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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
March	1978	34	33	33	1	100	101	733
April	1978	37	31	32	1	100	105	751
May	1978	38	29	32	0	100	106	754
June	1978	37	32	30	0	100	107	749
July	1978	36	33	30	1	100	106	750
August	1978	36	34	29	1	100	107	734
September	1978	38	31	30	1	100	108	753
October	1978	38	29	32	1	100	106	765
November	1978	38	28	33	1	100	105	859
December	1978	37	29	34	1	100	103	879
January	1979	36	28	35	1	100	101	942
February	1979	35	29	35	1	100	100	915
March	1979	33	30	36	1	100	98	939
April	1979	33	30	36	1	100	97	996
May	1979	31	30	38	1	100	92	948
June	1979	33	26	39	2	100	93	1024
July	1979	31	30	38	1	100	94	1045
August	1979	33	27	38	1	100	95	1077
September	1979	32	28	39	1	100	93	1061
October	1979	31	26	42	1	100	89	1123
November	1979	31	26	42	1	100	89	1127
December	1979	31	28	41	1	100	90	1066
January	1980	34	29	37	0	100	98	886
February	1980	33	29	37	0	100	96	831
March	1980	31	29	40	0	100	91	821
April	1980	25	28	47	0	100	78	839
May	1980	24	28	48	0	100	75	721
June	1980	23	28	49	0	100	73	694
July	1980	28	26	45	1	100	82	666
August	1980	31	27	41	1	100	90	659
September	1980	34	26	39	2	100	95	670
October	1980	34	29	36	1	100	97	687
November	1980	31	28	40	1	100	91	697
December	1980	30	30	39	1	100	91	700
January	1981	27	28	43	1	100	84	707
February	1981	29	26	44	1	100	86	705
March	1981	29	26	45	0	100	84	708
April	1981	29	26	44	1	100	85	692
May	1981	29	27	42	2	100	87	669
June	1981	30	27	41	1	100	89	642
July	1981	34	28	38	0	100	96	651
August	1981	35	32	33	0	100	103	662
September	1981	35	33	32	0	100	103	670
October	1981	32	35	33	0	100	99	675
November	1981	28	32	39	0	100	89	680
December	1981	30	31	39	1	100	91	690
January	1982	31	28	40	1	100	91	666
February	1982	35	28	36	1	100	98	658

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
March	1982	35	28	36	1	100	99	621
April	1982	34	29	36	0	100	98	649
May	1982	33	31	36	0	100	97	654
June	1982	33	33	34	0	100	99	686
July	1982	34	32	34	0	100	100	672
August	1982	34	30	36	0	100	97	653
September	1982	32	28	40	0	100	92	649
October	1982	34	27	39	0	100	95	642
November	1982	33	25	42	0	100	91	650
December	1982	32	28	40	0	100	92	645
January	1983	30	31	40	0	100	90	633
February	1983	30	33	37	0	100	93	674
March	1983	32	30	38	0	100	94	704
April	1983	32	29	38	0	100	94	730
May	1983	33	31	36	0	100	98	704
June	1983	36	33	31	0	100	105	681
July	1983	38	33	29	0	100	110	648
August	1983	38	32	30	0	100	109	657
September	1983	37	32	31	0	100	107	666
October	1983	38	32	30	0	100	107	701
November	1983	40	32	28	0	100	112	698
December	1983	42	31	27	0	100	115	697
January	1984	41	32	27	0	100	114	678
February	1984	42	31	27	0	100	115	651
March	1984	43	30	26	0	100	117	623
April	1984	47	27	26	0	100	121	624
May	1984	47	27	25	0	100	122	654
June	1984	46	29	25	1	100	121	678
July	1984	44	31	24	1	100	120	683
August	1984	46	30	24	1	100	122	662
September	1984	45	32	23	1	100	122	645
October	1984	48	30	22	0	100	126	628
November	1984	46	33	21	0	100	124	668
December	1984	47	29	24	0	100	123	688
January	1985	44	32	24	0	100	120	710
February	1985	44	31	24	0	100	120	662
March	1985	42	34	24	0	100	117	651
April	1985	42	33	25	0	100	117	628
May	1985	41	34	25	0	100	117	633
June	1985	43	33	24	0	100	120	601
July	1985	40	35	25	0	100	114	598
August	1985	41	32	27	0	100	115	572
September	1985	40	30	30	1	100	110	625
October	1985	43	28	28	1	100	115	630
November	1985	40	31	29	1	100	111	661
December	1985	42	30	28	0	100	113	604
January	1986	41	31	28	0	100	113	588
February	1986	42	29	29	0	100	113	550
March	1986	42	31	27	0	100	116	605
April	1986	43	29	28	0	100	115	648
May	1986	43	32	25	0	100	118	702
June	1986	43	31	25	0	100	118	641

