

**TABLE 28**

**BUSINESS CONDITIONS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 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
GOOD TIMES	20%	27%	32%	30%	31%	27%	24%	32%	41%	40%	41%	36%	25%
UNCERTAIN	3	2	4	3	4	2	4	3	5	6	7	15	25
BAD TIMES	71	64	59	60	58	66	67	59	48	47	46	44	46
DON'T KNOW	3	3	2	3	3	3	1	2	2	3	3	2	2
NA	3	4	3	4	4	2	4	4	4	4	3	3	2
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	49	63	73	70	73	61	57	73	93	93	95	92	79

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	56	57	62	69	72	68	64	64	74	86	94	93	89
Age 18 to 44	52	51	57	64	69	65	57	59	70	84	89	87	84
Age 45 to 64	51	58	61	68	70	69	65	62	70	82	89	92	85
Age 65+	66	66	69	75	79	72	70	71	85	97	105	103	98
Income Bottom Third	57	59	53	59	60	64	62	59	66	75	84	83	77
Income Middle Third	53	54	62	67	71	63	59	64	76	88	89	89	86
Income Top Third	55	59	70	81	85	77	69	67	83	97	108	105	104
Educ High School or Less	51	49	51	55	57	56	57	56	66	77	82	75	64
Educ Some College	52	58	57	63	62	60	50	49	56	70	77	77	73
Educ College Degree	60	61	69	78	85	78	74	74	87	99	108	110	106
Democrat	87	92	103	114	118	112	108	107	117	127	134	137	133
Independent	51	50	52	61	65	63	56	56	67	78	84	81	76
Republican	27	30	31	32	34	32	28	29	38	54	64	68	60

The question was: "Now turning to business conditions in the country as a whole -- do you think that during the next 12 months we'll have good times financially, or bad times or what?"

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