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

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
December	1979	19	10	70	1	100	48	1315
January	1980	19	11	70	0	100	48	1229
February	1980	19	11	70	1	100	49	1165
March	1980	18	12	69	1	100	49	1145
April	1980	15	11	73	1	100	42	1102
May	1980	10	8	82	1	100	28	955
June	1980	5	5	90	1	100	15	907
July	1980	5	3	92	1	100	13	911
August	1980	9	4	86	1	100	23	880
September	1980	14	5	80	1	100	35	885
October	1980	18	7	74	1	100	44	860
November	1980	19	10	70	1	100	49	884
December	1980	18	11	69	1	100	49	922
January	1981	15	12	72	1	100	44	960
February	1981	14	12	73	1	100	41	960
March	1981	16	12	71	1	100	45	995
April	1981	21	13	65	1	100	56	1007
May	1981	27	13	59	1	100	67	929
June	1981	32	15	53	0	100	78	939
July	1981	35	15	50	1	100	85	944
August	1981	35	15	49	1	100	86	1043
September	1981	33	13	53	1	100	80	1036
October	1981	29	11	59	1	100	70	1062
November	1981	23	10	66	1	100	58	1080
December	1981	18	8	73	0	100	45	968
January	1982	13	6	80	0	100	33	767
February	1982	10	4	86	0	100	25	618
March	1982	9	3	87	0	100	22	549
April	1982	8	5	87	0	100	21	550
May	1982	9	5	86	1	100	23	553
June	1982	9	4	86	1	100	23	592
July	1982	9	4	86	1	100	23	620
August	1982	10	5	83	1	100	27	700
September	1982	13	7	79	1	100	33	751
October	1982	16	7	76	1	100	39	734
November	1982	17	7	75	1	100	41	630
December	1982	17	8	75	1	100	42	566
January	1983	18	8	74	0	100	43	570
February	1983	21	8	70	1	100	51	689
March	1983	32	8	59	1	100	73	696
April	1983	48	8	44	0	100	104	734
May	1983	62	8	30	0	100	132	731
June	1983	70	7	22	0	100	148	780
July	1983	75	6	18	1	100	157	739
August	1983	79	5	15	1	100	164	649
September	1983	81	5	14	1	100	167	622
October	1983	80	5	14	1	100	167	622
November	1983	78	6	16	0	100	162	629
December	1983	80	5	15	0	100	165	631

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January	1984	82	5	13	0	100	169	657
February	1984	86	5	9	0	100	177	666
March	1984	87	5	8	0	100	179	650
April	1984	86	5	9	0	100	178	654
May	1984	86	5	9	0	100	176	664
June	1984	82	6	11	0	100	171	697
July	1984	79	7	14	1	100	165	705
August	1984	78	7	14	1	100	164	724
September	1984	79	6	13	1	100	166	713
October	1984	81	6	12	1	100	169	697
November	1984	79	8	13	1	100	166	760
December	1984	75	9	15	1	100	159	751
January	1985	71	11	18	1	100	153	763
February	1985	67	12	20	1	100	147	776
March	1985	69	12	18	1	100	150	786
April	1985	65	13	20	1	100	145	777
May	1985	62	13	23	1	100	139	711
June	1985	59	14	26	1	100	133	722
July	1985	59	14	26	1	100	133	743
August	1985	58	15	26	1	100	132	738
September	1985	56	13	30	1	100	126	721
October	1985	55	13	31	1	100	124	705
November	1985	56	12	31	0	100	125	686
December	1985	58	14	28	0	100	131	700
January	1986	62	14	24	0	100	138	686
February	1986	63	16	21	0	100	142	659
March	1986	62	15	22	1	100	140	644
April	1986	65	12	22	1	100	142	660
May	1986	64	10	25	1	100	139	741
June	1986	67	9	23	1	100	145	754
July	1986	64	10	24	2	100	140	772
August	1986	61	11	26	2	100	135	729
September	1986	54	12	33	2	100	121	726
October	1986	50	13	36	1	100	114	707
November	1986	48	15	36	1	100	112	643
December	1986	46	15	38	1	100	108	646
January	1987	46	15	38	2	100	108	668
February	1987	51	14	34	1	100	117	733
March	1987	53	15	30	1	100	123	743
April	1987	50	18	31	1	100	119	741
May	1987	47	18	35	1	100	112	758
June	1987	47	16	35	1	100	112	751
July	1987	52	13	34	1	100	118	745
August	1987	58	12	29	1	100	130	693
September	1987	57	13	29	1	100	128	702
October	1987	57	14	28	1	100	129	633
November	1987	47	14	39	0	100	109	618
December	1987	43	14	43	1	100	100	556
January	1988	37	13	49	1	100	88	593
February	1988	39	14	45	2	100	94	542
March	1988	42	14	42	2	100	100	542

