

TABLE 7

SELECTED REASONS FOR OPINIONS ABOUT HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL SITUATION

	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
BETTER THAN YEAR AGO:													
Income higher	28%	29%	27%	30%	28%	27%	29%	25%	25%	25%	27%	30%	33%
Increased HH Contribution	6	6	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	6
Assets Higher	5	3	4	3	5	7	6	5	5	5	5	10	8
Debt Lower	2	4	4	4	3	3	4	5	3	3	4	4	5
Expense Lower	7	5	6	6	7	5	6	7	4	6	7	6	6
WORSE THAN YEAR AGO:													
Income lower	18	19	20	21	20	20	18	21	21	19	20	19	20
Decreased HH Contribution	3	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	5	4	5	3	4
Higher prices	38	38	40	41	41	36	37	39	47	40	38	36	35
Assets Lower	5	6	6	6	6	5	3	3	4	5	3	3	3
Debt Higher	4	3	3	5	3	2	4	4	5	5	5	3	2
Expense Higher	3	3	8	3	6	4	3	5	4	5	5	3	5

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INCOME HIGHER - INCOME LOWER (THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)

All	8	10	9	9	8	8	9	7	6	5	6	8	10
Age 18 to 44	20	23	24	24	23	21	20	19	17	17	17	19	21
Age 45 to 64	1	0	0	0	1	3	5	3	3	-1	-1	0	2
Age 65+	-1	1	-1	-3	-5	-2	-2	-1	-4	-3	-2	3	4
Income Bottom Third	-2	-1	-5	-6	-7	-5	-5	-5	-1	-3	0	-6	-6
Income Middle Third	2	7	12	11	11	7	10	10	6	5	5	11	14
Income Top Third	24	23	21	21	22	21	22	20	16	13	14	19	23
Educ High School or Less	-1	3	0	-5	-8	-7	-5	-7	-7	-8	-10	-10	-6
Educ Some College	2	1	3	1	4	4	4	1	2	0	4	4	5
Educ College Degree	15	18	18	20	19	17	18	18	16	13	13	16	19
Democrat	18	22	22	20	16	17	20	22	17	18	17	21	22
Independent	8	8	6	5	6	6	7	6	9	3	4	2	9
Republican	-2	1	2	3	1	-1	-2	-5	-5	-7	-3	0	-2

HIGHER PRICES (THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)

All	39	37	39	40	41	39	38	37	41	42	42	38	36
Age 18 to 44	32	30	34	32	36	32	33	33	38	39	38	34	31
Age 45 to 64	45	44	43	46	44	42	39	40	44	44	43	40	39
Age 65+	42	39	40	43	44	46	44	41	41	44	45	41	41
Income Bottom Third	38	36	39	41	42	39	39	40	42	45	43	41	38
Income Middle Third	45	43	43	42	43	42	41	40	46	44	46	39	40
Income Top Third	34	33	35	37	38	36	33	32	37	38	37	33	31
Educ High School or Less	42	41	42	42	43	40	43	42	47	47	49	45	41
Educ Some College	44	41	42	44	47	44	43	42	46	49	46	44	42
Educ College Degree	35	34	35	35	35	36	33	33	36	36	36	32	32
Democrat	27	25	26	25	26	24	24	22	26	26	27	23	21
Independent	39	39	41	42	41	38	35	37	40	42	41	38	37
Republican	53	49	49	51	55	57	55	53	56	59	59	56	54

(ASSETS HIGHER + DEBTS LOWER) - (ASSETS LOWER + DEBTS HIGHER)

(THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)

All	-5	-4	-2	-2	-2	-1	2	3	2	0	-1	2	6
Age 18 to 44	-2	1	3	2	1	0	2	1	1	-1	-2	0	4
Age 45 to 64	-6	-5	-3	-4	-3	0	3	6	3	2	0	1	3
Age 65+	-9	-8	-6	-6	-5	-3	-1	3	2	1	2	9	11
Income Bottom Third	-5	-4	-3	-2	-2	-4	-2	-2	-1	-3	-2	-2	0
Income Middle Third	-4	-3	-1	-5	-4	-2	0	1	-2	0	-1	6	8
Income Top Third	-5	-2	1	1	0	4	7	9	8	5	2	5	9
Educ High School or Less	-4	-1	0	-2	-3	-4	-2	-2	-3	-2	-5	-2	-2
Educ Some College	-6	-5	-3	-3	-4	-5	-4	-3	-2	-4	-3	-2	4
Educ College Degree	-5	-4	-1	-2	-1	3	6	8	5	3	2	7	9
Democrat	-2	0	2	5	6	10	10	10	7	7	6	13	15
Independent	-2	-3	-1	-3	-3	-3	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	0	5
Republican	-11	-9	-7	-10	-11	-9	-4	0	0	-3	-6	-6	-3

Responses to query: "Why do you say so?" following the question on Table 6.

May add to more than 100% due to multiple mentions.