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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
Jan.-Mar.	1960	43	36	17	4	100	126	2972
Apr.-Jun.	1960	33	42	20	5	100	113	1407
Jul.-Sep.	1960	29	38	30	3	100	99	621
Oct.-Dec.	1960	19	42	35	4	100	84	1390
Jan.-Mar.	1961	13	29	55	3	100	58	1981
Apr.-Jun.	1961	27	35	33	5	100	94	1310
Jul.-Sep.	1961	50	29	18	3	100	132	540
Oct.-Dec.	1961	44	35	17	4	100	127	956
Jan.-Mar.	1962	48	36	11	5	100	137	2117
Apr.-Jun.	1962	43	35	16	6	100	127	1299
Jul.-Sep.	1962	36	37	23	4	100	113	1317
Oct.-Dec.	1962	40	39	16	5	100	124	1352
Jan.-Mar.	1963	41	37	17	5	100	124	2036
Apr.-Jun.	1963	38	39	19	4	100	119	1310
Jul.-Sep.	1963	38	42	16	4	100	122	1359
Oct.-Dec.	1963	40	43	14	3	100	126	1320
Jan.-Mar.	1964	42	41	14	3	100	128	1538
Apr.-Jun.	1964	43	38	16	3	100	127	1479
Jul.-Sep.	1964	43	39	15	3	100	129	0
Oct.-Dec.	1964	44	39	13	4	100	130	0
Jan.-Mar.	1965	44	40	12	4	100	132	1349
Apr.-Jun.	1965	47	40	10	4	100	137	0
Jul.-Sep.	1965	49	39	8	4	100	141	854
Oct.-Dec.	1965	53	36	6	5	100	147	1658
Jan.-Mar.	1966	57	30	7	6	100	150	2419
Apr.-Jun.	1966	45	36	16	3	100	129	1434
Jul.-Sep.	1966	44	31	18	7	100	126	1228
Oct.-Dec.	1966	36	34	22	8	100	114	1225
Jan.-Mar.	1967	35	37	23	5	100	112	3165
Apr.-Jun.	1967	37	35	22	6	100	115	1323
Jul.-Sep.	1967	34	44	18	4	100	116	1310
Oct.-Dec.	1967	40	37	18	5	100	122	1329
Jan.-Mar.	1968	38	38	21	3	100	117	2677
Apr.-Jun.	1968	34	46	16	4	100	118	1223
Jul.-Sep.	1968	35	48	13	5	100	122	0
Oct.-Dec.	1968	36	49	10	5	100	126	1405
Jan.-Mar.	1969	37	49	11	3	100	126	2482
Apr.-Jun.	1969	35	44	17	4	100	118	0
Jul.-Sep.	1969	33	39	23	5	100	110	1557
Oct.-Dec.	1969	28	37	32	3	100	96	1469
Jan.-Mar.	1970	21	31	44	4	100	77	1261
Apr.-Jun.	1970	16	25	55	4	100	61	1315
Jul.-Sep.	1970	15	29	54	2	100	61	1337
Oct.-Dec.	1970	19	24	54	3	100	65	1402
Jan.-Mar.	1971	18	26	53	3	100	65	1327

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Apr.-Jun.	1971	25	28	44	3	100	81	1392
Jul.-Sep.	1971	23	32	43	2	100	80	1229
Oct.-Dec.	1971	27	29	40	4	100	87	1268
Jan.-Mar.	1972	39	33	25	3	100	114	1426
Apr.-Jun.	1972	40	30	27	3	100	113	1297
Jul.-Sep.	1972	45	35	15	5	100	130	1217
Oct.-Dec.	1972	44	36	15	5	100	129	999
Jan.-Mar.	1973	40	30	25	5	100	115	1348
Apr.-Jun.	1973	37	24	33	6	100	104	1433
Jul.-Sep.	1973	26	27	42	5	100	84	1362
Oct.-Dec.	1973	34	25	36	5	100	98	1444
Jan.-Mar.	1974	10	15	72	3	100	38	1329
Apr.-Jun.	1974	9	13	76	3	100	33	0
Jul.-Sep.	1974	7	11	80	3	100	27	0
Oct.-Dec.	1974	6	8	84	2	100	22	0
Jan.-Mar.	1975	4	6	88	2	100	16	1374
Apr.-Jun.	1975	19	15	63	3	100	56	1317
Jul.-Sep.	1975	38	20	39	3	100	99	1365
Oct.-Dec.	1975	34	16	45	5	100	89	1519
Jan.-Mar.	1976	53	18	25	4	100	128	1269
