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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
Jan.-Mar.	1960	35	38	25	2	100	110	2972
Apr.-Jun.	1960	31	44	23	2	100	108	1407
Jul.-Sep.	1960	34	49	15	2	100	119	621
Oct.-Dec.	1960	27	47	24	2	100	103	1390
Jan.-Mar.	1961	29	43	27	1	100	102	1981
Apr.-Jun.	1961	29	45	24	2	100	105	1310
Jul.-Sep.	1961	32	51	16	1	100	116	540
Oct.-Dec.	1961	32	43	23	2	100	109	956
Jan.-Mar.	1962	32	45	22	1	100	110	2117
Apr.-Jun.	1962	32	46	20	2	100	112	1299
Jul.-Sep.	1962	31	45	22	2	100	109	1317
Oct.-Dec.	1962	35	45	19	1	100	116	1352
Jan.-Mar.	1963	37	40	21	2	100	116	2036
Apr.-Jun.	1963	34	44	20	2	100	114	1310
Jul.-Sep.	1963	32	48	19	1	100	113	1359
Oct.-Dec.	1963	34	44	20	2	100	114	1320
Jan.-Mar.	1964	35	43	21	1	100	114	1538
Apr.-Jun.	1964	39	41	19	1	100	120	1479
Jul.-Sep.	1964	44	43	11	2	100	133	1050
Oct.-Dec.	1964	44	42	12	2	100	132	1000
Jan.-Mar.	1965	37	43	19	1	100	118	1349
Apr.-Jun.	1965	50	36	12	2	100	138	950
Jul.-Sep.	1965	37	45	17	1	100	120	854
Oct.-Dec.	1965	37	44	17	2	100	120	1658
Jan.-Mar.	1966	38	43	18	1	100	120	2419
Apr.-Jun.	1966	34	46	19	1	100	115	1434
Jul.-Sep.	1966	32	43	24	1	100	108	1228
Oct.-Dec.	1966	35	38	25	2	100	110	1225
Jan.-Mar.	1967	37	43	19	1	100	118	3165
Apr.-Jun.	1967	34	44	21	1	100	113	1323
Jul.-Sep.	1967	35	48	17	0	100	118	1310
Oct.-Dec.	1967	34	42	23	1	100	111	1329
Jan.-Mar.	1968	38	43	18	1	100	120	2677
Apr.-Jun.	1968	34	45	20	1	100	114	1223
Jul.-Sep.	1968	35	42	21	2	100	114	1322
Oct.-Dec.	1968	34	44	20	2	100	114	1405
Jan.-Mar.	1969	39	42	18	1	100	121	2482
Apr.-Jun.	1969	35	41	24	0	100	111	1517
Jul.-Sep.	1969	32	42	24	2	100	108	1557
Oct.-Dec.	1969	32	38	28	2	100	104	1469
Jan.-Mar.	1970	33	37	28	2	100	105	1261
Apr.-Jun.	1970	33	40	25	2	100	108	1315
Jul.-Sep.	1970	33	41	26	0	100	107	1337
Oct.-Dec.	1970	32	38	28	2	100	104	1402

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Jan.-Mar.	1971	31	36	32	1	100	99	1327
Apr.-Jun.	1971	31	42	27	0	100	104	1392
Jul.-Sep.	1971	26	45	28	1	100	98	1229
Oct.-Dec.	1971	31	41	27	1	100	104	1268
Jan.-Mar.	1972	31	43	25	1	100	106	1426
Apr.-Jun.	1972	47	34	18	1	100	129	1297
Jul.-Sep.	1972	39	44	17	0	100	122	1217
Oct.-Dec.	1972	35	41	22	2	100	113	999
Jan.-Mar.	1973	36	36	27	1	100	109	1348
Apr.-Jun.	1973	34	36	28	2	100	106	1433
Jul.-Sep.	1973	29	34	36	1	100	93	1362
Oct.-Dec.	1973	38	32	29	1	100	109	1444
Jan.-Mar.	1974	28	30	40	2	100	88	1329
Apr.-Jun.	1974	35	30	34	1	100	101	1549
Jul.-Sep.	1974	26	31	42	1	100	84	1421
Oct.-Dec.	1974	28	28	42	2	100	86	1518
Jan.-Mar.	1975	24	31	45	0	100	79	1374
Apr.-Jun.	1975	26	35	39	0	100	87	1317
Jul.-Sep.	1975	29	36	35	0	100	94	1365
Oct.-Dec.	1975	32	33	34	1	100	98	1519
Jan.-Mar.	1976	35	32	32	1	100	103	1269