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
July	1986	45	31	23	0	100	122	591
August	1986	46	28	25	1	100	121	530
September	1986	46	29	24	1	100	122	581
October	1986	43	31	25	1	100	119	625
November	1986	44	34	22	1	100	122	685
December	1986	42	33	25	1	100	117	648
January	1987	43	31	25	1	100	119	614
February	1987	44	28	27	1	100	116	582
March	1987	43	30	27	0	100	116	623
April	1987	41	32	28	0	100	113	664
May	1987	40	32	28	0	100	112	693
June	1987	43	31	26	0	100	117	688
July	1987	45	28	27	1	100	118	669
August	1987	47	29	24	1	100	123	662
September	1987	46	31	23	0	100	123	669
October	1987	43	33	25	0	100	118	632
November	1987	43	31	25	0	100	118	583
December	1987	44	30	26	0	100	118	512
January	1988	44	32	24	0	100	120	494
February	1988	44	30	25	1	100	118	477
March	1988	43	31	26	1	100	117	478
April	1988	44	30	26	1	100	118	503
May	1988	40	34	26	0	100	114	525
June	1988	40	32	27	1	100	112	532
July	1988	40	29	30	1	100	110	509
August	1988	44	27	29	1	100	115	489
September	1988	46	26	27	0	100	119	463
October	1988	47	27	26	0	100	121	475
November	1988	44	29	27	0	100	117	485
December	1988	41	34	25	0	100	116	506
January	1989	41	35	23	0	100	118	479
February	1989	42	35	23	0	100	119	468
March	1989	43	31	26	0	100	117	454
April	1989	44	30	26	0	100	118	465
May	1989	46	28	26	0	100	120	469
June	1989	43	32	25	0	100	118	477
July	1989	43	30	27	0	100	116	471
August	1989	41	30	30	0	100	111	473
September	1989	43	27	30	0	100	112	484
October	1989	42	29	29	0	100	113	496
November	1989	43	30	27	0	100	117	501
December	1989	43	31	26	0	100	117	492
January	1990	41	31	27	0	100	114	492
February	1990	40	32	28	0	100	112	503
March	1990	41	30	28	0	100	113	505
April	1990	43	29	28	1	100	115	497
May	1990	44	30	25	1	100	118	482
June	1990	44	31	25	0	100	119	491
July	1990	43	31	26	0	100	117	502
August	1990	42	31	28	0	100	114	519
September	1990	39	32	29	0	100	109	519
October	1990	34	33	33	0	100	100	513

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
November	1990	33	30	36	0	100	97	494
December	1990	33	30	37	1	100	96	497
January	1991	36	31	33	0	100	102	507
February	1991	34	35	31	0	100	103	511
March	1991	34	35	32	0	100	102	510
April	1991	34	35	31	0	100	103	498
May	1991	38	30	32	0	100	106	485
June	1991	39	30	30	0	100	109	481
July	1991	40	29	30	0	100	110	478
August	1991	41	32	27	0	100	114	485
September	1991	39	30	30	1	100	109	469
October	1991	40	29	30	1	100	109	464
November	1991	37	26	37	1	100	100	468
December	1991	36	25	39	0	100	97	481
January	1992	33	28	39	0	100	95	503
February	1992	34	30	35	0	100	99	508
March	1992	35	31	34	0	100	101	494
April	1992	34	30	36	0	100	98	483
May	1992	32	31	36	0	100	96	467
June	1992	32	32	35	1	100	97	471
July	1992	36	29	35	0	100	101	483
August	1992	38	26	35	0	100	103	498
September	1992	40	28	32	0	100	109	498
October	1992	36	31	33	0	100	103	478
November	1992	35	33	31	0	100	104	474
December	1992	31	33	36	0	100	95	479
January	1993	36	31	32	1	100	104	500
February	1993	37	30	32	1	100	104	511
March	1993	44	29	26	1	100	118	508
April	1993	42	31	27	0	100	115	505
May	1993	39	35	26	0	100	113	500
June	1993	34	38	28	0	100	106	512
July	1993	34	36	29	1	100	105	515
August	1993	37	32	30	1	100	108	522
September	1993	38	30	30	1	100	108	517
October	1993	40	30	30	0	100	110	506
November	1993	39	33	28	0	100	111	505
December	1993	40	32	28	0	100	112	514
January	1994	42	31	26	1	100	117	522
February	1994	45	29	25	0	100	120	517
March	1994	45	28	27	1	100	118	517
April	1994	43	27	29	1	100	114	519
May	1994	42	27	31	1	100	111	518
June	1994	43	27	30	0	100	113	514
July	1994	42	32	26	0	100	117	514
August	1994	41	34	25	0	100	116	510
September	1994	41	33	25	0	100	116	515
October	1994	40	32	28	0	100	111	515
November	1994	40	29	31	0	100	109	517
December	1994	40	31	30	0	100	110	519
January	1995	43	29	28	0	100	114	519

