TABLE 6

CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION 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 OFF	42%	39%	41%	40%	46%	42%	43%	43%	40%	42%	44%	42%	41%
SAME	30	31	28	32	34	36	31	30	29	32	27	25	27
WORSE OFF	28	30	31	28	20	22	26	27	31	26	29	32	32
DK, NA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	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	114	109	110	112	126	120	117	116	109	116	115	110	109

CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO - INDEX SCORE
THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES

All	113	111	111	110	116	119	121	118	114	114	113	114	111
Age 18 to 44	123	121	125	124	129	131	134	132	131	132	134	135	133
Age 45 to 64	108	103	100	96	105	110	114	109	104	102	102	104	102
Age 65+	104	107	106	109	110	113	109	108	102	103	99	97	94
Income Bottom Third	98	95	89	89	96	104	103	98	97	101	103	99	98
Income Middle Third	118	111	112	112	118	118	123	123	121	117	113	114	108
Income Top Third	122	126	131	130	133	136	139	134	128	125	127	130	131
Educ High School or Less	103	100	95	97	101	102	96	92	90	97	96	92	86
Educ Some College	114	107	100	95	101	111	117	114	106	103	104	108	106
Educ College Degree	116	118	124	124	128	130	133	131	129	127	126	126	125
Democrat	97	100	109	117	126	132	136	135	135	136	140	140	138
Independent	112	109	107	105	112	116	118	116	111	113	110	115	114
Republican	138	134	125	114	111	109	108	103	97	92	89	84	80

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?"

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