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**TABLE 25**  
**CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO**  
**(Three Month Moving Averages)**

The question was: "Would you say that at the present time business conditions are better or worse than they were a year ago?"

<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>
March 1978	43	16	35	6	100	108	733
April 1978	42	13	40	4	100	102	751
May 1978	44	13	38	5	100	106	754
June 1978	45	15	35	5	100	110	749
July 1978	48	15	31	5	100	117	750
August 1978	46	15	35	4	100	111	734
September 1978	44	16	34	6	100	111	753
October 1978	43	17	35	4	100	108	765
November 1978	41	17	37	5	100	105	859
December 1978	41	17	38	4	100	103	879
January 1979	38	16	42	4	100	95	942
February 1979	36	17	43	4	100	93	915
March 1979	35	14	46	5	100	89	939
April 1979	35	14	46	6	100	89	996
May 1979	36	11	49	4	100	87	948
June 1979	33	12	52	3	100	80	1024
July 1979	27	12	59	2	100	68	1045
August 1979	23	11	63	3	100	60	1077
September 1979	21	9	66	3	100	55	1061
October 1979	22	10	64	4	100	58	1123
November 1979	21	12	63	3	100	58	1127
December 1979	22	13	63	2	100	59	1066
January 1980	24	13	61	2	100	64	886
February 1980	26	11	61	3	100	65	831
March 1980	25	12	59	5	100	66	821
April 1980	19	10	66	5	100	52	839
May 1980	14	9	74	4	100	40	721
June 1980	8	6	85	1	100	24	694
July 1980	8	5	86	1	100	22	666
August 1980	12	7	79	2	100	33	659
September 1980	17	10	71	2	100	46	670
October 1980	22	11	63	3	100	59	687
November 1980	24	12	61	3	100	62	697
December 1980	24	13	60	3	100	65	700
January 1981	20	16	61	3	100	59	707
February 1981	19	17	62	2	100	57	705
March 1981	19	16	62	2	100	57	708
April 1981	25	15	58	2	100	67	692
May 1981	27	17	54	2	100	72	669
June 1981	31	19	48	2	100	83	642
July 1981	32	20	47	1	100	86	651
August 1981	36	18	44	2	100	92	662
September 1981	35	15	47	3	100	88	670
October 1981	32	14	51	3	100	81	675
November 1981	24	14	59	3	100	65	680
December 1981	20	12	66	2	100	54	690
January 1982	16	11	72	2	100	44	666
February 1982	14	10	74	1	100	40	658
March 1982	11	9	79	2	100	32	621

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April 1982	11	9	79	2	100	32	649
May 1982	10	6	82	2	100	28	654
June 1982	12	7	79	2	100	33	686
July 1982	10	6	82	2	100	28	672
August 1982	10	7	81	2	100	29	653
September 1982	11	8	79	2	100	31	649
October 1982	15	8	75	2	100	40	642
November 1982	14	7	77	1	100	37	650
December 1982	13	6	79	2	100	34	645
January 1983	12	5	82	1	100	31	633
February 1983	18	6	75	1	100	43	674
March 1983	26	7	66	1	100	60	704
April 1983	37	9	53	1	100	84	730
May 1983	46	11	42	0	100	104	704
June 1983	55	11	34	0	100	121	681
July 1983	56	10	33	1	100	124	648
August 1983	61	8	30	1	100	131	657
September 1983	59	10	30	1	100	129	666
October 1983	63	10	26	1	100	137	701
November 1983	62	9	28	1	100	134	698
December 1983	67	7	25	1	100	142	697
January 1984	70	5	23	1	100	147	678
February 1984	72	6	21	1	100	151	651
March 1984	69	7	22	2	100	146	623
April 1984	64	11	24	1	100	140	624
May 1984	65	11	22	1	100	143	654
June 1984	66	12	20	2	100	146	678
July 1984	70	11	18	2	100	152	683
August 1984	67	11	19	2	100	148	662
September 1984	67	12	18	2	100	149	645
October 1984	65	12	20	2	100	145	628
November 1984	65	13	20	2	100	146	668
December 1984	66	12	21	1	100	145	688
January 1985	62	13	25	1	100	137	710
February 1985	61	12	26	1	100	135	662
March 1985	57	14	28	1	100	129	651
April 1985	54	17	28	2	100	126	628
May 1985	50	18	30	2	100	120	633
June 1985	51	18	29	2	100	123	601
July 1985	55	15	28	2	100	127	598
August 1985	56	14	28	2	100	128	572
September 1985	52	13	33	2	100	119	625
October 1985	48	13	36	3	100	112	630
November 1985	47	13	37	4	100	110	661
December 1985	49	14	34	3	100	116	604
January 1986	50	16	31	3	100	120	588
February 1986	50	18	30	2	100	121	550
March 1986	50	15	32	3	100	118	605
April 1986	54	11	32	2	100	122	648
May 1986	55	9	34	1	100	121	702
June 1986	57	9	33	1	100	123	641
July 1986	54	12	33	2	100	121	591