Apr.-Jun.	1976	52	15	26	7	100	126	1548
Jul.-Sep.	1976	57	16	23	4	100	134	1372
Oct.-Dec.	1976	46	17	32	5	100	114	1254
Jan.-Mar.	1977	39	19	38	4	100	101	1203
Apr.-Jun.	1977	60	15	22	3	100	138	1370
Jul.-Sep.	1977	54	18	25	3	100	129	1214
Oct.-Dec.	1977	48	17	32	3	100	116	1280
Jan.-Mar.	1978	43	19	35	3	100	108	2762
Apr.-Jun.	1978	47	15	35	3	100	112	2741
Jul.-Sep.	1978	46	15	35	4	100	111	2698
Oct.-Dec.	1978	38	18	40	4	100	98	2985
Jan.-Mar.	1979	36	15	45	4	100	91	3014
Apr.-Jun.	1979	32	14	51	3	100	81	3271
Jul.-Sep.	1979	21	10	66	3	100	55	3331
Oct.-Dec.	1979	21	12	65	2	100	56	3344
Jan.-Mar.	1980	19	12	66	3	100	53	2495
Apr.-Jun.	1980	7	6	87	0	100	20	2110
Jul.-Sep.	1980	14	7	77	2	100	37	2008
Oct.-Dec.	1980	19	11	68	2	100	51	2062
Jan.-Mar.	1981	15	14	69	2	100	46	2068
Apr.-Jun.	1981	28	18	52	2	100	76	2032
Jul.-Sep.	1981	31	15	52	2	100	79	2070
Oct.-Dec.	1981	17	10	71	2	100	46	2103
Jan.-Mar.	1982	10	7	82	1	100	28	2088
Apr.-Jun.	1982	11	7	81	1	100	30	2096
Jul.-Sep.	1982	11	7	81	1	100	30	2083
Oct.-Dec.	1982	14	7	78	1	100	36	2051

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Jan.-Mar.	1983	26	9	64	1	100	62	2087
Apr.-Jun.	1983	59	10	31	0	100	128	2121
Jul.-Sep.	1983	63	9	26	2	100	137	2057
Oct.-Dec.	1983	67	8	24	1	100	143	2091
Jan.-Mar.	1984	71	8	19	2	100	152	2068
Apr.-Jun.	1984	68	11	20	1	100	148	2075
Jul.-Sep.	1984	68	10	20	2	100	148	2038
Oct.-Dec.	1984	63	12	23	2	100	140	2120
Jan.-Mar.	1985	58	14	26	2	100	132	1948
Apr.-Jun.	1985	53	15	30	2	100	123	1988
Jul.-Sep.	1985	53	14	31	2	100	122	1945
Oct.-Dec.	1985	50	14	34	2	100	116	1955
Jan.-Mar.	1986	52	15	31	2	100	121	1970
Apr.-Jun.	1986	59	10	30	1	100	129	1971
Jul.-Sep.	1986	49	13	36	2	100	113	1977
Oct.-Dec.	1986	44	15	39	2	100	105	1960
Jan.-Mar.	1987	45	15	39	1	100	106	1964
Apr.-Jun.	1987	46	15	37	2	100	109	1957
Jul.-Sep.	1987	51	15	32	2	100	119	1955
Oct.-Dec.	1987	40	15	44	1	100	96	1501
Jan.-Mar.	1988	40	17	41	2	100	99	1502
Apr.-Jun.	1988	47	17	34	2	100	113	1504
Jul.-Sep.	1988	49	17	31	3	100	118	1501
Oct.-Dec.	1988	49	20	29	2	100	120	1509
Jan.-Mar.	1989	49	21	27	3	100	122	1503
Apr.-Jun.	1989	43	18	35	4	100	108	1510
Jul.-Sep.	1989	44	21	32	3	100	112	1509
Oct.-Dec.	1989	45	19	34	2	100	111	1502
Jan.-Mar.	1990	38	18	41	3	100	97	1514
Apr.-Jun.	1990	37	18	43	2	100	94	1508
Jul.-Sep.	1990	30	15	53	2	100	77	1502
Oct.-Dec.	1990	13	9	76	2	100	37	1508
Jan.-Mar.	1991	11	9	78	2	100	33	1539
Apr.-Jun.	1991	20	8	70	2	100	50	1502
Jul.-Sep.	1991	26	11	61	2	100	65	1502
Oct.-Dec.	1991	17	8	73	2	100	44	1510
Jan.-Mar.	1992	12	7	80	1	100	32	1518
Apr.-Jun.	1992	29	9	61	1	100	68	1501
Jul.-Sep.	1992	23	10	66	1	100	57	1513
Oct.-Dec.	1992	31	14	53	2	100	78	1508
