

**TABLE 26**

**EXPECTED CHANGE IN BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN A YEAR**

|             | Feb<br>2022 | Mar<br>2022 | Apr<br>2022 | May<br>2022 | Jun<br>2022 | Jul<br>2022 | Aug<br>2022 | Sep<br>2022 | Oct<br>2022 | Nov<br>2022 | Dec<br>2022 | Jan<br>2023 | Feb<br>2023 |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| BETTER      | 26%         | 26%         | 26%         | 22%         | 20%         | 18%         | 22%         | 24%         | 20%         | 19%         | 24%         | 20%         | 23%         |
| SAME        | 39          | 33          | 36          | 36          | 35          | 36          | 42          | 42          | 40          | 40          | 40          | 48          | 45          |
| WORSE       | 33          | 40          | 36          | 39          | 44          | 43          | 35          | 32          | 37          | 38          | 35          | 31          | 31          |
| DK, NA      | 2           | 1           | 2           | 3           | 1           | 3           | 1           | 2           | 3           | 3           | 1           | 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 | 93          | 86          | 90          | 83          | 76          | 75          | 87          | 92          | 83          | 81          | 89          | 89          | 92          |

**EXPECTED CHANGE IN BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN A YEAR - INDEX SCORE  
THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

|                          |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| All                      | 102 | 95  | 90  | 86  | 83  | 78  | 79  | 85  | 87  | 85  | 84  | 86  | 90  |
| Age 18 to 44             | 106 | 103 | 95  | 91  | 86  | 78  | 79  | 83  | 87  | 86  | 85  | 89  | 92  |
| Age 45 to 64             | 98  | 89  | 86  | 82  | 79  | 73  | 74  | 79  | 82  | 81  | 81  | 81  | 85  |
| Age 65+                  | 104 | 96  | 90  | 88  | 85  | 84  | 86  | 92  | 94  | 91  | 87  | 89  | 92  |
| Income Bottom Third      | 96  | 93  | 89  | 89  | 87  | 82  | 81  | 87  | 95  | 96  | 95  | 92  | 95  |
| Income Middle Third      | 104 | 98  | 91  | 87  | 83  | 76  | 76  | 83  | 88  | 86  | 81  | 82  | 84  |
| Income Top Third         | 107 | 97  | 92  | 85  | 81  | 77  | 82  | 85  | 81  | 76  | 81  | 86  | 92  |
| Educ High School or Less | 85  | 84  | 77  | 79  | 75  | 72  | 73  | 81  | 83  | 82  | 80  | 83  | 89  |
| Educ Some College        | 94  | 88  | 81  | 82  | 79  | 76  | 74  | 81  | 83  | 88  | 84  | 85  | 83  |
| Educ College Degree      | 114 | 104 | 100 | 92  | 89  | 81  | 85  | 89  | 92  | 86  | 87  | 89  | 94  |
| Democrat                 | 145 | 134 | 127 | 124 | 122 | 114 | 111 | 116 | 119 | 117 | 115 | 114 | 116 |
| Independent              | 99  | 92  | 87  | 84  | 80  | 74  | 78  | 83  | 85  | 80  | 80  | 83  | 88  |
| Republican               | 58  | 58  | 54  | 50  | 47  | 45  | 47  | 55  | 59  | 62  | 58  | 60  | 62  |

The question was: "And how about a year from now, do you expect that in the country as a whole business conditions will be better or worse than they are at present, or just about the same?"

\*: Less than half of one percent. Index Score is the percent favorable minus the percent unfavorable plus 100