

TABLE 8**EXPECTED CHANGE IN FINANCIAL SITUATION 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 OFF	31%	26%	22%	22%	27%	25%	27%	24%	23%	23%	26%	27%	26%
SAME	35	32	32	33	39	38	35	36	34	37	39	39	40
WORSE OFF	32	40	44	43	33	34	36	38	41	38	33	32	33
DK, NA	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	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	99	86	78	79	94	91	91	86	82	85	93	95	93

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	106	98	88	81	84	88	92	89	86	84	87	91	94
Age 18 to 44	114	104	91	84	89	96	102	99	100	96	99	99	103
Age 45 to 64	110	102	92	84	86	90	96	93	89	86	89	93	96
Age 65+	94	85	73	69	71	76	76	73	68	68	72	78	83
Income Bottom Third	102	93	84	80	83	85	88	82	80	77	82	86	87
Income Middle Third	108	100	91	83	83	88	91	90	85	84	85	90	94
Income Top Third	110	99	87	78	83	92	98	96	94	92	94	96	100
Educ High School or Less	116	108	100	101	101	100	96	92	92	92	96	104	101
Educ Some College	107	100	94	87	89	93	99	97	93	86	90	93	97
Educ College Degree	104	93	80	73	76	83	87	85	82	81	83	87	92
Democrat	83	73	59	53	56	64	68	68	64	64	65	70	75
Independent	101	93	82	77	79	84	88	85	82	77	83	87	90
Republican	146	141	139	134	134	134	139	137	139	135	134	135	138

The question was: "Now looking ahead - do you think that a year from now you (and your family living there) will be better off financially, or worse off, or just about the same as now?"

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