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The question was: "About the big things people buy for their homes -- such as furniture, a refrigerator, stove, television, and things like that. Generally speaking, do you think now is a good time or a bad time for people to buy major household items?"

Date of Survey		Good Time	Uncertain	Bad Time	Total	Relative	Cases
December	1979	49	12	39	100	109	722
January	1980	50	9	41	100	109	642
February	1980	51	8	41	100	109	590
March	1980	48	10	43	100	105	556
April	1980	45	13	42	100	104	530
May	1980	40	11	49	100	91	467
June	1980	40	10	49	100	91	449
July	1980	39	9	51	100	88	447
August	1980	41	13	47	100	94	435
September	1980	44	16	40	100	103	439
October	1980	44	17	39	100	104	418
November	1980	45	15	41	100	104	401
December	1980	42	12	47	100	95	397
January	1981	43	11	46	100	96	396
February	1981	42	12	47	100	95	407
March	1981	38	14	47	100	91	412
April	1981	38	14	48	100	91	419
May	1981	40	13	47	100	93	499
June	1981	39	12	49	100	90	494
July	1981	40	10	50	100	90	509
August	1981	42	11	47	100	94	515
September	1981	45	13	42	100	103	526
October	1981	45	16	39	100	106	613
November	1981	41	17	42	100	100	617
December	1981	40	13	47	100	92	685
January	1982	41	12	47	100	94	697
February	1982	42	12	46	100	95	675
March	1982	46	12	43	100	103	651
April	1982	39	11	50	100	89	619
May	1982	39	10	51	100	88	604
June	1982	34	11	54	100	80	598
July	1982	39	11	49	100	90	594
August	1982	38	12	50	100	88	591
September	1982	39	12	49	100	89	602
October	1982	36	12	52	100	84	605
November	1982	38	11	51	100	87	607
December	1982	41	10	49	100	93	593
January	1983	40	9	51	100	89	585
February	1983	43	8	50	100	93	576
March	1983	42	7	50	100	92	594
April	1983	48	7	45	100	103	591
May	1983	51	7	42	100	110	588
June	1983	55	7	37	100	118	551
July	1983	56	8	36	100	121	588
August	1983	53	11	36	100	117	584
September	1983	52	11	38	100	114	609
October	1983	51	11	38	100	114	594
November	1983	54	10	36	100	119	615
December	1983	55	13	32	100	123	609
January	1984	57	13	30	100	127	573

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Date of Survey		Good Time	Uncertain	Bad Time	Total	Relative	Cases
February	1984	57	12	31	100	126	558
March	1984	59	10	31	100	128	598
April	1984	60	12	28	100	132	629
May	1984	66	11	23	100	142	631
June	1984	63	13	25	100	138	579
July	1984	63	12	25	100	138	528
August	1984	58	13	29	100	129	507
September	1984	61	12	27	100	134	513
October	1984	61	12	28	100	133	551
November	1984	59	12	29	100	130	605
December	1984	58	12	30	100	128	614
January	1985	59	11	30	100	130	580
February	1985	63	8	29	100	133	524
March	1985	65	8	27	100	138	500
April	1985	66	9	25	100	140	495
May	1985	66	10	24	100	141	493
June	1985	66	10	24	100	142	480
July	1985	66	9	25	100	141	474
August	1985	64	12	24	100	140	453
September	1985	64	12	24	100	141	461
October	1985	62	12	26	100	136	463
November	1985	63	11	26	100	137	483
December	1985	62	10	28	100	134	548
January	1986	67	10	24	100	143	598
February	1986	68	9	23	100	146	619
March	1986	69	10	21	100	149	565
April	1986	68	11	20	100	148	572
May	1986	68	11	22	100	146	600
June	1986	71	9	20	100	151	611
July	1986	71	8	21	100	150	562
August	1986	72	8	20	100	152	517
September	1986	70	8	22	100	148	534
October	1986	71	10	19	100	152	565
November	1986	71	11	18	100	152	597
December	1986	68	11	22	100	146	572
January	1987	66	8	25	100	141	551
February	1987	65	8	27	100	137	537
March	1987	66	10	24	100	142	515
April	1987	66	11	24	100	142	508
May	1987	69	10	21	100	148	500
June	1987	69	11	20	100	149	506
July	1987	69	12	19	100	150	497
August	1987	69	12	19	100	150	526
September	1987	71	11	18	100	152	533
October	1987	71	11	18	100	153	516
November	1987	67	12	21	100	145	455
December	1987	64	13	23	100	141	414
January	1988	65	12	23	100	142	406
February	1988	69	11	20	100	149	420
March	1988	69	12	19	100	150	423
April	1988	67	12	21	100	145	432
May	1988	68	9	23	100	145	416
June	1988	69	11	21	100	148	411
July	1988	72	12	16	100	156	416
August	1988	71	15	15	100	156	412

