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The question was: "Would you say that at the present time business conditions are better or worse than they were a year ago?"

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
December	1979	23	10	64	2	100	59	1125
January	1980	24	12	64	1	100	60	908
February	1980	24	12	62	1	100	62	724
March	1980	23	11	64	2	100	59	644
April	1980	17	10	71	2	100	46	671
May	1980	11	7	81	1	100	30	594
June	1980	6	6	87	0	100	19	583
July	1980	8	4	88	0	100	19	529
August	1980	10	5	84	1	100	26	515
September	1980	15	6	78	1	100	37	536
October	1980	21	9	70	1	100	51	589
November	1980	24	9	66	1	100	58	620
December	1980	22	10	67	1	100	55	585
January	1981	17	10	72	1	100	45	557
February	1981	12	12	74	2	100	37	531
March	1981	12	13	73	2	100	39	513
April	1981	17	14	67	2	100	50	493
May	1981	24	16	59	2	100	65	491
June	1981	31	16	51	2	100	80	488
July	1981	33	17	48	2	100	85	498
August	1981	38	14	46	2	100	93	418
September	1981	38	12	47	3	100	91	412
October	1981	36	11	52	2	100	84	311
November	1981	24	10	64	2	100	61	300
December	1981	18	9	72	1	100	46	361
January	1982	13	9	77	1	100	35	548
February	1982	13	9	76	1	100	37	733
March	1982	11	8	80	1	100	31	814
April	1982	11	8	80	1	100	31	847
May	1982	10	7	82	1	100	28	852
June	1982	12	8	79	1	100	33	837
July	1982	11	6	82	1	100	28	810
August	1982	12	6	81	1	100	30	718
September	1982	11	5	83	1	100	28	645
October	1982	14	6	80	1	100	34	640
November	1982	13	6	81	0	100	33	740
December	1982	15	7	78	0	100	37	803
January	1983	16	5	79	0	100	37	802
February	1983	21	7	72	1	100	49	721
March	1983	30	7	63	1	100	67	723
April	1983	42	8	49	1	100	93	719
May	1983	52	9	38	1	100	115	727
June	1983	61	10	28	1	100	133	730
July	1983	64	10	25	1	100	139	703
August	1983	66	9	25	1	100	141	756
September	1983	64	8	26	1	100	138	752
October	1983	66	8	25	1	100	141	771
November	1983	66	7	26	1	100	140	766
December	1983	68	7	24	1	100	144	760

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January	1984	73	7	20	1	100	153	766
February	1984	75	7	17	1	100	159	755
March	1984	76	7	16	1	100	160	726
April	1984	72	8	19	2	100	153	713
May	1984	70	8	20	2	100	150	713
June	1984	69	9	20	2	100	150	717
July	1984	69	10	20	1	100	149	700
August	1984	71	10	18	1	100	152	693
September	1984	72	9	18	1	100	155	706
October	1984	72	9	18	1	100	154	749
November	1984	68	9	22	1	100	146	654
December	1984	65	11	23	2	100	142	668
January	1985	62	12	24	2	100	138	627
February	1985	63	13	22	1	100	141	629
March	1985	61	14	24	1	100	137	588
April	1985	60	14	25	1	100	135	621
May	1985	57	15	27	1	100	130	691
June	1985	55	15	29	2	100	126	701
July	1985	56	14	30	1	100	126	657
August	1985	56	13	30	1	100	126	680
September	1985	56	15	28	1	100	128	692
October	1985	55	15	29	1	100	126	723
November	1985	55	16	28	1	100	127	717
December	1985	52	16	30	1	100	122	635
January	1986	50	18	31	1	100	119	608
February	1986	51	16	32	1	100	118	615
March	1986	54	14	32	0	100	123	695
April	1986	59	10	30	0	100	129	669
May	1986	60	10	30	0	100	131	557
June	1986	62	9	29	0	100	133	506
July	1986	58	10	32	0	100	127	516
August	1986	56	11	32	1	100	124	574
September	1986	53	12	34	1	100	119	565
October	1986	54	12	33	1	100	121	548
November	1986	54	12	33	1	100	120	583
December	1986	51	11	36	2	100	115	591
January	1987	47	12	39	2	100	108	586
February	1987	47	11	40	2	100	107	544
March	1987	49	11	39	0	100	110	544
April	1987	52	10	38	1	100	114	557
May	1987	49	13	37	1	100	112	555
June	1987	49	14	35	2	100	114	552
July	1987	48	17	33	2	100	115	529
August	1987	50	16	33	2	100	117	549
September	1987	52	14	31	2	100	121	552
October	1987	53	13	32	1	100	121	533
November	1987	47	15	37	1	100	110	472
December	1987	42	15	43	0	100	99	438
January	1988	40	14	46	0	100	94	419
February	1988	44	10	46	0	100	98	447
March	1988	45	14	40	1	100	105	444

