

# INCOME BOTTOM THIRD

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**TABLE 6**  
**CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO**  
**(Three Month Moving Averages)**

The question was: "We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days.  
Would you say that you (and your family living there) are better off or worse off financially  
than you 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> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| December 1979         | 22                | 28          | 49               | 0             | 100          | 73              | 722          |
| January 1980          | 23                | 30          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 77              | 642          |
| February 1980         | 23                | 27          | 50               | 0             | 100          | 73              | 590          |
| March 1980            | 21                | 29          | 50               | 0             | 100          | 70              | 556          |
| April 1980            | 17                | 28          | 55               | 0             | 100          | 63              | 530          |
| May 1980              | 18                | 29          | 53               | 1             | 100          | 65              | 467          |
| June 1980             | 16                | 28          | 55               | 1             | 100          | 61              | 449          |
| July 1980             | 18                | 28          | 52               | 2             | 100          | 67              | 447          |
| August 1980           | 21                | 29          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 72              | 435          |
| September 1980        | 25                | 29          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 79              | 439          |
| October 1980          | 23                | 31          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 78              | 418          |
| November 1980         | 19                | 32          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 70              | 401          |
| December 1980         | 17                | 32          | 50               | 1             | 100          | 67              | 397          |
| January 1981          | 18                | 30          | 51               | 1             | 100          | 67              | 396          |
| February 1981         | 19                | 28          | 53               | 1             | 100          | 66              | 407          |
| March 1981            | 19                | 28          | 53               | 0             | 100          | 66              | 412          |
| April 1981            | 18                | 26          | 55               | 1             | 100          | 62              | 419          |
| May 1981              | 20                | 29          | 50               | 1             | 100          | 70              | 499          |
| June 1981             | 19                | 31          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 70              | 494          |
| July 1981             | 23                | 34          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 80              | 509          |
| August 1981           | 24                | 34          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 84              | 515          |
| September 1981        | 25                | 34          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 86              | 526          |
| October 1981          | 23                | 35          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 83              | 613          |
| November 1981         | 21                | 34          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 76              | 617          |
| December 1981         | 22                | 31          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 76              | 685          |
| January 1982          | 21                | 29          | 50               | 1             | 100          | 71              | 697          |
| February 1982         | 21                | 28          | 50               | 1             | 100          | 70              | 675          |
| March 1982            | 20                | 28          | 52               | 0             | 100          | 68              | 651          |
| April 1982            | 18                | 31          | 50               | 0             | 100          | 68              | 619          |
| May 1982              | 18                | 34          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 70              | 604          |
| June 1982             | 18                | 35          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 72              | 598          |
| July 1982             | 21                | 31          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 74              | 594          |
| August 1982           | 23                | 29          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 591          |
| September 1982        | 24                | 27          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 602          |
| October 1982          | 23                | 29          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 605          |
| November 1982         | 21                | 26          | 53               | 0             | 100          | 68              | 607          |
| December 1982         | 20                | 28          | 51               | 0             | 100          | 69              | 593          |
| January 1983          | 18                | 30          | 52               | 0             | 100          | 67              | 585          |
| February 1983         | 18                | 31          | 51               | 0             | 100          | 67              | 576          |
| March 1983            | 19                | 29          | 52               | 0             | 100          | 67              | 594          |
| April 1983            | 22                | 27          | 51               | 0             | 100          | 71              | 591          |
| May 1983              | 21                | 31          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 73              | 588          |
| June 1983             | 22                | 33          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 76              | 551          |
| July 1983             | 22                | 35          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 79              | 588          |
| August 1983           | 23                | 35          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 80              | 584          |
| September 1983        | 23                | 35          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 80              | 609          |
| October 1983          | 21                | 35          | 44               | 0             | 100          | 77              | 594          |
| November 1983         | 23                | 35          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 81              | 615          |

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| December 1983         | 26                | 36          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 609          |
| January 1984          | 27                | 36          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 90              | 573          |
| February 1984         | 27                | 35          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 89              | 558          |
| March 1984            | 27                | 33          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 88              | 598          |
| April 1984            | 29                | 34          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 92              | 629          |
| May 1984              | 30                | 35          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 631          |