Jan.-Mar.	1993	44	16	37	3	100	107	1512
Apr.-Jun.	1993	38	17	43	2	100	95	1507
Jul.-Sep.	1993	34	15	49	2	100	85	1513
Oct.-Dec.	1993	42	15	40	3	100	102	1526
Jan.-Mar.	1994	54	15	29	2	100	125	1515
Apr.-Jun.	1994	54	13	31	2	100	123	1509

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Jul.-Sep.	1994	54	13	31	2	100	123	1541
Oct.-Dec.	1994	56	13	29	2	100	127	1504
Jan.-Mar.	1995	55	14	28	3	100	127	1510
Apr.-Jun.	1995	48	17	32	3	100	116	1503
Jul.-Sep.	1995	49	19	30	2	100	119	1504
Oct.-Dec.	1995	47	16	35	2	100	112	1507
Jan.-Mar.	1996	43	16	39	2	100	104	1505
Apr.-Jun.	1996	45	18	35	2	100	110	1500
Jul.-Sep.	1996	51	18	29	2	100	122	1501
Oct.-Dec.	1996	55	16	27	2	100	128	1502
Jan.-Mar.	1997	59	17	23	1	100	136	1501
Apr.-Jun.	1997	57	18	23	2	100	134	1501
Jul.-Sep.	1997	64	16	17	3	100	147	1500
Oct.-Dec.	1997	59	20	19	2	100	140	1500
Jan.-Mar.	1998	62	19	16	3	100	146	1499
Apr.-Jun.	1998	63	20	15	2	100	148	1500
Jul.-Sep.	1998	59	18	21	2	100	138	1508
Oct.-Dec.	1998	51	17	29	3	100	122	1504
Jan.-Mar.	1999	64	17	17	2	100	147	1497
Apr.-Jun.	1999	64	20	15	1	100	149	1500
Jul.-Sep.	1999	61	17	20	2	100	141	1501
Oct.-Dec.	1999	62	19	17	2	100	145	1497
Jan.-Mar.	2000	67	16	15	2	100	152	1509
Apr.-Jun.	2000	59	16	23	2	100	136	1503
Jul.-Sep.	2000	56	17	25	2	100	131	1508
Oct.-Dec.	2000	50	18	30	2	100	120	1500
Jan.-Mar.	2001	26	12	60	2	100	66	1501
Apr.-Jun.	2001	20	13	65	2	100	55	1501
Jul.-Sep.	2001	22	10	66	2	100	56	1501
Oct.-Dec.	2001	10	7	82	1	100	28	1510
Jan.-Mar.	2002	13	7	78	2	100	35	1500
Apr.-Jun.	2002	25	9	64	2	100	61	1503
Jul.-Sep.	2002	16	8	74	2	100	42	1502
Oct.-Dec.	2002	25	9	64	2	100	61	1506
Jan.-Mar.	2003	20	11	68	1	100	52	1506
Apr.-Jun.	2003	28	11	60	1	100	68	1500
Jul.-Sep.	2003	36	9	54	1	100	82	1503
Oct.-Dec.	2003	45	10	44	1	100	101	1505
Jan.-Mar.	2004	51	10	38	1	100	113	1510
Apr.-Jun.	2004	49	11	39	1	100	110	1514
Jul.-Sep.	2004	47	10	41	2	100	106	1511
Oct.-Dec.	2004	47	13	39	1	100	108	1505
Jan.-Mar.	2005	51	13	35	1	100	116	1487
Apr.-Jun.	2005	45	12	43	0	100	102	1502
Jul.-Sep.	2005	40	13	46	1	100	94	1524
Oct.-Dec.	2005	32	10	57	1	100	75	1516

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Jan.-Mar.	2006	43	10	46	1	100	97	1496
Apr.-Jun.	2006	35	12	52	1	100	83	1505
Jul.-Sep.	2006	34	12	54	0	100	80	1508
Oct.-Dec.	2006	44	11	43	2	100	101	1506
Jan.-Mar.	2007	42	14	42	2	100	100	1516
Apr.-Jun.	2007	37	14	48	1	100	89	1510
Jul.-Sep.	2007	33	11	54	2	100	79	1516
Oct.-Dec.	2007	24	10	66	0	100	58	1503
Jan.-Mar.	2008	12	6	81	1	100	31	1508
Apr.-Jun.	2008	4	5	90	1	100	14	1514
Jul.-Sep.	2008	6	4	89	1	100	17	1505
Oct.-Dec.	2008	2	3	94	1	100	8	1517
Jan.-Mar.	2009	3	2	94	1	100	9	1513
Apr.-Jun.	2009	10	3	87	0	100	23	1519