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
April	1988	47	15	37	1	100	110	457
May	1988	50	18	30	2	100	119	442
June	1988	52	16	31	1	100	121	444
July	1988	50	16	33	2	100	117	446
August	1988	50	14	34	1	100	116	445
September	1988	50	16	31	3	100	119	430
October	1988	54	18	26	2	100	128	433
November	1988	57	18	23	2	100	135	438
December	1988	57	18	24	1	100	134	440
January	1989	58	17	23	2	100	135	428
February	1989	51	20	27	2	100	124	423
March	1989	51	21	26	2	100	124	442
April	1989	45	20	33	2	100	113	466
May	1989	47	19	32	2	100	115	482
June	1989	45	17	35	3	100	110	461
July	1989	47	20	31	3	100	116	463
August	1989	45	19	33	2	100	112	451
September	1989	47	19	33	1	100	115	470
October	1989	47	16	35	1	100	112	453
November	1989	49	16	34	1	100	115	445
December	1989	47	16	36	1	100	112	439
January	1990	48	15	36	1	100	112	436
February	1990	48	13	37	1	100	111	454
March	1990	45	15	38	1	100	107	455
April	1990	41	16	42	1	100	99	463
May	1990	40	17	43	0	100	98	453
June	1990	42	13	45	0	100	97	447
July	1990	45	14	40	0	100	105	425
August	1990	40	14	44	1	100	96	435
September	1990	35	14	49	3	100	86	450
October	1990	25	10	62	3	100	62	466
November	1990	17	9	71	2	100	46	467
December	1990	12	10	76	2	100	35	451
January	1991	10	10	78	1	100	32	479
February	1991	11	11	77	1	100	35	473
March	1991	13	8	77	1	100	36	483
April	1991	16	8	75	1	100	41	461
May	1991	16	6	77	1	100	39	464
June	1991	21	8	71	1	100	50	451
July	1991	23	11	65	1	100	58	453
August	1991	29	13	56	2	100	72	453
September	1991	28	13	57	1	100	71	456
October	1991	26	10	63	1	100	63	438
November	1991	21	8	70	1	100	51	429
December	1991	16	6	77	2	100	39	437
January	1992	11	6	82	1	100	29	444
February	1992	10	5	84	1	100	25	457
March	1992	10	6	83	1	100	27	451
April	1992	17	5	77	1	100	40	463
May	1992	21	8	69	2	100	53	445
June	1992	28	11	60	1	100	68	459
July	1992	29	12	58	1	100	72	446

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August	1992	29	11	59	1	100	69	434
September	1992	24	10	65	1	100	59	427
October	1992	23	13	63	1	100	59	429
November	1992	23	15	60	2	100	64	443
December	1992	31	15	52	2	100	79	446
January	1993	37	15	47	2	100	90	474
February	1993	42	16	41	1	100	102	470
March	1993	41	17	39	3	100	102	473
April	1993	40	19	38	3	100	102	452
May	1993	38	18	42	3	100	96	469
June	1993	40	17	41	2	100	99	461
July	1993	37	15	46	2	100	91	468
August	1993	36	16	46	2	100	90	467
September	1993	34	15	49	2	100	86	468
October	1993	37	17	42	3	100	95	460
November	1993	38	15	44	4	100	94	472
December	1993	43	15	38	3	100	105	467
January	1994	49	15	35	1	100	115	460
February	1994	57	15	27	0	100	130	459
March	1994	58	14	28	0	100	130	447
April	1994	58	13	28	1	100	130	456
May	1994	57	12	30	2	100	127	434
June	1994	58	11	30	2	100	128	445
July	1994	54	11	32	2	100	122	455
August	1994	55	13	30	2	100	125	483
September	1994	54	13	31	2	100	123	521
October	1994	55	13	30	2	100	125	533
November	1994	53	13	32	2	100	120	502
December	1994	57	12	29	2	100	128	459
January	1995	59	14	25	2	100	134	445
February	1995	60	14	25	2	100	135	442
March	1995	56	15	27	2	100	128	449
April	1995	53	15	29	2	100	124	429
May	1995	51	16	30	3	100	121	446
June	1995	49	17	32	2	100	117	461
July	1995	47	16	34	2	100	113	485
August	1995	50	15	34	1	100	117	478
September	1995	51	17	30	1	100	121	475
October	1995	49	17	31	2	100	118	484
November	1995	49	16	33	2	100	117	482
December	1995	49	14	35	2	100	113	461
January	1996	49	15	36	1	100	113	445
February	1996	45	17	38	0	100	107	463
March	1996	47	18	34	1	100	112	477
April	1996	48	18	34	1	100	114	451
May	1996	49	19	31	2	100	118	453
June	1996	46	19	33	2	100	113	434
July	1996	48	21	29	2	100	119	454
August	1996	48	20	29	3	100	119	434
September	1996	51	21	26	3	100	125	441
October	1996	52	18	27	3	100	125	450
November	1996	56	17	24	3	100	131	454