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Date of Survey		Good Time	Uncertain	Bad Time	Total	Relative	Cases
September	1988	72	15	13	100	159	423
October	1988	70	14	16	100	154	412
November	1988	70	11	19	100	150	439
December	1988	69	8	23	100	145	445
January	1989	69	10	21	100	148	426
February	1989	68	12	21	100	147	377
March	1989	66	12	22	100	144	371
April	1989	67	10	23	100	144	385
May	1989	67	10	22	100	145	409
June	1989	68	12	20	100	148	415
July	1989	63	15	22	100	141	401
August	1989	64	14	22	100	142	399
September	1989	65	12	23	100	142	384
October	1989	69	11	20	100	148	379
November	1989	65	13	21	100	144	367
December	1989	61	14	25	100	136	371
January	1990	64	13	23	100	141	380
February	1990	65	12	23	100	143	376
March	1990	69	10	20	100	149	359
April	1990	70	8	22	100	148	356
May	1990	74	6	20	100	155	362
June	1990	75	5	19	100	156	369
July	1990	74	8	18	100	155	367
August	1990	71	7	21	100	150	354
September	1990	68	8	24	100	144	347
October	1990	63	8	29	100	134	355
November	1990	60	8	32	100	128	368
December	1990	57	9	34	100	123	365
January	1991	57	9	35	100	122	360
February	1991	54	11	35	100	119	342
March	1991	56	12	32	100	123	349
April	1991	60	10	29	100	131	343
May	1991	61	9	31	100	130	342
June	1991	62	8	31	100	131	332
July	1991	60	8	33	100	127	328
August	1991	60	9	31	100	129	320
September	1991	61	9	31	100	130	328
October	1991	60	9	31	100	129	326
November	1991	60	8	33	100	127	334
December	1991	56	8	36	100	119	345
January	1992	51	10	39	100	112	350
February	1992	50	10	41	100	109	351
March	1992	51	9	40	100	110	342
April	1992	54	8	38	100	116	349
May	1992	57	9	34	100	123	354
June	1992	62	9	29	100	134	346
July	1992	63	8	29	100	135	340
August	1992	61	8	30	100	131	339
September	1992	57	8	35	100	122	346
October	1992	55	10	35	100	120	341
November	1992	59	9	32	100	127	343
December	1992	62	9	30	100	132	333
January	1993	64	8	28	100	136	334
February	1993	64	8	28	100	137	332

