 123             | 690          |
| September             | 1996 | 54                | 19          | 24               | 2             | 100          | 130             | 694          |
| October               | 1996 | 59                | 16          | 23               | 2             | 100          | 137             | 680          |
| November              | 1996 | 62                | 16          | 21               | 1             | 100          | 142             | 677          |
| December              | 1996 | 63                | 16          | 20               | 1             | 100          | 143             | 657          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1997 | 60                | 18          | 20               | 1             | 100          | 140             | 667          |
| February              | 1997 | 61                | 19          | 19               | 1             | 100          | 141             | 670          |
| March                 | 1997 | 59                | 20          | 20               | 1             | 100          | 139             | 719          |
| April                 | 1997 | 57                | 19          | 22               | 2             | 100          | 135             | 729          |
| May                   | 1997 | 55                | 22          | 22               | 2             | 100          | 133             | 723          |
| June                  | 1997 | 60                | 19          | 19               | 2             | 100          | 141             | 661          |
| July                  | 1997 | 65                | 19          | 15               | 1             | 100          | 149             | 642          |
| August                | 1997 | 70                | 15          | 14               | 1             | 100          | 156             | 646          |
| September             | 1997 | 66                | 19          | 13               | 2             | 100          | 152             | 694          |
| October               | 1997 | 65                | 20          | 13               | 2             | 100          | 153             | 688          |
| November              | 1997 | 63                | 21          | 14               | 2             | 100          | 148             | 691          |
| December              | 1997 | 61                | 20          | 18               | 1             | 100          | 143             | 659          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1998 | 59                | 20          | 20               | 0             | 100          | 139             | 639          |
| February              | 1998 | 62                | 20          | 18               | 1             | 100          | 144             | 636          |
| March                 | 1998 | 64                | 19          | 15               | 1             | 100          | 149             | 660          |
| April                 | 1998 | 67                | 20          | 12               | 1             | 100          | 155             | 676          |
| May                   | 1998 | 64                | 21          | 14               | 1             | 100          | 150             | 686          |
| June                  | 1998 | 63                | 22          | 14               | 1             | 100          | 149             | 689          |
| July                  | 1998 | 61                | 22          | 15               | 2             | 100          | 146             | 680          |
| August                | 1998 | 60                | 21          | 17               | 2             | 100          | 143             | 651          |
| September             | 1998 | 57                | 21          | 20               | 2             | 100          | 136             | 658          |
| October               | 1998 | 51                | 20          | 28               | 1             | 100          | 123             | 685          |
| November              | 1998 | 48                | 20          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 118             | 720          |
| December              | 1998 | 51                | 18          | 29               | 2             | 100          | 121             | 704          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1999 | 58                | 18          | 23               | 2             | 100          | 135             | 688          |
| February              | 1999 | 63                | 18          | 18               | 1             | 100          | 145             | 659          |
| March                 | 1999 | 64                | 18          | 16               | 1             | 100          | 148             | 669          |
| April                 | 1999 | 63                | 20          | 16               | 1             | 100          | 147             | 672          |
| May                   | 1999 | 63                | 20          | 16               | 2             | 100          | 147             | 677          |
| June                  | 1999 | 63                | 22          | 15               | 1             | 100          | 148             | 679          |
| July                  | 1999 | 63                | 20          | 16               | 1             | 100          | 148             | 674          |
| August                | 1999 | 63                | 20          | 16               | 0             | 100          | 147             | 674          |
| September             | 1999 | 60                | 20          | 18               | 2             | 100          | 142             | 657          |
| October               | 1999 | 57                | 23          | 18               | 1             | 100          | 139             | 681          |
| November              | 1999 | 57                | 22          | 20               | 1             | 100          | 137             | 660          |
| December              | 1999 | 61                | 21          | 18               | 0             | 100          | 143             | 683          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2000 | 65                | 18          | 16               | 0             | 100          | 149             | 661          |
| February              | 2000 | 67                | 19          | 13               | 1             | 100          | 153             | 676          |
| March                 | 2000 | 67                | 17          | 15               | 1             | 100          | 152             | 652          |
| April                 | 2000 | 65                | 18          | 16               | 1             | 100          | 148             | 674          |
| May                   | 2000 | 62                | 18          | 19               | 1             | 100          | 144             | 678          |
