

**TABLE 25**

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

	Jul 2020	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	Jun 2021	Jul 2021
BETTER NOW	6%	6%	6%	8%	11%	10%	10%	15%	28%	46%	54%	56%	57%
SAME	1	2	3	4	3	1	3	4	3	5	3	4	4
WORSE NOW	92	91	90	88	85	88	86	81	68	49	42	39	37
DK, NA	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	*	1	*	1	1	2
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	603	660	601	605	604	601	603	604	604	601	606	608	604
INDEX SCORE	14	15	16	20	26	22	24	34	60	97	112	117	120

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

All	11	13	15	17	21	23	24	27	39	64	90	109	116
Age 18 to 44	11	13	14	16	17	19	21	30	43	70	96	118	126
Age 45 to 64	10	13	15	16	20	23	24	25	38	63	88	103	110
Age 65+	11	14	16	19	27	28	30	25	36	56	84	101	108
Income Bottom Third	16	17	17	17	23	25	26	26	39	57	83	94	101
Income Middle Third	7	9	13	15	20	19	23	28	41	67	88	107	114
Income Top Third	8	12	13	17	17	20	22	26	38	68	102	128	137
Educ High School or Less	24	25	24	26	35	42	43	38	42	50	70	77	87
Educ Some College	11	14	17	20	23	24	24	27	36	57	79	94	103
Educ College Degree	6	9	11	12	14	15	16	22	39	71	102	128	136

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