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EXPECTED CHANGE IN BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN A YEAR

	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024
BETTER	18%	20%	23%	22%	21%	17%	19%	22%	27%	29%	25%	25%	24%
SAME	40	46	49	44	46	48	41	44	47	46	51	50	41
WORSE	40	31	26	33	32	33	38	31	23	23	19	22	32
DK, NA	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	3	3	2	5	3	3
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	605	600	601	604	602	605	600	600	601	602	602	801	991
INDEX SCORE	78	89	97	89	89	84	81	91	104	106	106	103	92

**EXPECTED CHANGE IN BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN A YEAR - INDEX SCORE
THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	83	84	88	92	92	87	85	85	92	100	105	105	100
Age 18 to 44	86	86	92	95	93	90	87	88	93	101	106	106	101
Age 45 to 64	78	78	80	88	91	86	81	79	87	95	100	101	96
Age 65+	85	88	92	93	91	86	86	89	98	106	112	111	106
Income Bottom Third	88	91	89	92	89	90	88	87	89	98	102	101	94
Income Middle Third	79	79	86	90	91	83	81	85	91	99	103	107	103
Income Top Third	82	81	88	93	95	89	85	85	98	105	110	106	105
Educ High School or Less	80	81	86	90	87	80	81	79	86	92	98	99	88
Educ Some College	81	83	84	88	85	83	77	81	87	99	100	98	92
Educ College Degree	87	86	91	95	98	94	91	90	98	105	111	112	110
Democrat	113	114	120	125	125	116	114	113	120	121	122	122	121
Independent	81	80	83	88	88	86	80	78	83	94	100	96	89
Republican	55	58	59	62	62	60	60	67	73	84	93	101	97

The question was: "And how about a year from now, do you expect that in the country as a whole business conditions will be better or worse than they are at present, or just about the same?"

*: Less than half of one percent. Index Score is the percent favorable minus the percent unfavorable plus 100