INCOME MIDDLE THIRD
TABLE 10
CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH 5 YEARS AGO
(Three Month Moving Averages)

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	51	10	37	2	100	114	536
March	1981	47	12	39	1	100	108	513
September	1981	50	15	34	1	100	117	412
March	1982	54	12	33	1	100	121	814
September	1982	47	14	38	0	100	109	645
March	1983	49	10	40	1	100	109	723
September	1983	56	9	34	1	100	122	752
March	1984	58	14	27	1	100	131	726
September	1984	61	14	24	2	100	137	706
September	1985	58	11	28	2	100	130	692
September	2011	34	10	55	1	100	79	482
October	2011	36	10	54	0	100	81	491
November	2011	37	9	54	0	100	83	501
December	2011	39	9	52	0	100	86	488
January	2012	39	9	51	0	100	88	472
February	2012	38	9	53	0	100	85	477
March	2012	38	11	51	0	100	88	475
April	2012	37	12	51	1	100	86	485
May	2012	37	13	49	1	100	88	471
June	2012	38	12	49	1	100	89	467
July	2012	37	12	50	0	100	87	468
August	2012	37	11	52	0	100	85	473
September	2012	35	10	54	1	100	80	486
October	2012	37	11	51	1	100	86	499
November	2012	38	12	48	2	100	90	483
December	2012	42	13	44	1	100	98	482
January	2013	43	12	45	0	100	98	471
February	2013	43	12	45	0	100	98	475
March	2013	44	10	46	0	100	98	476
April	2013	44	10	46	0	100	98	467
May	2013	46	10	44	0	100	101	478
June	2013	45	10	44	1	100	101	477
July	2013	47	11	42	1	100	105	485
August	2013	47	11	41	1	100	106	482
September	2013	47	12	41	1	100	106	461
October	2013	47	11	42	1	100	105	468
November	2013	44	11	44	1	100	100	472
December	2013	44	11	44	1	100	100	482
January	2014	44	13	42	1	100	102	462
February	2014	47	13	39	1	100	107	467
March	2014	48	10	42	0	100	105	482
April	2014	50	8	42	0	100	108	496
May	2014	50	8	42	0	100	108	497

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June	2014	49	11	40	1	100	109	491
July	2014	46	10	42	1	100	104	489
August	2014	47	10	42	1	100	105	491
September	2014	51	8	41	1	100	110	489
October	2014	53	9	37	0	100	116	483
November	2014	49	11	39	0	100	110	478
December	2014	50	12	37	0	100	113	490
January	2015	52	11	36	1	100	116	493
February	2015	57	10	33	1	100	124	498
March	2015	55	9	35	1	100	119	480
April	2015	53	10	37	0	100	116	484
May	2015	54	9	37	0	100	117	479
June	2015	60	8	31	0	100	129	485
July	2015	61	7	31	1	100	131	492
August	2015	60	9	30	1	100	130	510
September	2015	56	10	33	1	100	123	515
October	2015	54	11	34	1	100	121	509
November	2015	53	9	37	1	100	117	483
December	2015	55	9	35	1	100	120	483
January	2016	55	8	36	1	100	119	472
February	2016	59	9	32	1	100	127	481
March	2016	60	8	32	0	100	128	494
April	2016	62	7	31	0	100	131	512
May	2016	61	8	31	0	100	131	525
June	2016	59	9	32	0	100	127	518
July	2016	57	10	33	0	100	124	510
August	2016	57	9	33	0	100	124	506
September	2016	56	11	33	0	100	123	525
October	2016	57	12	31	1	100	126	541
November	2016	55	12	32	1	100	123	572
December	2016	58	11	30	1	100	128	577
January	2017	61	9	29	0	100	132	580
February	2017	64	9	27	0	100	137	571
March	2017	65	9	26	0	100	139	585
April	2017	66	8	25	1	100	141	607
May	2017	67	9	23	1	100	145	609
June	2017	68	9	22	1	100	147	577
July	2017	66	11	23	0	100	143	556
August	2017	65	11	24	0	100	141	535
September	2017	65	10	25	0	100	140	561
October	2017	68	11	21	0	100	148	587
November	2017	69	10	20	1	100	150	607
December	2017	68	13	19	1	100	149	610
January	2018	65	13	22	0	100	143	600
February	2018	64	14	22	0	100	142	588
March	2018	66	12	22	0	100	145	578
April	2018	68	12	19	0	100	149	557
May	2018	69	11	20	0	100	149	569