INCOME TOP 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	64	11	24	1	100	141	885
March	1981	62	8	29	1	100	132	995
September	1981	63	9	28	0	100	135	1036
March	1982	69	9	22	0	100	147	549
September	1982	65	9	25	1	100	139	751
March	1983	65	9	26	1	100	139	696
September	1983	74	8	18	0	100	157	622
March	1984	79	5	14	1	100	165	650
September	1984	80	6	14	0	100	167	713
September	1985	74	8	17	0	100	157	721
September	2011	57	8	36	0	100	121	464
October	2011	55	7	37	0	100	118	477
November	2011	52	8	39	0	100	113	468
December	2011	51	9	39	1	100	112	481
January	2012	48	9	42	1	100	106	491
February	2012	50	7	42	0	100	108	499
March	2012	51	8	40	0	100	111	496
April	2012	55	8	37	0	100	118	494
May	2012	54	11	34	1	100	120	513
June	2012	55	11	34	1	100	121	500
July	2012	53	12	35	1	100	118	506
August	2012	52	11	37	0	100	116	502
September	2012	52	11	37	0	100	114	497
October	2012	52	10	38	0	100	115	484
November	2012	53	9	37	1	100	115	476
December	2012	53	9	38	1	100	115	483
January	2013	56	8	35	1	100	121	486
February	2013	52	11	37	0	100	115	501
March	2013	55	11	34	0	100	122	500
April	2013	52	11	37	0	100	116	513
May	2013	59	9	32	0	100	127	499
June	2013	57	11	32	0	100	124	500
July	2013	60	11	29	0	100	130	500
August	2013	57	10	33	0	100	124	506
September	2013	59	7	34	1	100	125	534
October	2013	58	7	35	0	100	123	530
November	2013	59	8	32	1	100	128	532
December	2013	59	11	29	0	100	130	520
January	2014	62	10	27	1	100	136	525
February	2014	64	10	25	1	100	138	523
March	2014	65	8	27	1	100	138	521
April	2014	63	8	28	0	100	135	515
May	2014	63	8	29	0	100	134	515

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June	2014	63	10	27	0	100	135	516
July	2014	62	10	28	0	100	134	526
August	2014	64	8	27	0	100	137	527
September	2014	65	6	29	0	100	136	531
October	2014	65	8	27	0	100	138	529
November	2014	63	10	28	0	100	135	533
December	2014	65	10	25	0	100	140	532
January	2015	68	9	23	0	100	145	550
February	2015	69	10	20	1	100	148	555
March	2015	68	10	20	1	100	148	559
April	2015	70	10	19	1	100	151	551
May	2015	72	9	18	0	100	154	536
June	2015	72	9	18	1	100	153	545
July	2015	70	9	21	1	100	149	539
August	2015	69	9	21	1	100	148	577
September	2015	70	7	22	1	100	149	570
October	2015	72	7	21	1	100	151	581
November	2015	72	7	20	1	100	151	556
December	2015	71	9	19	1	100	152	545
January	2016	70	10	19	1	100	151	543
February	2016	71	11	18	1	100	153	549
March	2016	72	9	18	1	100	154	574
April	2016	74	8	17	1	100	158	578
May	2016	73	9	18	0	100	155	594
June	2016	75	9	16	0	100	159	571
July	2016	69	10	20	0	100	149	573
August	2016	69	10	20	1	100	149	564
September	2016	67	10	22	0	100	145	600
October	2016	72	9	18	1	100	154	614
November	2016	73	8	18	1	100	155	638
December	2016	72	9	19	1	100	153	638
January	2017	71	10	19	0	100	153	660
February	2017	73	10	17	0	100	157	659
March	2017	76	10	13	0	100	163	656
April	2017	78	10	12	0	100	166	625
May	2017	77	10	13	0	100	164	642
June	2017	76	9	15	0	100	162	675
July	2017	75	9	16	0	100	159	715
August	2017	75	8	16	0	100	159	716
September	2017	76	10	14	0	100	162	692
October	2017	78	9	13	0	100	165	651
November	2017	78	10	12	0	100	166	635
December	2017	77	10	12	1	100	165	642
January	2018	77	9	13	0	100	164	669
February	2018	79	9	12	1	100	167	689