Apr.-Jun.	1976	35	32	32	1	100	103	1548
Jul.-Sep.	1976	36	33	30	1	100	106	1372
Oct.-Dec.	1976	32	32	34	2	100	98	1254
Jan.-Mar.	1977	32	32	35	1	100	97	1203
Apr.-Jun.	1977	38	32	29	1	100	109	1370
Jul.-Sep.	1977	37	35	27	1	100	110	1214
Oct.-Dec.	1977	38	33	28	1	100	110	1280
Jan.-Mar.	1978	34	35	30	1	100	104	2762
Apr.-Jun.	1978	37	30	32	1	100	105	2741
Jul.-Sep.	1978	37	30	32	1	100	105	2698
Oct.-Dec.	1978	35	30	34	1	100	101	2985
Jan.-Mar.	1979	34	29	36	1	100	98	3014
Apr.-Jun.	1979	32	25	42	1	100	90	3271
Jul.-Sep.	1979	32	28	40	0	100	92	3331
Oct.-Dec.	1979	29	26	45	0	100	84	3344
Jan.-Mar.	1980	30	26	44	0	100	86	2495
Apr.-Jun.	1980	25	26	48	1	100	77	2110
Jul.-Sep.	1980	31	28	40	1	100	91	2008
Oct.-Dec.	1980	28	27	45	0	100	83	2062
Jan.-Mar.	1981	27	28	45	0	100	82	2068
Apr.-Jun.	1981	29	30	41	0	100	88	2032
Jul.-Sep.	1981	34	30	36	0	100	98	2070
Oct.-Dec.	1981	30	30	39	1	100	91	2103
Jan.-Mar.	1982	31	28	40	1	100	91	2088
Apr.-Jun.	1982	29	32	38	1	100	91	2096

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Jul.-Sep.	1982	30	29	41	0	100	89	2083
Oct.-Dec.	1982	31	28	41	0	100	90	2051
Jan.-Mar.	1983	30	31	39	0	100	91	2087
Apr.-Jun.	1983	37	32	31	0	100	106	2121
Jul.-Sep.	1983	38	32	30	0	100	108	2057
Oct.-Dec.	1983	40	33	27	0	100	113	2091
Jan.-Mar.	1984	44	30	25	1	100	119	2068
Apr.-Jun.	1984	45	31	24	0	100	121	2075
Jul.-Sep.	1984	45	33	22	0	100	123	2038
Oct.-Dec.	1984	44	30	25	1	100	119	2120
Jan.-Mar.	1985	41	33	26	0	100	115	1948
Apr.-Jun.	1985	41	33	25	1	100	116	1988
Jul.-Sep.	1985	42	29	28	1	100	114	1945
Oct.-Dec.	1985	41	32	27	0	100	114	1955
Jan.-Mar.	1986	45	30	25	0	100	120	1970
Apr.-Jun.	1986	45	31	24	0	100	121	1971
Jul.-Sep.	1986	47	28	25	0	100	122	1977
Oct.-Dec.	1986	43	33	24	0	100	119	1960
Jan.-Mar.	1987	43	29	27	1	100	116	1964
Apr.-Jun.	1987	43	31	26	0	100	117	1957
Jul.-Sep.	1987	44	32	23	1	100	121	1955
Oct.-Dec.	1987	42	32	25	1	100	117	1501
Jan.-Mar.	1988	47	28	24	1	100	123	1502
Apr.-Jun.	1988	42	32	26	0	100	116	1504
Jul.-Sep.	1988	49	27	24	0	100	125	1501
Oct.-Dec.	1988	40	32	27	1	100	113	1509
Jan.-Mar.	1989	43	32	24	1	100	119	1503
Apr.-Jun.	1989	41	33	25	1	100	116	1510
Jul.-Sep.	1989	41	31	27	1	100	114	1509
Oct.-Dec.	1989	41	32	26	1	100	115	1502
Jan.-Mar.	1990	41	31	27	1	100	114	1514
Apr.-Jun.	1990	44	32	24	0	100	120	1508
Jul.-Sep.	1990	39	31	30	0	100	109	1502
Oct.-Dec.	1990	32	30	37	1	100	95	1508
Jan.-Mar.	1991	34	33	33	0	100	101	1539
Apr.-Jun.	1991	35	31	33	1	100	102	1502
Jul.-Sep.	1991	36	31	32	1	100	104	1502
Oct.-Dec.	1991	32	27	40	1	100	92	1510
Jan.-Mar.	1992	30	31	39	0	100	91	1518
Apr.-Jun.	1992	33	32	35	0	100	98	1501
Jul.-Sep.	1992	34	28	38	0	100	96	1513
Oct.-Dec.	1992	33	33	34	0	100	99	1508
Jan.-Mar.	1993	37	32	30	1	100	107	1512