| June 1984             | 29                | 37          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 579          |
| July 1984             | 29                | 37          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 528          |
| August 1984           | 30                | 36          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 507          |
| September 1984        | 30                | 37          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 98              | 513          |
| October 1984          | 30                | 36          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 551          |
| November 1984         | 30                | 35          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 605          |
| December 1984         | 31                | 34          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 614          |
| January 1985          | 30                | 37          | 33               | 0             | 100          | 98              | 580          |
| February 1985         | 30                | 38          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 98              | 524          |
| March 1985            | 26                | 38          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 90              | 500          |
| April 1985            | 25                | 38          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 88              | 495          |
| May 1985              | 24                | 38          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 493          |
| June 1985             | 29                | 37          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 480          |
| July 1985             | 32                | 36          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 100             | 474          |
| August 1985           | 31                | 35          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 98              | 453          |
| September 1985        | 29                | 34          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 93              | 461          |
| October 1985          | 27                | 34          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 88              | 463          |
| November 1985         | 25                | 36          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 483          |
| December 1985         | 28                | 35          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 91              | 548          |
| January 1986          | 28                | 34          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 91              | 598          |
| February 1986         | 31                | 31          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 619          |
| March 1986            | 30                | 32          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 565          |
| April 1986            | 30                | 33          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 572          |
| May 1986              | 29                | 36          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 600          |
| June 1986             | 31                | 33          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 611          |
| July 1986             | 33                | 32          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 99              | 562          |
| August 1986           | 36                | 29          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 102             | 517          |
| September 1986        | 36                | 31          | 33               | 0             | 100          | 103             | 534          |
| October 1986          | 33                | 32          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 100             | 565          |
| November 1986         | 32                | 36          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 100             | 597          |
| December 1986         | 28                | 38          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 572          |
| January 1987          | 30                | 35          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 551          |
| February 1987         | 29                | 31          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 90              | 537          |
| March 1987            | 28                | 32          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 88              | 515          |
| April 1987            | 28                | 32          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 89              | 508          |
| May 1987              | 29                | 33          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 500          |
| June 1987             | 32                | 33          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 506          |
| July 1987             | 30                | 36          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 497          |
| August 1987           | 30                | 37          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 526          |
| September 1987        | 29                | 38          | 33               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 533          |
| October 1987          | 29                | 36          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 516          |
| November 1987         | 31                | 33          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 455          |
| December 1987         | 33                | 32          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 97              | 414          |
| January 1988          | 31                | 34          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 406          |
| February 1988         | 30                | 35          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 420          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| March                 | 1988 | 30                | 36          | 33               | 0             | 100          | 97              | 423          |
| April                 | 1988 | 31                | 35          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 432          |
| May                   | 1988 | 29                | 34          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 416          |
| June                  | 1988 | 27                | 30          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 86              | 411          |
| July                  | 1988 | 26                | 31          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 84              | 416          |
| August                | 1988 | 30                | 32          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 412          |
| September             | 1988 | 33                | 33          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 100             | 423          |
| October               | 1988 | 36                | 31          | 33               | 0             | 100          | 103             | 412          |
| November              | 1988 | 33                | 30          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 439          |
| December              | 1988 | 31                | 31          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 445          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1989 | 28                | 35          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 92              | 426          |
| February              | 1989 | 29                | 36          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 94              | 377          |
| March                 | 1989 | 27                | 37          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 91              | 371          |
| April                 | 1989 | 29                | 34          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 91              | 385          |
