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BUSINESS CONDITIONS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 5 YEARS

	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024
GOOD TIMES	36%	32%	33%	29%	32%	37%	33%	34%	32%	26%	34%	42%	41%
UNCERTAIN	5	6	7	6	7	10	8	9	8	8	12	8	9
BAD TIMES	57	59	57	64	59	51	57	55	58	63	50	48	49
NA	2	3	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	4	2	1
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	602	603	601	605	600	601	604	603	605	600	600	601	602
INDEX SCORE	79	73	76	65	73	86	76	79	74	63	84	94	92

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES

All	76	76	76	71	71	75	78	80	76	72	74	80	90
Age 18 to 44	72	72	69	65	64	68	73	76	72	64	65	70	78
Age 45 to 64	72	73	75	70	73	77	81	82	79	76	76	81	91
Age 65+	84	88	87	82	78	81	83	85	80	79	84	94	105
Income Bottom Third	74	72	71	63	65	66	68	67	65	62	63	67	78
Income Middle Third	73	73	75	73	72	75	76	76	73	68	76	82	89
Income Top Third	82	84	82	76	76	83	91	98	92	87	84	96	105
Educ High School or Less	67	72	67	62	59	62	60	62	59	58	59	67	81
Educ Some College	68	64	69	65	70	70	75	74	68	63	62	67	76
Educ College Degree	85	88	86	81	78	83	88	93	90	84	87	93	101
Democrat	103	102	104	102	102	106	112	114	110	106	109	114	121
Independent	73	74	70	64	61	63	68	73	70	66	63	70	78
Republican	51	54	55	50	53	57	57	56	52	48	57	61	75

The question was: "Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely -- that in the country as a whole we'll have continuous good times during the next 5 years or so, or that we will have periods of widespread unemployment or depression, or what?"

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