

TABLE 27

TREND IN PAST AND EXPECTED CHANGES IN BUSINESS CONDITIONS

	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
TREND:													
Continuous increase (a)	3%	3%	8%	19%	33%	37%	38%	34%	23%	25%	26%	23%	23%
Intermittent increase (b)	4	4	5	8	11	11	14	18	20	20	19	16	17
Remain unchanged (c)	1	1	1	1	2	*	1	2	2	3	2	1	3
Intermittent decline (d)	20	23	19	18	14	13	12	14	15	15	16	16	18
Continuous decline (e)	16	17	21	20	17	17	16	14	23	20	23	28	23
Mixed change (f)	50	50	44	32	22	19	15	15	14	15	13	14	14
DK, NA	6	2	2	2	1	3	4	3	3	2	1	2	2
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	71	67	73	89	113	118	124	124	105	110	106	95	99

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	69	68	70	76	92	107	118	122	118	113	107	104	100
Age 18 to 44	69	69	79	85	101	115	130	134	132	127	124	117	112
Age 45 to 64	66	64	65	74	90	102	110	115	112	108	100	96	91
Age 65+	75	71	65	68	82	102	113	114	105	99	91	93	93
Income Bottom Third	69	65	67	72	83	102	110	114	109	105	101	92	91
Income Middle Third	65	66	70	76	93	103	115	119	119	118	110	106	99
Income Top Third	72	71	74	82	101	119	134	137	130	121	113	113	111
Educ High School or Less	74	66	61	62	66	80	89	99	94	92	82	74	65
Educ Some College	68	64	66	68	83	96	106	110	103	99	90	91	89
Educ College Degree	68	70	76	85	104	122	136	139	136	129	125	121	119
Democrat	66	74	86	104	127	147	158	162	161	155	153	149	151
Independent	65	66	71	74	89	104	117	121	114	111	102	102	97
Republican	78	63	52	48	54	62	68	75	69	68	59	53	44

Combination of the responses to the questions on Tables 25 and 26.

Key: (a) Better than a year ago/Better a year from now

(b) Better/Same or Same/Better

(c) Same/Same

(d) Worse/Same or Same/Worse

(e) Worse/Worse

(f) Worse/Better or Better/Worse

Index Score is the percent favorable minus the percent unfavorable plus 100