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

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?"

<u>Date of Survey</u>		<u>Good Time</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>	<u>Bad Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Relative</u>	<u>Cases</u>
December	1979	58	7	35	100	123	1125
January	1980	59	8	33	100	126	908
February	1980	62	11	27	100	135	724
March	1980	63	10	27	100	136	644
April	1980	54	12	34	100	121	671
May	1980	45	8	47	100	98	594
June	1980	39	10	51	100	89	583
July	1980	41	12	47	100	93	529
August	1980	48	14	39	100	109	515
September	1980	50	16	34	100	116	536
October	1980	53	14	33	100	119	589
November	1980	52	14	34	100	119	620
December	1980	53	12	35	100	117	585
January	1981	52	14	33	100	119	557
February	1981	50	15	35	100	115	531
March	1981	49	15	36	100	113	513
April	1981	52	12	36	100	116	493
May	1981	56	9	35	100	121	491
June	1981	56	11	33	100	122	488
July	1981	53	13	34	100	119	498
August	1981	56	15	30	100	126	418
September	1981	55	14	31	100	124	412
October	1981	54	13	32	100	122	311
November	1981	47	13	39	100	108	300
December	1981	48	13	39	100	109	361
January	1982	50	12	38	100	113	548
February	1982	54	11	35	100	118	733
March	1982	53	10	37	100	117	814
April	1982	48	13	39	100	109	847
May	1982	47	12	41	100	106	852
June	1982	47	13	40	100	107	837
July	1982	49	11	40	100	109	810
August	1982	48	13	39	100	108	718
September	1982	45	13	42	100	103	645
October	1982	46	14	40	100	106	640
November	1982	45	13	42	100	103	740
December	1982	49	13	38	100	111	803
January	1983	49	10	41	100	107	802
February	1983	54	8	38	100	116	721
March	1983	54	8	38	100	116	723
April	1983	58	8	34	100	124	719
May	1983	62	7	31	100	132	727
June	1983	67	6	27	100	140	730
July	1983	70	5	24	100	146	703
August	1983	69	7	23	100	146	756
September	1983	70	8	21	100	149	752
October	1983	69	9	22	100	147	771
November	1983	69	7	24	100	145	766

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<u>Date of Survey</u>	<u>Good Time</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>	<u>Bad Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Relative</u>	<u>Cases</u>
December 1983	66	7	26	100	140	760
January 1984	71	6	23	100	147	766
February 1984	72	9	20	100	152	755
March 1984	75	8	17	100	158	726
April 1984	73	8	19	100	153	713
May 1984	74	8	18	100	156	713
June 1984	74	7	19	100	155	717
July 1984	75	8	17	100	158	700
August 1984	75	7	18	100	157	693
September 1984	76	8	16	100	160	706
October 1984	74	9	17	100	156	749
November 1984	74	8	18	100	156	654
December 1984	72	8	19	100	153	668
January 1985	74	7	19	100	155	627
February 1985	75	10	16	100	159	629
March 1985	76	8	15	100	161	588
April 1985	78	8	14	100	164	621
May 1985	76	6	18	100	158	691
June 1985	76	7	17	100	159	701
July 1985	75	6	20	100	155	657
August 1985	74	7	19	100	156	680
September 1985	74	6	20	100	154	692
October 1985	74	8	18	100	155	723
November 1985	75	7	19	100	156	717
December 1985	74	7	19	100	156	635
January 1986	76	7	17	100	160	608
February 1986	80	7	13	100	167	615
March 1986	82	8	10	100	172	695
April 1986	81	7	12	100	170	669
May 1986	81	6	13	100	168	557
June 1986	82	6	13	100	169	506
July 1986	81	6	13	100	168	516
August 1986	80	6	13	100	167	574
September 1986	80	7	13	100	167	565
October 1986	79	7	13	100	166	548
November 1986	79	8	13	100	165	583
December 1986	79	8	13	100	165	591
January 1987	77	7	16	100	162	586
February 1987	76	6	19	100	157	544
March 1987	72	6	22	100	151	544
April 1987	74	7	19	100	156	557
May 1987	76	9	15	100	161	555
June 1987	77	9	14	100	163	552
July 1987	79	8	13	100	166	529
August 1987	78	7	15	100	163	549
September 1987	79	8	14	100	165	552
October 1987	72	10	18	100	154	533
November 1987	70	10	20	100	150	472
December 1987	66	10	24	100	142	438
January 1988	70	9	21	100	149	419
February 1988	72	9	18	100	154	447

