

# REGION SOUTH

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**TABLE 10**  
**CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH 5 YEARS AGO**  
**(Three Month Moving Averages)**

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)

| <u>Date of Survey</u> | <u>Better Off</u> | <u>Same</u> | <u>Worse Off</u> | <u>DK, NA</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Relative</u> | <u>Cases</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| September 1980        | 52                | 15          | 31               | 3             | 100          | 121             | 670          |
| March 1981            | 53                | 12          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 118             | 708          |
| September 1981        | 57                | 13          | 30               | 1             | 100          | 127             | 670          |
| March 1982            | 55                | 11          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 122             | 621          |
| September 1982        | 51                | 11          | 37               | 1             | 100          | 114             | 649          |
| March 1983            | 48                | 11          | 39               | 2             | 100          | 110             | 704          |
| September 1983        | 53                | 11          | 35               | 0             | 100          | 118             | 666          |
| March 1984            | 58                | 14          | 27               | 1             | 100          | 131             | 623          |
| September 1984        | 63                | 12          | 24               | 1             | 100          | 139             | 645          |
| September 1985        | 57                | 15          | 27               | 2             | 100          | 130             | 625          |
| September 2011        | 37                | 10          | 52               | 2             | 100          | 85              | 488          |
| October 2011          | 38                | 10          | 50               | 2             | 100          | 89              | 473          |
| November 2011         | 36                | 11          | 52               | 1             | 100          | 83              | 486          |
| December 2011         | 37                | 11          | 51               | 1             | 100          | 87              | 482          |
| January 2012          | 36                | 12          | 52               | 0             | 100          | 84              | 495          |
| February 2012         | 37                | 11          | 51               | 1             | 100          | 86              | 487          |
| March 2012            | 37                | 13          | 50               | 0             | 100          | 87              | 488          |
| April 2012            | 37                | 13          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 88              | 477          |
| May 2012              | 38                | 14          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 501          |
| June 2012             | 39                | 13          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 496          |
| July 2012             | 42                | 13          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 513          |
| August 2012           | 42                | 10          | 47               | 0             | 100          | 95              | 506          |
| September 2012        | 43                | 10          | 46               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 521          |
| October 2012          | 40                | 11          | 48               | 1             | 100          | 92              | 520          |
| November 2012         | 43                | 12          | 44               | 1             | 100          | 98              | 523          |
| December 2012         | 39                | 13          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 91              | 518          |
| January 2013          | 40                | 13          | 47               | 0             | 100          | 92              | 500          |
| February 2013         | 37                | 12          | 51               | 0             | 100          | 86              | 486          |
| March 2013            | 42                | 11          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 500          |
| April 2013            | 42                | 12          | 46               | 0             | 100          | 96              | 521          |
| May 2013              | 46                | 12          | 42               | 0             | 100          | 103             | 525          |
| June 2013             | 43                | 12          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 98              | 509          |
| July 2013             | 45                | 10          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 100             | 499          |
| August 2013           | 45                | 10          | 45               | 0             | 100          | 100             | 503          |
| September 2013        | 46                | 8           | 45               | 0             | 100          | 101             | 501          |
| October 2013          | 49                | 9           | 42               | 0             | 100          | 108             | 516          |
| November 2013         | 46                | 11          | 42               | 1             | 100          | 104             | 511          |
| December 2013         | 46                | 12          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 105             | 511          |
| January 2014          | 42                | 15          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 100             | 511          |
| February 2014         | 46                | 13          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 106             | 527          |
| March 2014            | 47                | 11          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 106             | 540          |
| April 2014            | 49                | 10          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 108             | 520          |
| May 2014              | 48                | 11          | 41               | 0             | 100          | 107             | 496          |