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
December	1996	54	17	27	2	100	128	468
January	1997	56	17	25	2	100	132	458
February	1997	58	17	24	1	100	134	447
March	1997	59	16	24	1	100	135	437
April	1997	60	15	25	1	100	135	429
May	1997	59	16	24	1	100	135	440
June	1997	64	15	20	1	100	144	439
July	1997	66	15	17	1	100	149	453
August	1997	69	13	15	2	100	154	461
September	1997	66	15	15	4	100	152	457
October	1997	65	17	14	4	100	151	443
November	1997	62	19	16	4	100	146	429
December	1997	61	19	19	1	100	142	418
January	1998	62	18	19	1	100	143	406
February	1998	65	17	17	2	100	148	411
March	1998	70	16	12	2	100	157	428
April	1998	71	16	11	2	100	160	451
May	1998	69	17	11	3	100	158	449
June	1998	67	16	14	3	100	154	454
July	1998	65	15	17	3	100	148	441
August	1998	63	17	18	2	100	146	458
September	1998	59	18	21	2	100	138	467
October	1998	56	17	25	2	100	131	458
November	1998	52	14	31	3	100	122	455
December	1998	56	13	28	2	100	128	434
January	1999	63	14	22	1	100	142	439
February	1999	67	17	15	1	100	152	436
March	1999	67	18	14	1	100	153	480
April	1999	63	21	14	1	100	149	507
May	1999	65	19	14	2	100	151	519
June	1999	66	17	16	1	100	151	506
July	1999	68	15	15	2	100	153	490
August	1999	65	14	19	1	100	146	477
September	1999	63	16	18	2	100	145	465
October	1999	60	19	19	2	100	142	479
November	1999	62	21	15	1	100	147	475
December	1999	65	18	16	1	100	150	468
January	2000	69	15	16	0	100	153	483
February	2000	72	12	15	1	100	157	481
March	2000	70	13	16	2	100	154	480
April	2000	68	14	16	2	100	152	474
May	2000	64	16	18	1	100	146	476
June	2000	62	17	20	1	100	142	467
July	2000	58	16	24	2	100	134	445
August	2000	57	15	26	2	100	132	436
September	2000	58	14	25	3	100	133	454
October	2000	61	15	22	2	100	139	461
November	2000	61	15	22	1	100	139	453
December	2000	55	17	27	1	100	129	439
January	2001	45	16	38	1	100	107	444
February	2001	32	16	50	1	100	82	461