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April	1988	45	16	37	2	100	108	521
May	1988	49	16	34	1	100	114	555
June	1988	50	17	31	1	100	119	549
July	1988	51	16	31	2	100	120	540
August	1988	53	18	26	2	100	127	543
September	1988	53	18	26	3	100	128	551
October	1988	54	19	24	2	100	130	552
November	1988	51	18	29	2	100	123	534
December	1988	54	17	28	1	100	125	531
January	1989	55	17	28	0	100	127	574
February	1989	56	20	23	1	100	134	614
March	1989	52	20	27	1	100	125	606
April	1989	47	20	31	2	100	116	568
May	1989	42	19	37	2	100	106	529
June	1989	45	17	36	2	100	109	551
July	1989	46	17	35	2	100	111	563
August	1989	46	17	34	3	100	113	584
September	1989	47	19	32	3	100	115	574
October	1989	48	18	32	2	100	116	596
November	1989	48	16	35	1	100	114	607
December	1989	47	16	35	1	100	112	606
January	1990	46	16	37	2	100	109	597
February	1990	39	18	40	2	100	99	607
March	1990	35	19	44	2	100	91	634
April	1990	34	20	44	1	100	90	641
May	1990	37	19	43	1	100	93	631
June	1990	39	18	42	1	100	97	619
July	1990	38	18	42	2	100	96	637
August	1990	35	16	48	1	100	87	642
September	1990	26	15	58	1	100	67	640
October	1990	17	10	72	1	100	45	618
November	1990	12	8	78	2	100	34	585
December	1990	9	6	83	1	100	26	606
January	1991	7	6	86	1	100	22	610
February	1991	7	6	86	1	100	21	652
March	1991	10	7	83	1	100	27	642
April	1991	13	7	79	1	100	34	636
May	1991	16	6	77	1	100	39	623
June	1991	20	7	73	1	100	47	638
July	1991	22	8	70	0	100	52	643
August	1991	28	9	63	0	100	64	654
September	1991	26	9	65	0	100	62	642
October	1991	26	10	64	0	100	63	661
November	1991	23	9	68	0	100	55	667
December	1991	18	9	73	0	100	45	652
January	1992	13	8	79	0	100	35	639
February	1992	9	7	83	0	100	26	620
March	1992	12	7	81	0	100	31	635
April	1992	19	7	74	0	100	44	615
May	1992	27	7	66	0	100	61	626
June	1992	33	7	60	0	100	74	610
July	1992	32	9	59	0	100	73	629

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August	1992	30	10	60	0	100	71	647
September	1992	26	11	63	0	100	63	645
October	1992	25	10	64	1	100	61	640
November	1992	23	11	65	0	100	58	622
December	1992	33	11	55	1	100	78	634
January	1993	43	12	43	2	100	99	615
February	1993	51	14	33	2	100	118	633
March	1993	52	14	33	1	100	119	637
April	1993	50	12	38	0	100	112	652
May	1993	47	13	40	0	100	106	635
June	1993	45	12	43	0	100	102	622
July	1993	42	14	44	0	100	98	616
August	1993	42	13	44	1	100	98	609
September	1993	39	13	47	1	100	92	630
October	1993	38	14	47	1	100	91	633
November	1993	38	14	47	1	100	91	625
December	1993	45	14	40	1	100	105	618
January	1994	55	12	33	0	100	122	629
February	1994	61	12	27	1	100	134	612
March	1994	62	13	23	2	100	138	623
April	1994	61	13	24	2	100	137	624
May	1994	61	12	27	1	100	134	639
June	1994	59	10	30	1	100	129	619
July	1994	58	11	30	1	100	127	604
August	1994	59	11	29	1	100	130	585
September	1994	61	12	26	1	100	135	563
October	1994	62	12	25	1	100	137	545
November	1994	61	13	25	1	100	136	583
December	1994	60	14	26	0	100	134	606
January	1995	60	15	26	0	100	134	621
February	1995	59	13	27	1	100	133	623
March	1995	59	13	28	1	100	131	609
April	1995	57	12	29	1	100	128	620
May	1995	54	16	29	1	100	126	604
June	1995	55	15	29	1	100	126	602
July	1995	54	17	29	0	100	126	591
August	1995	57	15	28	0	100	129	596
September	1995	55	17	27	0	100	128	588
October	1995	57	16	26	1	100	131	579
November	1995	56	17	26	1	100	130	561
December	1995	56	16	26	2	100	130	568
January	1996	49	17	32	2	100	117	569
February	1996	46	15	37	2	100	110	575
March	1996	46	15	38	2	100	108	564
April	1996	49	16	33	2	100	116	580
May	1996	51	18	30	1	100	121	569
June	1996	50	19	29	2	100	121	591
July	1996	52	19	28	2	100	124	592
August	1996	53	18	27	2	100	126	604
September	1996	55	16	27	1	100	128	609
October	1996	55	16	28	1	100	127	592
November	1996	56	19	25	1	100	131	593