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
February	1995	45	32	23	0	100	123	521
March	1995	45	31	23	1	100	122	519
April	1995	42	35	22	1	100	120	510
May	1995	43	34	23	0	100	120	502
June	1995	44	35	21	0	100	122	508
July	1995	44	32	23	0	100	121	510
August	1995	42	32	25	0	100	117	511
September	1995	42	32	26	0	100	116	492
October	1995	41	33	26	0	100	115	498
November	1995	39	34	27	0	100	112	488
December	1995	38	36	26	0	100	112	495
January	1996	39	35	25	0	100	114	492
February	1996	40	34	26	0	100	113	528
March	1996	38	33	29	0	100	109	530
April	1996	39	31	29	0	100	110	536
May	1996	41	32	27	0	100	114	507
June	1996	44	31	25	0	100	119	515
July	1996	43	32	25	0	100	118	501
August	1996	44	31	25	0	100	119	519
September	1996	42	29	29	0	100	114	501
October	1996	43	25	31	0	100	112	507
November	1996	44	25	30	0	100	114	492
December	1996	44	30	26	0	100	119	496
January	1997	42	34	24	0	100	118	501
February	1997	40	33	27	0	100	113	506
March	1997	41	32	26	1	100	115	505
April	1997	47	29	24	1	100	123	495
May	1997	48	32	19	1	100	129	496
June	1997	49	34	17	0	100	131	496
July	1997	48	35	16	0	100	132	506
August	1997	47	32	20	0	100	127	525
September	1997	48	31	21	0	100	126	528
October	1997	45	32	23	0	100	122	520
November	1997	46	35	19	0	100	127	488
December	1997	44	39	17	0	100	127	505
January	1998	47	38	16	0	100	131	513
February	1998	53	33	14	0	100	139	551
March	1998	55	30	15	0	100	140	558
April	1998	57	28	15	0	100	141	566
May	1998	50	31	19	0	100	131	539
June	1998	53	28	19	0	100	134	526
July	1998	51	28	20	0	100	131	517
August	1998	54	26	20	0	100	134	531
September	1998	53	25	22	0	100	131	526
October	1998	53	25	22	0	100	131	542
November	1998	50	28	21	0	100	129	538
December	1998	49	28	22	0	100	127	542
January	1999	51	27	22	0	100	129	521
February	1999	54	24	21	0	100	133	527
March	1999	57	24	19	0	100	138	528
April	1999	59	23	18	0	100	141	531
May	1999	60	21	19	0	100	140	518

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June	1999	60	21	19	0	100	141	517
July	1999	58	24	19	0	100	139	518
August	1999	57	26	17	0	100	140	523
September	1999	55	27	18	0	100	137	534
October	1999	52	27	21	0	100	131	527
November	1999	51	28	21	0	100	130	525
December	1999	51	28	20	1	100	130	515
January	2000	53	26	20	1	100	133	531
February	2000	53	25	21	2	100	132	547
March	2000	53	25	21	1	100	132	553
April	2000	53	25	21	0	100	132	550
May	2000	53	27	20	0	100	133	530
June	2000	52	28	20	0	100	133	525
July	2000	52	30	18	0	100	134	519
August	2000	49	29	22	0	100	128	535
September	2000	48	26	25	1	100	124	517
October	2000	50	24	25	1	100	125	503
November	2000	51	24	23	1	100	128	496
December	2000	53	27	20	1	100	133	522
January	2001	50	31	19	1	100	131	529
February	2001	49	30	20	0	100	129	536
March	2001	49	28	22	0	100	127	518
April	2001	49	25	26	0	100	122	537
May	2001	46	26	27	0	100	119	530
June	2001	44	26	29	1	100	115	535
July	2001	42	28	29	1	100	113	526
August	2001	46	25	28	1	100	118	520
September	2001	44	25	30	0	100	114	533
October	2001	43	24	32	0	100	111	544
November	2001	40	26	34	0	100	106	559
December	2001	40	26	33	0	100	107	525
January	2002	41	27	32	0	100	108	505
February	2002	42	27	31	0	100	111	500
March	2002	42	26	31	0	100	111	522
April	2002	45	25	29	0	100	116	544
May	2002	45	24	31	1	100	114	550
June	2002	46	24	29	1	100	117	548
July	2002	44	24	31	1	100	113	545
August	2002	46	22	32	0	100	114	533
September	2002	43	23	33	0	100	110	543
October	2002	42	23	34	0	100	108	554
November	2002	38	25	37	0	100	101	572
December	2002	38	23	39	0	100	99	560
January	2003	39	25	36	0	100	102	537
February	2003	42	24	33	0	100	109	510
March	2003	43	23	33	0	100	110	520
April	2003	46	20	34	0	100	111	532
May	2003	41	23	36	0	100	105	553
June	2003	38	26	35	0	100	103	538
July	2003	35	30	34	0	100	101	527
August	2003	39	28	33	1	100	106	494
September	2003	43	25	31	0	100	112	521