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<u>Date of Survey</u>	<u>Good Time</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>	<u>Bad Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Relative</u>	<u>Cases</u>
March 1988	75	10	15	100	160	444
April 1988	74	10	16	100	158	457
May 1988	77	8	15	100	162	442
June 1988	79	8	14	100	165	444
July 1988	81	8	10	100	171	446
August 1988	79	10	11	100	168	445
September 1988	76	10	14	100	161	430
October 1988	75	10	16	100	159	433
November 1988	76	10	14	100	162	438
December 1988	77	8	15	100	161	440
January 1989	79	7	14	100	166	428
February 1989	77	7	15	100	162	423
March 1989	80	8	11	100	169	442
April 1989	77	9	14	100	163	466
May 1989	78	10	13	100	165	482
June 1989	77	9	14	100	164	461
July 1989	77	9	14	100	164	463
August 1989	78	9	13	100	165	451
September 1989	79	9	12	100	167	470
October 1989	77	10	13	100	164	453
November 1989	75	8	16	100	159	445
December 1989	71	10	20	100	151	439
January 1990	72	9	19	100	152	436
February 1990	76	8	16	100	160	454
March 1990	81	7	12	100	169	455
April 1990	83	6	11	100	172	463
May 1990	81	6	13	100	167	453
June 1990	79	6	15	100	164	447
July 1990	78	6	15	100	163	425
August 1990	77	6	17	100	160	435
September 1990	73	6	21	100	153	450
October 1990	67	6	28	100	139	466
November 1990	63	4	33	100	130	467
December 1990	60	5	35	100	125	451
January 1991	57	5	37	100	120	479
February 1991	55	8	37	100	118	473
March 1991	56	8	36	100	121	483
April 1991	62	8	30	100	132	461
May 1991	63	6	30	100	133	464
June 1991	63	6	30	100	133	451
July 1991	66	7	27	100	138	453
August 1991	68	7	26	100	142	453
September 1991	70	5	25	100	145	456
October 1991	67	5	29	100	138	438
November 1991	61	7	32	100	130	429
December 1991	56	8	36	100	121	437
January 1992	56	7	37	100	120	444
February 1992	57	5	38	100	119	457
March 1992	60	5	35	100	125	451
April 1992	59	7	34	100	126	463
May 1992	65	7	28	100	137	445
June 1992	69	7	24	100	144	459

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July	1992	71	6	23	100	148	446
August	1992	69	6	25	100	143	434
September	1992	64	7	29	100	135	427
October	1992	60	8	32	100	128	429
November	1992	60	9	31	100	129	443
December	1992	63	9	28	100	135	446
January	1993	69	8	23	100	146	474
February	1993	71	8	21	100	150	470
March	1993	73	8	19	100	154	473
April	1993	75	7	18	100	157	452
May	1993	77	7	16	100	160	469
June	1993	75	7	17	100	158	461
July	1993	74	7	19	100	155	468
August	1993	71	8	21	100	150	467
September	1993	69	8	23	100	146	468
October	1993	69	10	21	100	149	460
November	1993	71	9	20	100	151	472
December	1993	74	8	18	100	155	467
January	1994	74	7	19	100	155	460
February	1994	76	7	17	100	160	459
March	1994	77	7	16	100	161	447
April	1994	77	9	14	100	163	456
May	1994	76	10	14	100	162	434
June	1994	78	10	12	100	166	445
July	1994	78	9	13	100	165	455
August	1994	80	9	12	100	168	483
September	1994	78	9	13	100	165	521
October	1994	79	8	13	100	166	533
November	1994	76	8	16	100	161	502
December	1994	77	7	16	100	161	459
January	1995	79	6	15	100	164	445
February	1995	84	4	11	100	173	442
March	1995	83	7	11	100	172	449
April	1995	80	8	12	100	168	429
May	1995	75	10	15	100	160	446
June	1995	75	9	16	100	159	461
July	1995	76	9	15	100	161	485
August	1995	79	9	12	100	166	478
September	1995	78	8	14	100	163	475
October	1995	73	12	15	100	158	484
November	1995	72	11	17	100	154	482
December	1995	72	12	16	100	156	461
January	1996	76	8	16	100	160	445
February	1996	77	7	16	100	160	463
March	1996	77	7	16	100	161	477
April	1996	77	8	15	100	162	451
May	1996	75	10	15	100	160	453
June	1996	77	10	13	100	164	434
July	1996	78	9	13	100	165	454
August	1996	80	7	13	100	167	434
September	1996	78	7	15	100	163	441
October	1996	79	7	14	100	164	450

