

TABLE 6

CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO

| | Jan 2021 | Feb 2021 | Mar 2021 | Apr 2021 | May 2021 | Jun 2021 | Jul 2021 | Aug 2021 | Sep 2021 | Oct 2021 | Nov 2021 | Dec 2021 | Jan 2022 |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| BETTER OFF | 39% | 41% | 40% | 46% | 42% | 43% | 43% | 40% | 42% | 44% | 42% | 41% | 39% |
| SAME | 31 | 28 | 32 | 34 | 36 | 31 | 30 | 29 | 32 | 27 | 25 | 27 | 28 |
| WORSE OFF | 30 | 31 | 28 | 20 | 22 | 26 | 27 | 31 | 26 | 29 | 32 | 32 | 33 |
| DK, NA | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | * | 1 | * | * |
| TOTAL CASES | 100% 603 | 100% 604 | 100% 604 | 100% 601 | 100% 606 | 100% 608 | 100% 604 | 100% 600 | 100% 612 | 100% 604 | 100% 602 | 100% 603 | 100% 602 |
| INDEX SCORE | 109 | 110 | 112 | 126 | 120 | 117 | 116 | 109 | 116 | 115 | 110 | 109 | 106 |

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

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|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| All | 111 | 111 | 110 | 116 | 119 | 121 | 118 | 114 | 114 | 113 | 114 | 111 | 108 |
| Age 18 to 44 | 121 | 125 | 124 | 129 | 131 | 134 | 132 | 131 | 132 | 134 | 135 | 133 | 128 |
| Age 45 to 64 | 103 | 100 | 96 | 105 | 110 | 114 | 109 | 104 | 102 | 102 | 104 | 102 | 97 |
| Age 65+ | 107 | 106 | 109 | 110 | 113 | 109 | 108 | 102 | 103 | 99 | 97 | 94 | 94 |
| Income Bottom Third | 95 | 89 | 89 | 96 | 104 | 103 | 98 | 97 | 101 | 103 | 99 | 98 | 92 |
| Income Middle Third | 111 | 112 | 112 | 118 | 118 | 123 | 123 | 121 | 117 | 113 | 114 | 108 | 103 |
| Income Top Third | 126 | 131 | 130 | 133 | 136 | 139 | 134 | 128 | 125 | 127 | 130 | 131 | 131 |
| Educ High School or Less | 100 | 95 | 97 | 101 | 102 | 96 | 92 | 90 | 97 | 96 | 92 | 86 | 82 |
| Educ Some College | 107 | 100 | 95 | 101 | 111 | 117 | 114 | 106 | 103 | 104 | 108 | 106 | 101 |
| Educ College Degree | 118 | 124 | 124 | 128 | 130 | 133 | 131 | 129 | 127 | 126 | 126 | 125 | 123 |
| Democrat | 100 | 109 | 117 | 126 | 132 | 136 | 135 | 135 | 136 | 140 | 140 | 138 | 132 |
| Independent | 109 | 107 | 105 | 112 | 116 | 118 | 116 | 111 | 113 | 110 | 115 | 114 | 111 |
| Republican | 134 | 125 | 114 | 111 | 109 | 108 | 103 | 97 | 92 | 89 | 84 | 80 | 76 |

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.