| May                   | 1989 | 29                | 35          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 409          |
| June                  | 1989 | 28                | 38          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 95              | 415          |
| July                  | 1989 | 27                | 36          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 401          |
| August                | 1989 | 28                | 33          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 90              | 399          |
| September             | 1989 | 29                | 31          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 89              | 384          |
| October               | 1989 | 28                | 34          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 379          |
| November              | 1989 | 27                | 36          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 90              | 367          |
| December              | 1989 | 26                | 35          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 89              | 371          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1990 | 29                | 36          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 95              | 380          |
| February              | 1990 | 28                | 36          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 93              | 376          |
| March                 | 1990 | 28                | 34          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 359          |
| April                 | 1990 | 25                | 36          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 356          |
| May                   | 1990 | 26                | 38          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 362          |
| June                  | 1990 | 29                | 39          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 369          |
| July                  | 1990 | 29                | 39          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 97              | 367          |
| August                | 1990 | 27                | 38          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 92              | 354          |
| September             | 1990 | 23                | 40          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 347          |
| October               | 1990 | 20                | 38          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 78              | 355          |
| November              | 1990 | 20                | 35          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 368          |
| December              | 1990 | 20                | 32          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 72              | 365          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1991 | 23                | 34          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 81              | 360          |
| February              | 1991 | 23                | 36          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 82              | 342          |
| March                 | 1991 | 22                | 39          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 83              | 349          |
| April                 | 1991 | 21                | 35          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 78              | 343          |
| May                   | 1991 | 23                | 36          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 81              | 342          |
| June                  | 1991 | 24                | 33          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 81              | 332          |
| July                  | 1991 | 24                | 34          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 82              | 328          |
| August                | 1991 | 24                | 33          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 82              | 320          |
| September             | 1991 | 24                | 35          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 84              | 328          |
| October               | 1991 | 25                | 32          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 84              | 326          |
| November              | 1991 | 22                | 31          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 76              | 334          |
| December              | 1991 | 24                | 26          | 48               | 2             | 100          | 76              | 345          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1992 | 23                | 28          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 350          |
| February              | 1992 | 22                | 30          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 75              | 351          |
| March                 | 1992 | 18                | 32          | 49               | 0             | 100          | 69              | 342          |
| April                 | 1992 | 19                | 34          | 47               | 0             | 100          | 72              | 349          |
| May                   | 1992 | 19                | 34          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 72              | 354          |
| June                  | 1992 | 21                | 35          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 78              | 346          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| July                  | 1992 | 22                | 33          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 78              | 340          |
| August                | 1992 | 24                | 32          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 81              | 339          |
| September             | 1992 | 25                | 32          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 83              | 346          |
| October               | 1992 | 21                | 35          | 44               | 0             | 100          | 78              | 341          |
| November              | 1992 | 25                | 34          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 84              | 343          |
| December              | 1992 | 23                | 34          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 81              | 333          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1993 | 28                | 31          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 88              | 334          |
| February              | 1993 | 24                | 33          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 83              | 332          |
| March                 | 1993 | 26                | 35          | 37               | 2             | 100          | 89              | 330          |
| April                 | 1993 | 24                | 37          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 86              | 327          |
| May                   | 1993 | 26                | 35          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 325          |
| June                  | 1993 | 28                | 35          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 333          |
| July                  | 1993 | 30                | 31          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 93              | 333          |
| August                | 1993 | 30                | 29          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 90              | 343          |
| September             | 1993 | 25                | 28          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 79              | 330          |
| October               | 1993 | 25                | 30          | 44               | 0             | 100          | 81              | 334          |