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December	1996	58	19	22	1	100	137	592
January	1997	61	21	19	0	100	142	604
February	1997	63	19	17	0	100	146	618
March	1997	62	21	16	1	100	146	607
April	1997	60	20	18	2	100	142	602
May	1997	59	21	18	2	100	141	583
June	1997	58	21	18	3	100	139	592
July	1997	63	19	16	2	100	148	582
August	1997	67	16	16	1	100	151	573
September	1997	70	14	15	0	100	155	547
October	1997	68	17	15	0	100	154	555
November	1997	67	19	14	0	100	152	563
December	1997	67	19	14	0	100	154	564
January	1998	64	21	15	1	100	149	559
February	1998	65	21	13	1	100	152	539
March	1998	64	21	14	1	100	150	549
April	1998	70	18	11	1	100	159	541
May	1998	68	19	12	1	100	156	554
June	1998	66	20	12	1	100	154	543
July	1998	65	20	13	2	100	152	553
August	1998	66	18	15	2	100	151	550
September	1998	62	16	20	2	100	142	546
October	1998	54	16	29	1	100	125	547
November	1998	49	15	35	1	100	115	539
December	1998	52	15	33	1	100	119	564
January	1999	58	17	25	0	100	132	572
February	1999	62	18	19	1	100	144	577
March	1999	64	17	18	1	100	146	540
April	1999	65	17	16	2	100	148	508
May	1999	66	19	14	1	100	152	512
June	1999	68	22	10	0	100	158	538
July	1999	66	22	12	0	100	155	557
August	1999	66	20	14	0	100	152	553
September	1999	63	20	16	1	100	147	555
October	1999	61	21	16	1	100	145	545
November	1999	60	20	18	1	100	142	540
December	1999	63	19	17	1	100	146	523
January	2000	69	15	15	0	100	154	528
February	2000	71	17	12	0	100	159	544
March	2000	68	16	15	1	100	153	549
April	2000	65	17	16	2	100	149	540
May	2000	64	16	18	2	100	146	529
June	2000	63	16	20	1	100	143	534
July	2000	60	15	24	1	100	137	524
August	2000	59	16	25	0	100	134	530
September	2000	55	17	27	1	100	127	507
October	2000	50	20	28	1	100	122	508
November	2000	43	21	34	2	100	108	502
December	2000	39	23	37	1	100	102	517
January	2001	35	19	45	1	100	89	516
February	2001	29	15	56	0	100	72	514

