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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
March	1978	36	18	42	4	100	94	839
April	1978	38	16	43	4	100	95	867
May	1978	41	17	40	3	100	101	896
June	1978	48	15	34	3	100	114	876
July	1978	50	15	32	3	100	118	888
August	1978	51	13	33	3	100	119	829
September	1978	48	17	32	3	100	116	833
October	1978	46	19	32	3	100	114	809
November	1978	43	19	34	4	100	109	883
December	1978	37	18	40	5	100	98	868
January	1979	35	18	43	5	100	92	891
February	1979	34	18	43	5	100	90	849
March	1979	37	17	43	3	100	94	850
April	1979	37	16	44	3	100	93	878
May	1979	35	19	44	2	100	90	878
June	1979	34	16	47	4	100	87	990
July	1979	29	14	53	4	100	76	1079
August	1979	24	10	62	4	100	62	1015
September	1979	21	9	68	3	100	53	938
October	1979	19	9	71	2	100	48	889
November	1979	19	9	70	2	100	50	925
December	1979	17	11	71	2	100	46	932
January	1980	15	11	71	2	100	44	858
February	1980	14	11	73	3	100	41	721
March	1980	12	11	75	2	100	38	633
April	1980	11	9	79	1	100	31	574
May	1980	7	7	86	0	100	20	509
June	1980	5	5	90	0	100	16	506
July	1980	5	4	90	1	100	15	513
August	1980	6	6	87	1	100	19	487
September	1980	9	5	85	1	100	24	481
October	1980	12	8	78	2	100	34	459
November	1980	17	8	74	2	100	43	485
December	1980	15	10	73	2	100	42	502
January	1981	13	9	77	2	100	36	521
February	1981	10	11	78	1	100	32	518
March	1981	12	11	75	2	100	36	521
April	1981	15	13	72	1	100	43	523
May	1981	22	13	64	1	100	57	551
June	1981	27	14	58	2	100	69	567
July	1981	29	14	54	4	100	75	581
August	1981	29	14	53	4	100	76	593
September	1981	29	13	55	3	100	73	597
October	1981	26	12	60	1	100	66	598
November	1981	20	11	68	1	100	52	591
December	1981	13	9	77	1	100	35	587
January	1982	9	8	82	1	100	27	601
February	1982	7	7	85	1	100	22	624
March	1982	7	7	85	1	100	22	642

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
April	1982	7	7	85	1	100	23	619
May	1982	9	8	83	1	100	26	592
June	1982	10	7	83	0	100	28	571
July	1982	10	6	83	1	100	28	579
August	1982	9	6	84	1	100	26	580
September	1982	10	7	83	1	100	27	599
October	1982	10	7	82	1	100	27	613
November	1982	12	6	82	0	100	30	610
December	1982	12	8	80	0	100	32	602
January	1983	15	8	77	0	100	38	579
February	1983	19	10	71	0	100	48	562
March	1983	26	10	64	0	100	62	549
April	1983	36	12	51	1	100	85	575
May	1983	49	12	37	1	100	112	595
June	1983	59	12	28	1	100	131	615
July	1983	64	11	24	1	100	141	579
August	1983	64	10	25	1	100	139	542
September	1983	64	9	26	1	100	139	509
October	1983	65	9	26	1	100	139	538
November	1983	63	10	26	1	100	137	582
December	1983	66	8	24	1	100	142	581
January	1984	67	9	22	2	100	145	537
February	1984	75	7	17	1	100	157	513
March	1984	74	8	17	1	100	157	528
April	1984	74	9	16	1	100	159	579
May	1984	69	9	20	1	100	149	604
June	1984	67	10	21	2	100	146	589
July	1984	66	9	24	1	100	142	545
August	1984	67	11	21	1	100	146	568
September	1984	69	10	21	0	100	148	634
October	1984	68	10	21	1	100	146	706
November	1984	65	10	23	1	100	142	699
December	1984	62	11	25	2	100	138	683
January	1985	60	13	26	1	100	133	590
February	1985	58	12	29	1	100	129	562
March	1985	56	12	31	1	100	125	535
April	1985	54	13	32	1	100	121	585
May	1985	54	13	31	1	100	123	586
June	1985	54	13	32	2	100	122	614
July	1985	56	10	33	1	100	123	598
August	1985	54	11	34	2	100	120	600
September	1985	55	12	32	1	100	124	547
October	1985	53	14	31	2	100	122	537
November	1985	52	14	33	1	100	120	522
December	1985	47	15	37	1	100	110	566
January	1986	49	14	36	1	100	113	609
February	1986	48	14	37	1	100	111	649
March	1986	51	13	35	1	100	117	611
April	1986	51	13	35	1	100	116	574
May	1986	51	13	34	2	100	117	535
June	1986	52	11	36	2	100	116	582
July	1986	52	11	34	2	100	118	630

