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

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

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

<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 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
January 2018	59	14	26	1	100	133	600
February 2018	61	11	26	2	100	135	588