

TABLE 6

CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO

	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 OFF	31%	30%	36%	33%	30%	30%	29%	33%	40%	37%	40%	35%	32%
SAME	23	25	24	27	26	19	26	22	20	23	23	25	27
WORSE OFF	46	45	40	40	44	51	45	45	40	39	36	40	41
DK, NA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	1	*	*
TOTAL CASES	100% 605	100% 600	100% 601	100% 604	100% 602	100% 605	100% 600	100% 600	100% 601	100% 602	100% 602	100% 801	100% 991
INDEX SCORE	85	85	96	93	86	79	84	88	100	98	104	95	91

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	86	85	89	91	92	86	83	84	91	95	101	99	97
Age 18 to 44	108	105	107	106	105	98	94	96	101	109	116	115	112
Age 45 to 64	73	77	84	88	85	79	78	78	82	86	89	90	88
Age 65+	69	66	69	76	83	79	74	75	88	90	95	90	90
Income Bottom Third	71	70	75	77	77	78	74	77	76	79	81	81	82
Income Middle Third	87	86	86	88	89	81	83	82	96	99	104	97	91
Income Top Third	100	99	105	110	108	101	94	96	104	112	121	121	121
Educ High School or Less	73	70	74	75	75	71	69	65	67	75	82	84	77
Educ Some College	75	76	80	83	82	77	72	76	82	87	91	86	80
Educ College Degree	100	97	100	103	104	99	96	96	105	108	114	113	113
Democrat	113	111	118	117	116	107	109	110	123	125	135	133	135
Independent	80	81	85	90	90	87	81	83	85	92	97	99	93
Republican	65	62	61	65	68	66	59	60	62	65	66	65	62

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?"

Index Score is the percent favorable minus the percent unfavorable plus 100

*: Less than half of one percent.