Jul.-Sep.	2009	21	4	75	0	100	46	1515
Oct.-Dec.	2009	28	4	67	1	100	61	1507
Jan.-Mar.	2010	37	7	55	1	100	82	1510
Apr.-Jun.	2010	43	8	48	1	100	95	1516
Jul.-Sep.	2010	36	8	56	0	100	80	1516
Oct.-Dec.	2010	38	9	52	1	100	86	1525
Jan.-Mar.	2011	46	9	44	1	100	102	1513
Apr.-Jun.	2011	43	9	47	1	100	96	1508
Jul.-Sep.	2011	26	8	65	1	100	61	1492
Oct.-Dec.	2011	28	10	61	1	100	67	1500
Jan.-Mar.	2012	47	9	43	1	100	104	1507
Apr.-Jun.	2012	49	8	42	1	100	107	1501
Jul.-Sep.	2012	41	10	48	1	100	93	1531
Oct.-Dec.	2012	45	11	42	2	100	103	1515
Jan.-Mar.	2013	47	11	42	0	100	105	1502
Apr.-Jun.	2013	53	10	35	2	100	118	1511
Jul.-Sep.	2013	53	10	36	1	100	117	1513
Oct.-Dec.	2013	44	11	44	1	100	100	1510
Jan.-Mar.	2014	50	9	40	1	100	110	1515
Apr.-Jun.	2014	53	11	34	2	100	119	1515
Jul.-Sep.	2014	50	9	40	1	100	110	1511
Oct.-Dec.	2014	59	10	29	2	100	130	1506
Jan.-Mar.	2015	64	10	25	1	100	139	1514
Apr.-Jun.	2015	60	11	28	1	100	132	1509
Jul.-Sep.	2015	55	12	32	1	100	123	1565
Oct.-Dec.	2015	51	11	36	2	100	115	1519
Jan.-Mar.	2016	49	11	38	2	100	111	1553
Apr.-Jun.	2016	51	13	35	1	100	116	1585
Jul.-Sep.	2016	49	13	37	1	100	112	1668
Oct.-Dec.	2016	51	13	35	1	100	116	1787
Jan.-Mar.	2017	55	16	28	1	100	127	1806
Apr.-Jun.	2017	55	15	28	2	100	127	1817
Jul.-Sep.	2017	56	13	29	2	100	127	1817

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Oct.-Dec.	2017	58	15	26	1	100	132	1814
Jan.-Mar.	2018	61	11	27	1	100	134	1850
Apr.-Jun.	2018	60	10	29	1	100	131	1814
Jul.-Sep.	2018	59	10	29	2	100	130	1823
Oct.-Dec.	2018	60	10	28	2	100	132	1807
Jan.-Mar.	2019	49	11	37	3	100	112	1802
Apr.-Jun.	2019	58	12	29	1	100	129	1805
Jul.-Sep.	2019	52	11	36	1	100	116	1804
Oct.-Dec.	2019	51	13	35	1	100	116	1915
Jan.-Mar.	2020	52	13	34	1	100	118	1933
Apr.-Jun.	2020	5	2	92	1	100	13	1880
Jul.-Sep.	2020	6	2	91	1	100	15	1864
Oct.-Dec.	2020	10	3	87	0	100	23	1810
Jan.-Mar.	2021	18	3	78	1	100	40	1811
Apr.-Jun.	2021	52	4	43	1	100	109	1815
Jul.-Sep.	2021	53	4	42	1	100	111	1816
Oct.-Dec.	2021	45	4	50	1	100	95	1809
Jan.-Mar.	2022	39	5	56	0	100	83	1804
Apr.-Jun.	2022	33	5	61	1	100	72	1803
Jul.-Sep.	2022	28	6	65	1	100	63	1804
Oct.-Dec.	2022	29	5	65	1	100	64	1802
Jan.-Mar.	2023	35	7	57	1	100	78	1805
Apr.-Jun.	2023	31	8	60	1	100	71	1806
Jul.-Sep.	2023	38	9	52	1	100	86	1807
Oct.-Dec.	2023	33	10	56	1	100	77	1805
Jan.-Mar.	2024	42	10	47	1	100	95	1805
Apr.-Jun.	2024	32	18	49	0	100	83	2753
Jul.-Sep.	2024	24	31	44	1	100	80	2981
Oct.-Dec.	2024	27	32	41	0	100	87	2615
Jan.-Mar.	2025	18	33	48	0	100	70	3503
Apr.-Jun.	2025	15	17	68	0	100	46	3380
Jul.-Sep.	2025	17	17	66	0	100	52	3594
Oct.-Dec.	2025	15	15	70	0	100	46	3392
Jan.-Mar.	2026	16	19	65	0	100	51	4084
Apr.-Jun.	2026	10	16	74	0	100	36	3755