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August 1986	51	11	36	2	100	115	530
September 1986	47	13	38	2	100	108	581
October 1986	45	10	43	2	100	103	625
November 1986	46	11	41	2	100	106	685
December 1986	46	11	42	1	100	104	648
January 1987	44	13	43	0	100	101	614
February 1987	45	14	41	0	100	104	582
March 1987	45	15	40	1	100	105	623
April 1987	47	14	37	3	100	110	664
May 1987	44	13	40	3	100	104	693
June 1987	44	14	40	2	100	105	688
July 1987	46	16	37	1	100	108	669
August 1987	49	15	34	1	100	115	662
September 1987	50	16	32	2	100	118	669
October 1987	48	15	35	2	100	114	632
November 1987	44	16	39	2	100	105	583
December 1987	42	15	42	1	100	100	512
January 1988	39	15	45	1	100	95	494
February 1988	40	15	43	1	100	97	477
March 1988	39	17	42	2	100	96	478
April 1988	42	16	40	2	100	102	503
May 1988	42	18	38	2	100	104	525
June 1988	45	18	35	2	100	110	532
July 1988	45	19	35	2	100	110	509
August 1988	49	16	33	3	100	116	489
September 1988	49	16	33	3	100	116	463
October 1988	47	19	31	2	100	116	475
November 1988	47	22	30	1	100	117	485
December 1988	48	23	28	2	100	120	506
January 1989	50	24	25	1	100	125	479
February 1989	45	25	28	2	100	118	468
March 1989	47	24	27	2	100	119	454
April 1989	46	20	31	3	100	114	465
May 1989	47	18	32	3	100	115	469
June 1989	45	17	35	4	100	110	477
July 1989	45	17	33	4	100	112	471
August 1989	44	18	35	4	100	109	473
September 1989	45	18	34	3	100	111	484
October 1989	47	19	32	2	100	116	496
November 1989	48	18	31	2	100	117	501
December 1989	50	18	30	2	100	120	492
January 1990	48	16	35	2	100	113	492
February 1990	46	16	36	2	100	111	503
March 1990	41	18	40	1	100	101	505
April 1990	39	19	40	1	100	99	497
May 1990	41	19	38	1	100	103	482
June 1990	41	19	39	1	100	102	491
July 1990	40	21	37	2	100	102	502
August 1990	36	19	43	2	100	93	519
September 1990	30	16	52	2	100	79	519
October 1990	23	11	63	3	100	60	513
November 1990	17	11	69	3	100	48	494