| June                  | 2000 | 60                | 19          | 20               | 1             | 100          | 140             | 685          |
| July                  | 2000 | 57                | 18          | 24               | 1             | 100          | 132             | 668          |
| August                | 2000 | 55                | 18          | 26               | 1             | 100          | 128             | 672          |

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**TABLE 25**  
**CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO**  
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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> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| September 2000        | 52                | 18          | 28               | 2             | 100          | 125             | 659          |
| October 2000          | 52                | 20          | 25               | 3             | 100          | 127             | 658          |
| November 2000         | 50                | 19          | 28               | 3             | 100          | 122             | 666          |
| December 2000         | 46                | 19          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 114             | 678          |
| January 2001          | 39                | 16          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 680          |
| February 2001         | 31                | 15          | 54               | 1             | 100          | 77              | 667          |
| March 2001            | 25                | 13          | 61               | 1             | 100          | 64              | 672          |
| April 2001            | 22                | 12          | 65               | 1             | 100          | 57              | 657          |
| May 2001              | 20                | 13          | 65               | 1             | 100          | 55              | 683          |
| June 2001             | 19                | 14          | 66               | 1             | 100          | 53              | 662          |
| July 2001             | 19                | 14          | 66               | 1             | 100          | 53              | 667          |
| August 2001           | 20                | 13          | 65               | 1             | 100          | 55              | 647          |
| September 2001        | 19                | 11          | 68               | 1             | 100          | 51              | 676          |
| October 2001          | 15                | 9           | 74               | 1             | 100          | 41              | 660          |
| November 2001         | 11                | 7           | 82               | 1             | 100          | 29              | 666          |
| December 2001         | 10                | 6           | 84               | 1             | 100          | 26              | 631          |
| January 2002          | 12                | 6           | 82               | 1             | 100          | 30              | 657          |
| February 2002         | 13                | 6           | 80               | 1             | 100          | 33              | 650          |
| March 2002            | 15                | 8           | 76               | 2             | 100          | 39              | 686          |
| April 2002            | 19                | 10          | 69               | 2             | 100          | 49              | 681          |
| May 2002              | 24                | 10          | 63               | 2             | 100          | 61              | 684          |
| June 2002             | 29                | 9           | 61               | 1             | 100          | 68              | 671          |
| July 2002             | 28                | 7           | 64               | 1             | 100          | 64              | 673          |
| August 2002           | 23                | 7           | 68               | 1             | 100          | 55              | 656          |
| September 2002        | 19                | 7           | 72               | 2             | 100          | 47              | 659          |
| October 2002          | 19                | 8           | 72               | 2             | 100          | 47              | 666          |
| November 2002         | 23                | 8           | 67               | 1             | 100          | 56              | 680          |
| December 2002         | 28                | 9           | 61               | 2             | 100          | 68              | 675          |
| January 2003          | 30                | 11          | 58               | 1             | 100          | 72              | 673          |
| February 2003         | 29                | 11          | 59               | 1             | 100          | 71              | 666          |
| March 2003            | 24                | 11          | 64               | 1             | 100          | 60              | 655          |
| April 2003            | 23                | 11          | 66               | 1             | 100          | 57              | 648          |
| May 2003              | 26                | 12          | 61               | 1             | 100          | 64              | 653          |
| June 2003             | 32                | 12          | 55               | 1             | 100          | 77              | 663          |
| July 2003             | 40                | 10          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 670          |
| August 2003           | 42                | 10          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 674          |
| September 2003        | 43                | 9           | 47               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 676          |
| October 2003          | 41                | 11          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 656          |
| November 2003         | 44                | 11          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 99              | 666          |
| December 2003         | 50                | 11          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 112             | 678          |
| January 2004          | 59                | 10          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 128             | 694          |
| February 2004         | 60                | 10          | 30               | 0             | 100          | 131             | 668          |
| March 2004            | 57                | 10          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 125             | 668          |
| April 2004            | 54                | 11          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 121             | 652          |