Apr.-Jun.	1993	35	34	30	1	100	105	1507
Jul.-Sep.	1993	35	31	34	0	100	101	1513
Oct.-Dec.	1993	38	31	30	1	100	108	1526

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Jan.-Mar.	1994	39	32	28	1	100	111	1515
Apr.-Jun.	1994	40	32	27	1	100	113	1509
Jul.-Sep.	1994	41	31	28	0	100	113	1541
Oct.-Dec.	1994	40	30	30	0	100	110	1504
Jan.-Mar.	1995	42	32	26	0	100	116	1510
Apr.-Jun.	1995	41	33	26	0	100	115	1503
Jul.-Sep.	1995	42	32	26	0	100	116	1504
Oct.-Dec.	1995	39	33	28	0	100	111	1507
Jan.-Mar.	1996	41	31	28	0	100	113	1505
Apr.-Jun.	1996	42	33	25	0	100	117	1500
Jul.-Sep.	1996	41	32	27	0	100	114	1501
Oct.-Dec.	1996	44	30	26	0	100	118	1502
Jan.-Mar.	1997	43	31	26	0	100	117	1501
Apr.-Jun.	1997	48	31	21	0	100	127	1501
Jul.-Sep.	1997	47	32	21	0	100	126	1500
Oct.-Dec.	1997	46	34	20	0	100	126	1500
Jan.-Mar.	1998	49	32	18	1	100	131	1499
Apr.-Jun.	1998	49	31	19	1	100	130	1500
Jul.-Sep.	1998	50	29	20	1	100	130	1508
Oct.-Dec.	1998	51	28	21	0	100	130	1504
Jan.-Mar.	1999	52	28	20	0	100	132	1497
Apr.-Jun.	1999	52	28	19	1	100	133	1500
Jul.-Sep.	1999	52	28	20	0	100	132	1501
Oct.-Dec.	1999	52	29	19	0	100	133	1497
Jan.-Mar.	2000	54	26	20	0	100	134	1509
Apr.-Jun.	2000	52	28	20	0	100	132	1503
Jul.-Sep.	2000	48	29	22	1	100	126	1508
Oct.-Dec.	2000	49	30	20	1	100	129	1500
Jan.-Mar.	2001	45	30	24	1	100	121	1501
Apr.-Jun.	2001	43	27	30	0	100	113	1501
Jul.-Sep.	2001	42	29	29	0	100	113	1501
Oct.-Dec.	2001	38	30	31	1	100	107	1510
Jan.-Mar.	2002	39	30	31	0	100	108	1500
Apr.-Jun.	2002	40	28	31	1	100	109	1503
Jul.-Sep.	2002	40	26	34	0	100	106	1502
Oct.-Dec.	2002	38	24	38	0	100	100	1506
Jan.-Mar.	2003	38	26	36	0	100	102	1506
Apr.-Jun.	2003	38	27	35	0	100	103	1500
Jul.-Sep.	2003	40	28	32	0	100	108	1503
Oct.-Dec.	2003	41	26	33	0	100	108	1505
Jan.-Mar.	2004	45	25	30	0	100	115	1510
Apr.-Jun.	2004	44	25	31	0	100	113	1514
Jul.-Sep.	2004	46	25	29	0	100	117	1511
Oct.-Dec.	2004	42	28	30	0	100	112	1505
Jan.-Mar.	2005	47	26	27	0	100	120	1487
Apr.-Jun.	2005	44	27	29	0	100	115	1502
Jul.-Sep.	2005	44	26	30	0	100	114	1524

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
Oct.-Dec.	2005	41	24	35	0	100	106	1516
Jan.-Mar.	2006	44	28	28	0	100	116	1496
Apr.-Jun.	2006	43	25	32	0	100	111	1505
Jul.-Sep.	2006	39	28	33	0	100	106	1508
Oct.-Dec.	2006	45	28	26	1	100	119	1506
Jan.-Mar.	2007	45	27	28	0	100	117	1516
Apr.-Jun.	2007	45	24	31	0	100	114	1510
Jul.-Sep.	2007	41	27	32	0	100	109	1516
Oct.-Dec.	2007	39	25	36	0	100	103	1503
Jan.-Mar.	2008	35	25	40	0	100	95	1508
Apr.-Jun.	2008	29	20	51	0	100	78	1514
Jul.-Sep.	2008	28	21	51	0	100	77	1505
Oct.-Dec.	2008	19	22	59	0	100	60	1517
Jan.-Mar.	2009	21	24	55	0	100	66	1513
Apr.-Jun.	2009	20	26	54	0	100	66	1519
Jul.-Sep.	2009	20	26	54	0	100	66	1515
