

**TABLE 10**

**CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH 5 YEARS AGO**

	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024
BETTER OFF	49%	50%	51%	50%	57%	55%	53%	48%	50%	49%	52%	52%	52%
SAME	11	9	9	9	8	7	8	9	10	10	9	9	9
WORSE OFF	40	40	39	41	35	37	38	42	40	40	38	38	38
DK, NA	*	1	1	*	*	1	1	1	*	1	1	1	1
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	603	601	605	600	601	604	602	605	600	600	601	602	602
INDEX SCORE	109	110	112	109	122	118	115	106	110	109	114	114	114

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

All	116	113	110	110	114	116	118	113	110	108	111	112	114
Age 18 to 44	139	137	140	139	143	138	138	134	132	130	129	133	136
Age 45 to 64	106	103	96	98	102	108	115	109	107	100	102	101	102
Age 65+	95	89	85	84	89	95	95	89	85	90	99	99	101
Income Bottom Third	92	93	92	92	92	92	94	94	89	92	91	94	92
Income Middle Third	111	110	105	105	109	113	117	110	113	107	110	108	111
Income Top Third	145	137	134	133	142	145	147	139	132	130	135	138	142
Educ High School or Less	92	92	89	92	95	100	98	97	89	91	88	95	96
Educ Some College	107	105	101	104	103	106	105	101	94	94	101	107	109
Educ College Degree	133	128	126	122	127	127	133	126	128	124	126	123	125
Democrat	139	135	135	134	142	142	143	134	135	135	143	145	149
Independent	114	111	105	107	110	115	115	115	110	111	110	111	113
Republican	90	89	90	85	86	86	93	88	84	79	76	77	76

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