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March	2001	23	9	68	0	100	55	506
April	2001	17	9	74	0	100	44	513
May	2001	15	8	77	0	100	37	518
June	2001	15	11	74	0	100	40	520
July	2001	14	10	75	0	100	39	511
August	2001	16	10	73	1	100	42	499
September	2001	16	7	76	1	100	40	477
October	2001	14	5	81	1	100	33	456
November	2001	10	4	85	1	100	25	443
December	2001	8	3	88	1	100	20	465
January	2002	10	4	85	1	100	24	483
February	2002	11	6	83	0	100	28	495
March	2002	11	7	82	0	100	28	498
April	2002	13	10	77	0	100	36	501
May	2002	20	9	70	1	100	51	488
June	2002	27	10	62	1	100	65	483
July	2002	27	8	63	1	100	64	489
August	2002	21	8	70	1	100	50	509
September	2002	17	7	75	1	100	42	532
October	2002	16	6	77	0	100	39	526
November	2002	20	7	73	0	100	48	520
December	2002	26	7	67	0	100	60	496
January	2003	29	9	61	0	100	68	503
February	2003	28	10	61	1	100	68	491
March	2003	22	12	65	1	100	57	501
April	2003	20	11	68	1	100	51	494
May	2003	24	11	64	1	100	60	524
June	2003	32	8	59	1	100	73	529
July	2003	41	7	52	0	100	89	534
August	2003	44	7	48	0	100	96	509
September	2003	47	8	45	0	100	102	487
October	2003	47	10	44	0	100	103	479
November	2003	51	9	40	0	100	111	505
December	2003	56	8	36	1	100	120	519
January	2004	65	6	29	1	100	136	532
February	2004	67	7	25	1	100	143	512
March	2004	66	9	26	0	100	140	512
April	2004	63	10	28	0	100	135	496
May	2004	61	10	29	0	100	132	504
June	2004	62	9	28	1	100	135	494
July	2004	62	9	28	1	100	134	512
August	2004	62	8	30	1	100	132	513
September	2004	58	10	32	1	100	126	525
October	2004	56	10	33	1	100	122	503
November	2004	55	11	33	0	100	122	501
December	2004	59	10	31	0	100	128	513
January	2005	62	9	29	1	100	133	526
February	2005	62	10	27	1	100	135	532
March	2005	60	10	30	0	100	130	524
April	2005	57	10	33	0	100	125	521
May	2005	55	8	36	0	100	119	513
June	2005	55	9	36	0	100	119	521

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July	2005	56	10	34	0	100	122	525
August	2005	54	12	33	1	100	121	545
September	2005	48	13	38	1	100	109	540
October	2005	39	13	47	1	100	92	547
November	2005	36	9	55	0	100	80	522
December	2005	41	7	52	0	100	89	507
January	2006	46	8	45	1	100	102	516
February	2006	51	9	39	1	100	112	533
March	2006	51	10	38	1	100	113	539
April	2006	49	10	40	1	100	109	529
May	2006	47	9	43	1	100	104	530
June	2006	42	11	46	1	100	96	535
July	2006	42	11	46	1	100	96	541
August	2006	41	11	47	1	100	95	531
September	2006	43	9	47	1	100	96	518
October	2006	44	9	46	1	100	97	505
November	2006	48	9	41	1	100	107	501
December	2006	50	11	38	1	100	112	502
January	2007	55	11	33	1	100	123	514
February	2007	55	12	31	2	100	123	506
March	2007	52	14	33	2	100	119	523
April	2007	44	14	41	1	100	103	538
May	2007	42	15	41	1	100	101	549
June	2007	42	13	43	2	100	99	551
July	2007	46	12	41	1	100	105	521
August	2007	41	12	46	1	100	94	523
September	2007	36	12	52	0	100	85	506
October	2007	30	11	59	1	100	71	525
November	2007	26	10	64	0	100	62	526
December	2007	26	10	63	1	100	63	526
January	2008	23	10	66	1	100	58	511
February	2008	18	8	72	1	100	46	517
March	2008	11	7	80	2	100	32	521
April	2008	8	5	86	1	100	22	536
May	2008	7	4	88	1	100	19	528
June	2008	5	3	91	1	100	14	537
July	2008	5	2	92	0	100	13	508
August	2008	6	2	92	0	100	14	502
September	2008	6	3	90	0	100	16	502
October	2008	4	4	92	0	100	12	518
November	2008	2	4	94	0	100	8	516
December	2008	1	2	97	0	100	4	506
January	2009	1	1	98	0	100	2	513
February	2009	1	1	98	0	100	2	545
March	2009	1	1	98	0	100	4	554
April	2009	3	1	96	0	100	7	554
May	2009	5	2	94	0	100	11	529
June	2009	8	2	91	0	100	17	534
July	2009	10	2	88	0	100	22	529
August	2009	15	2	83	0	100	32	527
September	2009	21	3	76	0	100	45	514
October	2009	27	3	69	0	100	58	515

