

TABLE 6**CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO**

	May 2017	Jun 2017	Jul 2017	Aug 2017	Sep 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017	Jan 2018	Feb 2018	Mar 2018	Apr 2018	May 2018
BETTER OFF	47%	51%	51%	51%	49%	53%	50%	50%	49%	54%	57%	52%	49%
SAME	32	29	30	28	30	29	27	27	28	25	28	29	32
WORSE OFF	21	20	19	21	21	18	23	23	23	21	15	19	19
DK, NA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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	126	131	132	130	128	135	127	127	126	133	142	133	130

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	128	128	130	131	130	131	130	130	127	129	134	136	135
Age 18 to 44	141	143	147	147	147	145	147	147	144	141	144	147	151
Age 45 to 64	123	121	126	129	128	126	119	119	117	121	129	131	131
Age 65+	115	112	107	106	106	116	119	118	114	119	124	125	116
Income Bottom Third	102	102	107	109	110	110	108	105	103	104	110	112	112
Income Middle Third	133	134	135	137	133	133	135	134	129	128	133	138	140
Income Top Third	150	149	148	148	147	150	149	152	152	155	157	156	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