

TABLE 25

CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO

	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022	Jun 2022	Jul 2022	Aug 2022	Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023
BETTER NOW	36%	39%	44%	32%	25%	25%	29%	30%	30%	27%	28%	36%	35%
SAME	7	4	5	5	2	5	6	5	6	6	6	7	7
WORSE NOW	56	57	50	62	73	68	65	63	63	67	64	56	57
DK, NA	1	*	1	1	*	2	*	2	1	*	2	1	1
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	600	602	600	601	602	601	602	601	600	602	600	600	602
INDEX SCORE	80	82	94	70	52	57	64	67	67	60	64	80	78

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES

All	86	83	85	82	72	60	58	63	66	65	64	68	74
Age 18 to 44	98	92	95	93	81	69	65	72	73	72	73	80	83
Age 45 to 64	80	78	82	74	66	52	52	56	59	59	57	59	65
Age 65+	78	76	77	78	69	58	56	58	65	61	59	62	73
Income Bottom Third	80	75	81	83	77	68	67	71	77	75	78	78	83
Income Middle Third	85	84	89	85	72	60	60	67	65	62	59	66	73
Income Top Third	96	91	89	82	69	53	49	54	59	59	57	62	67
Educ High School or Less	61	67	72	66	57	53	59	68	67	63	60	69	80
Educ Some College	70	67	72	79	72	57	54	58	66	68	69	72	73
Educ College Degree	105	98	98	91	79	64	60	64	67	64	63	66	73
Democrat	128	123	126	123	106	92	85	91	97	100	100	96	98
Independent	83	81	82	82	70	58	57	67	67	64	60	70	77
Republican	43	40	46	38	38	27	29	27	32	30	30	34	40

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