| May 2004              | 55                | 11          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 122             | 687          |
| June 2004             | 57                | 10          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 126             | 703          |
| July 2004             | 57                | 11          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 127             | 715          |
| August 2004           | 56                | 10          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 124             | 680          |
| September 2004        | 54                | 11          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 120             | 654          |
| October 2004          | 51                | 10          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 113             | 653          |
| November 2004         | 52                | 11          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 115             | 700          |
| December 2004         | 54                | 13          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 121             | 711          |
| January 2005          | 58                | 12          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 129             | 703          |
| February 2005         | 59                | 13          | 27               | 1             | 100          | 132             | 661          |

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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> |
|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| March                 | 2005 | 57                | 11          | 31               | 0             | 100          | 126             | 630          |
| April                 | 2005 | 53                | 12          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 118             | 652          |
| May                   | 2005 | 47                | 13          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 108             | 676          |
| June                  | 2005 | 46                | 14          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 106             | 674          |
| July                  | 2005 | 49                | 13          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 111             | 667          |
| August                | 2005 | 53                | 11          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 117             | 654          |
| September             | 2005 | 47                | 11          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 106             | 664          |
| October               | 2005 | 35                | 13          | 52               | 0             | 100          | 84              | 671          |
| November              | 2005 | 31                | 12          | 56               | 0             | 100          | 75              | 664          |
| December              | 2005 | 38                | 11          | 50               | 1             | 100          | 88              | 655          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2006 | 47                | 10          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 105             | 655          |
| February              | 2006 | 50                | 10          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 112             | 654          |
| March                 | 2006 | 49                | 10          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 108             | 661          |
| April                 | 2006 | 46                | 11          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 103             | 653          |
| May                   | 2006 | 45                | 10          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 100             | 668          |
| June                  | 2006 | 42                | 12          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 674          |
| July                  | 2006 | 41                | 13          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 95              | 669          |
| August                | 2006 | 39                | 14          | 47               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 648          |
| September             | 2006 | 39                | 13          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 92              | 660          |
| October               | 2006 | 44                | 11          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 99              | 672          |
| November              | 2006 | 49                | 10          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 109             | 701          |
| December              | 2006 | 51                | 11          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 115             | 710          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2007 | 53                | 13          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 121             | 701          |
| February              | 2007 | 49                | 16          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 116             | 686          |
| March                 | 2007 | 47                | 16          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 111             | 666          |
| April                 | 2007 | 40                | 17          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 682          |
| May                   | 2007 | 38                | 18          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 670          |
| June                  | 2007 | 40                | 16          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 686          |
| July                  | 2007 | 42                | 14          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 99              | 678          |
| August                | 2007 | 42                | 12          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 702          |
| September             | 2007 | 37                | 12          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 88              | 684          |
| October               | 2007 | 35                | 12          | 53               | 1             | 100          | 82              | 685          |
| November              | 2007 | 29                | 12          | 59               | 0             | 100          | 70              | 664          |
| December              | 2007 | 28                | 10          | 62               | 0             | 100          | 66              | 654          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2008 | 22                | 10          | 67               | 0             | 100          | 55              | 636          |