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October	2003	46	22	32	0	100	114	521
November	2003	48	20	32	0	100	116	534
December	2003	46	19	35	0	100	112	526
January	2004	48	21	31	0	100	117	540
February	2004	48	23	29	0	100	118	538
March	2004	52	23	24	0	100	128	542
April	2004	50	22	28	0	100	122	532
May	2004	50	22	28	0	100	122	542
June	2004	46	23	31	0	100	116	537
July	2004	48	22	29	0	100	119	545
August	2004	49	25	26	0	100	122	543
September	2004	49	25	25	0	100	124	533
October	2004	46	28	26	0	100	119	537
November	2004	45	26	29	0	100	116	543
December	2004	44	27	29	0	100	115	534
January	2005	48	25	27	0	100	121	525
February	2005	51	23	26	0	100	125	523
March	2005	54	21	25	0	100	129	516
April	2005	52	23	25	0	100	127	497
May	2005	47	26	27	0	100	120	498
June	2005	46	28	26	0	100	120	522
July	2005	46	27	26	0	100	120	541
August	2005	48	26	26	0	100	122	548
September	2005	46	24	30	0	100	116	540
October	2005	42	26	32	0	100	110	541
November	2005	41	25	34	0	100	107	540
December	2005	43	24	33	0	100	109	542
January	2006	47	23	30	0	100	116	545
February	2006	43	26	31	0	100	112	532
March	2006	44	28	29	0	100	115	516
April	2006	44	26	30	0	100	115	500
May	2006	45	25	30	0	100	115	505
June	2006	44	24	32	0	100	113	516
July	2006	44	23	33	0	100	110	518
August	2006	43	25	32	0	100	111	520
September	2006	39	27	34	0	100	105	525
October	2006	39	28	32	0	100	107	520
November	2006	44	26	30	0	100	114	516
December	2006	50	25	25	0	100	125	524
January	2007	49	27	24	0	100	126	522
February	2007	48	28	24	0	100	124	531
March	2007	44	30	26	0	100	118	523
April	2007	44	30	26	0	100	118	519
May	2007	45	28	27	0	100	118	515
June	2007	47	27	26	0	100	121	504
July	2007	45	25	30	0	100	115	538
August	2007	43	26	31	0	100	112	539
September	2007	44	25	30	0	100	114	549
October	2007	43	27	30	0	100	113	517
November	2007	44	25	31	0	100	114	512
December	2007	42	25	32	0	100	110	512