| November              | 1993 | 26                | 34          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 323          |
| December              | 1993 | 32                | 33          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 338          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1994 | 32                | 34          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 331          |
| February              | 1994 | 33                | 32          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 99              | 344          |
| March                 | 1994 | 30                | 30          | 38               | 2             | 100          | 92              | 333          |
| April                 | 1994 | 31                | 30          | 37               | 2             | 100          | 95              | 332          |
| May                   | 1994 | 30                | 32          | 37               | 2             | 100          | 93              | 323          |
| June                  | 1994 | 31                | 33          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 96              | 340          |
| July                  | 1994 | 33                | 33          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 99              | 366          |
| August                | 1994 | 37                | 30          | 33               | 0             | 100          | 104             | 366          |
| September             | 1994 | 36                | 30          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 102             | 348          |
| October               | 1994 | 33                | 29          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 329          |
| November              | 1994 | 29                | 30          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 89              | 324          |
| December              | 1994 | 31                | 30          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 337          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1995 | 33                | 30          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 97              | 337          |
| February              | 1995 | 37                | 31          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 104             | 347          |
| March                 | 1995 | 32                | 33          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 356          |
| April                 | 1995 | 28                | 34          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 367          |
| May                   | 1995 | 26                | 36          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 354          |
| June                  | 1995 | 28                | 37          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 94              | 339          |
| July                  | 1995 | 29                | 36          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 94              | 325          |
| August                | 1995 | 31                | 35          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 328          |
| September             | 1995 | 31                | 31          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 332          |
| October               | 1995 | 32                | 29          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 325          |
| November              | 1995 | 30                | 30          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 90              | 330          |
| December              | 1995 | 30                | 32          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 91              | 335          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 1996 | 30                | 36          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 343          |
| February              | 1996 | 29                | 35          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 324          |
| March                 | 1996 | 28                | 35          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 326          |
| April                 | 1996 | 27                | 36          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 338          |
| May                   | 1996 | 30                | 37          | 33               | 0             | 100          | 97              | 349          |
| June                  | 1996 | 32                | 35          | 33               | 0             | 100          | 99              | 341          |
| July                  | 1996 | 32                | 32          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 322          |
| August                | 1996 | 30                | 35          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 335          |
| September             | 1996 | 30                | 34          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 94              | 336          |
| October               | 1996 | 30                | 33          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 93              | 351          |

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| February 1997         | 31                | 33          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 337          |
| March 1997            | 29                | 34          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 344          |
| April 1997            | 32                | 33          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 97              | 359          |
| May 1997              | 35                | 34          | 31               | 0             | 100          | 104             | 348          |
| June 1997             | 39                | 33          | 28               | 0             | 100          | 110             | 347          |
| July 1997             | 37                | 35          | 28               | 0             | 100          | 110             | 332          |
| August 1997           | 38                | 31          | 31               | 0             | 100          | 107             | 334          |
| September 1997        | 36                | 32          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 104             | 327          |
| October 1997          | 34                | 34          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 102             | 334          |
| November 1997         | 37                | 35          | 27               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 336          |
| December 1997         | 35                | 38          | 25               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 351          |
| January 1998          | 34                | 38          | 28               | 0             | 100          | 107             | 351          |
| February 1998         | 35                | 38          | 28               | 0             | 100          | 107             | 362          |
| March 1998            | 36                | 36          | 28               | 0             | 100          | 108             | 349          |
| April 1998            | 40                | 36          | 24               | 0             | 100          | 116             | 342          |
| May 1998              | 38                | 36          | 26               | 0             | 100          | 112             | 329          |
| June 1998             | 39                | 35          | 26               | 0             | 100          | 112             | 339          |
| July 1998             | 39                | 31          | 30               | 0             | 100          | 109             | 342          |
| August 1998           | 37                | 31          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 105             | 344          |
| September 1998        | 38                | 31          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 107             | 331          |
