

**TABLE 26**

**EXPECTED CHANGE IN BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN A YEAR**

	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	31%	24%	23%	21%	23%	22%	21%	17%	17%	17%	17%	18%	20%
SAME	18	15	13	14	21	19	19	18	20	20	22	25	23
WORSE	51	60	64	64	55	59	60	64	62	62	61	57	57
DK, NA	*	1	*	1	1	*	*	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	80	64	59	57	68	63	61	53	55	55	56	61	63

**EXPECTED CHANGE IN BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN A YEAR - INDEX SCORE  
THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	86	76	68	60	61	63	64	59	56	54	55	57	60
Age 18 to 44	79	64	53	49	50	53	53	46	45	41	42	41	46
Age 45 to 64	92	83	76	65	66	65	69	64	62	59	61	62	67
Age 65+	83	75	64	57	58	62	63	60	55	54	57	62	65
Income Bottom Third	86	77	70	61	63	62	65	58	57	53	56	58	60
Income Middle Third	88	77	67	62	61	64	65	60	56	54	56	57	59
Income Top Third	83	70	61	53	56	59	60	56	53	51	51	53	59
Educ High School or Less	109	95	90	87	89	88	87	78	76	71	72	78	80
Educ Some College	104	95	86	74	75	76	77	71	65	61	65	68	71
Educ College Degree	73	61	52	47	48	50	53	49	48	46	47	48	52
Democrat	29	22	15	12	12	15	15	16	15	16	17	19	22
Independent	81	72	61	54	53	55	56	52	50	44	49	50	56
Republican	170	162	157	148	149	150	152	150	149	143	137	136	141

The question was: "And how about a year from now, do you expect that in the country as a whole business conditions will be better or worse than they are at present, or just about the same?"

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