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The question was: "We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. Would you say that you (and your family living there) are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?"

Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
December	1979	36	25	39	0	100	97	1315
January	1980	39	26	35	0	100	104	1229
February	1980	39	26	35	0	100	104	1165
March	1980	39	24	37	0	100	102	1145
April	1980	34	24	42	0	100	92	1102
May	1980	32	24	44	0	100	88	955
June	1980	31	26	44	0	100	87	907
July	1980	32	27	41	0	100	91	911
August	1980	37	27	36	0	100	101	880
September	1980	38	29	32	1	100	106	885
October	1980	38	28	34	0	100	104	860
November	1980	36	27	37	1	100	99	884
December	1980	34	23	43	0	100	92	922
January	1981	34	23	43	0	100	91	960
February	1981	33	23	44	0	100	88	960
March	1981	34	24	41	0	100	93	995
April	1981	35	24	40	1	100	95	1007
May	1981	38	27	34	1	100	103	929
June	1981	37	28	34	1	100	103	939
July	1981	39	29	32	0	100	106	944
August	1981	38	27	34	0	100	104	1043
September	1981	39	26	34	0	100	105	1036
October	1981	39	27	34	0	100	106	1062
November	1981	37	27	36	0	100	101	1080
December	1981	37	28	35	0	100	102	968
January	1982	39	29	32	0	100	107	767
February	1982	41	30	29	0	100	112	618
March	1982	41	28	30	1	100	111	549
April	1982	40	27	32	1	100	108	550
May	1982	42	26	32	0	100	110	553
June	1982	40	30	31	0	100	109	592
July	1982	37	30	32	0	100	105	620
August	1982	35	30	35	0	100	99	700
September	1982	37	28	35	0	100	102	751
October	1982	40	27	32	0	100	108	734
November	1982	43	25	32	0	100	111	630
December	1982	43	27	30	0	100	112	566
January	1983	43	28	29	0	100	114	570
February	1983	42	31	27	0	100	115	689
March	1983	43	29	28	0	100	115	696
April	1983	45	28	27	0	100	119	734
May	1983	48	28	24	0	100	123	731
June	1983	49	29	21	0	100	128	780
July	1983	51	28	21	0	100	130	739
August	1983	53	28	19	0	100	134	649
September	1983	54	28	18	0	100	135	622
October	1983	50	31	19	0	100	132	622
November	1983	50	32	18	0	100	131	629

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December	1983	52	31	17	0	100	135	631
January	1984	57	28	14	0	100	143	657
February	1984	62	24	14	0	100	148	666
March	1984	63	22	15	0	100	148	650
April	1984	60	22	17	0	100	143	654
May	1984	60	23	17	0	100	144	664
June	1984	60	25	16	0	100	144	697
July	1984	59	25	16	0	100	143	705
August	1984	59	25	15	0	100	144	724
September	1984	59	27	14	0	100	144	713
October	1984	61	28	11	0	100	150	697
November	1984	61	27	12	0	100	149	760
December	1984	59	27	14	0	100	145	751
January	1985	58	26	16	0	100	142	763
February	1985	55	27	17	0	100	138	776
March	1985	58	26	16	0	100	142	786
April	1985	58	26	16	0	100	142	777
May	1985	59	27	14	0	100	145	711
June	1985	58	27	14	0	100	144	722
July	1985	55	28	16	0	100	139	743
August	1985	57	25	18	1	100	139	738
September	1985	55	24	20	1	100	136	721
October	1985	54	25	20	1	100	134	705
November	1985	52	27	20	0	100	132	686
December	1985	54	28	19	0	100	135	700
January	1986	58	27	15	0	100	143	686
February	1986	60	25	15	0	100	145	659
March	1986	59	27	14	0	100	145	644
April	1986	57	28	15	0	100	142	660
May	1986	56	29	15	0	100	140	741
June	1986	60	26	14	0	100	146	754
July	1986	61	24	15	0	100	146	772
August	1986	62	24	14	0	100	148	729
September	1986	59	25	16	0	100	143	726
October	1986	57	28	15	0	100	142	707
November	1986	55	29	16	0	100	139	643
December	1986	54	30	16	0	100	138	646
January	1987	55	28	16	0	100	139	668
February	1987	57	26	16	0	100	141	733
March	1987	58	25	16	0	100	142	743
April	1987	57	25	18	0	100	139	741
May	1987	56	27	17	0	100	138	758
June	1987	56	26	17	0	100	139	751
July	1987	57	26	17	0	100	140	745
August	1987	59	25	16	0	100	143	693
September	1987	57	26	17	0	100	140	702
October	1987	56	28	16	0	100	140	633
November	1987	51	30	19	0	100	132	618
December	1987	51	31	18	0	100	133	556
January	1988	55	27	18	0	100	137	593
February	1988	59	25	16	1	100	143	542

