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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	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
June	2018	69	10	20	0	100	149	575
July	2018	71	9	19	0	100	152	578
August	2018	71	9	20	0	100	151	564
September	2018	72	8	20	0	100	152	554

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October	2018	71	7	22	0	100	149	570
November	2018	71	7	22	0	100	149	583
December	2018	69	8	22	0	100	147	602
January	2019	68	10	22	0	100	146	605
February	2019	66	12	22	0	100	145	602
March	2019	68	11	21	1	100	147	586
April	2019	69	10	20	1	100	149	577
May	2019	70	9	20	1	100	150	603
June	2019	69	10	20	0	100	149	609
July	2019	68	10	22	0	100	147	623
August	2019	66	12	21	0	100	145	616
September	2019	65	13	22	0	100	143	598
October	2019	64	15	20	1	100	144	608
November	2019	67	13	19	1	100	148	594
December	2019	68	12	19	1	100	149	634
January	2020	70	11	19	1	100	151	600
February	2020	70	9	21	1	100	149	592
March	2020	71	9	20	1	100	151	578
April	2020	70	8	21	0	100	149	588
May	2020	69	11	20	0	100	148	581
June	2020	66	10	23	1	100	144	590
July	2020	63	11	25	1	100	138	574
August	2020	65	10	25	1	100	140	602
September	2020	67	10	23	1	100	144	573
October	2020	69	9	21	0	100	148	568
November	2020	71	10	19	0	100	151	545
December	2020	71	10	19	0	100	152	560
January	2021	69	9	21	1	100	148	576
February	2021	69	8	22	1	100	147	582
March	2021	69	9	21	1	100	148	567
April	2021	70	12	17	1	100	152	571
May	2021	70	14	15	1	100	155	575
June	2021	70	13	17	1	100	153	565
July	2021	70	12	18	0	100	152	572
August	2021	68	11	20	0	100	148	574
September	2021	67	12	20	1	100	147	622
October	2021	64	13	22	1	100	142	619
November	2021	62	13	24	1	100	139	615
December	2021	59	12	28	0	100	131	580
January	2022	60	11	29	0	100	132	599
February	2022	60	8	32	0	100	127	587
March	2022	59	9	31	1	100	128	599
April	2022	60	8	32	0	100	128	573
May	2022	58	9	32	1	100	125	583
June	2022	58	8	33	1	100	124	571
July	2022	53	9	37	1	100	116	578
August	2022	55	10	34	1	100	121	584
September	2022	52	10	37	1	100	115	591
October	2022	53	10	37	0	100	115	577
November	2022	51	8	41	0	100	110	567
December	2022	51	8	40	0	100	111	570

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January	2023	52	8	39	0	100	113	592
February	2023	51	10	39	0	100	113	600
March	2023	51	10	40	0	100	111	594
April	2023	50	10	40	0	100	110	590
May	2023	48	9	43	0	100	105	575
June	2023	48	9	43	0	100	105	573
July	2023	51	8	41	0	100	109	568
August	2023	53	7	40	0	100	113	597
September	2023	55	7	38	0	100	117	601
October	2023	51	9	41	0	100	110	610
November	2023	52	9	39	0	100	113	590
December	2023	48	10	41	0	100	107	586
January	2024	50	10	40	0	100	110	587
February	2024	49	10	41	0	100	108	591
March	2024	50	10	39	0	100	111	583
April	2024	49	10	40	1	100	109	657
May	2024	48	11	40	1	100	108	781
June	2024	46	11	42	1	100	103	900
July	2024	41	13	46	1	100	95	906
August	2024	39	14	46	1	100	92	952
September	2024	38	15	47	1	100	91	945
October	2024	39	14	46	1	100	93	993
November	2024	41	14	44	1	100	97	913
December	2024	42	14	42	1	100	100	897
January	2025	46	15	39	1	100	107	909
February	2025	44	16	39	1	100	106	953
March	2025	42	17	40	1	100	102	1157
April	2025	39	18	42	1	100	97	1181
May	2025	38	18	42	2	100	97	1250
June	2025	38	19	41	2	100	97	1124
July	2025	39	21	38	2	100	101	1179
August	2025	39	21	38	1	100	101	1140
September	2025	42	19	37	1	100	105	1206
October	2025	42	17	40	1	100	101	1210
November	2025	40	16	43	1	100	97	1228
December	2025	39	16	44	1	100	95	1194
January	2026	38	18	43	1	100	95	1197
February	2026	41	18	40	1	100	101	1235
March	2026	41	18	41	1	100	100	1361
April	2026	42	16	42	1	100	100	1316
May	2026	38	16	46	1	100	92	1285
June	2026	36	16	47	1	100	89	1237
July	2026	36	17	46	1	100	90	1284
August	2026	37	18	44	1	100	93	1250