

TABLE 6

CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH A YEAR 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	22%	20%	19%	17%	23%	23%	21%	21%	24%	18%	20%	22%	22%
SAME	38	34	33	33	32	37	35	34	30	30	27	30	33
WORSE OFF	40	46	48	50	45	40	44	45	46	52	52	48	45
DK, NA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*	*
TOTAL CASES	100% 977	100% 1482	100% 1104	100% 1181	100% 1095	100% 1287	100% 1066	100% 1241	100% 1184	100% 1129	100% 1079	100% 1283	100% 1297
INDEX SCORE	82	74	71	67	78	83	77	76	78	66	68	74	77

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	85	81	76	71	72	76	79	79	77	73	71	69	73
Age 18 to 44	92	88	84	78	81	83	82	80	79	73	69	64	73
Age 45 to 64	80	76	69	64	65	70	77	77	74	71	69	69	71
Age 65+	86	81	73	69	69	76	79	80	77	74	72	71	73
Income Bottom Third	60	60	58	57	59	62	63	61	61	56	54	51	52
Income Middle Third	87	84	78	72	72	77	80	79	75	71	70	71	77
Income Top Third	109	102	93	86	86	91	97	99	98	94	88	86	92
Educ High School or Less	59	59	55	62	70	73	70	58	54	52	57	65	65
Educ Some College	64	64	63	62	67	69	71	69	68	64	62	60	61
Educ College Degree	98	92	84	75	74	80	86	86	84	78	75	72	78
Democrat	106	90	73	60	59	65	68	68	64	58	53	52	58
Independent	79	77	71	65	65	68	71	72	71	67	64	62	66
Republican	66	76	90	101	108	110	115	114	118	116	118	113	115

The question was: "We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. Would you say that you (and your family living there) are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?"

Index Score is the percent favorable minus the percent unfavorable plus 100

*: Less than half of one percent.