

**TABLE 29**

**BUSINESS CONDITIONS EXPECTED DURING THE NEXT 5 YEARS**

	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
GOOD TIMES	20%	15%	13%	13%	16%	15%	15%	12%	10%	11%	11%	12%	12%
UNCERTAIN	43	35	33	34	41	41	40	38	39	38	42	43	41
BAD TIMES	37	49	53	53	42	43	45	50	51	50	47	44	46
NA	*	1	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	83	66	60	60	74	72	70	62	59	61	64	68	66

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	88	79	70	62	65	69	72	68	64	61	61	64	66
Age 18 to 44	80	70	60	54	56	60	61	56	52	48	48	50	53
Age 45 to 64	92	83	75	67	70	70	74	69	67	65	66	70	71
Age 65+	90	81	70	61	64	70	76	73	68	63	66	70	73
Income Bottom Third	84	74	67	59	62	61	65	61	58	55	57	60	60
Income Middle Third	86	79	70	64	65	70	74	68	62	60	63	65	67
Income Top Third	94	83	71	62	65	72	75	73	68	63	63	67	72
Educ High School or Less	104	91	91	86	91	86	83	74	72	68	70	78	77
Educ Some College	92	84	76	67	70	72	76	71	67	61	63	66	67
Educ College Degree	83	73	62	55	57	62	67	64	60	57	58	61	64
Democrat	52	43	32	27	31	35	37	36	33	32	33	38	42
Independent	82	74	64	56	56	60	65	63	60	55	56	58	59
Republican	145	141	138	134	134	135	136	134	131	125	123	125	128

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