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December 1990	14	11	71	4	100	43	497
January 1991	13	11	74	2	100	39	507
February 1991	12	10	76	2	100	37	511
March 1991	13	9	76	1	100	37	510
April 1991	15	8	75	2	100	40	498
May 1991	17	6	75	2	100	41	485
June 1991	21	7	71	2	100	50	481
July 1991	22	10	66	1	100	56	478
August 1991	27	12	60	1	100	66	485
September 1991	30	11	59	1	100	71	469
October 1991	29	8	62	1	100	68	464
November 1991	27	7	66	1	100	61	468
December 1991	19	7	72	2	100	47	481
January 1992	15	6	76	2	100	39	503
February 1992	13	7	78	2	100	35	508
March 1992	15	8	76	2	100	39	494
April 1992	22	7	69	1	100	53	483
May 1992	28	7	63	2	100	65	467
June 1992	34	8	57	1	100	77	471
July 1992	35	9	55	1	100	81	483
August 1992	34	10	56	1	100	78	498
September 1992	29	10	61	1	100	68	498
October 1992	26	11	61	2	100	65	478
November 1992	28	12	57	2	100	71	474
December 1992	36	14	47	3	100	90	479
January 1993	44	15	39	2	100	105	500
February 1993	48	17	34	2	100	114	511
March 1993	46	18	34	2	100	112	508
April 1993	43	18	36	2	100	107	505
May 1993	39	19	39	3	100	100	500
June 1993	37	17	42	4	100	95	512
July 1993	37	15	44	4	100	93	515
August 1993	39	15	44	2	100	95	522
September 1993	37	16	45	2	100	92	517
October 1993	40	17	41	1	100	99	506
November 1993	41	14	43	3	100	98	505
December 1993	48	13	36	3	100	112	514
January 1994	51	14	33	2	100	118	522
February 1994	56	16	26	2	100	130	517
March 1994	54	17	27	2	100	127	517
April 1994	55	15	28	2	100	127	519
May 1994	54	14	30	2	100	124	518
June 1994	58	12	28	2	100	130	514
July 1994	55	11	31	3	100	125	514
August 1994	57	12	29	3	100	128	510
September 1994	54	13	30	3	100	123	515
October 1994	52	16	30	2	100	122	515
November 1994	52	15	31	2	100	120	517
December 1994	54	15	29	1	100	125	519
January 1995	60	13	25	1	100	135	519
February 1995	61	14	23	2	100	138	521

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March 1995	59	14	24	2	100	135	519
April 1995	55	16	27	2	100	129	510
May 1995	51	18	27	4	100	124	502
June 1995	50	17	29	4	100	122	508
July 1995	50	17	30	4	100	120	510
August 1995	51	17	30	2	100	121	511
September 1995	51	19	28	2	100	122	492
October 1995	51	17	30	2	100	121	498
November 1995	51	17	31	1	100	119	488
December 1995	49	15	33	2	100	116	495
January 1996	47	17	35	1	100	112	492
February 1996	41	18	39	2	100	102	528
March 1996	41	18	38	2	100	103	530
April 1996	44	17	36	2	100	108	536
May 1996	49	16	33	2	100	116	507
June 1996	47	15	35	2	100	112	515
July 1996	48	19	31	2	100	116	501
August 1996	49	19	31	2	100	118	519
September 1996	51	19	28	2	100	123	501
October 1996	51	16	31	2	100	120	507
November 1996	53	16	28	2	100	125	492
December 1996	57	16	26	1	100	131	496
January 1997	61	16	22	1	100	138	501
February 1997	61	16	22	1	100	138	506
March 1997	59	16	24	1	100	134	505
April 1997	53	17	28	3	100	125	495
May 1997	53	17	27	3	100	127	496
June 1997	59	17	21	3	100	138	496
July 1997	68	14	16	3	100	152	506
August 1997	68	13	16	4	100	152	525
September 1997	63	15	18	4	100	145	528
October 1997	60	17	19	4	100	140	520
November 1997	60	18	19	3	100	141	488
December 1997	60	19	20	1	100	140	505
January 1998	59	19	20	2	100	140	513
February 1998	61	18	19	2	100	142	551
March 1998	61	19	18	2	100	142	558
April 1998	64	19	16	1	100	148	566
May 1998	61	21	17	1	100	145	539
June 1998	63	20	16	2	100	147	526
July 1998	61	19	17	2	100	144	517
August 1998	61	19	17	2	100	144	531
September 1998	58	19	21	2	100	137	526
October 1998	52	18	27	2	100	125	542
November 1998	50	18	30	2	100	119	538
December 1998	52	17	29	2	100	122	542
January 1999	58	17	23	2	100	135	521
February 1999	63	16	19	2	100	144	527
March 1999	67	16	16	1	100	151	528
April 1999	68	14	15	2	100	153	531
May 1999	63	16	19	2	100	144	518
June 1999	63	17	19	2	100	144	517

