

**TABLE 10**

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

	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Apr 2025	May 2025	Jun 2025	Jul 2025	Aug 2025	Sep 2025	Oct 2025	Nov 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026	Feb 2026
BETTER OFF	44%	41%	39%	42%	39%	42%	42%	44%	42%	39%	40%	39%	40%
SAME	16	17	18	18	19	21	20	17	17	15	15	17	17
WORSE OFF	39	41	41	39	42	36	37	38	41	44	44	43	42
DK, NA	1	1	2	1	*	1	1	1	*	2	1	1	1
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	977	1482	1104	1181	1095	1287	1066	1241	1184	1129	1079	1283	1297
INDEX SCORE	105	100	98	103	97	106	105	106	101	95	96	96	98

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	105	104	101	100	99	102	103	106	104	101	97	96	97
Age 18 to 44	127	126	121	119	113	118	115	122	119	115	111	108	111
Age 45 to 64	100	96	93	93	95	97	101	102	100	96	95	92	93
Age 65+	93	94	91	91	91	93	93	94	93	91	88	86	85
Income Bottom Third	73	75	74	76	74	76	76	76	75	72	71	67	63
Income Middle Third	106	102	97	97	97	101	101	105	101	97	95	95	101
Income Top Third	140	139	135	132	130	132	135	139	139	136	130	128	132
Educ High School or Less	82	80	77	86	86	90	82	78	72	77	76	81	75
Educ Some College	77	76	74	78	80	84	85	83	83	79	81	77	78
Educ College Degree	122	122	118	112	109	111	113	118	117	112	107	104	107
Democrat	133	125	113	102	97	100	101	103	101	94	89	86	88
Independent	98	99	94	94	93	97	99	102	99	96	94	92	91
Republican	80	86	98	111	116	116	114	118	124	125	124	120	125

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