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CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH 5 YEARS AGO

	Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023
BETTER OFF	51%	52%	54%	52%	54%	54%	49%	50%	51%	50%	57%	55%	53%
SAME	10	8	7	9	11	10	11	9	9	9	8	7	8
WORSE OFF	38	39	39	38	35	35	40	41	39	41	35	37	38
DK, NA	1	1	*	1	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	1
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	601	600	602	600	600	602	603	601	605	600	601	604	603
INDEX SCORE	113	113	115	114	119	119	109	109	112	109	122	118	115

**CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH 5 YEARS AGO - INDEX SCORE
THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	115	115	114	114	116	117	116	112	110	110	114	116	118
Age 18 to 44	137	139	140	141	141	139	139	137	140	139	143	139	138
Age 45 to 64	109	106	103	100	105	110	106	103	96	98	102	108	115
Age 65+	92	92	88	92	95	97	95	89	85	84	89	95	95
Income Bottom Third	92	94	97	94	90	92	92	93	92	92	92	92	94
Income Middle Third	115	115	110	111	113	113	111	110	105	105	109	113	117
Income Top Third	140	138	137	138	144	147	145	136	133	132	142	145	147
Educ High School or Less	91	95	91	91	89	94	92	92	89	92	95	100	98
Educ Some College	103	102	105	106	111	109	107	105	102	105	103	106	105
Educ College Degree	134	132	128	127	130	132	133	128	126	121	128	128	133
Democrat	145	144	140	134	136	134	140	135	134	133	142	142	143
Independent	116	112	112	117	119	121	113	111	105	107	110	115	115
Republican	85	91	87	86	87	91	90	89	90	86	86	86	93

The question was: "Now thinking back 5 years, would you say you (and your family living there) are better off or worse off financially now than you were 5 years ago?"

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