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
August	1986	54	12	32	1	100	122	669
September	1986	52	14	33	2	100	119	621
October	1986	49	15	35	1	100	114	579
November	1986	47	14	37	2	100	110	536
December	1986	44	15	38	2	100	106	554
January	1987	41	16	40	2	100	101	555
February	1987	41	16	41	1	100	100	568
March	1987	42	18	39	1	100	102	529
April	1987	44	17	38	1	100	106	513
May	1987	46	16	36	2	100	110	495
June	1987	47	16	35	2	100	111	507
July	1987	48	16	33	3	100	115	520
August	1987	49	16	33	3	100	116	507
September	1987	50	15	33	2	100	118	495
October	1987	50	14	34	3	100	116	433
November	1987	44	16	38	2	100	106	418
December	1987	40	16	42	2	100	97	416
January	1988	37	16	44	2	100	93	465
February	1988	41	13	43	2	100	98	476
March	1988	43	15	40	2	100	103	468
April	1988	45	15	38	2	100	107	426
May	1988	47	17	35	2	100	112	414
June	1988	47	19	32	2	100	115	425
July	1988	46	19	31	4	100	114	462
August	1988	46	21	29	4	100	117	476
September	1988	49	21	27	3	100	122	491
October	1988	53	20	26	1	100	127	474
November	1988	53	18	28	1	100	126	465
December	1988	51	16	31	2	100	120	443
January	1989	51	17	30	2	100	120	452
February	1989	50	19	28	3	100	122	450
March	1989	49	23	27	2	100	122	451
April	1989	45	23	30	2	100	115	446
May	1989	42	23	33	2	100	109	454
June	1989	43	20	33	4	100	110	454
July	1989	43	20	32	5	100	111	447
August	1989	43	21	32	4	100	111	428
September	1989	44	22	30	4	100	114	428
October	1989	45	22	30	3	100	115	445
November	1989	48	22	28	2	100	119	463
December	1989	45	22	32	2	100	113	448
January	1990	45	22	31	2	100	114	415
February	1990	40	19	39	2	100	101	391
March	1990	37	17	44	2	100	93	396
April	1990	35	16	48	1	100	88	424
May	1990	38	19	42	2	100	96	444
June	1990	40	18	40	2	100	100	448
July	1990	44	17	37	2	100	106	431
August	1990	40	16	42	2	100	99	413
September	1990	35	17	47	2	100	88	394
October	1990	24	14	60	2	100	64	396
November	1990	18	11	70	2	100	48	409

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
December	1990	14	9	76	1	100	39	420
January	1991	11	10	77	2	100	34	417
February	1991	11	11	77	1	100	35	398
March	1991	14	10	74	2	100	39	390
April	1991	17	10	72	2	100	45	397
May	1991	18	8	71	2	100	47	413
June	1991	20	9	70	1	100	50	414
July	1991	22	11	65	2	100	57	400
August	1991	27	12	59	2	100	67	386
September	1991	27	14	57	2	100	70	391
October	1991	27	15	58	1	100	69	408
November	1991	23	14	63	1	100	60	418
December	1991	17	10	72	1	100	45	429
January	1992	12	9	77	2	100	34	426
February	1992	8	9	82	1	100	26	429
March	1992	12	9	78	1	100	33	416
April	1992	15	10	75	1	100	40	399
May	1992	23	11	65	1	100	58	399
June	1992	28	14	58	1	100	70	405
July	1992	29	14	57	1	100	72	424
August	1992	28	15	57	1	100	71	428
September	1992	25	14	60	1	100	65	429
October	1992	25	15	59	1	100	66	418
November	1992	24	15	60	1	100	64	387
December	1992	31	15	52	2	100	79	370
January	1993	37	16	45	1	100	92	356
February	1993	45	16	36	2	100	109	364
March	1993	45	15	38	2	100	107	377
April	1993	45	16	37	2	100	108	379
May	1993	41	19	39	1	100	102	387
June	1993	39	20	38	2	100	101	363
July	1993	36	19	43	2	100	93	359
August	1993	35	20	43	2	100	92	359
September	1993	32	20	47	1	100	85	378
October	1993	32	22	43	3	100	89	387
November	1993	31	20	46	3	100	86	384
December	1993	37	18	41	4	100	96	393
January	1994	44	16	37	3	100	107	390
February	1994	52	14	30	3	100	122	386
March	1994	54	16	27	3	100	127	372
April	1994	56	15	26	4	100	130	378
May	1994	55	15	27	3	100	128	391
June	1994	56	14	27	3	100	128	402
July	1994	55	15	28	2	100	127	401
August	1994	57	13	27	3	100	130	408
September	1994	56	16	26	3	100	130	399
October	1994	56	13	28	3	100	128	392
November	1994	56	15	26	3	100	129	382
December	1994	56	14	28	2	100	128	389
January	1995	59	17	23	1	100	136	385
February	1995	58	16	25	2	100	133	386