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March	1988	62	22	15	0	100	147	542
April	1988	59	26	14	0	100	145	521
May	1988	57	28	15	0	100	142	555
June	1988	53	32	15	0	100	138	549
July	1988	55	29	16	0	100	139	540
August	1988	57	26	16	0	100	141	543
September	1988	61	24	15	0	100	146	551
October	1988	57	26	17	1	100	140	552
November	1988	55	27	18	1	100	137	534
December	1988	50	30	20	1	100	130	531
January	1989	51	30	18	0	100	133	574
February	1989	55	29	16	0	100	139	614
March	1989	57	27	16	0	100	141	606
April	1989	57	25	18	0	100	139	568
May	1989	54	26	20	0	100	135	529
June	1989	53	28	19	0	100	135	551
July	1989	52	30	17	0	100	135	563
August	1989	50	32	18	0	100	132	584
September	1989	53	30	17	0	100	135	574
October	1989	52	29	19	0	100	133	596
November	1989	54	28	18	0	100	137	607
December	1989	54	28	18	0	100	137	606
January	1990	55	27	18	0	100	136	597
February	1990	52	27	21	0	100	131	607
March	1990	50	28	21	0	100	129	634
April	1990	52	28	19	0	100	133	641
May	1990	56	26	18	0	100	138	631
June	1990	56	26	18	0	100	139	619
July	1990	55	25	20	0	100	134	637
August	1990	52	28	20	0	100	132	642
September	1990	49	28	23	0	100	127	640
October	1990	46	30	24	0	100	122	618
November	1990	46	28	26	0	100	120	585
December	1990	43	28	29	0	100	114	606
January	1991	44	28	28	0	100	116	610
February	1991	42	29	28	0	100	114	652
March	1991	44	28	28	0	100	116	642
April	1991	43	29	28	0	100	115	636
May	1991	44	27	29	0	100	115	623
June	1991	44	30	26	0	100	118	638
July	1991	45	30	25	0	100	120	643
August	1991	48	29	23	0	100	125	654
September	1991	49	26	25	0	100	125	642
October	1991	47	26	27	0	100	120	661
November	1991	44	26	30	0	100	114	667
December	1991	40	27	33	0	100	106	652
January	1992	38	28	33	0	100	105	639
February	1992	39	29	32	0	100	106	620
March	1992	41	29	30	0	100	110	635
April	1992	44	28	28	0	100	115	615
May	1992	43	29	28	0	100	114	626
June	1992	43	29	28	0	100	115	610

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July	1992	44	28	28	0	100	115	629
August	1992	44	26	30	0	100	114	647
September	1992	44	27	29	0	100	115	645
October	1992	40	29	31	0	100	109	640
November	1992	40	31	28	0	100	112	622
December	1992	39	34	27	0	100	112	634
January	1993	42	34	24	0	100	119	615
February	1993	43	33	24	0	100	119	633
March	1993	47	30	23	0	100	124	637
April	1993	46	28	25	0	100	121	652
May	1993	45	29	26	0	100	119	635
June	1993	42	31	27	0	100	114	622
July	1993	42	33	25	0	100	118	616
August	1993	44	31	25	0	100	118	609
September	1993	43	33	24	0	100	119	630
October	1993	43	32	25	0	100	118	633
November	1993	44	30	26	0	100	119	625
December	1993	46	28	26	0	100	120	618
January	1994	49	28	23	0	100	125	629
February	1994	51	27	21	0	100	130	612
March	1994	51	28	21	0	100	130	623
April	1994	51	26	22	0	100	129	624
May	1994	48	29	23	0	100	125	639
June	1994	48	29	23	0	100	125	619
July	1994	45	32	23	0	100	121	604
August	1994	47	30	23	0	100	124	585
September	1994	47	29	24	0	100	123	563
October	1994	48	29	23	0	100	125	545
November	1994	48	29	23	0	100	125	583
December	1994	47	31	22	0	100	125	606
January	1995	49	30	21	0	100	128	621
February	1995	49	31	21	0	100	128	623
March	1995	51	28	21	0	100	130	609
April	1995	51	28	21	0	100	130	620
May	1995	52	27	20	0	100	132	604
June	1995	53	29	18	0	100	135	602
July	1995	53	29	18	0	100	135	591
August	1995	55	28	16	0	100	139	596
September	1995	55	28	17	0	100	138	588
October	1995	55	28	17	0	100	138	579
November	1995	49	31	20	0	100	129	561
December	1995	49	29	22	0	100	127	568
January	1996	49	28	23	0	100	125	569
February	1996	51	26	23	0	100	128	575
March	1996	50	28	22	0	100	129	564
April	1996	52	29	20	0	100	132	580
May	1996	51	30	19	0	100	131	569
June	1996	53	28	19	0	100	134	591
July	1996	50	30	20	0	100	130	592
August	1996	52	29	19	0	100	133	604
September	1996	51	29	20	0	100	130	609
October	1996	54	25	21	0	100	132	592