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March	2001	26	15	57	2	100	69	475
April	2001	23	13	62	2	100	60	471
May	2001	23	14	62	2	100	61	470
June	2001	22	13	63	1	100	59	449
July	2001	22	16	60	2	100	62	452
August	2001	26	14	59	1	100	67	468
September	2001	24	11	63	2	100	62	496
October	2001	19	8	71	2	100	48	504
November	2001	11	6	82	1	100	29	501
December	2001	9	6	84	1	100	25	482
January	2002	10	5	84	1	100	26	481
February	2002	12	6	81	2	100	31	478
March	2002	13	6	79	2	100	35	484
April	2002	18	8	74	1	100	44	477
May	2002	23	8	68	2	100	55	480
June	2002	28	7	64	1	100	63	474
July	2002	25	6	68	2	100	57	474
August	2002	20	5	73	2	100	47	456
September	2002	15	6	77	2	100	38	450
October	2002	15	6	76	3	100	39	454
November	2002	18	9	71	2	100	47	465
December	2002	24	8	66	2	100	58	489
January	2003	27	9	64	0	100	63	493
February	2003	26	7	66	0	100	60	504
March	2003	21	7	72	0	100	49	495
April	2003	20	6	73	1	100	48	498
May	2003	23	8	68	1	100	55	474
June	2003	30	10	59	1	100	71	476
July	2003	34	12	53	1	100	81	459
August	2003	37	10	52	2	100	85	470
September	2003	35	9	55	1	100	81	470
October	2003	36	8	54	2	100	82	469
November	2003	41	9	49	1	100	92	456
December	2003	48	9	42	1	100	106	453
January	2004	55	8	37	1	100	118	465
February	2004	55	8	37	0	100	119	480
March	2004	53	7	40	0	100	113	485
April	2004	48	10	42	0	100	105	478
May	2004	46	11	43	0	100	103	476
June	2004	48	11	40	0	100	108	485
July	2004	52	10	37	1	100	116	500
August	2004	54	9	35	2	100	119	491
September	2004	50	9	40	1	100	111	469
October	2004	46	10	44	0	100	102	492
November	2004	44	11	45	1	100	99	510
December	2004	49	11	39	1	100	110	517
January	2005	54	10	34	1	100	120	488
February	2005	57	9	33	1	100	124	487
March	2005	54	10	35	1	100	119	491
April	2005	50	9	40	1	100	110	503
May	2005	42	11	46	1	100	96	528
June	2005	42	11	46	1	100	96	532

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July	2005	43	14	42	1	100	102	531
August	2005	47	12	40	2	100	107	492
September	2005	40	14	46	1	100	94	493
October	2005	31	13	56	0	100	75	488
November	2005	28	14	58	0	100	71	517
December	2005	32	13	55	1	100	77	534
January	2006	39	11	49	1	100	90	514
February	2006	42	11	45	1	100	97	477
March	2006	43	10	45	1	100	98	447
April	2006	41	11	47	1	100	94	451
May	2006	37	10	53	1	100	84	455
June	2006	36	12	51	1	100	85	469
July	2006	34	12	54	1	100	80	458
August	2006	34	11	55	0	100	79	464
September	2006	31	10	58	0	100	73	460
October	2006	36	9	55	0	100	81	481
November	2006	43	8	48	1	100	95	478
December	2006	47	9	43	1	100	105	470
January	2007	49	11	38	2	100	112	464
February	2007	45	14	40	1	100	106	491
March	2007	41	14	43	1	100	98	496
April	2007	35	17	48	0	100	88	478
May	2007	34	17	48	0	100	86	463
June	2007	35	17	48	1	100	87	450
July	2007	37	14	48	1	100	89	478
August	2007	37	11	51	1	100	87	477
September	2007	36	11	52	1	100	85	495
October	2007	34	11	55	0	100	79	471
November	2007	27	12	61	0	100	67	483
December	2007	23	9	68	0	100	55	479
January	2008	15	9	75	1	100	41	480
February	2008	12	8	79	1	100	33	465
March	2008	9	7	83	1	100	27	479
April	2008	7	6	86	1	100	21	493
May	2008	5	5	89	1	100	15	500
June	2008	3	4	92	0	100	11	482
July	2008	4	4	92	0	100	12	492
August	2008	5	3	91	0	100	14	504
September	2008	5	5	90	0	100	15	527
October	2008	4	4	92	1	100	12	524
November	2008	3	3	94	0	100	8	512
December	2008	2	2	96	0	100	6	506
January	2009	2	2	96	0	100	5	484
February	2009	3	2	96	0	100	7	461
March	2009	2	1	97	0	100	6	437
April	2009	5	1	94	0	100	10	448
May	2009	6	1	92	1	100	14	459
June	2009	10	2	88	1	100	22	471
July	2009	11	3	86	0	100	24	474
August	2009	15	4	81	0	100	34	493
September	2009	19	5	75	1	100	44	484
October	2009	24	5	70	1	100	54	486