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
March	1995	57	15	25	3	100	132	374
April	1995	55	15	26	4	100	129	374
May	1995	55	17	26	3	100	129	371
June	1995	53	19	26	2	100	127	370
July	1995	49	19	31	1	100	118	382
August	1995	50	19	30	2	100	120	395
September	1995	48	20	31	1	100	117	391
October	1995	50	20	27	2	100	123	385
November	1995	47	20	30	2	100	117	375
December	1995	48	20	30	2	100	118	399
January	1996	46	20	33	1	100	113	403
February	1996	42	23	34	1	100	107	399
March	1996	44	20	35	1	100	108	388
April	1996	42	22	33	3	100	109	381
May	1996	45	21	32	3	100	113	383
June	1996	46	20	31	4	100	115	378
July	1996	49	17	30	3	100	119	380
August	1996	51	16	29	3	100	122	384
September	1996	52	17	28	3	100	125	398
October	1996	51	16	30	3	100	121	402
November	1996	51	16	29	3	100	122	401
December	1996	51	18	28	3	100	122	398
January	1997	54	19	24	3	100	130	397
February	1997	58	20	20	2	100	138	393
March	1997	56	23	19	2	100	137	397
April	1997	56	21	21	2	100	135	403
May	1997	51	24	22	3	100	130	404
June	1997	55	20	22	2	100	133	405
July	1997	60	19	20	1	100	140	395
August	1997	64	15	18	2	100	146	386
September	1997	65	17	15	3	100	150	381
October	1997	63	19	14	4	100	149	392
November	1997	63	20	15	2	100	149	403
December	1997	59	23	17	1	100	142	386
January	1998	56	24	18	2	100	138	384
February	1998	57	24	16	3	100	141	370
March	1998	63	20	14	3	100	149	384
April	1998	66	20	11	3	100	156	365
May	1998	64	20	14	2	100	151	385
June	1998	60	24	13	2	100	147	370
July	1998	61	23	15	2	100	146	382
August	1998	62	21	15	2	100	148	364
September	1998	61	17	19	3	100	141	377
October	1998	56	16	25	3	100	131	364
November	1998	48	18	31	3	100	117	377
December	1998	48	20	30	2	100	117	371
January	1999	55	19	25	1	100	130	378
February	1999	62	18	19	1	100	143	366
March	1999	64	17	17	2	100	147	367
April	1999	60	21	17	3	100	143	368
May	1999	59	22	16	3	100	144	370
June	1999	62	22	14	2	100	148	375

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
July	1999	60	21	16	2	100	144	382
August	1999	59	20	19	2	100	139	385
September	1999	57	19	21	3	100	137	379
October	1999	55	22	21	3	100	134	381
November	1999	58	22	17	2	100	141	388
December	1999	59	24	16	2	100	143	409
January	2000	67	17	14	1	100	153	420
February	2000	67	18	14	2	100	153	421
March	2000	66	15	17	1	100	149	395
April	2000	62	16	21	1	100	142	382
May	2000	60	17	23	1	100	137	387
June	2000	58	16	25	1	100	133	402
July	2000	56	17	25	2	100	131	402
August	2000	56	16	24	3	100	132	391
September	2000	57	17	23	3	100	133	395
October	2000	56	16	25	3	100	131	397
November	2000	52	14	31	3	100	121	391
December	2000	49	16	33	3	100	116	370
January	2001	40	14	43	3	100	98	382
February	2001	28	14	55	2	100	73	387
March	2001	21	12	65	2	100	56	402
April	2001	19	13	66	2	100	53	389
May	2001	21	11	66	2	100	55	388
June	2001	21	12	65	2	100	56	368
July	2001	18	12	68	2	100	50	377
August	2001	20	12	67	2	100	53	382
September	2001	21	7	70	2	100	50	389
October	2001	18	6	73	2	100	45	378
November	2001	14	6	78	2	100	36	370
December	2001	8	8	83	2	100	25	382
January	2002	8	7	84	1	100	24	394
February	2002	9	6	83	1	100	26	395
March	2002	12	6	80	1	100	32	380
April	2002	14	7	78	1	100	36	377
May	2002	18	7	73	1	100	45	369
June	2002	23	7	68	2	100	56	389
July	2002	22	8	68	2	100	54	377
August	2002	18	8	72	2	100	47	389
September	2002	14	7	77	2	100	36	369
October	2002	16	7	76	2	100	40	371
November	2002	20	6	72	2	100	48	366
December	2002	26	7	66	1	100	59	389
January	2003	27	8	63	1	100	64	381
February	2003	24	10	65	2	100	59	381
March	2003	18	11	69	2	100	49	370
April	2003	16	11	72	1	100	45	377
May	2003	20	11	68	1	100	52	378
June	2003	27	10	62	1	100	66	387
July	2003	34	9	56	1	100	78	392
August	2003	37	8	54	1	100	83	412
September	2003	37	7	56	1	100	81	391
October	2003	36	9	55	1	100	81	388