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July 1999	60	18	21	2	100	139	518
August 1999	62	17	19	2	100	143	523
September 1999	61	17	20	2	100	141	534
October 1999	61	18	20	1	100	141	527
November 1999	61	18	22	0	100	139	525
December 1999	61	17	22	1	100	139	515
January 2000	64	15	19	2	100	145	531
February 2000	67	14	16	3	100	151	547
March 2000	67	14	16	3	100	151	553
April 2000	64	15	17	3	100	147	550
May 2000	62	15	20	3	100	142	530
June 2000	59	17	22	2	100	136	525
July 2000	55	17	27	1	100	129	519
August 2000	55	17	26	2	100	128	535
September 2000	55	15	27	2	100	128	517
October 2000	55	18	25	3	100	130	503
November 2000	52	18	28	2	100	125	496
December 2000	49	21	28	2	100	120	522
January 2001	41	18	38	2	100	103	529
February 2001	35	16	47	3	100	88	536
March 2001	29	13	56	3	100	73	518
April 2001	26	12	60	2	100	65	537
May 2001	21	14	63	2	100	59	530
June 2001	20	15	62	3	100	58	535
July 2001	21	17	59	4	100	62	526
August 2001	24	16	58	3	100	66	520
September 2001	23	12	63	2	100	60	533
October 2001	17	10	72	1	100	45	544
November 2001	13	7	78	1	100	35	559
December 2001	12	7	80	1	100	32	525
January 2002	13	7	80	1	100	33	505
February 2002	13	7	79	1	100	34	500
March 2002	15	8	76	1	100	39	522
April 2002	20	9	70	1	100	50	544
May 2002	26	10	63	1	100	63	550
June 2002	27	10	62	1	100	66	548
July 2002	26	8	65	2	100	61	545
August 2002	21	8	69	2	100	52	533
September 2002	20	7	70	2	100	50	543
October 2002	20	8	70	2	100	50	554
November 2002	21	8	69	1	100	52	572
December 2002	24	10	64	2	100	60	560
January 2003	26	10	63	1	100	64	537
February 2003	28	10	61	1	100	67	510
March 2003	24	9	66	1	100	58	520
April 2003	25	9	65	1	100	59	532
May 2003	27	9	63	1	100	64	553
June 2003	31	10	58	1	100	72	538
July 2003	35	9	55	1	100	80	527
August 2003	37	9	53	1	100	85	494
September 2003	38	10	52	0	100	87	521
October 2003	36	12	51	1	100	86	521

