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The question was: "Now thinking back 5 years, would you say you (and your family living there) are better off or worse off financially now than you were 5 years ago?"

(Note: Prior to 1972 a four year horizon was used)

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
September	1980	37	16	45	1	100	92	439
March	1981	33	14	51	2	100	81	412
September	1981	42	14	41	3	100	101	526
March	1982	35	16	48	1	100	87	651
September	1982	33	14	51	2	100	83	602
March	1983	30	18	51	2	100	79	594
September	1983	34	17	48	2	100	86	609
March	1984	38	20	40	2	100	98	598
September	1984	43	15	40	2	100	104	513
September	1985	38	18	42	2	100	96	461
September	2011	26	11	61	2	100	65	424
October	2011	25	11	61	3	100	65	421
November	2011	26	10	63	1	100	63	410
December	2011	25	10	64	1	100	61	404
January	2012	24	11	64	1	100	60	408
February	2012	26	11	63	1	100	63	413
March	2012	28	13	59	1	100	69	431
April	2012	28	12	59	1	100	70	430
May	2012	27	13	59	1	100	68	412
June	2012	28	12	59	1	100	69	418
July	2012	29	14	56	1	100	73	413
August	2012	30	13	57	1	100	73	426
September	2012	31	13	54	2	100	77	427
October	2012	32	12	55	2	100	77	429
November	2012	34	13	52	1	100	82	451
December	2012	29	16	55	1	100	74	459
January	2013	27	15	58	0	100	70	458
February	2013	28	12	59	1	100	69	437
March	2013	31	11	57	1	100	74	408
April	2013	30	13	56	1	100	74	406
May	2013	30	15	54	1	100	77	414
June	2013	31	15	53	1	100	79	430
July	2013	36	12	50	2	100	86	433
August	2013	37	11	50	1	100	87	432
September	2013	35	12	52	1	100	83	423
October	2013	32	13	54	0	100	78	418
November	2013	30	15	54	0	100	76	410
December	2013	33	14	53	0	100	79	419
January	2014	34	13	52	0	100	82	429
February	2014	35	10	54	1	100	82	428
March	2014	37	8	55	1	100	82	401
April	2014	38	7	53	1	100	85	401
May	2014	41	9	48	2	100	93	397

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June	2014	41	10	48	1	100	92	421
July	2014	39	10	49	1	100	90	408
August	2014	37	10	52	1	100	86	397
September	2014	36	11	52	1	100	84	389
October	2014	36	12	50	2	100	87	397
November	2014	38	13	47	2	100	92	399
December	2014	45	14	39	2	100	107	383
January	2015	48	11	39	1	100	109	375
February	2015	49	11	39	1	100	110	379
March	2015	45	10	44	1	100	101	399
April	2015	43	10	46	1	100	97	399
May	2015	42	10	46	1	100	96	417
June	2015	43	12	44	1	100	99	408
July	2015	43	11	45	0	100	98	402
August	2015	45	11	43	1	100	102	411
September	2015	45	8	46	1	100	99	405
October	2015	50	8	42	0	100	108	412
November	2015	48	8	43	1	100	105	396
December	2015	46	11	42	1	100	104	403
January	2016	42	12	45	1	100	97	409
February	2016	41	12	46	1	100	95	405
March	2016	43	11	43	2	100	100	417
April	2016	43	12	43	2	100	100	421
May	2016	45	11	41	2	100	104	428
June	2016	47	9	43	1	100	105	412
July	2016	49	9	41	1	100	108	421
August	2016	46	9	46	0	100	100	432
September	2016	43	11	46	0	100	97	464
October	2016	42	11	47	0	100	95	463
November	2016	42	15	42	1	100	100	477
December	2016	48	13	39	0	100	109	478
January	2017	47	13	40	1	100	107	486
February	2017	50	10	39	1	100	112	479
March	2017	47	13	38	1	100	109	475
April	2017	51	13	35	1	100	116	475
May	2017	50	14	35	1	100	115	468
June	2017	50	12	37	1	100	113	466
July	2017	49	13	38	1	100	111	460
August	2017	50	11	38	1	100	113	468
September	2017	53	11	36	0	100	116	475
October	2017	52	11	35	1	100	117	480
November	2017	53	11	35	1	100	118	481
December	2017	52	12	34	2	100	118	472
January	2018	49	13	36	2	100	113	478
February	2018	48	12	38	1	100	110	475
March	2018	51	12	36	1	100	115	481
April	2018	54	11	35	0	100	119	467
May	2018	55	12	33	1	100	122	468
June	2018	52	11	36	1	100	117	464
July	2018	52	12	35	1	100	118	465
August	2018	51	12	37	0	100	115	458
September	2018	53	13	33	1	100	120	454