| February              | 2008 | 19                | 9           | 71               | 1             | 100          | 47              | 650          |
| March                 | 2008 | 13                | 7           | 79               | 1             | 100          | 34              | 678          |
| April                 | 2008 | 9                 | 5           | 84               | 1             | 100          | 25              | 681          |
| May                   | 2008 | 6                 | 4           | 89               | 1             | 100          | 17              | 661          |
| June                  | 2008 | 5                 | 4           | 90               | 1             | 100          | 16              | 632          |
| July                  | 2008 | 7                 | 3           | 89               | 1             | 100          | 18              | 626          |
| August                | 2008 | 9                 | 4           | 86               | 0             | 100          | 23              | 639          |
| September             | 2008 | 10                | 5           | 85               | 0             | 100          | 24              | 666          |
| October               | 2008 | 7                 | 5           | 88               | 0             | 100          | 19              | 670          |
| November              | 2008 | 4                 | 4           | 91               | 0             | 100          | 13              | 648          |
| December              | 2008 | 3                 | 3           | 94               | 0             | 100          | 9               | 627          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2009 | 3                 | 2           | 95               | 0             | 100          | 8               | 616          |
| February              | 2009 | 3                 | 2           | 95               | 0             | 100          | 8               | 630          |
| March                 | 2009 | 4                 | 3           | 94               | 0             | 100          | 10              | 661          |
| April                 | 2009 | 6                 | 3           | 91               | 0             | 100          | 15              | 680          |
| May                   | 2009 | 8                 | 3           | 90               | 0             | 100          | 18              | 672          |
| June                  | 2009 | 11                | 3           | 86               | 0             | 100          | 25              | 640          |
| July                  | 2009 | 12                | 4           | 84               | 0             | 100          | 28              | 614          |
| August                | 2009 | 16                | 4           | 79               | 0             | 100          | 37              | 619          |
| September             | 2009 | 21                | 5           | 73               | 1             | 100          | 48              | 639          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| October               | 2009 | 27                | 4           | 68               | 1             | 100          | 59              | 654          |
| November              | 2009 | 30                | 5           | 64               | 1             | 100          | 67              | 682          |
| December              | 2009 | 34                | 4           | 60               | 1             | 100          | 74              | 670          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2010 | 39                | 7           | 53               | 0             | 100          | 86              | 665          |
| February              | 2010 | 42                | 8           | 50               | 0             | 100          | 91              | 622          |
| March                 | 2010 | 43                | 9           | 49               | 0             | 100          | 94              | 633          |
| April                 | 2010 | 45                | 7           | 48               | 0             | 100          | 97              | 658          |
| May                   | 2010 | 48                | 6           | 46               | 0             | 100          | 103             | 694          |
| June                  | 2010 | 50                | 6           | 44               | 0             | 100          | 106             | 686          |
| July                  | 2010 | 45                | 7           | 47               | 1             | 100          | 99              | 667          |
| August                | 2010 | 43                | 8           | 48               | 1             | 100          | 95              | 629          |
| September             | 2010 | 40                | 8           | 50               | 1             | 100          | 90              | 610          |
| October               | 2010 | 39                | 9           | 52               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 638          |
| November              | 2010 | 39                | 10          | 50               | 0             | 100          | 89              | 674          |
| December              | 2010 | 44                | 10          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 99              | 723          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2011 | 50                | 10          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 110             | 694          |
| February              | 2011 | 55                | 8           | 36               | 1             | 100          | 118             | 675          |
| March                 | 2011 | 52                | 9           | 37               | 1             | 100          | 115             | 640          |
| April                 | 2011 | 50                | 9           | 40               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 641          |
| May                   | 2011 | 49                | 10          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 108             | 641          |
| June                  | 2011 | 48                | 9           | 43               | 1             | 100          | 105             | 649          |
| July                  | 2011 | 46                | 7           | 46               | 0             | 100          | 100             | 629          |
| August                | 2011 | 36                | 8           | 56               | 1             | 100          | 80              | 637          |
| September             | 2011 | 27                | 8           | 64               | 1             | 100          | 64              | 627          |
| October               | 2011 | 23                | 10          | 66               | 1             | 100          | 57              | 646          |
| November              | 2011 | 25                | 12          | 62               | 1             | 100          | 62              | 645          |