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Date of Survey		Good Time	Uncertain	Bad Time	Total	Relative	Cases
March	1993	65	10	25	100	140	330
April	1993	66	13	21	100	145	327
May	1993	67	12	20	100	147	325
June	1993	68	10	21	100	147	333
July	1993	69	7	24	100	145	333
August	1993	68	8	23	100	145	343
September	1993	67	10	23	100	144	330
October	1993	65	11	24	100	141	334
November	1993	64	11	25	100	139	323
December	1993	66	10	24	100	142	338
January	1994	73	7	21	100	152	331
February	1994	77	5	19	100	158	344
March	1994	77	4	19	100	158	333
April	1994	76	5	19	100	157	332
May	1994	75	6	19	100	157	323
June	1994	73	8	19	100	155	340
July	1994	72	8	20	100	152	366
August	1994	70	11	19	100	150	366
September	1994	73	11	16	100	157	348
October	1994	73	11	16	100	157	329
November	1994	71	11	18	100	153	324
December	1994	68	10	22	100	147	337
January	1995	73	8	20	100	153	337
February	1995	74	7	19	100	154	347
March	1995	76	7	18	100	158	356
April	1995	74	8	18	100	155	367
May	1995	76	7	17	100	159	354
June	1995	74	8	18	100	157	339
July	1995	72	9	19	100	153	325
August	1995	72	11	17	100	155	328
September	1995	71	12	18	100	153	332
October	1995	73	13	14	100	160	325
November	1995	70	13	17	100	153	330
December	1995	70	12	18	100	151	335
January	1996	69	9	22	100	147	343
February	1996	75	6	19	100	157	324
March	1996	77	7	16	100	161	326
April	1996	76	10	14	100	162	338
May	1996	72	12	16	100	156	349
June	1996	68	13	18	100	150	341
July	1996	68	13	19	100	149	322
August	1996	69	12	18	100	151	335
September	1996	72	10	17	100	155	336
October	1996	73	7	20	100	153	351
November	1996	72	6	23	100	149	346
December	1996	72	5	23	100	149	343
January	1997	71	7	22	100	149	332
February	1997	71	8	21	100	150	337
March	1997	72	9	19	100	152	344
April	1997	74	11	15	100	159	359
May	1997	75	13	12	100	162	348
June	1997	75	14	11	100	164	347
July	1997	74	13	13	100	161	332
August	1997	72	12	16	100	157	334
September	1997	75	11	14	100	160	327

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Date of Survey		Good Time	Uncertain	Bad Time	Total	Relative	Cases
October	1997	72	12	15	100	157	334
November	1997	76	12	13	100	163	336
December	1997	74	12	14	100	160	351
January	1998	78	11	11	100	166	351
February	1998	75	13	12	100	163	362
March	1998	74	14	12	100	162	349
April	1998	73	14	13	100	160	342
May	1998	73	13	14	100	159	329
June	1998	73	15	12	100	162	339
July	1998	69	17	14	100	155	342
August	1998	68	18	14	100	153	344
September	1998	68	18	14	100	154	331
October	1998	72	17	11	100	161	333
November	1998	76	14	10	100	167	336
December	1998	77	13	10	100	166	342
January	1999	76	12	12	100	164	340
February	1999	72	15	13	100	159	338
March	1999	74	13	14	100	160	318
April	1999	74	12	15	100	159	296
May	1999	80	10	10	100	170	275
June	1999	78	13	9	100	169	275
July	1999	78	14	7	100	171	299
August	1999	73	14	13	100	160	313
September	1999	73	13	15	100	158	327
October	1999	72	13	15	100	157	327
November	1999	74	10	15	100	159	321
December	1999	70	11	19	100	151	334
January	2000	70	12	18	100	153	321
February	2000	71	14	15	100	156	331
March	2000	72	14	14	100	158	342
April	2000	74	13	13	100	162	352
May	2000	76	13	11	100	165	350
June	2000	79	13	8	100	171	333
July	2000	76	15	9	100	167	355
August	2000	72	15	13	100	159	365
September	2000	70	15	15	100	155	386
October	2000	71	13	16	100	154	382
November	2000	74	12	14	100	160	386
December	2000	75	11	14	100	161	371
January	2001	74	12	14	100	160	372
February	2001	72	13	15	100	157	365
March	2001	71	13	16	100	155	362
April	2001	70	11	19	100	152	347
May	2001	70	13	18	100	152	344
June	2001	69	14	17	100	152	347
July	2001	65	18	16	100	149	356
August	2001	62	18	20	100	143	357
September	2001	62	18	21	100	141	353
October	2001	64	15	21	100	143	359
November	2001	63	15	22	100	141	361
December	2001	64	14	23	100	141	366
January	2002	63	13	24	100	139	353
February	2002	61	14	26	100	135	354
March	2002	58	17	26	100	132	359