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November	2003	39	9	53	0	100	86	386
December	2003	45	10	44	1	100	101	388
January	2004	52	7	40	1	100	112	391
February	2004	53	7	39	1	100	115	392
March	2004	48	8	44	0	100	104	390
April	2004	44	10	45	0	100	99	381
May	2004	42	10	47	1	100	95	392
June	2004	45	10	44	1	100	100	400
July	2004	47	9	44	1	100	103	381
August	2004	48	9	42	1	100	105	366
September	2004	47	7	44	1	100	103	368
October	2004	42	9	47	2	100	95	391
November	2004	41	11	47	2	100	94	398
December	2004	46	13	40	2	100	106	408
January	2005	52	12	35	1	100	117	398
February	2005	54	10	35	1	100	119	383
March	2005	51	11	38	0	100	113	374
April	2005	45	12	42	1	100	103	397
May	2005	41	14	45	1	100	96	413
June	2005	38	13	48	1	100	90	422
July	2005	42	13	43	1	100	99	428
August	2005	42	12	44	1	100	98	412
September	2005	40	11	47	2	100	93	408
October	2005	30	12	58	1	100	72	401
November	2005	28	11	61	0	100	66	408
December	2005	28	12	60	0	100	68	409
January	2006	35	9	55	1	100	80	398
February	2006	41	9	49	1	100	91	391
March	2006	43	6	50	1	100	92	388
April	2006	40	8	52	0	100	89	398
May	2006	38	6	55	1	100	83	404
June	2006	33	8	58	1	100	75	424
July	2006	34	8	57	1	100	76	427
August	2006	31	11	58	0	100	72	431
September	2006	32	10	57	1	100	76	410
October	2006	34	11	55	1	100	79	411
November	2006	39	8	52	1	100	88	408
December	2006	41	9	49	1	100	92	415
January	2007	44	8	46	2	100	97	432
February	2007	41	10	46	2	100	95	448
March	2007	43	12	44	2	100	99	434
April	2007	38	13	48	1	100	89	423
May	2007	36	14	49	1	100	87	410
June	2007	35	13	51	1	100	84	437
July	2007	35	11	53	1	100	82	424
August	2007	32	9	58	1	100	74	409
September	2007	29	9	61	1	100	68	404
October	2007	26	9	63	2	100	63	408
November	2007	26	9	64	1	100	61	430
December	2007	24	8	68	0	100	56	431
January	2008	21	8	70	1	100	51	419

