

**TABLE 9**

**ANNUAL TREND IN PAST AND EXPECTED 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
Personal Financial Progress													
Continuous increase (a)	11%	10%	10%	9%	15%	13%	13%	12%	14%	11%	12%	14%	15%
Intermittent increase (b)	15	15	13	13	13	16	13	14	13	12	15	14	13
Remain unchanged (c)	15	14	15	15	17	19	17	16	14	17	13	16	18
Intermittent decline (d)	26	23	21	23	23	20	23	22	22	22	24	23	24
Continuous decline (e)	15	26	31	31	24	23	24	27	29	30	27	25	24
Mixed change (f)	16	10	8	7	7	6	8	6	6	7	7	6	5
DK, NA	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	3	2	1	2	2	1
TOTAL CASES	977	1482	1104	1181	1095	1287	1066	1241	1184	1129	1079	1283	1297
INDEX SCORE	85	76	71	68	81	86	79	77	76	71	76	80	80

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THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES**

All	92	86	77	72	73	78	82	81	77	75	74	76	79
Age 18 to 44	100	94	85	78	81	86	88	86	86	80	80	78	85
Age 45 to 64	91	85	74	68	69	76	84	84	78	74	74	75	77
Age 65+	86	79	68	65	66	72	74	72	67	66	68	71	74
Income Bottom Third	73	70	64	63	65	68	71	67	64	60	62	62	62
Income Middle Third	94	89	81	73	73	79	80	80	75	72	72	75	82
Income Top Third	111	100	87	79	81	89	95	97	95	92	90	89	94
Educ High School or Less	81	80	74	79	81	83	77	70	65	65	68	78	76
Educ Some College	78	76	73	71	74	77	82	80	78	71	72	72	73
Educ College Degree	99	90	77	69	70	77	83	82	79	75	75	76	82
Democrat	91	77	58	47	49	57	61	61	56	53	51	53	58
Independent	83	80	71	68	67	71	74	74	72	67	68	69	73
Republican	106	110	117	121	124	126	132	131	132	129	131	128	130

Combination of the responses to the questions on Tables 6 and 8.

- Key: (a) Better off financially than a year ago/Better off a year from now
- (b) Better/Same or Same/Better
- (c) Same/Same
- (d) Worse/Same or Same/Worse
- (e) Worse/Worse
- (f) Worse/Better or Better/Worse

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