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Date of Survey		Good Time	Uncertain	Bad Time	Total	Relative	Cases
April	2002	58	21	21	100	137	370
May	2002	64	20	16	100	148	366
June	2002	68	18	14	100	154	370
July	2002	69	15	16	100	153	364
August	2002	67	15	18	100	149	392
September	2002	65	16	19	100	146	387
October	2002	66	16	19	100	147	401
November	2002	66	17	17	100	149	386
December	2002	65	17	18	100	148	390
January	2003	66	16	18	100	148	383
February	2003	65	15	20	100	145	388
March	2003	64	14	22	100	141	374
April	2003	61	16	23	100	137	372
May	2003	62	15	24	100	138	369
June	2003	61	15	25	100	136	380
July	2003	64	11	25	100	139	394
August	2003	63	14	23	100	140	394
September	2003	66	14	20	100	146	403
October	2003	65	15	20	100	145	403
November	2003	67	13	20	100	147	403
December	2003	68	10	22	100	146	400
January	2004	71	9	20	100	151	392
February	2004	71	7	22	100	149	388
March	2004	74	8	18	100	155	383
April	2004	73	8	18	100	155	399
May	2004	70	11	19	100	150	404
June	2004	69	10	21	100	149	411
July	2004	68	12	20	100	148	400
August	2004	70	13	17	100	153	405
September	2004	66	16	18	100	148	416
October	2004	67	14	19	100	148	405
November	2004	68	13	18	100	150	398
December	2004	72	12	16	100	156	382
January	2005	73	12	16	100	157	393
February	2005	73	12	15	100	157	393
March	2005	72	12	16	100	156	398
April	2005	71	14	15	100	156	392
May	2005	72	11	17	100	155	382
June	2005	74	11	15	100	159	378
July	2005	76	10	14	100	162	374
August	2005	75	11	14	100	161	382
September	2005	72	9	19	100	153	385
October	2005	66	12	22	100	143	391
November	2005	65	11	23	100	142	388
December	2005	66	11	23	100	143	384
January	2006	73	8	19	100	154	370
February	2006	74	7	18	100	156	374
March	2006	77	7	16	100	161	375
April	2006	76	7	17	100	159	387
May	2006	73	7	20	100	153	388
June	2006	72	6	22	100	150	381
July	2006	70	9	22	100	148	370
August	2006	73	9	18	100	154	379
September	2006	73	9	18	100	155	399
October	2006	73	7	20	100	153	415