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November 2003	40	13	46	1	100	94	534
December 2003	44	12	42	2	100	102	526
January 2004	55	11	33	2	100	122	540
February 2004	56	10	33	1	100	122	538
March 2004	56	10	34	1	100	122	542
April 2004	50	11	39	0	100	112	532
May 2004	50	11	38	0	100	112	542
June 2004	52	10	37	1	100	115	537
July 2004	55	8	35	2	100	120	545
August 2004	54	9	35	2	100	119	543
September 2004	51	11	37	2	100	114	533
October 2004	47	13	39	1	100	108	537
November 2004	48	13	38	1	100	109	543
December 2004	50	13	36	1	100	115	534
January 2005	53	12	34	1	100	119	525
February 2005	55	13	31	1	100	124	523
March 2005	54	12	33	1	100	121	516
April 2005	53	10	36	1	100	116	497
May 2005	48	9	42	1	100	105	498
June 2005	46	10	43	1	100	103	522
July 2005	46	11	42	1	100	103	541
August 2005	45	11	44	0	100	101	548
September 2005	40	12	47	0	100	93	540
October 2005	33	12	55	0	100	78	541
November 2005	31	11	57	1	100	73	540
December 2005	31	9	59	1	100	72	542
January 2006	35	10	54	1	100	82	545
February 2006	37	11	51	2	100	86	532
March 2006	40	12	47	1	100	93	516
April 2006	39	12	48	1	100	91	500
May 2006	37	11	51	1	100	87	505
June 2006	34	12	52	2	100	82	516
July 2006	34	11	54	1	100	80	518
August 2006	33	12	53	1	100	80	520
September 2006	35	12	52	0	100	83	525
October 2006	40	12	48	0	100	92	520
November 2006	44	13	41	2	100	102	516
December 2006	47	14	37	2	100	110	524
January 2007	47	16	34	3	100	113	522
February 2007	48	15	35	2	100	112	531
March 2007	42	15	42	2	100	100	523
April 2007	38	13	48	1	100	91	519
May 2007	39	12	47	1	100	92	515
June 2007	41	10	47	2	100	95	504
July 2007	42	11	45	2	100	97	538
August 2007	39	10	49	2	100	91	539
September 2007	36	10	52	2	100	84	549
October 2007	32	8	58	2	100	74	517
November 2007	26	10	63	1	100	64	512
December 2007	25	11	64	0	100	61	512
January 2008	21	12	66	1	100	56	549

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February 2008	16	9	74	1	100	42	543
March 2008	12	6	80	1	100	32	542
April 2008	9	5	86	1	100	23	511
May 2008	7	4	88	1	100	20	526
June 2008	6	4	89	1	100	17	524
July 2008	6	4	89	1	100	16	531
August 2008	7	4	88	1	100	18	516
September 2008	7	5	88	0	100	19	505
October 2008	6	5	89	0	100	17	509
November 2008	5	3	92	0	100	13	510
December 2008	3	3	93	0	100	10	524
January 2009	3	3	94	1	100	9	524
February 2009	3	3	92	1	100	11	522
March 2009	3	2	93	1	100	10	510
April 2009	5	2	92	1	100	13	513
May 2009	6	2	91	1	100	15	513
June 2009	11	2	87	1	100	24	525
July 2009	14	3	83	0	100	31	507
August 2009	19	4	77	0	100	41	517
September 2009	21	4	74	1	100	47	504
October 2009	22	4	73	1	100	50	503
November 2009	23	4	72	1	100	50	511
December 2009	24	4	71	1	100	53	515
January 2010	29	6	65	1	100	64	526
February 2010	33	6	60	1	100	72	509
March 2010	36	6	57	1	100	79	510
April 2010	38	6	56	1	100	82	500
May 2010	39	7	54	1	100	85	508
June 2010	39	8	52	1	100	88	499
July 2010	35	9	55	1	100	80	504
August 2010	33	8	58	1	100	74	504
September 2010	31	8	61	1	100	70	496
October 2010	30	8	61	0	100	69	497
November 2010	34	8	58	0	100	76	478
December 2010	37	8	54	1	100	83	496
January 2011	42	7	50	1	100	92	494
February 2011	44	9	47	0	100	98	495
March 2011	42	9	49	0	100	93	483
April 2011	40	10	49	0	100	91	482
May 2011	39	10	51	0	100	88	493
June 2011	41	11	48	1	100	93	498
July 2011	41	8	49	2	100	92	509
August 2011	33	7	58	2	100	75	489
September 2011	27	8	63	2	100	64	488
October 2011	20	10	69	1	100	51	473
November 2011	20	11	68	1	100	52	486
December 2011	24	10	65	1	100	59	482
January 2012	33	9	58	0	100	75	495
February 2012	38	9	53	0	100	85	487
March 2012	43	8	49	0	100	94	488
April 2012	45	7	46	1	100	99	477
May 2012	48	7	43	2	100	105	501

