

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

|             | May<br>2017 | Jun<br>2017 | Jul<br>2017 | Aug<br>2017 | Sep<br>2017 | Oct<br>2017 | Nov<br>2017 | Dec<br>2017 | Jan<br>2018 | Feb<br>2018 | Mar<br>2018 | Apr<br>2018 | May<br>2018 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| BETTER NOW  | 54%         | 53%         | 54%         | 56%         | 57%         | 56%         | 58%         | 59%         | 59%         | 62%         | 61%         | 58%         | 60%         |
| SAME        | 18          | 15          | 15          | 14          | 13          | 16          | 16          | 13          | 13          | 10          | 11          | 9           | 12          |
| WORSE NOW   | 26          | 30          | 30          | 28          | 28          | 26          | 25          | 27          | 26          | 26          | 27          | 31          | 26          |
| DK, NA      | 2           | 2           | 1           | 2           | 2           | 2           | 1           | 1           | 2           | 2           | 1           | 2           | 2           |
| TOTAL       | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        |
| CASES       | 611         | 604         | 603         | 602         | 612         | 604         | 606         | 604         | 622         | 609         | 619         | 604         | 602         |
| INDEX SCORE | 128         | 123         | 124         | 128         | 129         | 130         | 133         | 132         | 133         | 136         | 134         | 127         | 134         |

**CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO - INDEX SCORE**  
**THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

|                     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|---------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| All                 | 129 | 127 | 125 | 125 | 127 | 129 | 131 | 132 | 133 | 134 | 134 | 132 | 132 |
| Age 18 to 44        | 132 | 131 | 130 | 126 | 127 | 126 | 129 | 129 | 130 | 128 | 129 | 129 | 133 |
| Age 45 to 64        | 125 | 123 | 120 | 124 | 126 | 131 | 130 | 131 | 131 | 136 | 136 | 135 | 131 |
| Age 65+             | 131 | 128 | 125 | 126 | 132 | 133 | 136 | 136 | 139 | 139 | 139 | 133 | 131 |
| Income Bottom Third | 109 | 110 | 113 | 114 | 120 | 121 | 122 | 117 | 114 | 110 | 117 | 115 | 122 |
| Income Middle Third | 137 | 134 | 130 | 128 | 124 | 125 | 128 | 132 | 133 | 135 | 135 | 137 | 134 |
| Income Top Third    | 141 | 138 | 134 | 135 | 138 | 144 | 144 | 149 | 151 | 155 | 150 | 146 | 140 |

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