| December              | 2011 | 32                | 12          | 55               | 1             | 100          | 77              | 645          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2012 | 39                | 11          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 90              | 641          |
| February              | 2012 | 47                | 9           | 43               | 1             | 100          | 104             | 649          |
| March                 | 2012 | 52                | 8           | 39               | 1             | 100          | 112             | 665          |
| April                 | 2012 | 57                | 7           | 35               | 1             | 100          | 122             | 687          |
| May                   | 2012 | 57                | 7           | 35               | 1             | 100          | 122             | 687          |
| June                  | 2012 | 54                | 9           | 37               | 0             | 100          | 117             | 684          |
| July                  | 2012 | 48                | 11          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 106             | 673          |
| August                | 2012 | 42                | 13          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 669          |
| September             | 2012 | 43                | 12          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 99              | 687          |
| October               | 2012 | 44                | 13          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 101             | 697          |
| November              | 2012 | 49                | 11          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 109             | 702          |
| December              | 2012 | 44                | 12          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 102             | 698          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2013 | 45                | 12          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 102             | 708          |
| February              | 2013 | 45                | 13          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 103             | 714          |
| March                 | 2013 | 50                | 12          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 111             | 725          |
| April                 | 2013 | 52                | 11          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 116             | 715          |
| May                   | 2013 | 55                | 9           | 35               | 1             | 100          | 120             | 706          |
| June                  | 2013 | 56                | 11          | 31               | 2             | 100          | 125             | 687          |
| July                  | 2013 | 59                | 12          | 28               | 1             | 100          | 131             | 705          |
| August                | 2013 | 58                | 12          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 129             | 732          |
| September             | 2013 | 55                | 12          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 123             | 757          |
| October               | 2013 | 50                | 10          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 112             | 772          |
| November              | 2013 | 47                | 12          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 106             | 769          |
| December              | 2013 | 48                | 11          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 109             | 784          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2014 | 52                | 12          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 118             | 797          |
| February              | 2014 | 54                | 10          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 119             | 817          |
| March                 | 2014 | 53                | 10          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 116             | 811          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| April                 | 2014 | 52                | 9           | 38               | 1             | 100          | 113             | 800          |
| May                   | 2014 | 53                | 11          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 118             | 784          |
| June                  | 2014 | 55                | 11          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 122             | 792          |
| July                  | 2014 | 53                | 11          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 119             | 812          |
| August                | 2014 | 53                | 9           | 37               | 1             | 100          | 116             | 833          |
| September             | 2014 | 54                | 9           | 37               | 1             | 100          | 117             | 865          |
| October               | 2014 | 58                | 10          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 127             | 880          |
| November              | 2014 | 59                | 11          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 130             | 900          |
| December              | 2014 | 62                | 10          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 135             | 895          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2015 | 65                | 8           | 25               | 1             | 100          | 140             | 902          |
| February              | 2015 | 68                | 8           | 23               | 1             | 100          | 145             | 919          |
| March                 | 2015 | 68                | 7           | 24               | 1             | 100          | 143             | 918          |
| April                 | 2015 | 65                | 9           | 26               | 0             | 100          | 139             | 930          |
| May                   | 2015 | 62                | 10          | 28               | 0             | 100          | 134             | 920          |
| June                  | 2015 | 60                | 14          | 25               | 0             | 100          | 135             | 925          |
| July                  | 2015 | 59                | 14          | 26               | 1             | 100          | 132             | 899          |
| August                | 2015 | 60                | 14          | 25               | 1             | 100          | 135             | 962          |