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June 2012	46	6	46	1	100	100	496
July 2012	42	8	48	1	100	94	513
August 2012	40	9	50	1	100	90	506
September 2012	39	10	49	1	100	90	521
October 2012	39	11	48	1	100	91	520
November 2012	42	10	47	2	100	95	523
December 2012	41	12	46	2	100	95	518
January 2013	42	11	46	1	100	96	500
February 2013	40	14	45	1	100	95	486
March 2013	41	11	47	1	100	94	500
April 2013	42	11	46	1	100	96	521
May 2013	48	6	45	1	100	103	525
June 2013	50	7	41	2	100	109	509
July 2013	53	7	38	2	100	115	499
August 2013	52	8	39	2	100	113	503
September 2013	51	9	39	1	100	112	501
October 2013	48	10	41	1	100	107	516
November 2013	43	10	46	1	100	96	511
December 2013	44	9	46	1	100	98	511
January 2014	45	8	46	1	100	100	511
February 2014	49	7	43	1	100	106	527
March 2014	49	6	44	1	100	105	540
April 2014	49	7	43	1	100	107	520
May 2014	50	10	39	1	100	110	496
June 2014	49	12	37	1	100	112	490
July 2014	48	11	40	1	100	108	515
August 2014	46	10	42	1	100	104	527
September 2014	46	10	43	1	100	103	535
October 2014	50	11	38	1	100	112	538
November 2014	52	11	35	2	100	117	538
December 2014	56	11	31	2	100	126	548
January 2015	61	10	27	2	100	133	544
February 2015	64	9	26	1	100	138	560
March 2015	62	10	28	1	100	134	564
April 2015	60	8	31	1	100	128	562
May 2015	56	9	35	0	100	121	556
June 2015	56	12	32	0	100	125	542
July 2015	55	14	31	0	100	123	552
August 2015	56	13	30	0	100	126	573
September 2015	52	13	34	1	100	118	585
October 2015	49	12	37	2	100	112	572
November 2015	47	12	39	2	100	107	561
December 2015	47	11	41	1	100	107	545
January 2016	45	12	42	1	100	103	562
February 2016	45	12	43	1	100	102	549
March 2016	45	11	43	1	100	102	562
April 2016	46	11	43	0	100	103	529
May 2016	49	13	38	0	100	111	538
June 2016	50	12	37	1	100	113	542
July 2016	51	12	35	1	100	116	596
August 2016	49	10	39	1	100	110	631
September 2016	46	13	40	1	100	107	646

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October 2016	46	13	40	1	100	105	629
November 2016	44	15	40	1	100	104	618
December 2016	48	14	36	2	100	112	638
January 2017	53	14	31	2	100	121	676
February 2017	57	13	28	2	100	129	686
March 2017	59	14	26	1	100	133	677
April 2017	59	13	26	2	100	133	659
May 2017	59	14	25	2	100	134	659
June 2017	56	14	28	2	100	129	651
July 2017	55	16	27	2	100	129	604
August 2017	56	14	27	2	100	129	597
September 2017	57	14	26	3	100	131	595
October 2017	58	13	26	3	100	132	636
November 2017	59	13	26	2	100	134	645
December 2017	63	12	25	1	100	138	659
January 2018	63	12	25	1	100	138	663
February 2018	65	10	24	0	100	141	663
March 2018	65	10	24	1	100	141	656
April 2018	64	8	27	1	100	137	640
May 2018	62	10	28	1	100	134	643
June 2018	61	10	28	1	100	133	667
July 2018	62	11	27	1	100	135	684
August 2018	64	9	27	0	100	137	682
September 2018	64	9	25	2	100	138	660
October 2018	64	8	26	2	100	138	669
November 2018	62	9	26	3	100	137	668
December 2018	62	11	26	2	100	136	670
January 2019	57	11	30	2	100	126	670
February 2019	54	11	33	2	100	121	687
March 2019	53	13	32	1	100	121	671
April 2019	57	13	28	2	100	130	663
May 2019	61	13	24	2	100	138	648
June 2019	62	11	26	1	100	136	674
July 2019	62	12	25	1	100	137	663
August 2019	59	12	29	1	100	130	644
September 2019	56	11	32	1	100	125	654
October 2019	53	11	35	1	100	118	693
November 2019	53	11	35	0	100	118	706
December 2019	55	12	32	1	100	123	704
January 2020	61	12	27	1	100	134	690
February 2020	62	12	25	1	100	137	677
March 2020	56	11	31	1	100	125	701
April 2020	36	9	54	1	100	83	692
May 2020	18	5	76	1	100	42	723
June 2020	4	2	92	1	100	12	701
July 2020	5	1	93	1	100	12	701
August 2020	6	2	91	1	100	15	693
September 2020	8	1	90	1	100	17	688
October 2020	9	2	88	1	100	21	663
November 2020	11	3	85	1	100	26	649
December 2020	13	4	83	1	100	30	633