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<u>Date of Survey</u>		<u>Good Time</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>	<u>Bad Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Relative</u>	<u>Cases</u>
November	1996	78	8	14	100	164	454
December	1996	78	7	14	100	164	468
January	1997	78	6	16	100	162	458
February	1997	79	5	16	100	163	447
March	1997	81	6	13	100	168	437
April	1997	82	7	12	100	170	429
May	1997	82	8	10	100	172	440
June	1997	81	8	11	100	171	439
July	1997	81	9	11	100	170	453
August	1997	81	8	11	100	171	461
September	1997	80	9	10	100	170	457
October	1997	79	12	9	100	170	443
November	1997	78	12	10	100	169	429
December	1997	77	12	12	100	165	418
January	1998	78	10	11	100	167	406
February	1998	80	10	10	100	171	411
March	1998	83	11	6	100	176	428
April	1998	82	11	7	100	174	451
May	1998	78	14	8	100	170	449
June	1998	77	15	8	100	169	454
July	1998	78	16	6	100	172	441
August	1998	78	16	6	100	172	458
September	1998	75	16	9	100	166	467
October	1998	72	17	11	100	161	458
November	1998	73	16	11	100	162	455
December	1998	74	14	12	100	162	434
January	1999	79	10	11	100	168	439
February	1999	78	10	11	100	167	436
March	1999	80	11	9	100	171	480
April	1999	79	11	9	100	170	507
May	1999	82	11	7	100	175	519
June	1999	84	10	6	100	178	506
July	1999	84	10	6	100	178	490
August	1999	84	9	7	100	176	477
September	1999	82	11	7	100	174	465
October	1999	82	11	7	100	175	479
November	1999	79	13	8	100	171	475
December	1999	79	11	9	100	170	468
January	2000	78	12	10	100	168	483
February	2000	79	12	9	100	170	481
March	2000	77	14	9	100	168	480
April	2000	81	11	8	100	173	474
May	2000	81	11	9	100	172	476
June	2000	85	7	8	100	177	467
July	2000	82	8	10	100	171	445
August	2000	82	8	10	100	172	436
September	2000	81	9	10	100	170	454
October	2000	82	10	9	100	173	461
November	2000	82	8	10	100	172	453
December	2000	79	8	12	100	167	439
January	2001	76	9	15	100	162	444