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November	2009	26	5	68	1	100	58	480
December	2009	27	5	68	1	100	59	502
January	2010	31	7	62	0	100	69	514
February	2010	33	7	59	1	100	75	519
March	2010	37	8	54	1	100	83	517
April	2010	39	7	53	1	100	85	506
May	2010	42	7	50	1	100	93	484
June	2010	44	10	45	1	100	99	478
July	2010	39	9	51	1	100	87	468
August	2010	37	9	54	1	100	83	488
September	2010	34	6	60	0	100	74	478
October	2010	34	6	60	0	100	74	511
November	2010	33	8	59	0	100	74	496
December	2010	36	8	55	0	100	81	500
January	2011	43	9	47	0	100	96	468
February	2011	48	9	44	0	100	104	487
March	2011	47	10	43	1	100	104	492
April	2011	44	9	46	1	100	98	500
May	2011	44	7	48	1	100	96	483
June	2011	43	8	48	1	100	95	489
July	2011	41	7	52	1	100	89	488
August	2011	33	8	58	1	100	75	485
September	2011	25	7	68	1	100	57	482
October	2011	22	8	69	1	100	53	491
November	2011	22	8	69	1	100	54	501
December	2011	30	9	61	0	100	68	488
January	2012	35	8	57	0	100	78	472
February	2012	41	7	51	1	100	91	477
March	2012	46	7	47	1	100	99	475
April	2012	50	5	43	1	100	107	485
May	2012	51	7	41	1	100	110	471
June	2012	47	10	42	1	100	105	467
July	2012	43	13	44	1	100	99	468
August	2012	41	12	46	1	100	95	473
September	2012	43	11	45	1	100	98	486
October	2012	44	11	44	1	100	101	499
November	2012	45	10	44	1	100	101	483
December	2012	45	10	44	1	100	101	482
January	2013	44	11	45	0	100	100	471
February	2013	46	11	43	0	100	103	475
March	2013	50	9	41	0	100	109	476
April	2013	52	8	39	1	100	113	467
May	2013	54	8	36	2	100	117	478
June	2013	54	10	33	3	100	121	477
July	2013	59	9	29	2	100	130	485
August	2013	59	8	32	1	100	127	482
September	2013	55	9	35	1	100	120	461
October	2013	49	9	41	0	100	108	468
November	2013	45	10	45	1	100	100	472
December	2013	46	9	44	1	100	102	482
January	2014	49	9	41	1	100	108	462

INCOME MIDDLE THIRD
TABLE 25
CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO
(Three Month Moving Averages)

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
February	2014	53	8	38	1	100	115	467
March	2014	51	9	40	0	100	110	482
April	2014	49	10	40	1	100	109	496
May	2014	52	10	38	1	100	114	497
June	2014	54	10	34	2	100	120	491
July	2014	52	10	37	2	100	115	489
August	2014	49	10	38	2	100	111	491
September	2014	52	9	38	2	100	114	489
October	2014	54	10	35	2	100	119	483
November	2014	56	10	32	2	100	125	478
December	2014	59	10	29	3	100	130	490
January	2015	62	9	27	3	100	135	493
February	2015	63	9	26	2	100	136	498
March	2015	62	9	28	1	100	134	480
April	2015	62	7	31	1	100	131	484
May	2015	60	8	32	0	100	128	479
June	2015	60	10	30	0	100	130	485
July	2015	60	12	28	1	100	132	492
August	2015	61	12	27	1	100	134	510
September	2015	55	12	31	2	100	124	515
October	2015	50	11	37	1	100	113	509
November	2015	48	11	40	1	100	109	483
December	2015	52	10	37	1	100	116	483
January	2016	55	11	33	1	100	122	472
February	2016	55	11	32	2	100	123	481
March	2016	52	11	35	2	100	117	494
April	2016	48	12	38	2	100	110	512
May	2016	49	12	38	1	100	111	525
June	2016	48	13	38	1	100	110	518
July	2016	51	13	35	1	100	115	510
August	2016	49	13	37	0	100	112	506
September	2016	51	12	37	0	100	114	525
October	2016	50	13	36	1	100	114	541
November	2016	50	12	36	2	100	114	572
December	2016	49	13	35	3	100	114	577
January	2017	50	15	33	2	100	116	580
February	2017	53	16	30	1	100	123	571
March	2017	57	16	27	0	100	130	585
April	2017	60	15	24	1	100	136	607
May	2017	60	16	23	2	100	137	609
June	2017	59	15	25	2	100	134	577
July	2017	57	15	27	1	100	130	556
August	2017	57	13	30	0	100	128	535
September	2017	55	14	31	1	100	124	561
October	2017	55	14	30	1	100	125	587
November	2017	55	17	27	1	100	128	607
December	2017	58	16	25	1	100	132	610