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CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO

	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jun 2022	Jul 2022	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2022
BETTER NOW	48%	43%	44%	40%	36%	39%	44%	32%	25%	25%	29%	30%	30%
SAME	4	4	4	6	7	4	5	5	2	5	6	5	6
WORSE NOW	47	52	51	54	56	57	50	62	73	68	65	63	63
DK, NA	1	1	1	*	1	*	1	1	*	2	*	2	1
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	604	602	603	602	600	602	600	601	602	601	602	601	600
INDEX SCORE	101	91	93	86	80	82	94	70	52	57	64	67	67

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES

All	105	100	95	90	86	83	85	82	72	60	58	63	66
Age 18 to 44	122	114	108	100	98	92	95	93	81	69	65	72	73
Age 45 to 64	97	90	84	81	80	78	82	74	66	52	52	56	59
Age 65+	89	91	89	87	78	76	77	78	69	58	56	58	65
Income Bottom Third	97	88	86	80	80	75	81	83	77	68	67	71	77
Income Middle Third	106	101	94	88	85	84	89	85	72	60	60	67	65
Income Top Third	115	113	107	103	96	91	89	82	69	53	49	54	59
Educ High School or Less	79	69	61	56	61	67	72	66	57	53	59	68	67
Educ Some College	86	86	83	80	70	67	72	79	72	57	54	58	66
Educ College Degree	124	118	115	109	105	98	98	91	79	64	60	64	67
Democrat	147	141	143	131	128	123	126	123	106	92	85	91	97
Independent	101	99	93	93	83	81	82	82	70	58	57	67	67
Republican	60	52	44	37	43	40	46	38	38	27	29	27	32

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