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January	2008	41	25	34	0	100	107	549
February	2008	38	28	35	0	100	103	543
March	2008	35	26	39	0	100	96	542
April	2008	35	23	41	0	100	94	511
May	2008	33	22	45	0	100	88	526
June	2008	32	20	48	0	100	85	524
July	2008	30	19	51	0	100	79	531
August	2008	30	17	53	0	100	77	516
September	2008	32	18	50	0	100	82	505
October	2008	29	18	52	0	100	77	509
November	2008	26	18	56	0	100	70	510
December	2008	20	19	61	0	100	59	524
January	2009	20	21	59	0	100	62	524
February	2009	23	22	55	0	100	68	522
March	2009	23	23	54	0	100	69	510
April	2009	22	23	54	0	100	68	513
May	2009	20	24	56	0	100	64	513
June	2009	21	23	56	0	100	65	525
July	2009	22	24	54	0	100	68	507
August	2009	21	25	54	0	100	67	517
September	2009	22	25	54	0	100	68	504
October	2009	19	25	55	0	100	64	503
November	2009	19	26	55	0	100	63	511
December	2009	19	27	54	0	100	65	515
January	2010	21	28	52	0	100	69	526
February	2010	23	30	46	0	100	77	509
March	2010	24	32	44	0	100	79	510
April	2010	23	31	46	0	100	77	500
May	2010	24	27	49	0	100	75	508
June	2010	24	27	49	0	100	75	499
July	2010	24	28	47	0	100	77	504
August	2010	23	32	44	0	100	79	504
September	2010	23	33	44	0	100	79	496
October	2010	23	32	45	0	100	78	497
November	2010	24	29	46	0	100	78	478
December	2010	22	31	46	0	100	76	496
January	2011	25	32	43	0	100	83	494
February	2011	26	34	40	0	100	87	495
March	2011	28	31	40	0	100	88	483
April	2011	27	30	42	0	100	85	482
May	2011	28	27	45	0	100	83	493
June	2011	29	26	45	0	100	84	498
July	2011	27	26	47	0	100	80	509
August	2011	23	28	49	1	100	74	489
September	2011	20	28	52	0	100	68	488
October	2011	22	26	52	0	100	70	473
November	2011	24	28	48	0	100	76	486
December	2011	24	30	46	0	100	78	482
January	2012	26	30	44	0	100	83	495
February	2012	26	29	46	0	100	80	487
March	2012	30	26	43	0	100	87	488
April	2012	29	28	42	0	100	87	477

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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
May	2012	31	29	39	0	100	92	501
June	2012	29	32	40	0	100	89	496
July	2012	29	29	42	0	100	88	513
August	2012	29	29	42	0	100	86	506
September	2012	30	29	41	0	100	89	521
October	2012	30	31	38	1	100	91	520
November	2012	32	28	38	1	100	94	523
December	2012	30	30	39	1	100	91	518
January	2013	29	28	42	0	100	87	500
February	2013	25	32	43	0	100	82	486
March	2013	27	30	42	0	100	85	500
April	2013	29	31	41	0	100	88	521
May	2013	33	30	37	0	100	96	525
June	2013	34	27	39	0	100	95	509
July	2013	35	28	37	0	100	98	499
August	2013	33	28	39	0	100	94	503
September	2013	34	31	36	0	100	98	501
October	2013	33	34	33	0	100	99	516
November	2013	31	35	34	0	100	97	511
December	2013	32	31	37	0	100	95	511
January	2014	32	29	39	0	100	93	511
February	2014	36	27	37	0	100	99	527
March	2014	36	29	35	0	100	101	540
April	2014	39	30	32	0	100	107	520
May	2014	36	31	32	0	100	104	496
June	2014	39	28	33	0	100	107	490
July	2014	40	26	33	0	100	107	515
August	2014	44	25	32	0	100	112	527
September	2014	42	27	31	0	100	111	535
October	2014	41	27	32	0	100	109	538
November	2014	38	31	31	0	100	107	538
December	2014	39	32	29	0	100	110	548
January	2015	41	32	27	0	100	114	544
February	2015	48	28	25	0	100	123	560
March	2015	49	25	26	0	100	123	564
April	2015	51	24	25	0	100	125	562
May	2015	46	25	29	0	100	117	556
June	2015	45	28	26	0	100	119	542
July	2015	42	29	29	0	100	112	552
August	2015	43	28	28	0	100	115	573
September	2015	42	24	33	0	100	109	585
October	2015	43	24	33	0	100	110	572
November	2015	43	24	33	0	100	110	561
December	2015	44	25	31	0	100	113	545
January	2016	42	27	30	0	100	112	562
February	2016	42	28	30	0	100	112	549
March	2016	41	28	31	0	100	111	562
April	2016	43	27	30	0	100	113	529
May	2016	44	25	30	1	100	114	538
June	2016	47	24	28	1	100	118	542
July	2016	49	24	27	0	100	123	596
August	2016	49	26	25	0	100	123	631

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
September	2016	45	26	29	0	100	116	646
October	2016	41	28	31	0	100	110	629
November	2016	39	28	32	0	100	107	618
December	2016	44	29	27	0	100	117	638
January	2017	47	28	25	0	100	122	676
February	2017	49	30	21	0	100	128	686
March	2017	49	32	19	0	100	130	677
April	2017	49	31	19	0	100	130	659
May	2017	51	29	20	0	100	131	659
June	2017	50	27	23	0	100	128	651
July	2017	51	29	20	0	100	131	604
August	2017	51	28	21	0	100	130	597
September	2017	52	27	21	0	100	131	595
October	2017	51	27	22	0	100	130	636
November	2017	52	26	22	0	100	130	645
December	2017	53	27	20	0	100	132	659
January	2018	54	25	21	0	100	133	663
February	2018	55	24	20	0	100	135	663