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February	2008	16	6	75	2	100	41	408
March	2008	13	6	80	2	100	33	389
April	2008	8	5	86	1	100	22	395
May	2008	6	4	90	0	100	16	395
June	2008	4	4	92	0	100	11	405
July	2008	5	3	91	0	100	14	405
August	2008	8	3	89	0	100	20	406
September	2008	10	3	86	0	100	24	386
October	2008	9	4	87	0	100	22	383
November	2008	5	4	89	1	100	16	382
December	2008	3	3	93	1	100	11	402
January	2009	3	2	94	1	100	8	401
February	2009	3	2	95	0	100	7	404
March	2009	4	1	95	0	100	9	405
April	2009	4	2	94	0	100	10	408
May	2009	7	3	90	0	100	16	413
June	2009	8	4	88	0	100	19	417
July	2009	11	3	85	0	100	26	438
August	2009	14	4	82	0	100	32	429
September	2009	20	4	76	1	100	44	418
October	2009	21	5	73	1	100	49	420
November	2009	24	5	69	1	100	55	418
December	2009	26	7	67	1	100	59	419
January	2010	32	8	59	1	100	73	417
February	2010	33	9	57	0	100	76	421
March	2010	34	9	57	0	100	78	425
April	2010	36	8	56	0	100	81	413
May	2010	43	6	51	0	100	92	424
June	2010	47	6	47	0	100	100	442
July	2010	42	7	50	1	100	92	445
August	2010	39	9	51	1	100	88	438
September	2010	38	8	53	1	100	85	429
October	2010	39	9	52	0	100	88	424
November	2010	37	9	54	0	100	84	426
December	2010	43	11	46	0	100	97	440
January	2011	47	12	41	0	100	106	421
February	2011	51	13	36	0	100	115	410
March	2011	48	12	39	0	100	109	390
April	2011	47	11	42	1	100	105	406
May	2011	46	8	45	1	100	101	404
June	2011	43	10	46	1	100	96	412
July	2011	42	9	49	1	100	93	384
August	2011	36	9	54	1	100	83	388
September	2011	31	7	61	1	100	69	370
October	2011	27	7	65	1	100	61	412
November	2011	28	8	64	0	100	64	412
December	2011	33	8	59	0	100	74	421
January	2012	37	7	55	1	100	83	391
February	2012	45	7	47	1	100	97	376
March	2012	48	9	42	1	100	107	373
April	2012	53	9	37	2	100	116	396
May	2012	55	10	33	2	100	122	406

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
June	2012	53	8	36	2	100	117	405
July	2012	52	9	38	1	100	113	386
August	2012	47	7	44	2	100	102	384
September	2012	47	7	44	1	100	103	378
October	2012	48	7	44	1	100	105	396
November	2012	51	7	40	2	100	111	406
December	2012	50	8	39	3	100	111	412
January	2013	48	10	40	3	100	108	404
February	2013	46	10	42	1	100	104	394
March	2013	49	12	38	0	100	111	375
April	2013	50	14	36	1	100	114	382
May	2013	52	15	32	2	100	120	391
June	2013	52	15	31	3	100	121	430
July	2013	57	11	30	2	100	127	428
August	2013	56	11	31	2	100	124	427
September	2013	55	9	34	2	100	122	414
October	2013	49	10	39	2	100	110	410
November	2013	47	11	41	1	100	106	410
December	2013	45	11	41	2	100	104	417
January	2014	50	10	38	3	100	112	410
February	2014	53	9	35	3	100	118	409
March	2014	52	8	39	1	100	112	402
April	2014	52	8	38	1	100	114	431
May	2014	54	7	38	2	100	116	437
June	2014	58	9	31	2	100	127	421
July	2014	54	10	34	1	100	120	393
August	2014	50	12	36	2	100	114	387
September	2014	48	10	40	1	100	108	408
October	2014	51	12	36	2	100	115	433
November	2014	55	11	33	1	100	122	439
December	2014	59	10	30	1	100	129	407
January	2015	63	9	27	1	100	136	371
February	2015	64	9	25	2	100	139	365
March	2015	63	11	25	1	100	138	393
April	2015	62	11	27	1	100	135	397
May	2015	63	10	27	0	100	136	402
June	2015	64	10	25	0	100	139	386
July	2015	65	10	25	1	100	140	382
August	2015	61	10	28	1	100	134	396
September	2015	58	11	31	0	100	127	393
October	2015	54	11	35	0	100	120	391
November	2015	54	11	33	2	100	121	359
December	2015	53	10	35	2	100	118	383
January	2016	54	11	33	2	100	121	401
February	2016	54	9	36	1	100	118	414
March	2016	52	12	34	2	100	118	402
April	2016	50	11	38	1	100	112	403
May	2016	50	12	36	1	100	114	411
June	2016	51	12	37	0	100	115	407
July	2016	52	14	33	1	100	120	399
August	2016	48	17	33	1	100	115	405
September	2016	49	16	33	1	100	116	431

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
October	2016	46	14	37	2	100	109	455
November	2016	48	12	39	2	100	109	450
December	2016	50	12	36	2	100	114	446
January	2017	52	13	34	1	100	118	427
February	2017	57	13	29	1	100	128	427
March	2017	56	16	27	1	100	129	421
April	2017	59	17	23	1	100	135	437
May	2017	56	19	23	2	100	133	468
June	2017	56	19	25	1	100	131	480
July	2017	54	17	28	0	100	126	496
August	2017	55	15	30	0	100	125	463
September	2017	58	11	29	1	100	129	462
October	2017	59	12	27	1	100	132	443
November	2017	61	13	25	1	100	135	464
December	2017	59	15	26	1	100	133	456