

TABLE 25

## CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO

|             | Jun<br>2021 | Jul<br>2021 | Aug<br>2021 | Sep<br>2021 | Oct<br>2021 | Nov<br>2021 | Dec<br>2021 | Jan<br>2022 | Feb<br>2022 | Mar<br>2022 | Apr<br>2022 | May<br>2022 | Jun<br>2022 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| BETTER NOW  | 56%         | 57%         | 50%         | 51%         | 48%         | 43%         | 44%         | 40%         | 36%         | 39%         | 44%         | 32%         | 25%         |
| SAME        | 4           | 4           | 5           | 4           | 4           | 4           | 4           | 6           | 7           | 4           | 5           | 5           | 2           |
| WORSE NOW   | 39          | 37          | 44          | 44          | 47          | 52          | 51          | 54          | 56          | 57          | 50          | 62          | 73          |
| DK, NA      | 1           | 2           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | 1           | *           | 1           | *           | 1           | 1           | *           |
| TOTAL       | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        | 100%        |
| CASES       | 608         | 604         | 600         | 612         | 604         | 602         | 603         | 602         | 600         | 602         | 600         | 601         | 602         |
| INDEX SCORE | 117         | 120         | 106         | 107         | 101         | 91          | 93          | 86          | 80          | 82          | 94          | 70          | 52          |

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

|                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| All                      | 109 | 116 | 114 | 111 | 105 | 100 | 95  | 90  | 86  | 83  | 85  | 82  | 72  |
| Age 18 to 44             | 118 | 126 | 126 | 124 | 122 | 114 | 108 | 100 | 98  | 92  | 95  | 93  | 81  |
| Age 45 to 64             | 103 | 110 | 110 | 107 | 97  | 90  | 84  | 81  | 80  | 78  | 82  | 74  | 66  |
| Age 65+                  | 101 | 108 | 102 | 96  | 89  | 91  | 89  | 87  | 78  | 76  | 77  | 78  | 69  |
| Income Bottom Third      | 94  | 101 | 99  | 98  | 97  | 88  | 86  | 80  | 80  | 75  | 81  | 83  | 77  |
| Income Middle Third      | 107 | 114 | 114 | 113 | 106 | 101 | 94  | 88  | 85  | 84  | 89  | 85  | 72  |
| Income Top Third         | 128 | 137 | 132 | 125 | 115 | 113 | 107 | 103 | 96  | 91  | 89  | 82  | 69  |
| Educ High School or Less | 77  | 87  | 84  | 86  | 79  | 69  | 61  | 56  | 61  | 67  | 72  | 66  | 57  |
| Educ Some College        | 94  | 103 | 98  | 96  | 86  | 86  | 83  | 80  | 70  | 67  | 72  | 79  | 72  |
| Educ College Degree      | 128 | 136 | 135 | 129 | 124 | 118 | 115 | 109 | 105 | 98  | 98  | 91  | 79  |
| Democrat                 | 142 | 151 | 153 | 146 | 147 | 141 | 143 | 131 | 128 | 123 | 126 | 123 | 106 |
| Independent              | 106 | 113 | 110 | 110 | 101 | 99  | 93  | 93  | 83  | 81  | 82  | 82  | 70  |
| Republican               | 70  | 80  | 73  | 72  | 60  | 52  | 44  | 37  | 43  | 40  | 46  | 38  | 38  |

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