

TABLE 25

CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO

	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	Jun 2021	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021
BETTER NOW	10%	10%	15%	28%	46%	54%	56%	57%	50%	51%	48%	43%	44%
SAME	1	3	4	3	5	3	4	4	5	4	4	4	4
WORSE NOW	88	86	81	68	49	42	39	37	44	44	47	52	51
DK, NA	1	1	*	1	*	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	601	603	604	604	601	606	608	604	600	612	604	602	603
INDEX SCORE	22	24	34	60	97	112	117	120	106	107	101	91	93

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES

All	23	24	27	39	64	90	109	116	114	111	105	100	95
Age 18 to 44	19	21	30	43	70	96	118	126	126	124	122	114	108
Age 45 to 64	23	24	25	38	63	88	103	110	110	107	97	90	84
Age 65+	28	30	25	36	56	84	101	108	102	96	89	91	89
Income Bottom Third	25	26	26	39	57	83	94	101	99	98	97	88	86
Income Middle Third	19	23	28	41	67	88	107	114	114	113	106	101	94
Income Top Third	20	22	26	38	68	102	128	137	132	125	115	113	107
Educ High School or Less	42	43	38	42	50	70	77	87	84	86	79	69	61
Educ Some College	24	24	27	36	57	79	94	103	98	96	86	86	83
Educ College Degree	15	16	22	39	71	102	128	136	135	129	124	118	115
Democrat	9	10	16	41	78	118	142	151	153	146	147	141	143
Independent	23	26	31	39	63	86	106	113	110	110	101	99	93
Republican	39	42	36	40	47	61	70	80	73	72	60	52	44

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