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January 2021	14	3	82	0	100	32	624
February 2021	15	4	80	1	100	35	618
March 2021	21	4	74	1	100	48	629
April 2021	31	5	63	1	100	67	637
May 2021	43	4	52	1	100	91	634
June 2021	49	5	45	1	100	104	616
July 2021	51	5	42	2	100	109	631
August 2021	49	5	44	2	100	105	647
September 2021	48	5	46	1	100	103	650
October 2021	45	4	50	1	100	95	652
November 2021	44	4	52	0	100	93	649
December 2021	40	4	56	0	100	84	666
January 2022	38	5	57	1	100	81	650
February 2022	34	6	60	1	100	74	659
March 2022	35	5	60	0	100	75	641
April 2022	39	4	57	0	100	82	650
May 2022	38	3	58	1	100	80	639
June 2022	32	2	64	1	100	68	668
July 2022	25	3	71	1	100	54	671
August 2022	24	4	71	0	100	53	693
September 2022	27	5	67	1	100	59	676
October 2022	28	6	65	1	100	63	665
November 2022	27	6	67	1	100	60	657
December 2022	27	5	67	1	100	60	677
January 2023	31	5	63	1	100	69	685
February 2023	37	5	57	1	100	80	687
March 2023	37	7	54	1	100	83	666
April 2023	32	10	58	1	100	74	668
May 2023	29	10	60	1	100	69	652
June 2023	30	9	60	0	100	70	647
July 2023	33	9	57	1	100	76	653
August 2023	36	8	55	1	100	80	668
September 2023	35	9	55	1	100	80	676
October 2023	35	9	55	1	100	80	686
November 2023	31	10	58	2	100	73	650
December 2023	32	10	57	1	100	74	647
January 2024	35	8	56	1	100	79	625
February 2024	38	9	51	1	100	87	670
March 2024	40	10	49	1	100	91	661
April 2024	39	12	48	1	100	90	750
May 2024	35	14	51	0	100	84	829
June 2024	30	18	51	0	100	79	942
July 2024	27	23	50	0	100	76	929
August 2024	26	26	47	0	100	79	1010
September 2024	23	30	46	1	100	77	1024
October 2024	23	28	48	1	100	76	1047
November 2024	23	29	48	0	100	75	921
December 2024	26	31	44	0	100	82	833
January 2025	25	34	41	0	100	84	866
February 2025	24	35	41	0	100	83	889
March 2025	20	33	48	0	100	72	1138
April 2025	17	28	56	0	100	61	1138

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May 2025	16	21	63	0	100	54	1219
June 2025	18	18	64	0	100	53	1065
July 2025	20	18	62	1	100	58	1101
August 2025	21	19	60	0	100	62	1058
September 2025	21	18	61	0	100	60	1110
October 2025	19	18	63	0	100	56	1095
November 2025	17	18	65	0	100	53	1108
December 2025	17	17	65	0	100	52	1056
January 2026	18	18	65	0	100	53	1069
February 2026	20	19	61	0	100	59	1128