

TABLE 25**CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO**

	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018
BETTER NOW	56%	54%	58%	54%	53%	54%	56%	57%	56%	58%	59%	59%	62%
SAME	15	19	13	18	15	15	14	13	16	16	13	13	10
WORSE NOW	28	25	27	26	30	30	28	28	26	25	27	26	26
DK, NA	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	602	603	602	611	604	603	602	612	604	606	604	622	609
INDEX SCORE	128	129	131	128	123	124	128	129	130	133	132	133	136

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES

All	125	127	129	129	127	125	125	127	129	131	132	133	134
Age 18 to 44	133	133	133	132	131	130	126	127	126	129	129	130	128
Age 45 to 64	126	126	126	125	123	120	124	126	131	130	131	131	136
Age 65+	114	120	129	131	128	125	126	132	133	136	136	139	139
Income Bottom Third	118	115	116	109	110	113	114	120	121	122	117	114	110
Income Middle Third	123	130	136	137	134	130	128	124	125	128	132	133	135
Income Top Third	136	136	136	141	138	134	135	138	144	144	149	151	155

The question was: "Would you say that at the present time business conditions are better or worse than they were a year ago?"

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