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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	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
March	2018	80	9	11	0	100	169	692
April	2018	81	8	10	0	100	171	715
May	2018	79	9	12	0	100	167	698
June	2018	79	7	13	0	100	166	691
July	2018	80	7	13	0	100	167	683
August	2018	82	7	10	1	100	172	705
September	2018	82	8	9	1	100	172	723

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October	2018	79	9	11	1	100	168	707
November	2018	77	10	13	1	100	164	678
December	2018	76	10	13	1	100	163	654
January	2019	78	9	12	0	100	166	656
February	2019	80	8	11	0	100	169	662
March	2019	81	8	11	0	100	169	671
April	2019	79	8	13	0	100	167	672
May	2019	79	8	12	0	100	167	656
June	2019	79	9	12	0	100	167	633
July	2019	81	9	10	0	100	172	620
August	2019	81	9	9	0	100	172	630
September	2019	82	8	10	0	100	172	650
October	2019	80	7	13	0	100	167	682
November	2019	78	7	15	0	100	163	709
December	2019	79	7	14	0	100	165	719
January	2020	78	9	13	0	100	165	714
February	2020	80	8	11	0	100	169	714
March	2020	81	7	12	0	100	169	750
April	2020	80	7	13	0	100	168	748
May	2020	81	6	13	0	100	168	762
June	2020	79	8	14	0	100	165	724
July	2020	77	9	14	0	100	163	725
August	2020	75	9	15	0	100	160	731
September	2020	76	8	15	1	100	161	727
October	2020	78	8	14	1	100	164	727
November	2020	77	8	15	0	100	162	695
December	2020	76	10	14	0	100	162	684
January	2021	77	8	15	0	100	162	656
February	2021	79	7	13	0	100	166	648
March	2021	81	6	12	0	100	169	654
April	2021	83	6	10	0	100	173	664
May	2021	83	9	8	0	100	175	668
June	2021	83	9	8	0	100	174	680
July	2021	81	9	10	0	100	171	669
August	2021	81	7	12	0	100	169	654
September	2021	79	9	12	0	100	167	623
October	2021	79	9	12	0	100	167	637
November	2021	78	8	14	1	100	164	650
December	2021	79	7	13	0	100	166	677
January	2022	77	8	14	1	100	164	657
February	2022	74	9	15	1	100	159	652
March	2022	72	9	18	1	100	154	649
April	2022	71	9	19	1	100	152	662
May	2022	73	7	19	1	100	154	670
June	2022	69	8	23	0	100	146	670
July	2022	67	9	24	0	100	143	665
August	2022	64	10	26	0	100	138	659
September	2022	64	11	24	0	100	140	655
October	2022	64	9	26	0	100	138	657
November	2022	64	9	27	1	100	137	665
December	2022	65	8	27	0	100	138	659

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January	2023	67	10	23	0	100	144	657
February	2023	68	10	21	0	100	147	646
March	2023	67	10	22	0	100	145	653
April	2023	64	9	27	0	100	137	642
May	2023	63	9	28	0	100	134	670
June	2023	63	8	29	0	100	133	667
July	2023	66	9	25	0	100	142	671
August	2023	68	9	23	1	100	145	632
September	2023	69	9	22	1	100	147	634
October	2023	65	7	27	1	100	139	642
November	2023	62	7	30	1	100	132	647
December	2023	61	7	31	1	100	130	651
January	2024	63	8	29	0	100	135	652
February	2024	65	7	27	1	100	138	663
March	2024	67	7	25	0	100	142	672
April	2024	67	7	26	1	100	141	740
May	2024	65	8	26	1	100	139	886
June	2024	65	8	26	1	100	139	973
July	2024	62	10	27	2	100	135	1007
August	2024	60	10	28	2	100	133	1041
September	2024	58	12	28	2	100	130	1048
October	2024	59	11	28	1	100	131	1056
November	2024	61	12	26	1	100	135	928
December	2024	62	12	25	1	100	137	884
January	2025	63	13	23	1	100	140	903
February	2025	63	13	23	1	100	140	948
March	2025	62	13	24	1	100	139	1194
April	2025	60	14	25	1	100	135	1245
May	2025	57	16	26	1	100	132	1342
June	2025	57	15	27	1	100	130	1197
July	2025	58	15	26	1	100	132	1265
August	2025	59	16	25	0	100	135	1218
September	2025	61	16	22	1	100	139	1267
October	2025	61	16	22	0	100	139	1206
November	2025	60	15	24	1	100	136	1233
December	2025	58	14	28	1	100	130	1151
January	2026	57	13	29	1	100	128	1197
February	2026	59	14	27	0	100	132	1279
March	2026	60	16	24	0	100	136	1449
April	2026	60	16	23	1	100	136	1446
May	2026	59	14	26	1	100	132	1380
June	2026	58	14	28	1	100	130	1338
July	2026	56	14	29	1	100	127	1366