| September             | 2015 | 57                | 13          | 30               | 1             | 100          | 127             | 943          |
| October               | 2015 | 55                | 11          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 123             | 969          |
| November              | 2015 | 54                | 11          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 119             | 913          |
| December              | 2015 | 53                | 10          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 118             | 957          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2016 | 53                | 10          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 117             | 930          |
| February              | 2016 | 51                | 11          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 114             | 942          |
| March                 | 2016 | 50                | 13          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 114             | 938          |
| April                 | 2016 | 49                | 14          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 115             | 971          |
| May                   | 2016 | 49                | 15          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 115             | 1001         |
| June                  | 2016 | 51                | 14          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 117             | 997          |
| July                  | 2016 | 50                | 13          | 35               | 2             | 100          | 115             | 1014         |
| August                | 2016 | 50                | 13          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 114             | 1000         |
| September             | 2016 | 50                | 14          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 115             | 1049         |
| October               | 2016 | 47                | 15          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 111             | 1056         |
| November              | 2016 | 48                | 15          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 112             | 1126         |
| December              | 2016 | 49                | 15          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 115             | 1126         |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2017 | 54                | 15          | 30               | 1             | 100          | 124             | 1152         |
| February              | 2017 | 56                | 16          | 27               | 1             | 100          | 130             | 1120         |
| March                 | 2017 | 59                | 16          | 24               | 1             | 100          | 134             | 1101         |
| April                 | 2017 | 62                | 16          | 21               | 1             | 100          | 141             | 1105         |
| May                   | 2017 | 64                | 15          | 20               | 1             | 100          | 143             | 1117         |
| June                  | 2017 | 63                | 15          | 21               | 1             | 100          | 141             | 1155         |
| July                  | 2017 | 60                | 16          | 23               | 1             | 100          | 138             | 1148         |
| August                | 2017 | 60                | 16          | 23               | 1             | 100          | 138             | 1141         |
| September             | 2017 | 62                | 15          | 22               | 1             | 100          | 141             | 1127         |
| October               | 2017 | 64                | 14          | 21               | 1             | 100          | 143             | 1128         |
| November              | 2017 | 65                | 16          | 19               | 1             | 100          | 146             | 1123         |
| December              | 2017 | 65                | 16          | 18               | 1             | 100          | 146             | 1122         |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2018 | 65                | 15          | 19               | 1             | 100          | 146             | 1139         |
| February              | 2018 | 66                | 12          | 20               | 1             | 100          | 146             | 1136         |
| March                 | 2018 | 66                | 12          | 21               | 2             | 100          | 145             | 1126         |
| April                 | 2018 | 66                | 10          | 22               | 2             | 100          | 145             | 1100         |
| May                   | 2018 | 67                | 10          | 21               | 2             | 100          | 145             | 1097         |
| June                  | 2018 | 69                | 10          | 20               | 1             | 100          | 150             | 1096         |
| July                  | 2018 | 69                | 11          | 20               | 1             | 100          | 149             | 1091         |
| August                | 2018 | 69                | 10          | 20               | 1             | 100          | 149             | 1100         |
| September             | 2018 | 68                | 9           | 22               | 2             | 100          | 146             | 1115         |
| October               | 2018 | 69                | 8           | 21               | 2             | 100          | 148             | 1112         |

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

| <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> |
|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| November              | 2018 | 67                | 9           | 21               | 3             | 100          | 145             | 1112         |
| December              | 2018 | 65                | 11          | 22               | 2             | 100          | 142             | 1111         |
| January               | 2019 | 58                | 10          | 29               | 3             | 100          | 129             | 1117         |
| February              | 2019 | 56                | 10          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 124             | 1112         |
| March                 | 2019 | 55                | 11          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 123             | 1117         |
| April                 | 2019 | 59                | 14          | 26               | 1             | 100          | 133             | 1132         |
