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CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION 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 OFF	44%	42%	41%	39%	36%	34%	36%	37%	25%	28%	30%	30%	30%
SAME	27	25	27	28	24	25	26	17	22	19	20	20	18
WORSE OFF	29	32	32	33	40	41	38	46	53	53	50	50	52
DK, NA	*	1	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TOTAL CASES	100% 604	100% 602	100% 603	100% 602	100% 600	100% 602	100% 600	100% 601	100% 602	100% 601	100% 602	100% 601	100% 600
INDEX SCORE	115	110	109	106	96	93	98	91	72	75	80	80	78

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES

All	113	114	111	108	104	98	96	94	87	79	76	78	79
Age 18 to 44	134	135	133	128	120	115	113	115	110	103	99	99	100
Age 45 to 64	102	104	102	97	96	89	86	79	73	64	62	67	68
Age 65+	99	97	94	94	90	86	83	83	73	65	61	63	63
Income Bottom Third	103	99	98	92	90	80	79	81	81	74	70	69	71
Income Middle Third	113	114	108	103	97	96	98	95	85	74	74	78	79
Income Top Third	127	130	131	131	125	119	111	107	97	91	84	89	89
Educ High School or Less	96	92	86	82	79	80	82	83	76	67	67	69	73
Educ Some College	104	108	106	101	93	87	81	83	77	72	67	69	68
Educ College Degree	126	126	125	123	120	112	109	103	96	88	84	88	88
Democrat	140	140	138	132	131	125	124	118	112	104	101	105	105
Independent	110	115	114	111	102	94	90	90	85	80	78	79	79
Republican	89	84	80	76	77	77	75	74	62	50	44	49	50

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.