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November	1996	53	26	21	0	100	132	593
December	1996	53	28	18	1	100	135	592
January	1997	51	33	15	1	100	135	604
February	1997	52	31	16	1	100	136	618
March	1997	56	28	15	0	100	141	607
April	1997	62	24	14	0	100	148	602
May	1997	59	27	14	0	100	145	583
June	1997	57	28	15	0	100	142	592
July	1997	55	30	15	0	100	140	582
August	1997	56	30	14	0	100	143	573
September	1997	57	31	11	0	100	146	547
October	1997	57	30	13	0	100	144	555
November	1997	57	29	14	0	100	143	563
December	1997	55	29	15	0	100	140	564
January	1998	57	30	14	0	100	143	559
February	1998	63	26	11	0	100	152	539
March	1998	65	25	11	0	100	154	549
April	1998	65	23	12	0	100	154	541
May	1998	61	27	12	0	100	148	554
June	1998	64	25	11	0	100	152	543
July	1998	63	26	10	0	100	153	553
August	1998	67	22	11	0	100	156	550
September	1998	60	27	13	0	100	146	546
October	1998	60	26	14	0	100	146	547
November	1998	58	28	14	0	100	144	539
December	1998	63	23	14	0	100	149	564
January	1999	65	23	12	0	100	153	572
February	1999	66	23	11	0	100	154	577
March	1999	65	24	11	0	100	154	540
April	1999	66	23	11	0	100	155	508
May	1999	65	23	12	0	100	153	512
June	1999	67	24	10	0	100	157	538
July	1999	63	26	12	0	100	151	557
August	1999	60	28	11	0	100	149	553
September	1999	61	28	11	0	100	150	555
October	1999	62	28	10	0	100	152	545
November	1999	65	23	11	0	100	154	540
December	1999	64	25	11	0	100	152	523
January	2000	67	22	10	0	100	157	528
February	2000	68	20	11	1	100	158	544
March	2000	71	18	11	0	100	159	549
April	2000	70	17	13	0	100	157	540
May	2000	70	19	12	0	100	158	529
June	2000	65	21	13	0	100	152	534
July	2000	63	24	13	0	100	150	524
August	2000	63	23	14	0	100	149	530
September	2000	64	23	12	0	100	152	507
October	2000	62	24	13	0	100	149	508
November	2000	61	27	12	0	100	149	502
December	2000	59	27	13	0	100	146	517
January	2001	60	27	14	0	100	146	516

