

**TABLE 6**

**CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO**

	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023	2023
BETTER OFF	30%	30%	30%	27%	33%	34%	31%	30%	31%	30%	36%	33%	30%
SAME	20	18	17	21	23	23	26	24	23	25	24	27	27
WORSE OFF	50	52	53	52	44	43	43	46	46	45	40	40	43
DK, NA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
TOTAL CASES	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	601	600	602	600	600	602	603	601	605	600	601	604	603
INDEX SCORE	80	78	77	75	89	91	88	84	85	85	96	93	87

**CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO - INDEX SCORE  
THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	78	79	78	77	80	85	89	88	86	85	89	91	92
Age 18 to 44	99	100	103	102	107	105	109	108	108	106	108	107	105
Age 45 to 64	67	68	63	60	63	72	75	76	73	76	83	87	85
Age 65+	63	63	59	60	64	74	79	74	69	66	69	76	84
Income Bottom Third	69	71	73	73	78	79	81	73	71	70	75	76	77
Income Middle Third	78	79	77	74	74	78	83	90	87	86	86	88	90
Income Top Third	89	89	86	85	90	100	105	102	100	98	105	110	109
Educ High School or Less	69	73	68	65	68	76	80	76	72	70	74	75	75
Educ Some College	69	68	71	73	73	75	75	78	74	75	79	82	82
Educ College Degree	88	88	87	83	88	93	101	100	100	97	101	104	105
Democrat	105	105	104	99	102	105	115	113	113	111	117	117	116
Independent	79	79	78	79	83	87	86	84	80	81	85	90	90
Republican	49	50	51	49	51	57	63	67	65	62	61	65	68

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.