| October 1998          | 37                | 33          | 30               | 1             | 100          | 107             | 333          |
| November 1998         | 39                | 33          | 28               | 1             | 100          | 111             | 336          |
| December 1998         | 39                | 33          | 28               | 0             | 100          | 111             | 342          |
| January 1999          | 41                | 29          | 30               | 0             | 100          | 111             | 340          |
| February 1999         | 39                | 31          | 30               | 0             | 100          | 108             | 338          |
| March 1999            | 39                | 29          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 107             | 318          |
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| July 2000             | 38                | 34          | 28               | 0             | 100          | 110             | 355          |
| August 2000           | 36                | 32          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 104             | 365          |
| September 2000        | 32                | 33          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 99              | 386          |
| October 2000          | 32                | 32          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 382          |
| November 2000         | 37                | 31          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 104             | 386          |
| December 2000         | 37                | 34          | 30               | 0             | 100          | 107             | 371          |
| January 2001          | 34                | 36          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 105             | 372          |

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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> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| February 2001         | 31                | 38          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 100             | 365          |
| March 2001            | 31                | 35          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 362          |
| April 2001            | 33                | 31          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 97              | 347          |
| May 2001              | 32                | 30          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 344          |
| June 2001             | 30                | 28          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 90              | 347          |
| July 2001             | 29                | 28          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 88              | 356          |
| August 2001           | 32                | 28          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 93              | 357          |
| September 2001        | 31                | 31          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 94              | 353          |
| October 2001          | 30                | 34          | 36               | 1             | 100          | 94              | 359          |
| November 2001         | 27                | 36          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 91              | 361          |
| December 2001         | 29                | 32          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 90              | 366          |
| January 2002          | 28                | 33          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 88              | 353          |
| February 2002         | 28                | 29          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 86              | 354          |
| March 2002            | 27                | 34          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 88              | 359          |
| April 2002            | 31                | 30          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 91              | 370          |
| May 2002              | 31                | 30          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 92              | 366          |
| June 2002             | 30                | 28          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 89              | 370          |
| July 2002             | 30                | 29          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 364          |
| August 2002           | 34                | 27          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 95              | 392          |
| September 2002        | 35                | 27          | 38               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 387          |
| October 2002          | 33                | 26          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 401          |
| November 2002         | 30                | 28          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 89              | 386          |
| December 2002         | 30                | 27          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 88              | 390          |
| January 2003          | 29                | 28          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 86              | 383          |
| February 2003         | 30                | 27          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 388          |
| March 2003            | 28                | 25          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 81              | 374          |
| April 2003            | 30                | 26          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 372          |
| May 2003              | 25                | 30          | 44               | 0             | 100          | 81              | 369          |
| June 2003             | 28                | 31          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 380          |
| July 2003             | 27                | 29          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 84              | 394          |
| August 2003           | 30                | 26          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 394          |
| September 2003        | 29                | 25          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 84              | 403          |
| October 2003          | 30                | 26          | 44               | 0             | 100          | 86              | 403          |
| November 2003         | 27                | 27          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 81              | 403          |
| December 2003         | 27                | 27          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 81              | 400          |
| January 2004          | 28                | 24          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 80              | 392          |
| February 2004         | 30                | 24          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 84              | 388          |
| March 2004            | 30                | 27          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 88              | 383          |
| April 2004            | 29                | 29          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 399          |
| May 2004              | 31                | 28          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 90              | 404          |
| June 2004             | 29                | 29          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 88              | 411          |
| July 2004             | 29                | 30          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 88              | 400          |
| August 2004           | 27                | 32          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 405          |
| September 2004        | 29                | 29          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 88              | 416          |