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February	2001	59	27	14	0	100	145	514
March	2001	61	23	16	0	100	144	506
April	2001	56	22	22	0	100	134	513
May	2001	54	22	24	0	100	129	518
June	2001	53	23	24	0	100	129	520
July	2001	54	26	20	0	100	133	511
August	2001	51	27	22	0	100	129	499
September	2001	49	26	24	0	100	125	477
October	2001	50	23	27	0	100	122	456
November	2001	48	25	27	0	100	121	443
December	2001	48	27	26	0	100	122	465
January	2002	48	26	26	0	100	122	483
February	2002	47	25	28	0	100	119	495
March	2002	49	23	28	0	100	121	498
April	2002	49	24	28	0	100	121	501
May	2002	52	22	27	0	100	125	488
June	2002	49	24	27	0	100	122	483
July	2002	49	23	28	0	100	121	489
August	2002	49	21	30	0	100	119	509
September	2002	48	21	31	0	100	117	532
October	2002	46	22	32	0	100	115	526
November	2002	43	24	33	0	100	111	520
December	2002	45	22	33	0	100	111	496
January	2003	45	24	30	0	100	115	503
February	2003	47	22	31	0	100	116	491
March	2003	48	22	30	0	100	118	501
April	2003	51	17	33	0	100	118	494
May	2003	51	18	31	0	100	120	524
June	2003	48	20	31	0	100	117	529
July	2003	46	26	28	0	100	118	534
August	2003	49	25	26	0	100	122	509
September	2003	51	26	23	0	100	129	487
October	2003	53	23	24	0	100	130	479
November	2003	53	23	24	0	100	128	505
December	2003	53	22	24	0	100	129	519
January	2004	56	23	21	0	100	136	532
February	2004	59	23	18	0	100	142	512
March	2004	59	23	18	0	100	142	512
April	2004	59	22	19	0	100	140	496
May	2004	58	23	19	0	100	139	504
June	2004	58	22	20	0	100	138	494
July	2004	59	20	21	0	100	138	512
August	2004	61	19	20	0	100	141	513
September	2004	62	19	19	0	100	143	525
October	2004	58	21	21	0	100	137	503
November	2004	54	24	22	0	100	132	501
December	2004	52	24	24	0	100	128	513
January	2005	56	23	21	0	100	136	526
February	2005	61	18	20	0	100	141	532
March	2005	66	19	16	0	100	150	524
April	2005	65	19	16	0	100	148	521
May	2005	60	23	17	0	100	143	513

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June	2005	57	24	19	0	100	138	521
July	2005	58	24	19	0	100	139	525
August	2005	60	23	17	0	100	143	545
September	2005	58	23	18	0	100	140	540
October	2005	52	24	23	0	100	129	547
November	2005	48	24	28	0	100	120	522
December	2005	52	23	25	0	100	126	507
January	2006	58	22	20	0	100	137	516
February	2006	62	22	16	0	100	146	533
March	2006	62	23	16	0	100	146	539
April	2006	62	23	15	0	100	147	529
May	2006	59	22	19	0	100	139	530
June	2006	57	22	21	0	100	137	535
July	2006	56	22	22	0	100	133	541
August	2006	56	25	19	0	100	137	531
September	2006	54	26	20	0	100	134	518
October	2006	54	26	20	0	100	135	505
November	2006	56	25	20	0	100	136	501
December	2006	57	24	18	0	100	139	502
January	2007	59	25	16	0	100	143	514
February	2007	64	23	14	0	100	150	506
March	2007	63	22	15	0	100	149	523
April	2007	63	21	16	0	100	146	538
May	2007	57	24	19	0	100	138	549
June	2007	57	24	19	0	100	138	551
July	2007	57	24	19	0	100	138	521
August	2007	58	23	19	0	100	139	523
September	2007	58	24	18	0	100	140	506
October	2007	56	24	20	0	100	136	525
November	2007	55	25	21	0	100	134	526
December	2007	53	26	21	0	100	132	526
January	2008	49	28	23	0	100	127	511
February	2008	45	28	27	0	100	118	517
March	2008	45	27	28	0	100	118	521
April	2008	45	24	31	0	100	114	536
May	2008	44	22	33	0	100	111	528
June	2008	38	19	43	0	100	95	537
July	2008	36	19	45	0	100	91	508
August	2008	35	19	46	0	100	89	502
September	2008	40	19	41	0	100	100	502
October	2008	35	20	46	0	100	89	518
November	2008	30	18	52	0	100	78	516
December	2008	21	19	59	0	100	62	506
January	2009	25	18	56	1	100	69	513
February	2009	28	16	56	0	100	71	545
March	2009	29	16	55	0	100	74	554
April	2009	26	19	55	0	100	70	554
May	2009	23	24	53	0	100	71	529
June	2009	24	27	50	0	100	74	534
July	2009	23	27	49	0	100	74	529
August	2009	22	26	52	0	100	71	527
September	2009	21	24	55	0	100	67	514

