

TABLE 6**CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION 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 OFF	39%	38%	43%	42%	39%	42%	39%	41%	40%	46%	42%	43%	43%
SAME	30	32	27	28	33	30	31	28	32	34	36	31	30
WORSE OFF	31	30	30	29	28	28	30	31	28	20	22	26	27
DK, NA	*	*	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
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	108	108	113	113	111	114	109	110	112	126	120	117	116

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	108	109	110	111	112	113	111	111	110	116	119	121	118
Age 18 to 44	123	120	118	118	118	123	121	125	124	129	131	134	132
Age 45 to 64	99	100	102	108	109	108	103	100	96	105	110	114	109
Age 65+	100	102	105	105	108	104	107	106	109	110	113	109	108
Income Bottom Third	96	97	93	95	97	98	95	89	89	96	104	103	98
Income Middle Third	114	111	115	119	121	118	111	112	112	118	118	123	123
Income Top Third	116	118	121	121	121	122	126	131	130	133	136	139	134
Educ High School or Less	95	98	94	99	103	103	100	95	97	101	102	96	92
Educ Some College	114	113	110	111	112	114	107	100	95	101	111	117	114
Educ College Degree	111	110	114	115	114	116	118	124	124	128	130	133	131

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.