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Date of Survey		Good Time	Uncertain	Bad Time	Total	Relative	Cases
November	2006	72	8	20	100	152	420
December	2006	73	8	19	100	154	417
January	2007	75	8	18	100	157	410
February	2007	74	8	18	100	155	394
March	2007	73	10	18	100	155	383
April	2007	70	11	19	100	151	391
May	2007	71	12	18	100	153	403
June	2007	69	11	20	100	149	408
July	2007	67	10	22	100	145	408
August	2007	66	10	25	100	141	397
September	2007	63	11	26	100	137	389
October	2007	63	11	27	100	136	381
November	2007	60	11	30	100	130	381
December	2007	57	10	33	100	124	385
January	2008	59	9	31	100	128	402
February	2008	60	8	32	100	128	395
March	2008	59	7	34	100	126	381
April	2008	53	7	40	100	113	366
May	2008	49	7	44	100	105	373
June	2008	47	7	45	100	102	392
July	2008	49	7	44	100	105	410
August	2008	53	7	40	100	114	402
September	2008	53	7	40	100	113	384
October	2008	50	8	42	100	108	377
November	2008	45	7	48	100	97	405
December	2008	47	5	48	100	99	416
January	2009	45	4	51	100	93	417
February	2009	44	6	49	100	95	398
March	2009	41	9	50	100	91	408
April	2009	43	8	49	100	94	406
May	2009	43	6	51	100	92	430
June	2009	46	6	48	100	98	424
July	2009	48	6	46	100	101	423
August	2009	49	8	43	100	106	407
September	2009	51	6	43	100	108	425
October	2009	51	7	42	100	109	424
November	2009	53	4	42	100	111	421
December	2009	54	4	42	100	112	413
January	2010	56	4	40	100	117	413
February	2010	59	6	35	100	124	408
March	2010	62	6	32	100	130	403
April	2010	61	4	35	100	126	398
May	2010	59	4	37	100	122	407
June	2010	58	4	38	100	121	410
July	2010	60	5	35	100	125	420
August	2010	58	5	37	100	121	419
September	2010	56	7	37	100	118	419
October	2010	52	8	39	100	113	408
November	2010	54	8	38	100	116	414
December	2010	56	6	38	100	118	417
January	2011	58	6	36	100	122	435
February	2011	56	7	37	100	120	433
March	2011	55	9	36	100	120	429
April	2011	55	8	37	100	118	409

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Date of Survey		Good Time	Uncertain	Bad Time	Total	Relative	Cases
May	2011	57	9	34	100	123	403
June	2011	56	8	36	100	120	400
July	2011	54	9	37	100	116	413
August	2011	52	9	39	100	113	427
September	2011	51	8	41	100	110	424
October	2011	49	8	43	100	107	421
November	2011	49	9	42	100	107	410
December	2011	52	8	40	100	112	404
January	2012	56	8	36	100	120	408
February	2012	57	7	36	100	121	413
March	2012	53	8	39	100	114	431
April	2012	54	8	39	100	115	430
May	2012	55	7	38	100	117	412
June	2012	56	7	37	100	119	418
July	2012	54	9	36	100	118	413
August	2012	56	10	34	100	122	426
September	2012	57	9	34	100	124	427
October	2012	59	7	34	100	125	429
November	2012	60	7	32	100	128	451
December	2012	61	7	33	100	128	459
January	2013	61	7	32	100	129	458
February	2013	60	5	35	100	125	437
March	2013	62	5	33	100	129	408
April	2013	62	6	32	100	130	406
May	2013	64	7	29	100	134	414
June	2013	62	9	29	100	132	430
July	2013	65	8	27	100	138	433
August	2013	64	9	27	100	137	432
September	2013	66	9	25	100	141	423
October	2013	62	11	27	100	135	418
November	2013	60	10	30	100	130	410
December	2013	60	10	30	100	130	419
January	2014	62	9	29	100	133	429
February	2014	65	8	26	100	139	428
March	2014	66	8	26	100	139	401
April	2014	66	9	25	100	141	401
May	2014	62	11	27	100	135	397
June	2014	59	13	28	100	131	421
July	2014	61	12	27	100	133	408
August	2014	63	9	28	100	135	397
September	2014	65	8	27	100	137	389
October	2014	61	10	30	100	131	397
November	2014	65	10	25	100	139	399
December	2014	67	9	24	100	142	383
January	2015	75	5	20	100	155	375
February	2015	74	6	20	100	154	379
March	2015	74	6	20	100	154	399
April	2015	72	7	22	100	150	399
May	2015	70	5	25	100	145	417
June	2015	70	7	23	100	147	408
July	2015	71	7	22	100	149	402
August	2015	71	8	22	100	149	411
September	2015	70	8	22	100	148	405
October	2015	69	7	24	100	145	412
November	2015	72	7	21	100	151	396