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<u>Date of Survey</u>	<u>Good Time</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>	<u>Bad Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Relative</u>	<u>Cases</u>
February 2001	73	12	15	100	158	461
March 2001	71	11	17	100	154	475
April 2001	70	10	20	100	150	471
May 2001	69	11	20	100	149	470
June 2001	68	11	21	100	148	449
July 2001	66	15	19	100	147	452
August 2001	63	17	20	100	143	468
September 2001	61	19	19	100	142	496
October 2001	61	16	23	100	138	504
November 2001	63	12	25	100	137	501
December 2001	66	9	25	100	141	482
January 2002	67	11	22	100	144	481
February 2002	67	12	21	100	146	478
March 2002	65	16	19	100	146	484
April 2002	66	15	19	100	147	477
May 2002	66	16	18	100	149	480
June 2002	70	13	17	100	153	474
July 2002	71	15	13	100	158	474
August 2002	72	15	13	100	159	456
September 2002	69	15	15	100	154	450
October 2002	66	15	19	100	147	454
November 2002	63	15	21	100	142	465
December 2002	63	16	21	100	141	489
January 2003	64	15	21	100	143	493
February 2003	66	13	20	100	146	504
March 2003	65	14	21	100	144	495
April 2003	63	14	23	100	140	498
May 2003	63	14	23	100	140	474
June 2003	63	16	21	100	143	476
July 2003	70	14	17	100	153	459
August 2003	69	14	17	100	152	470
September 2003	71	11	18	100	152	470
October 2003	68	12	20	100	148	469
November 2003	72	9	19	100	152	456
December 2003	71	9	19	100	152	453
January 2004	76	8	16	100	160	465
February 2004	75	9	16	100	159	480
March 2004	78	9	13	100	165	485
April 2004	76	9	15	100	161	478
May 2004	76	9	15	100	161	476
June 2004	76	8	16	100	160	485
July 2004	75	10	15	100	160	500
August 2004	73	12	15	100	158	491
September 2004	73	12	16	100	157	469
October 2004	73	11	16	100	157	492
November 2004	75	8	17	100	159	510
December 2004	77	7	15	100	162	517
January 2005	77	10	13	100	164	488
February 2005	77	11	12	100	164	487
March 2005	74	14	12	100	162	491
April 2005	74	11	15	100	158	503
May 2005	74	12	14	100	160	528

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<u>Date of Survey</u>	<u>Good Time</u>	<u>Uncertain</u>	<u>Bad Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Relative</u>	<u>Cases</u>
June 2005	76	11	13	100	163	532
July 2005	79	9	12	100	168	531
August 2005	81	7	12	100	169	492
September 2005	78	7	16	100	162	493
October 2005	72	8	21	100	151	488
November 2005	71	7	22	100	149	517
December 2005	75	7	18	100	157	534
January 2006	80	6	14	100	167	514
February 2006	81	5	14	100	167	477
March 2006	80	6	14	100	166	447
April 2006	79	6	15	100	165	451
May 2006	79	5	16	100	163	455
June 2006	78	6	16	100	162	469
July 2006	78	6	16	100	162	458
August 2006	78	6	17	100	161	464
September 2006	73	8	19	100	154	460
October 2006	72	7	21	100	151	481
November 2006	71	8	20	100	151	478
December 2006	75	6	19	100	156	470
January 2007	76	7	17	100	159	464
February 2007	76	7	18	100	158	491
March 2007	75	8	18	100	157	496
April 2007	72	9	19	100	154	478
May 2007	75	9	17	100	158	463
June 2007	74	9	16	100	158	450
July 2007	76	8	16	100	161	478
August 2007	74	9	17	100	157	477
September 2007	74	6	20	100	154	495
October 2007	72	6	22	100	150	471
November 2007	69	6	25	100	144	483
December 2007	68	6	26	100	141	479
January 2008	68	5	27	100	142	480
February 2008	68	4	28	100	140	465
March 2008	64	6	30	100	135	479
April 2008	59	8	33	100	126	493
May 2008	57	7	36	100	121	500
June 2008	53	6	41	100	112	482
July 2008	51	5	44	100	108	492
August 2008	50	4	46	100	104	504
September 2008	51	5	45	100	106	527
October 2008	47	4	49	100	98	524
November 2008	43	3	53	100	90	512
December 2008	47	3	50	100	96	506
January 2009	50	2	48	100	102	484
February 2009	53	3	44	100	109	461
March 2009	47	4	49	100	97	437
April 2009	45	5	49	100	96	448
May 2009	46	6	48	100	98	459
June 2009	51	6	43	100	108	471
July 2009	53	5	42	100	112	474
August 2009	55	5	41	100	114	493
September 2009	56	5	39	100	117	484