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October	2009	23	23	54	0	100	70	515
November	2009	26	25	49	0	100	77	523
December	2009	28	26	46	0	100	83	505
January	2010	30	28	42	0	100	87	488
February	2010	31	29	40	0	100	91	481
March	2010	29	32	39	0	100	89	478
April	2010	28	30	42	0	100	86	492
May	2010	29	31	40	0	100	89	506
June	2010	32	31	37	0	100	94	517
July	2010	34	32	34	0	100	100	514
August	2010	34	30	36	0	100	99	491
September	2010	34	30	35	0	100	99	492
October	2010	32	32	36	0	100	96	476
November	2010	30	37	33	0	100	96	495
December	2010	29	37	34	0	100	95	508
January	2011	31	37	32	0	100	99	527
February	2011	35	34	31	0	100	104	505
March	2011	38	33	29	0	100	110	487
April	2011	40	31	29	0	100	111	489
May	2011	40	29	31	0	100	109	499
June	2011	39	28	33	0	100	106	511
July	2011	37	28	34	0	100	103	481
August	2011	34	28	38	0	100	97	471
September	2011	33	27	39	0	100	94	464
October	2011	33	27	40	0	100	93	477
November	2011	33	31	36	0	100	96	468
December	2011	29	34	37	0	100	93	481
January	2012	30	36	34	0	100	96	491
February	2012	32	33	35	0	100	97	499
March	2012	40	30	30	0	100	110	496
April	2012	43	28	28	0	100	115	494
May	2012	44	30	25	0	100	119	513
June	2012	39	31	29	0	100	110	500
July	2012	35	31	34	0	100	101	506
August	2012	36	29	35	0	100	101	502
September	2012	37	29	34	0	100	103	497
October	2012	41	31	28	0	100	113	484
November	2012	42	30	28	0	100	115	476
December	2012	41	30	29	0	100	111	483
January	2013	38	29	33	0	100	105	486
February	2013	36	31	34	0	100	102	501
March	2013	40	29	31	0	100	110	500
April	2013	44	24	31	0	100	113	513
May	2013	50	21	28	0	100	122	499
June	2013	52	22	25	0	100	127	500
July	2013	53	25	22	0	100	131	500
August	2013	50	26	24	0	100	126	506
September	2013	47	26	27	0	100	121	534
October	2013	43	32	25	0	100	117	530
November	2013	42	33	25	0	100	117	532
December	2013	43	34	23	0	100	120	520

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TABLE 6
CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO
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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
January	2014	47	30	22	0	100	125	525
February	2014	50	28	22	0	100	127	523
March	2014	47	28	24	0	100	123	521
April	2014	47	29	24	0	100	124	515
May	2014	46	31	23	0	100	123	515
June	2014	48	32	20	0	100	127	516
July	2014	48	30	22	0	100	125	526
August	2014	52	27	20	0	100	132	527
September	2014	52	27	21	0	100	131	531
October	2014	52	27	21	0	100	130	529
November	2014	46	30	24	0	100	123	533
December	2014	45	31	23	0	100	122	532
January	2015	49	31	20	0	100	128	550
February	2015	53	29	18	0	100	135	555
March	2015	58	26	16	0	100	142	559
April	2015	57	26	17	0	100	140	551
May	2015	58	25	17	0	100	141	536
June	2015	55	27	17	0	100	138	545
July	2015	54	27	19	0	100	135	539
August	2015	52	28	20	0	100	132	577
September	2015	54	26	20	0	100	134	570
October	2015	52	29	18	0	100	134	581
November	2015	53	28	19	0	100	134	556
December	2015	51	28	20	0	100	131	545
January	2016	51	27	21	0	100	130	543
February	2016	54	26	20	0	100	134	549
March	2016	57	25	18	0	100	139	574
April	2016	58	25	17	0	100	141	578
May	2016	57	26	17	0	100	140	594
June	2016	57	26	17	0	100	140	571
July	2016	57	27	16	0	100	140	573
August	2016	55	30	15	0	100	141	564
September	2016	53	31	16	0	100	137	600
October	2016	53	30	17	0	100	136	614
November	2016	54	27	19	0	100	135	638
December	2016	56	25	19	0	100	137	638
January	2017	56	26	18	0	100	138	660
February	2017	56	29	15	0	100	141	659
March	2017	56	33	11	0	100	145	656
April	2017	59	31	10	0	100	149	625
May	2017	60	29	10	0	100	150	642
June	2017	61	27	12	0	100	149	675
July	2017	61	27	12	0	100	148	715
August	2017	60	28	12	0	100	148	716
September	2017	59	29	12	0	100	147	692
October	2017	61	28	11	0	100	150	651
November	2017	61	27	12	0	100	149	635
December	2017	64	24	12	0	100	152	642
January	2018	64	24	12	0	100	152	669
February	2018	66	22	12	0	100	155	689
March	2018	68	22	10	0	100	157	692
April	2018	66	24	10	0	100	156	715

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
May	2018	61	29	9	0	100	152	698