

TABLE 30

EXPECTED CHANGE IN UNEMPLOYMENT DURING THE NEXT 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
LESS	21%	13%	14%	14%	16%	15%	15%	12%	12%	9%	11%	13%	14%
SAME	27	20	20	22	26	27	21	22	23	21	26	25	27
MORE	51	66	65	64	57	57	63	65	64	69	63	62	58
DK, NA	1	1	1	*	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	70	47	49	50	59	58	52	47	48	40	48	51	56

**EXPECTED CHANGE IN UNEMPLOYMENT DURING THE NEXT YEAR - INDEX SCORE
THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	75	63	55	49	53	56	56	52	49	45	45	46	52
Age 18 to 44	67	57	50	42	45	49	49	42	40	35	36	34	40
Age 45 to 64	80	68	62	54	56	54	57	55	54	51	50	50	56
Age 65+	72	60	49	45	48	56	56	52	46	42	45	50	56
Income Bottom Third	80	67	62	54	58	58	58	53	50	47	50	51	55
Income Middle Third	74	65	57	52	54	58	58	54	51	47	46	47	55
Income Top Third	69	56	48	40	43	47	50	46	44	39	38	38	43
Educ High School or Less	94	86	84	78	79	82	79	71	65	66	72	77	80
Educ Some College	90	75	67	60	65	66	69	66	64	55	55	56	63
Educ College Degree	63	51	43	37	40	44	46	42	39	36	37	38	43
Democrat	36	28	20	16	17	19	20	20	18	18	19	21	25
Independent	71	59	51	46	49	51	50	45	43	37	39	41	48
Republican	130	118	115	108	113	118	120	120	118	110	103	103	111

The question was: "How about people out of work during the coming 12 months -- do you think that there will be more unemployment than now, about the same, or less?"

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