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Date of Survey		Good Time	Uncertain	Bad Time	Total	Relative	Cases
December	2015	76	5	19	100	157	403
January	2016	78	5	17	100	161	409
February	2016	78	3	19	100	159	405
March	2016	74	4	23	100	151	417
April	2016	71	5	24	100	147	421
May	2016	70	8	22	100	148	428
June	2016	72	9	19	100	153	412
July	2016	73	8	19	100	154	421
August	2016	72	7	21	100	151	432
September	2016	70	6	24	100	146	464
October	2016	69	6	25	100	144	463
November	2016	70	6	24	100	147	477
December	2016	72	6	22	100	151	478
January	2017	73	5	21	100	152	486
February	2017	74	6	21	100	153	479
March	2017	72	7	21	100	151	475
April	2017	74	6	20	100	154	475
May	2017	73	5	21	100	152	468
June	2017	75	6	19	100	155	466
July	2017	73	8	19	100	154	460
August	2017	71	9	21	100	150	468
September	2017	70	7	23	100	147	475
October	2017	73	6	21	100	151	480
November	2017	77	4	19	100	158	481
December	2017	80	3	17	100	163	472
January	2018	77	3	20	100	157	478
February	2018	74	4	22	100	151	475
March	2018	74	5	21	100	154	481
April	2018	76	5	19	100	157	467
May	2018	77	6	17	100	161	468
June	2018	77	5	18	100	160	464
July	2018	79	4	17	100	162	465
August	2018	75	4	21	100	154	458
September	2018	73	6	21	100	153	454
October	2018	70	8	22	100	148	454
November	2018	74	9	17	100	157	460
December	2018	76	8	16	100	160	466
January	2019	76	6	18	100	159	471
February	2019	75	5	21	100	154	473
March	2019	71	5	24	100	147	461
April	2019	71	8	22	100	149	461
May	2019	70	8	21	100	149	453
June	2019	72	7	21	100	150	480
July	2019	71	6	23	100	148	471
August	2019	69	5	25	100	144	472
September	2019	67	8	25	100	142	463
October	2019	69	8	23	100	146	480
November	2019	72	8	20	100	152	494
December	2019	73	6	21	100	152	483
January	2020	74	5	21	100	153	494
February	2020	74	6	20	100	154	501
March	2020	73	5	22	100	152	529
April	2020	61	5	34	100	126	506
May	2020	50	4	46	100	105	510

INCOME BOTTOM THIRD
TABLE 35
BUYING CONDITIONS FOR LARGE HOUSEHOLD DURABLES
(Three Month Moving Averages)

Date of Survey		Good Time	Uncertain	Bad Time	Total	Relative	Cases
June	2020	44	6	50	100	94	483
July	2020	49	5	46	100	103	500
August	2020	51	5	44	100	107	488
September	2020	51	4	45	100	106	489
October	2020	50	5	45	100	105	479
November	2020	49	6	45	100	104	470
December	2020	50	6	44	100	107	473
January	2021	51	6	43	100	107	488
February	2021	53	5	42	100	111	494
March	2021	54	5	41	100	113	502
April	2021	57	5	38	100	118	490
May	2021	57	6	37	100	120	480
June	2021	55	5	40	100	115	485
July	2021	54	6	40	100	115	487
August	2021	53	5	42	100	111	488
September	2021	50	6	43	100	107	471
October	2021	47	5	48	100	99	466
November	2021	44	6	51	100	93	466
December	2021	45	4	51	100	95	464
January	2022	45	4	51	100	94	459
February	2022	48	4	48	100	100	469
March	2022	46	6	48	100	97	465
April	2022	46	6	48	100	98	468
May	2022	43	6	51	100	92	454
June	2022	39	5	56	100	83	458
July	2022	33	6	61	100	72	462
August	2022	34	6	60	100	74	467
September	2022	35	5	59	100	76	469
October	2022	42	6	52	100	90	481
November	2022	41	5	53	100	88	483
December	2022	43	5	52	100	91	486
January	2023	41	5	54	100	86	474
February	2023	44	5	51	100	93	478
March	2023	44	4	52	100	92	487
April	2023	44	4	52	100	92	485