| May                   | 2019 | 63                | 14          | 22               | 1             | 100          | 141             | 1123         |
| June                  | 2019 | 64                | 13          | 22               | 1             | 100          | 142             | 1126         |
| July                  | 2019 | 64                | 13          | 22               | 1             | 100          | 142             | 1114         |
| August                | 2019 | 59                | 12          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 131             | 1123         |
| September             | 2019 | 57                | 12          | 30               | 1             | 100          | 126             | 1106         |
| October               | 2019 | 54                | 13          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 121             | 1185         |
| November              | 2019 | 56                | 13          | 31               | 0             | 100          | 125             | 1208         |
| December              | 2019 | 58                | 14          | 27               | 1             | 100          | 131             | 1254         |
| January               | 2020 | 62                | 14          | 24               | 1             | 100          | 138             | 1207         |
| February              | 2020 | 62                | 15          | 22               | 1             | 100          | 140             | 1209         |
| March                 | 2020 | 56                | 14          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 127             | 1212         |
| April                 | 2020 | 39                | 9           | 52               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 1212         |
| May                   | 2020 | 20                | 5           | 75               | 1             | 100          | 45              | 1226         |
| June                  | 2020 | 6                 | 2           | 91               | 1             | 100          | 15              | 1187         |
| July                  | 2020 | 6                 | 2           | 91               | 1             | 100          | 14              | 1169         |
| August                | 2020 | 6                 | 2           | 90               | 1             | 100          | 16              | 1151         |
| September             | 2020 | 8                 | 2           | 88               | 1             | 100          | 20              | 1125         |
| October               | 2020 | 9                 | 3           | 87               | 1             | 100          | 22              | 1127         |
| November              | 2020 | 12                | 4           | 84               | 0             | 100          | 28              | 1122         |
| December              | 2020 | 12                | 3           | 84               | 0             | 100          | 28              | 1129         |
| January               | 2021 | 13                | 3           | 83               | 1             | 100          | 30              | 1108         |
| February              | 2021 | 14                | 4           | 81               | 1             | 100          | 34              | 1086         |
| March                 | 2021 | 20                | 5           | 74               | 1             | 100          | 46              | 1096         |
| April                 | 2021 | 32                | 6           | 62               | 1             | 100          | 70              | 1118         |
| May                   | 2021 | 44                | 5           | 50               | 1             | 100          | 95              | 1140         |
| June                  | 2021 | 54                | 5           | 40               | 1             | 100          | 114             | 1155         |
| July                  | 2021 | 58                | 3           | 37               | 1             | 100          | 121             | 1155         |
| August                | 2021 | 56                | 5           | 39               | 1             | 100          | 117             | 1140         |
| September             | 2021 | 54                | 5           | 40               | 1             | 100          | 114             | 1118         |
| October               | 2021 | 49                | 5           | 44               | 1             | 100          | 105             | 1115         |
| November              | 2021 | 47                | 4           | 48               | 1             | 100          | 99              | 1104         |
| December              | 2021 | 44                | 4           | 51               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 1142         |
| January               | 2022 | 43                | 5           | 52               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 1152         |
| February              | 2022 | 40                | 6           | 53               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 1183         |
| March                 | 2022 | 36                | 6           | 57               | 1             | 100          | 79              | 1134         |
| April                 | 2022 | 35                | 6           | 58               | 1             | 100          | 77              | 1125         |
| May                   | 2022 | 34                | 5           | 60               | 1             | 100          | 73              | 1106         |
| June                  | 2022 | 31                | 4           | 64               | 1             | 100          | 67              | 1158         |
| July                  | 2022 | 26                | 4           | 69               | 1             | 100          | 58              | 1172         |
| August                | 2022 | 26                | 4           | 69               | 1             | 100          | 58              | 1187         |
| September             | 2022 | 28                | 6           | 65               | 1             | 100          | 63              | 1152         |
| October               | 2022 | 29                | 6           | 65               | 0             | 100          | 64              | 1152         |
| November              | 2022 | 27                | 6           | 67               | 0             | 100          | 61              | 1143         |
| December              | 2022 | 26                | 6           | 67               | 0             | 100          | 59              | 1158         |
| January               | 2023 | 29                | 7           | 63               | 1             | 100          | 66              | 1149         |
| February              | 2023 | 33                | 7           | 58               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 1143         |