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October 2009	60	6	34	100	126	486
November 2009	60	5	35	100	124	480
December 2009	60	5	35	100	125	502
January 2010	61	4	36	100	125	514
February 2010	64	4	32	100	133	519
March 2010	67	3	30	100	137	517
April 2010	67	5	29	100	138	506
May 2010	67	4	29	100	138	484
June 2010	66	5	29	100	137	478
July 2010	62	5	33	100	129	468
August 2010	59	6	34	100	125	488
September 2010	57	7	36	100	120	478
October 2010	57	7	36	100	121	511
November 2010	59	7	34	100	125	496
December 2010	61	6	32	100	129	500
January 2011	63	7	30	100	133	468
February 2011	66	6	28	100	138	487
March 2011	65	6	29	100	137	492
April 2011	67	4	28	100	139	500
May 2011	66	5	29	100	137	483
June 2011	67	5	28	100	139	489
July 2011	64	5	31	100	133	488
August 2011	58	4	38	100	120	485
September 2011	53	6	41	100	111	482
October 2011	55	5	40	100	114	491
November 2011	57	7	36	100	121	501
December 2011	58	6	36	100	123	488
January 2012	59	9	32	100	127	472
February 2012	61	8	31	100	130	477
March 2012	62	7	30	100	132	475
April 2012	62	5	32	100	130	485
May 2012	62	6	33	100	129	471
June 2012	61	8	31	100	130	467
July 2012	60	10	30	100	130	468
August 2012	65	10	26	100	139	473
September 2012	65	8	26	100	139	486
October 2012	65	7	28	100	137	499
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January 2013	67	5	27	100	140	471
February 2013	69	4	27	100	142	475
March 2013	70	4	26	100	144	476
April 2013	68	5	27	100	141	467
May 2013	68	5	26	100	142	478
June 2013	69	6	24	100	145	477
July 2013	72	5	23	100	149	485
August 2013	72	5	23	100	150	482
September 2013	71	6	23	100	149	461
October 2013	70	8	22	100	148	468
November 2013	67	10	23	100	145	472
December 2013	71	9	20	100	151	482

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January	2014	71	7	22	100	149	462
February	2014	74	5	21	100	153	467
March	2014	72	5	23	100	149	482
April	2014	70	7	23	100	148	496
May	2014	69	8	23	100	146	497
June	2014	67	9	24	100	143	491
July	2014	67	8	25	100	142	489
August	2014	69	7	23	100	146	491
September	2014	71	7	22	100	150	489
October	2014	71	8	21	100	151	483
November	2014	73	8	19	100	154	478
December	2014	73	7	19	100	154	490
January	2015	77	6	17	100	161	493
February	2015	75	5	19	100	156	498
March	2015	75	5	20	100	155	480
April	2015	74	5	21	100	153	484
May	2015	75	5	21	100	154	479
June	2015	78	4	18	100	160	485
July	2015	78	5	17	100	161	492
August	2015	77	6	17	100	161	510
September	2015	74	6	20	100	153	515
October	2015	74	6	20	100	154	509
November	2015	75	6	19	100	156	483
December	2015	79	5	16	100	163	483
January	2016	78	7	15	100	163	472
February	2016	78	6	16	100	162	481
March	2016	76	8	16	100	161	494
April	2016	76	8	17	100	159	512
May	2016	77	8	16	100	161	525
June	2016	77	6	16	100	161	518
July	2016	80	5	15	100	164	510
August	2016	80	4	16	100	165	506
September	2016	81	4	15	100	165	525
October	2016	80	4	17	100	163	541
November	2016	80	5	16	100	164	572
December	2016	80	6	14	100	166	577
January	2017	81	7	11	100	170	580
February	2017	80	8	12	100	169	571
March	2017	80	6	14	100	166	585
April	2017	80	6	14	100	166	607
May	2017	81	5	14	100	167	609
June	2017	81	6	13	100	167	577
July	2017	80	7	13	100	167	556
August	2017	80	7	13	100	167	535
September	2017	80	6	14	100	167	561
October	2017	81	5	15	100	166	587
November	2017	82	5	13	100	169	607
December	2017	84	5	11	100	173	610
January	2018	83	6	12	100	171	600
February	2018	83	5	12	100	171	588