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October	2018	54	12	33	2	100	121	454
November	2018	52	13	33	2	100	119	460
December	2018	50	10	38	2	100	112	466
January	2019	50	9	40	1	100	110	471
February	2019	53	7	40	1	100	113	473
March	2019	52	10	37	0	100	115	461
April	2019	51	12	36	0	100	115	461
May	2019	50	14	35	1	100	115	453
June	2019	48	13	38	1	100	111	480
July	2019	49	11	39	1	100	109	471
August	2019	51	8	40	1	100	111	472
September	2019	52	8	40	1	100	112	463
October	2019	52	9	38	1	100	114	480
November	2019	50	10	40	0	100	110	494
December	2019	51	11	37	0	100	114	483
January	2020	54	11	35	0	100	118	494
February	2020	57	11	32	0	100	125	501
March	2020	56	11	32	1	100	124	529
April	2020	54	11	35	1	100	119	506
May	2020	52	12	35	1	100	117	510
June	2020	52	12	34	1	100	118	483
July	2020	55	13	32	1	100	123	500
August	2020	53	12	35	0	100	117	488
September	2020	53	12	35	0	100	118	489
October	2020	54	13	34	0	100	120	479
November	2020	54	15	31	0	100	123	470
December	2020	54	14	32	0	100	122	473
January	2021	51	13	36	0	100	115	488
February	2021	50	12	38	0	100	112	494
March	2021	50	11	38	1	100	111	502
April	2021	51	13	35	1	100	116	490
May	2021	53	12	34	1	100	119	480
June	2021	53	12	34	1	100	120	485
July	2021	53	10	36	1	100	117	487
August	2021	52	10	37	1	100	116	488
September	2021	53	10	36	1	100	117	471
October	2021	53	9	37	1	100	116	466
November	2021	51	9	39	1	100	112	466
December	2021	52	10	38	1	100	114	464
January	2022	50	11	38	1	100	112	459
February	2022	49	11	39	1	100	110	469
March	2022	46	10	43	1	100	102	465
April	2022	48	10	41	0	100	107	468
May	2022	48	10	41	1	100	108	454
June	2022	48	10	41	1	100	107	458
July	2022	43	9	47	1	100	97	462
August	2022	41	8	49	1	100	92	467
September	2022	41	9	49	1	100	92	469
October	2022	42	8	48	1	100	94	481
November	2022	44	8	47	1	100	97	483
December	2022	43	7	49	1	100	94	486

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January	2023	41	8	50	1	100	91	474
February	2023	41	9	49	1	100	92	476
March	2023	40	11	48	1	100	92	485
April	2023	41	10	48	1	100	93	483
May	2023	40	10	48	1	100	92	481
June	2023	40	10	49	1	100	92	481
July	2023	41	9	49	1	100	92	486
August	2023	42	8	50	0	100	92	484
September	2023	43	8	49	1	100	94	477
October	2023	42	9	48	1	100	94	468
November	2023	39	10	50	1	100	89	477
December	2023	40	11	48	1	100	92	478
January	2024	40	10	49	1	100	91	477
February	2024	41	11	47	1	100	94	467
March	2024	40	10	49	1	100	92	468
April	2024	40	11	47	2	100	93	524
May	2024	40	12	47	1	100	93	631
June	2024	36	13	50	1	100	86	736
July	2024	33	15	50	1	100	83	734
August	2024	28	17	54	1	100	75	792
September	2024	27	19	52	2	100	75	797
October	2024	26	17	55	1	100	71	832
November	2024	28	15	55	2	100	73	720
December	2024	28	14	56	2	100	71	678
January	2025	27	16	55	2	100	72	737
February	2025	27	18	54	2	100	73	807
March	2025	27	19	53	1	100	75	956
April	2025	27	18	53	1	100	74	939
May	2025	28	19	52	2	100	76	965
June	2025	26	20	52	2	100	74	881
July	2025	27	21	51	2	100	76	932
August	2025	27	22	51	1	100	76	915
September	2025	27	21	51	1	100	76	932
October	2025	27	21	52	1	100	75	893
November	2025	26	18	54	1	100	72	905
December	2025	27	16	56	1	100	71	877
January	2026	25	15	58	2	100	67	912
February	2026	23	15	60	2	100	63	942
March	2026	23	17	59	1	100	64	1042
April	2026	23	17	58	2	100	64	1033
May	2026	22	18	58	2	100	65	998
June	2026	22	16	59	2	100	63	982
July	2026	22	16	60	1	100	62	997
August	2026	23	16	60	1	100	63	977