| October 2004          | 29                | 28          | 44               | 0             | 100          | 85              | 405          |
| November 2004         | 28                | 27          | 44               | 0             | 100          | 84              | 398          |
| December 2004         | 29                | 30          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 382          |
| January 2005          | 30                | 33          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 393          |
| February 2005         | 31                | 31          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 393          |
| March 2005            | 31                | 29          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 92              | 398          |
| April 2005            | 31                | 26          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 88              | 392          |
| May 2005              | 30                | 27          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 382          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| June                  | 2005 | 29                | 31          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 88              | 378          |
| July                  | 2005 | 32                | 32          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 374          |
| August                | 2005 | 33                | 31          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 98              | 382          |
| September             | 2005 | 32                | 29          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 94              | 385          |
| October               | 2005 | 27                | 30          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 84              | 391          |
| November              | 2005 | 24                | 29          | 47               | 0             | 100          | 76              | 388          |
| December              | 2005 | 26                | 27          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 78              | 384          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2006 | 28                | 27          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 83              | 370          |
| February              | 2006 | 31                | 28          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 91              | 374          |
| March                 | 2006 | 30                | 31          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 90              | 375          |
| April                 | 2006 | 30                | 29          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 90              | 387          |
| May                   | 2006 | 29                | 28          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 86              | 388          |
| June                  | 2006 | 30                | 26          | 44               | 0             | 100          | 86              | 381          |
| July                  | 2006 | 27                | 25          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 79              | 370          |
| August                | 2006 | 25                | 31          | 44               | 0             | 100          | 81              | 379          |
| September             | 2006 | 22                | 31          | 47               | 0             | 100          | 76              | 399          |
| October               | 2006 | 26                | 32          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 85              | 415          |
| November              | 2006 | 31                | 28          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 89              | 420          |
| December              | 2006 | 34                | 29          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 97              | 417          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2007 | 31                | 32          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 410          |
| February              | 2007 | 27                | 34          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 89              | 394          |
| March                 | 2007 | 26                | 32          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 84              | 383          |
| April                 | 2007 | 28                | 27          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 84              | 391          |
| May                   | 2007 | 29                | 24          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 83              | 403          |
| June                  | 2007 | 33                | 23          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 89              | 408          |
| July                  | 2007 | 31                | 25          | 44               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 408          |
| August                | 2007 | 28                | 25          | 47               | 0             | 100          | 81              | 397          |
| September             | 2007 | 24                | 27          | 49               | 0             | 100          | 76              | 389          |
| October               | 2007 | 24                | 27          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 76              | 381          |
| November              | 2007 | 26                | 25          | 49               | 0             | 100          | 77              | 381          |
| December              | 2007 | 25                | 25          | 49               | 0             | 100          | 76              | 385          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2008 | 25                | 25          | 50               | 0             | 100          | 74              | 402          |
| February              | 2008 | 25                | 29          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 80              | 395          |
| March                 | 2008 | 24                | 26          | 50               | 0             | 100          | 74              | 381          |
| April                 | 2008 | 23                | 25          | 52               | 0             | 100          | 71              | 366          |
| May                   | 2008 | 20                | 23          | 57               | 0             | 100          | 64              | 373          |
| June                  | 2008 | 19                | 21          | 59               | 0             | 100          | 60              | 392          |
| July                  | 2008 | 17                | 21          | 62               | 0             | 100          | 55              | 410          |
| August                | 2008 | 15                | 21          | 64               | 0             | 100          | 51              | 402          |
| September             | 2008 | 17                | 24          | 58               | 0             | 100          | 59              | 384          |
| October               | 2008 | 17                | 25          | 58               | 0             | 100          | 60              | 377          |
| November              | 2008 | 18                | 24          | 58               | 0             | 100          | 61              | 405          |
| December              | 2008 | 16                | 23          | 61               | 0             | 100          | 55              | 416          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2009 | 16                | 22          | 62               | 0             | 100          | 54              | 417          |
| February              | 2009 | 16                | 23          | 60               | 0             | 100          | 56              | 398          |
| March                 | 2009 | 16                | 26          | 58               | 0             | 100          | 59              | 408          |
