

**TABLE 26****EXPECTED CHANGE IN BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN A YEAR**

|             | Dec<br>2016 | Jan<br>2017 | Feb<br>2017 | Mar<br>2017 | Apr<br>2017 | May<br>2017 | Jun<br>2017 | Jul<br>2017 | Aug<br>2017 | Sep<br>2017 | Oct<br>2017 | Nov<br>2017 | Dec<br>2017 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| BETTER      | 42%         | 44%         | 41%         | 41%         | 42%         | 40%         | 32%         | 28%         | 33%         | 29%         | 33%         | 35%         | 35%         |
| SAME        | 33          | 34          | 28          | 30          | 34          | 36          | 39          | 45          | 42          | 47          | 39          | 42          | 40          |
| WORSE       | 23          | 19          | 28          | 28          | 22          | 23          | 27          | 26          | 24          | 22          | 26          | 22          | 24          |
| DK, NA      | 2           | 3           | 3           | 1           | 2           | 1           | 2           | 1           | 1           | 2           | 2           | 1           | 1           |
| TOTAL       | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        |
| CASES       | 602         | 601         | 602         | 603         | 602         | 611         | 604         | 603         | 602         | 612         | 604         | 606         | 604         |
| INDEX SCORE | 119         | 125         | 113         | 113         | 120         | 117         | 105         | 102         | 109         | 107         | 107         | 113         | 111         |

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

|                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| All                 | 110 | 117 | 119 | 117 | 115 | 117 | 114 | 108 | 105 | 106 | 108 | 109 | 110 |
| Age 18 to 44        | 110 | 114 | 109 | 105 | 104 | 110 | 110 | 106 | 102 | 102 | 101 | 105 | 108 |
| Age 45 to 64        | 112 | 118 | 122 | 123 | 121 | 119 | 114 | 108 | 107 | 107 | 110 | 109 | 109 |
| Age 65+             | 107 | 122 | 131 | 127 | 125 | 123 | 122 | 112 | 109 | 112 | 117 | 116 | 116 |
| Income Bottom Third | 101 | 110 | 115 | 111 | 109 | 106 | 104 | 100 | 100 | 103 | 103 | 106 | 106 |
| Income Middle Third | 116 | 122 | 125 | 122 | 119 | 123 | 120 | 114 | 108 | 105 | 105 | 105 | 108 |
| Income Top Third    | 112 | 120 | 117 | 116 | 116 | 121 | 118 | 110 | 108 | 110 | 115 | 116 | 117 |

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