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BUSINESS CONDITIONS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 5 YEARS

	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
GOOD TIMES	29%	32%	37%	33%	34%	32%	26%	34%	42%	41%	42%	36%	26%
UNCERTAIN	6	7	10	8	9	8	8	12	8	9	9	22	31
BAD TIMES	64	59	51	57	55	58	63	50	48	49	48	40	42
NA	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	2	1	1	2	1
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	65	73	86	76	79	74	63	84	94	92	94	96	84

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	71	71	75	78	80	76	72	74	80	90	93	94	91
Age 18 to 44	65	64	68	73	76	72	63	65	70	78	77	76	77
Age 45 to 64	70	73	77	81	82	79	76	76	81	91	96	100	92
Age 65+	82	78	81	83	85	80	79	84	94	105	112	110	108
Income Bottom Third	63	65	66	68	66	64	62	63	67	78	84	84	82
Income Middle Third	73	72	75	76	76	73	68	76	82	89	90	91	90
Income Top Third	76	76	83	91	98	92	87	84	96	105	108	106	103
Educ High School or Less	62	59	62	60	62	59	58	59	67	81	82	80	75
Educ Some College	65	70	70	75	74	68	63	62	67	76	81	86	82
Educ College Degree	81	78	83	88	92	90	84	87	93	101	105	104	103
Democrat	102	102	106	112	114	110	106	109	114	121	124	125	123
Independent	64	61	63	68	73	70	66	63	70	78	82	81	76
Republican	50	53	57	57	56	52	48	57	61	75	76	82	80

The question was: "Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely -- that in the country as a whole we'll have continuous good times during the next 5 years or so, or that we will have periods of widespread unemployment or depression, or what?"

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