| April                 | 2009 | 15                | 28          | 56               | 0             | 100          | 59              | 406          |
| May                   | 2009 | 15                | 30          | 55               | 0             | 100          | 59              | 430          |
| June                  | 2009 | 14                | 27          | 58               | 0             | 100          | 56              | 424          |
| July                  | 2009 | 17                | 28          | 55               | 0             | 100          | 62              | 423          |
| August                | 2009 | 15                | 27          | 58               | 0             | 100          | 57              | 407          |
| September             | 2009 | 16                | 29          | 55               | 0             | 100          | 61              | 425          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| October               | 2009 | 12                | 30          | 58               | 0             | 100          | 54              | 424          |
| November              | 2009 | 12                | 31          | 56               | 0             | 100          | 56              | 421          |
| December              | 2009 | 14                | 29          | 56               | 0             | 100          | 58              | 413          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2010 | 15                | 29          | 56               | 0             | 100          | 59              | 413          |
| February              | 2010 | 18                | 28          | 54               | 0             | 100          | 63              | 408          |
| March                 | 2010 | 16                | 33          | 51               | 0             | 100          | 65              | 403          |
| April                 | 2010 | 15                | 34          | 51               | 0             | 100          | 64              | 398          |
| May                   | 2010 | 15                | 33          | 52               | 0             | 100          | 64              | 407          |
| June                  | 2010 | 17                | 28          | 56               | 0             | 100          | 61              | 410          |
| July                  | 2010 | 19                | 24          | 57               | 0             | 100          | 62              | 420          |
| August                | 2010 | 18                | 28          | 54               | 0             | 100          | 64              | 419          |
| September             | 2010 | 19                | 31          | 51               | 0             | 100          | 68              | 419          |
| October               | 2010 | 18                | 32          | 49               | 0             | 100          | 69              | 408          |
| November              | 2010 | 19                | 31          | 49               | 0             | 100          | 70              | 414          |
| December              | 2010 | 17                | 33          | 50               | 0             | 100          | 67              | 417          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2011 | 17                | 33          | 50               | 0             | 100          | 68              | 435          |
| February              | 2011 | 17                | 33          | 50               | 0             | 100          | 68              | 433          |
| March                 | 2011 | 17                | 28          | 55               | 0             | 100          | 62              | 429          |
| April                 | 2011 | 15                | 28          | 57               | 0             | 100          | 59              | 409          |
| May                   | 2011 | 16                | 24          | 59               | 0             | 100          | 57              | 403          |
| June                  | 2011 | 17                | 26          | 57               | 0             | 100          | 60              | 400          |
| July                  | 2011 | 18                | 25          | 56               | 1             | 100          | 62              | 413          |
| August                | 2011 | 16                | 26          | 57               | 1             | 100          | 59              | 427          |
| September             | 2011 | 18                | 24          | 57               | 1             | 100          | 61              | 424          |
| October               | 2011 | 19                | 23          | 57               | 0             | 100          | 62              | 421          |
| November              | 2011 | 20                | 23          | 56               | 0             | 100          | 64              | 410          |
| December              | 2011 | 19                | 25          | 56               | 0             | 100          | 63              | 404          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2012 | 20                | 26          | 55               | 0             | 100          | 65              | 408          |
| February              | 2012 | 20                | 28          | 51               | 0             | 100          | 69              | 413          |
| March                 | 2012 | 22                | 29          | 49               | 0             | 100          | 74              | 431          |
| April                 | 2012 | 20                | 32          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 72              | 430          |
| May                   | 2012 | 21                | 29          | 50               | 0             | 100          | 71              | 412          |
| June                  | 2012 | 19                | 31          | 50               | 0             | 100          | 69              | 418          |
| July                  | 2012 | 23                | 28          | 49               | 0             | 100          | 74              | 413          |
| August                | 2012 | 21                | 29          | 49               | 0             | 100          | 72              | 426          |
| September             | 2012 | 24                | 27          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 76              | 427          |
| October               | 2012 | 23                | 29          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 76              | 429          |
| November              | 2012 | 27                | 28          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 82              | 451          |
| December              | 2012 | 24                | 31          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 80              | 459          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2013 | 23                | 29          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 76              | 458          |
| February              | 2013 | 19                | 32          | 49               | 0             | 100          | 70              | 437          |
| March                 | 2013 | 19                | 31          | 51               | 0             | 100          | 68              | 408          |
| April                 | 2013 | 16                | 35          | 50               | 0             | 100          | 66              | 406          |
| May                   | 2013 | 20                | 34          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 73              | 414          |
| June                  | 2013 | 22                | 32          | 47               | 0             | 100          | 75              | 430          |
| July                  | 2013 | 26                | 29          | 44               | 0             | 100          | 82              | 433          |
| August                | 2013 | 26                | 27          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 80              | 432          |
