TABLE 6

CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO

	Dec 2016	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017
BETTER OFF	49%	47%	48%	50%	50%	47%	51%	51%	51%	49%	53%	50%	50%
SAME	28	30	32	32	26	32	29	30	28	30	29	27	27
WORSE OFF	23	23	20	18	24	21	20	19	21	21	18	23	23
DK, NA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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	126	124	128	132	126	126	131	132	130	128	135	127	127

CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO - INDEX SCORE
THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES

All	118	122	126	128	129	128	128	130	131	130	131	130	130
Age 18 to 44	138	144	147	144	144	141	143	147	147	147	145	147	147
Age 45 to 64	111	114	120	124	124	123	121	126	129	128	126	119	119
Age 65+	93	98	101	110	113	115	112	107	106	106	116	119	118
Income Bottom Third	95	98	105	106	107	102	102	107	109	110	110	108	105
Income Middle Third	122	130	133	134	132	133	134	135	137	133	133	135	134
Income Top Third	137	138	141	145	149	150	149	148	148	147	150	149	152

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?"

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