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|-----------------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| June                  | 2014 | 47                | 10          | 43               | 0             | 100          | 104             | 490          |
| July                  | 2014 | 46                | 10          | 43               | 1             | 100          | 103             | 515          |
| August                | 2014 | 48                | 9           | 43               | 1             | 100          | 105             | 527          |
| September             | 2014 | 48                | 10          | 41               | 1             | 100          | 107             | 535          |
| October               | 2014 | 50                | 11          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 111             | 538          |
| November              | 2014 | 47                | 13          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 107             | 538          |
| December              | 2014 | 51                | 13          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 117             | 548          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2015 | 54                | 11          | 34               | 1             | 100          | 120             | 544          |
| February              | 2015 | 59                | 10          | 30               | 1             | 100          | 129             | 560          |
| March                 | 2015 | 59                | 8           | 32               | 1             | 100          | 127             | 564          |
| April                 | 2015 | 58                | 9           | 32               | 1             | 100          | 126             | 562          |
| May                   | 2015 | 57                | 9           | 33               | 1             | 100          | 124             | 556          |
| June                  | 2015 | 59                | 11          | 29               | 1             | 100          | 129             | 542          |
| July                  | 2015 | 58                | 10          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 126             | 552          |
| August                | 2015 | 56                | 12          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 125             | 573          |
| September             | 2015 | 54                | 11          | 35               | 1             | 100          | 119             | 585          |
| October               | 2015 | 56                | 10          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 123             | 572          |
| November              | 2015 | 59                | 7           | 34               | 0             | 100          | 125             | 561          |
| December              | 2015 | 60                | 7           | 32               | 0             | 100          | 128             | 545          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2016 | 56                | 9           | 34               | 0             | 100          | 122             | 562          |
| February              | 2016 | 55                | 11          | 33               | 1             | 100          | 121             | 549          |
| March                 | 2016 | 54                | 11          | 33               | 2             | 100          | 121             | 562          |
| April                 | 2016 | 58                | 10          | 31               | 2             | 100          | 127             | 529          |
| May                   | 2016 | 60                | 8           | 31               | 1             | 100          | 128             | 538          |
| June                  | 2016 | 59                | 8           | 33               | 0             | 100          | 126             | 542          |
| July                  | 2016 | 57                | 10          | 33               | 0             | 100          | 124             | 596          |
| August                | 2016 | 55                | 11          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 121             | 631          |
| September             | 2016 | 55                | 11          | 34               | 0             | 100          | 121             | 646          |
| October               | 2016 | 57                | 9           | 33               | 0             | 100          | 124             | 629          |
| November              | 2016 | 57                | 11          | 32               | 1             | 100          | 125             | 618          |
| December              | 2016 | 59                | 12          | 28               | 1             | 100          | 131             | 638          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2017 | 60                | 11          | 28               | 1             | 100          | 131             | 676          |
| February              | 2017 | 62                | 10          | 28               | 0             | 100          | 134             | 686          |
| March                 | 2017 | 63                | 11          | 26               | 0             | 100          | 136             | 677          |
| April                 | 2017 | 62                | 12          | 25               | 0             | 100          | 137             | 659          |
| May                   | 2017 | 64                | 13          | 23               | 0             | 100          | 141             | 659          |
| June                  | 2017 | 64                | 12          | 23               | 0             | 100          | 141             | 651          |
| July                  | 2017 | 66                | 12          | 22               | 0             | 100          | 143             | 604          |
| August                | 2017 | 64                | 12          | 24               | 0             | 100          | 140             | 597          |
| September             | 2017 | 66                | 11          | 23               | 0             | 100          | 143             | 595          |
| October               | 2017 | 66                | 10          | 23               | 1             | 100          | 144             | 636          |
| November              | 2017 | 67                | 11          | 21               | 1             | 100          | 146             | 645          |
| December              | 2017 | 66                | 12          | 20               | 1             | 100          | 146             | 659          |
|                       |      |                   |             |                  |               |              |                 |              |
| January               | 2018 | 64                | 14          | 22               | 1             | 100          | 142             | 663          |
| February              | 2018 | 65                | 13          | 22               | 0             | 100          | 143             | 663          |
| March                 | 2018 | 67                | 11          | 22               | 0             | 100          | 145             | 656          |
| April                 | 2018 | 69                | 10          | 20               | 0             | 100          | 149             | 640          |
| May                   | 2018 | 66                | 11          | 22               | 1             | 100          | 144             | 643          |