

TABLE 7
SELECTED REASONS FOR OPINIONS ABOUT HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL SITUATION

	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 THAN YEAR AGO:													
Income higher	19%	17%	15%	13%	17%	18%	16%	19%	18%	12%	16%	17%	16%
Increased HH Contribution	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
Assets Higher	11	6	4	4	6	9	9	8	10	10	9	8	9
Debt Lower	2	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	4	2	2	1	3
Expense Lower	3	3	2	2	3	2	4	3	4	4	3	3	3
WORSE THAN YEAR AGO:													
Income lower	17	19	17	20	18	17	19	22	20	26	22	21	23
Decreased HH Contribution	2	3	4	3	2	3	2	2	3	5	3	4	4
Higher prices	37	43	38	38	36	39	43	44	45	47	47	45	46
Assets Lower	2	5	14	11	7	4	3	3	2	3	2	2	3
Debt Higher	3	3	3	6	5	5	6	5	6	4	6	5	3
Expense Higher	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	2

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INCOME HIGHER - INCOME LOWER (THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)

All	2	2	-1	-4	-3	-2	-1	-2	-3	-6	-7	-8	-6
Age 18 to 44	11	12	6	2	3	4	6	4	4	-3	-5	-6	-1
Age 45 to 64	-5	-7	-8	-11	-8	-8	-5	-5	-6	-11	-13	-15	-10
Age 65+	0	0	0	-3	-4	-5	-3	-2	-4	-6	-7	-6	-7
Income Bottom Third	-12	-10	-10	-13	-13	-14	-11	-12	-12	-14	-12	-14	-15
Income Middle Third	3	4	1	-4	-5	-2	0	1	-1	-8	-10	-10	-3
Income Top Third	15	13	8	7	7	8	9	10	9	4	-2	-2	3
Educ High School or Less	-18	-15	-12	-10	-9	-13	-15	-20	-20	-14	-11	-8	-13
Educ Some College	-8	-8	-7	-10	-8	-9	-9	-10	-8	-10	-10	-13	-13
Educ College Degree	9	8	3	0	-1	1	5	5	2	-4	-7	-8	-2
Democrat	12	8	1	-5	-5	-4	-2	-2	-6	-13	-15	-13	-8
Independent	-4	-2	-5	-6	-7	-7	-6	-6	-6	-9	-11	-11	-9
Republican	-5	-3	3	4	8	7	11	9	13	9	11	3	5

HIGHER PRICES (THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)

All	35	38	39	40	37	38	39	42	44	45	46	46	46
Age 18 to 44	34	37	40	40	38	38	41	41	41	43	45	47	46
Age 45 to 64	36	39	42	42	40	40	41	46	48	50	49	49	49
Age 65+	36	39	41	41	37	37	38	41	45	46	47	46	47
Income Bottom Third	38	43	44	45	41	42	44	47	49	51	53	52	52
Income Middle Third	37	39	41	42	39	40	42	45	48	49	49	47	47
Income Top Third	29	31	33	32	32	31	33	35	37	38	38	41	39
Educ High School or Less	41	44	46	37	32	32	40	48	52	51	50	44	47
Educ Some College	44	46	48	48	43	42	42	46	46	48	48	48	49
Educ College Degree	31	34	37	39	37	37	39	41	44	45	46	47	46
Democrat	24	32	39	43	42	42	45	48	52	54	57	56	55
Independent	38	42	45	45	43	42	44	46	47	48	47	48	49
Republican	48	42	35	28	23	24	24	27	26	27	28	28	27

(ASSETS HIGHER + DEBTS LOWER) - (ASSETS LOWER + DEBTS HIGHER)

(THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES)

All	8	6	0	-6	-7	-3	1	3	4	4	5	3	4
Age 18 to 44	4	2	0	-4	-3	0	1	-1	0	0	1	-1	1
Age 45 to 64	7	6	-2	-8	-11	-6	1	4	5	5	5	2	3
Age 65+	13	10	2	-5	-7	-2	3	6	7	8	9	9	9
Income Bottom Third	-3	-4	-6	-7	-7	-6	-4	-3	-3	-4	-3	-3	-3
Income Middle Third	6	6	0	-7	-9	-4	1	2	3	5	7	4	4
Income Top Third	21	16	6	-4	-5	2	9	12	14	14	12	10	12
Educ High School or Less	-3	-1	-2	-4	-6	-5	-4	-5	-6	-8	-5	-4	1
Educ Some College	0	-2	-3	-6	-4	-5	-2	-2	0	1	1	0	0
Educ College Degree	14	10	1	-7	-9	-2	4	7	8	8	8	6	6
Democrat	12	6	-3	-12	-14	-9	-4	-1	1	1	1	-1	0
Independent	9	8	2	-5	-6	-2	2	2	3	2	3	2	3
Republican	2	3	3	4	5	7	10	12	16	16	17	15	17

Responses to query: "Why do you say so?" following the question on Table 6.

May add to more than 100% due to multiple mentions.