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CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH 5 YEARS AGO

	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024
BETTER OFF	50%	49%	52%	52%	52%	51%	48%	45%	40%	40%	41%	39%	46%
SAME	10	10	9	9	9	10	13	11	17	15	15	14	12
WORSE OFF	40	40	38	38	38	38	38	42	41	44	43	45	41
DK, NA	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	600	600	601	602	602	801	991	961	862	1166	953	948	824
INDEX SCORE	110	109	114	114	114	113	110	103	99	96	98	94	105

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	110	108	111	112	114	114	112	109	104	99	98	96	99
Age 18 to 44	132	130	129	133	136	136	132	129	121	115	115	119	121
Age 45 to 64	107	100	102	101	102	105	104	102	99	96	94	88	92
Age 65+	85	90	99	99	101	98	98	92	90	88	89	85	89
Income Bottom Third	89	92	91	94	92	93	93	86	83	75	75	71	73
Income Middle Third	113	107	110	108	111	109	108	103	95	92	91	93	97
Income Top Third	132	130	135	138	142	141	139	139	135	133	130	131	135
Educ High School or Less	89	91	88	95	96	101	99	95	88	72	73	67	77
Educ Some College	94	94	101	107	109	101	93	84	80	75	72	70	75
Educ College Degree	128	124	126	123	125	127	128	125	119	115	115	114	115
Democrat	135	135	143	145	149	150	150	148	140	141	138	140	142
Independent	110	111	110	111	113	114	112	102	95	90	91	90	92
Republican	84	79	76	77	76	77	76	74	70	59	53	48	54

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