| September             | 2013 | 25                | 28          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 80              | 423          |
| October               | 2013 | 23                | 30          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 77              | 418          |
| November              | 2013 | 20                | 34          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 74              | 410          |
| December              | 2013 | 20                | 34          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 74              | 419          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| January               | 2014 | 24                | 31          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 79              | 429          |
| February              | 2014 | 24                | 28          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 76              | 428          |
| March                 | 2014 | 27                | 25          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 79              | 401          |
| April                 | 2014 | 24                | 28          | 48               | 0             | 100          | 76              | 401          |
| May                   | 2014 | 27                | 28          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 82              | 397          |
| June                  | 2014 | 26                | 30          | 44               | 0             | 100          | 83              | 421          |
| July                  | 2014 | 30                | 27          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 86              | 408          |
| August                | 2014 | 31                | 26          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 89              | 397          |
| September             | 2014 | 30                | 25          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 86              | 389          |
| October               | 2014 | 30                | 27          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 397          |
| November              | 2014 | 32                | 27          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 91              | 399          |
| December              | 2014 | 35                | 31          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 101             | 383          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2015 | 37                | 29          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 103             | 375          |
| February              | 2015 | 39                | 27          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 105             | 379          |
| March                 | 2015 | 38                | 25          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 102             | 399          |
| April                 | 2015 | 36                | 27          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 99              | 399          |
| May                   | 2015 | 33                | 28          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 417          |
| June                  | 2015 | 33                | 29          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 408          |
| July                  | 2015 | 35                | 25          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 402          |
| August                | 2015 | 36                | 28          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 101             | 411          |
| September             | 2015 | 37                | 25          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 99              | 405          |
| October               | 2015 | 39                | 25          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 104             | 412          |
| November              | 2015 | 39                | 22          | 39               | 0             | 100          | 100             | 396          |
| December              | 2015 | 37                | 23          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 97              | 403          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2016 | 33                | 26          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 91              | 409          |
| February              | 2016 | 32                | 25          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 90              | 405          |
| March                 | 2016 | 31                | 29          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 91              | 417          |
| April                 | 2016 | 33                | 26          | 40               | 0             | 100          | 93              | 421          |
| May                   | 2016 | 36                | 27          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 100             | 428          |
| June                  | 2016 | 39                | 25          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 103             | 412          |
| July                  | 2016 | 40                | 27          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 108             | 421          |
| August                | 2016 | 38                | 27          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 103             | 432          |
| September             | 2016 | 36                | 27          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 100             | 464          |
| October               | 2016 | 33                | 26          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 92              | 463          |
| November              | 2016 | 33                | 26          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 91              | 477          |
| December              | 2016 | 33                | 28          | 38               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 478          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2017 | 34                | 30          | 36               | 0             | 100          | 98              | 486          |
| February              | 2017 | 36                | 32          | 31               | 0             | 100          | 105             | 479          |
| March                 | 2017 | 37                | 33          | 30               | 0             | 100          | 106             | 475          |
| April                 | 2017 | 38                | 30          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 107             | 475          |
| May                   | 2017 | 35                | 31          | 33               | 0             | 100          | 102             | 468          |
| June                  | 2017 | 36                | 31          | 33               | 0             | 100          | 102             | 466          |
| July                  | 2017 | 38                | 30          | 31               | 0             | 100          | 107             | 460          |
| August                | 2017 | 41                | 27          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 109             | 468          |
| September             | 2017 | 41                | 28          | 31               | 0             | 100          | 110             | 475          |
| October               | 2017 | 39                | 32          | 29               | 0             | 100          | 110             | 480          |
| November              | 2017 | 40                | 28          | 32               | 0             | 100          | 108             | 481          |
| December              | 2017 | 40                | 26          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 105             | 472          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2018 | 40                | 23          | 37               | 0             | 100          | 103             | 478          |
| February              | 2018 | 39                | 27          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 104             | 475          |