Oct.-Dec.	2009	19	29	51	1	100	68	1507
Jan.-Mar.	2010	21	34	45	0	100	76	1510
Apr.-Jun.	2010	24	30	46	0	100	78	1516
Jul.-Sep.	2010	24	31	45	0	100	79	1516
Oct.-Dec.	2010	24	32	44	0	100	80	1525
Jan.-Mar.	2011	27	31	42	0	100	85	1513
Apr.-Jun.	2011	28	26	46	0	100	82	1508
Jul.-Sep.	2011	23	27	49	1	100	74	1492
Oct.-Dec.	2011	24	30	46	0	100	78	1500
Jan.-Mar.	2012	30	30	40	0	100	90	1507
Apr.-Jun.	2012	29	31	40	0	100	89	1501
Jul.-Sep.	2012	29	30	41	0	100	88	1531
Oct.-Dec.	2012	33	30	37	0	100	96	1515
Jan.-Mar.	2013	29	32	39	0	100	90	1502
Apr.-Jun.	2013	36	29	35	0	100	101	1511
Jul.-Sep.	2013	36	29	35	0	100	101	1513
Oct.-Dec.	2013	31	34	35	0	100	96	1510
Jan.-Mar.	2014	37	27	36	0	100	101	1515
Apr.-Jun.	2014	38	32	30	0	100	108	1515
Jul.-Sep.	2014	41	27	32	0	100	109	1511
Oct.-Dec.	2014	39	32	29	0	100	110	1506
Jan.-Mar.	2015	46	28	26	0	100	120	1514
Apr.-Jun.	2015	44	29	27	0	100	117	1509
Jul.-Sep.	2015	44	28	28	0	100	116	1565
Oct.-Dec.	2015	42	26	31	1	100	111	1519
Jan.-Mar.	2016	43	28	28	1	100	115	1553
Apr.-Jun.	2016	48	26	26	0	100	122	1585
Jul.-Sep.	2016	44	29	27	0	100	117	1668
Oct.-Dec.	2016	45	28	27	0	100	118	1787
Jan.-Mar.	2017	48	32	20	0	100	128	1806

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Date of Survey		Better Off	Same	Worse Off	DK, NA	Total	Relative	Cases
Apr.-Jun.	2017	50	28	22	0	100	128	1817
Jul.-Sep.	2017	50	30	20	0	100	130	1817
Oct.-Dec.	2017	51	28	21	0	100	130	1814
Jan.-Mar.	2018	54	26	20	0	100	134	1850
Apr.-Jun.	2018	52	29	19	0	100	133	1814
Jul.-Sep.	2018	55	24	21	0	100	134	1823
Oct.-Dec.	2018	53	25	22	0	100	131	1807
Jan.-Mar.	2019	52	26	22	0	100	130	1802
Apr.-Jun.	2019	53	26	21	0	100	132	1805
Jul.-Sep.	2019	51	28	21	0	100	130	1804
Oct.-Dec.	2019	54	27	19	0	100	135	1915
Jan.-Mar.	2020	53	28	19	0	100	134	1933
Apr.-Jun.	2020	39	30	31	0	100	108	1880
Jul.-Sep.	2020	40	29	31	0	100	109	1864
Oct.-Dec.	2020	41	31	28	0	100	113	1810
Jan.-Mar.	2021	40	30	30	0	100	110	1811
Apr.-Jun.	2021	44	33	23	0	100	121	1815
Jul.-Sep.	2021	42	30	28	0	100	114	1816
Oct.-Dec.	2021	42	27	31	0	100	111	1809
Jan.-Mar.	2022	36	26	38	0	100	98	1804
Apr.-Jun.	2022	33	21	46	0	100	87	1803
Jul.-Sep.	2022	29	20	51	0	100	78	1804
Oct.-Dec.	2022	29	19	52	0	100	77	1802
Jan.-Mar.	2023	33	23	44	0	100	89	1805
Apr.-Jun.	2023	31	23	46	0	100	85	1806
Jul.-Sep.	2023	33	26	41	0	100	92	1807
Oct.-Dec.	2023	31	22	47	0	100	84	1805
Jan.-Mar.	2024	39	22	38	1	100	101	1805
Apr.-Jun.	2024	31	27	42	0	100	89	2753
Jul.-Sep.	2024	25	29	46	0	100	79	2981
Oct.-Dec.	2024	27	29	44	0	100	83	2615
Jan.-Mar.	2025	22	37	41	0	100	81	3503
Apr.-Jun.	2025	20	33	48	0	100	72	3380
Jul.-Sep.	2025	22	35	43	0	100	79	3594
Oct.-Dec.	2025	21	29	50	0	100	71	3392
Jan.-Mar.	2026	22	32	47	0	100	75	4084
Apr.-Jun.	2026	17	28	55	0	100	63	3755