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November	2009	33	4	63	0	100	70	523
December	2009	36	4	60	0	100	76	505
January	2010	40	5	55	0	100	85	488
February	2010	41	5	53	0	100	88	481
March	2010	43	7	50	0	100	93	478
April	2010	45	7	48	0	100	97	492
May	2010	49	6	44	0	100	105	506
June	2010	53	4	43	0	100	110	517
July	2010	50	4	46	0	100	105	514
August	2010	50	4	45	1	100	105	491
September	2010	48	5	47	1	100	101	492
October	2010	46	7	46	0	100	100	476
November	2010	45	8	47	0	100	97	495
December	2010	48	9	43	0	100	105	508
January	2011	51	8	40	0	100	111	527
February	2011	57	8	35	0	100	122	505
March	2011	57	9	34	0	100	123	487
April	2011	59	8	32	0	100	127	489
May	2011	57	8	35	0	100	122	499
June	2011	55	7	38	0	100	117	511
July	2011	50	7	43	0	100	107	481
August	2011	39	7	54	0	100	85	471
September	2011	32	9	59	0	100	73	464
October	2011	29	9	62	0	100	67	477
November	2011	31	10	58	0	100	73	468
December	2011	34	9	56	1	100	79	481
January	2012	42	8	49	1	100	92	491
February	2012	51	8	40	1	100	111	499
March	2012	59	8	32	1	100	128	496
April	2012	64	8	27	0	100	137	494
May	2012	65	8	27	0	100	138	513
June	2012	59	7	34	0	100	125	500
July	2012	52	7	41	0	100	111	506
August	2012	45	11	44	0	100	101	502
September	2012	45	11	43	0	100	102	497
October	2012	48	12	40	0	100	109	484
November	2012	52	10	38	0	100	115	476
December	2012	52	9	38	0	100	114	483
January	2013	52	9	38	1	100	114	486
February	2013	52	11	37	0	100	114	501
March	2013	55	11	34	0	100	120	500
April	2013	55	10	34	0	100	121	513
May	2013	60	7	32	1	100	128	499
June	2013	62	7	29	1	100	133	500
July	2013	64	8	27	1	100	137	500
August	2013	62	9	28	2	100	134	506
September	2013	61	9	28	2	100	132	534
October	2013	56	8	34	2	100	121	530
November	2013	54	9	36	1	100	118	532
December	2013	52	8	39	0	100	113	520
January	2014	60	8	32	0	100	128	525

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

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
February	2014	60	8	31	1	100	129	523
March	2014	61	8	30	1	100	131	521
April	2014	57	9	33	1	100	124	515
May	2014	59	9	31	1	100	127	515
June	2014	61	10	28	1	100	133	516
July	2014	63	9	27	1	100	136	526
August	2014	62	9	28	1	100	135	527
September	2014	60	9	31	1	100	129	531
October	2014	63	9	27	0	100	136	529
November	2014	64	9	26	1	100	138	533
December	2014	68	8	23	1	100	145	532
January	2015	70	7	23	1	100	147	550
February	2015	72	7	20	1	100	151	555
March	2015	72	8	20	1	100	152	559
April	2015	71	8	20	1	100	151	551
May	2015	68	8	24	0	100	144	536
June	2015	68	9	23	0	100	145	545
July	2015	65	11	23	1	100	142	539
August	2015	66	11	23	1	100	143	577
September	2015	61	13	26	1	100	135	570
October	2015	59	12	29	0	100	130	581
November	2015	57	12	31	0	100	126	556
December	2015	55	11	33	0	100	122	545
January	2016	53	12	35	1	100	118	543
February	2016	52	12	35	1	100	116	549
March	2016	50	12	35	2	100	115	574
April	2016	51	13	34	2	100	117	578
May	2016	51	15	32	1	100	119	594
June	2016	56	14	30	0	100	126	571
July	2016	54	14	32	1	100	122	573
August	2016	54	13	31	1	100	123	564
September	2016	52	14	32	1	100	120	600
October	2016	53	14	32	1	100	121	614
November	2016	52	15	32	1	100	120	638
December	2016	55	14	30	1	100	126	638
January	2017	60	14	26	1	100	134	660
February	2017	60	14	25	1	100	136	659
March	2017	59	16	23	2	100	136	656
April	2017	59	16	23	2	100	136	625
May	2017	62	16	21	2	100	141	642
June	2017	61	15	23	1	100	138	675
July	2017	58	17	24	1	100	134	715
August	2017	58	17	23	1	100	135	716
September	2017	60	16	22	2	100	138	692
October	2017	63	16	19	2	100	144	651
November	2017	63	17	19	2	100	144	635
December	2017	66	16	17	1	100	149	642
January	2018	68	15	16	1	100	151	669
February	2018	71	11	16	1	100	155	689
March	2018	69	11	19	1	100	150	692
April	2018	68	9	22	1	100	146	715
May	2018	64	10	25	1	100	140	698