INCOME BOTTOM THIRD
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?"

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
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

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

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
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

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

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
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

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

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
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

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

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
November	1996	31	31	38	1	100	93	346
December	1996	32	32	36	1	100	96	343
January	1997	33	31	35	0	100	98	332
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
April	1999	38	30	32	0	100	105	296
May	1999	39	27	34	0	100	104	275
June	1999	36	31	33	0	100	103	275
July	1999	35	34	31	0	100	104	299
August	1999	37	33	30	0	100	107	313
September	1999	37	29	33	0	100	104	327
October	1999	39	27	34	0	100	105	327
November	1999	37	31	31	1	100	106	321
December	1999	41	32	26	1	100	115	334
January	2000	40	31	28	1	100	111	321
February	2000	39	30	29	1	100	110	331
March	2000	37	30	32	0	100	105	342
April	2000	34	33	32	0	100	102	352
May	2000	34	34	32	0	100	102	350
June	2000	36	34	31	0	100	105	333
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

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

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
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

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

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
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

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

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
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

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

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
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
March	2018	41	28	31	0	100	110	481
April	2018	42	27	31	0	100	112	467

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

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
May	2018	43	27	31	0	100	112	468