

TABLE 25

**CURRENT BUSINESS CONDITIONS COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO**

The question was: "Would you say that at the present time business conditions are better or worse than they were a year ago?"

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Better Off</u> | <u>Same</u> | <u>Worse Off</u> | <u>DK, NA</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Relative</u> | <u>Cases</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1961        | 13                | 29          | 55               | 3             | 100          | 58              | 1981         |
| 1962        | 48                | 36          | 11               | 5             | 100          | 137             | 2117         |
| 1963        | 41                | 37          | 17               | 5             | 100          | 124             | 2036         |
| 1964        | 43                | 39          | 15               | 3             | 100          | 129             | 3017         |
| 1965        | 44                | 40          | 12               | 4             | 100          | 132             | 1349         |
| 1966        | 53                | 30          | 11               | 6             | 100          | 142             | 3647         |
| 1967        | 36                | 38          | 21               | 5             | 100          | 115             | 7127         |
| 1968        | 29                | 45          | 13               | 13            | 100          | 116             | 6627         |
| 1969        | 26                | 45          | 15               | 14            | 100          | 111             | 7025         |
| 1970        | 18                | 27          | 52               | 3             | 100          | 66              | 5315         |
| 1971        | 23                | 29          | 45               | 3             | 100          | 78              | 5216         |
| 1972        | 42                | 33          | 21               | 4             | 100          | 121             | 4939         |
| 1973        | 34                | 26          | 34               | 6             | 100          | 100             | 5587         |
| 1974        | 10                | 15          | 72               | 3             | 100          | 38              | 1329         |
| 1975        | 24                | 15          | 58               | 3             | 100          | 66              | 5575         |
| 1976        | 52                | 17          | 26               | 5             | 100          | 126             | 5443         |
| 1977        | 50                | 18          | 29               | 3             | 100          | 121             | 5067         |
| 1978        | 43                | 17          | 36               | 4             | 100          | 107             | 11186        |
| 1979        | 27                | 13          | 57               | 3             | 100          | 70              | 12960        |
| 1980        | 15                | 9           | 74               | 2             | 100          | 41              | 8675         |
| 1981        | 23                | 14          | 61               | 2             | 100          | 62              | 8273         |
| 1982        | 11                | 7           | 80               | 2             | 100          | 31              | 8318         |
| 1983        | 54                | 9           | 36               | 1             | 100          | 118             | 8356         |
| 1984        | 68                | 10          | 21               | 1             | 100          | 147             | 8301         |
| 1985        | 53                | 15          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 123             | 7836         |
| 1986        | 51                | 13          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 117             | 7878         |
| 1987        | 45                | 16          | 37               | 2             | 100          | 108             | 7377         |
| 1988        | 47                | 17          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 113             | 6016         |
| 1989        | 45                | 20          | 32               | 3             | 100          | 113             | 6024         |
| 1990        | 29                | 16          | 53               | 2             | 100          | 76              | 6032         |
| 1991        | 19                | 9           | 71               | 1             | 100          | 48              | 6053         |
| 1992        | 24                | 10          | 65               | 1             | 100          | 59              | 6040         |
| 1993        | 40                | 15          | 43               | 2             | 100          | 97              | 6058         |
| 1994        | 55                | 13          | 30               | 2             | 100          | 125             | 6069         |
| 1995        | 50                | 16          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 118             | 6024         |
| 1996        | 48                | 18          | 32               | 2             | 100          | 116             | 6008         |
| 1997        | 59                | 18          | 20               | 3             | 100          | 139             | 6002         |
| 1998        | 58                | 19          | 20               | 3             | 100          | 138             | 6011         |
| 1999        | 62                | 19          | 17               | 2             | 100          | 145             | 5995         |
| 2000        | 58                | 17          | 23               | 2             | 100          | 135             | 6020         |
| 2001        | 19                | 11          | 68               | 2             | 100          | 51              | 6013         |
| 2002        | 20                | 8           | 70               | 2             | 100          | 50              | 6011         |
| 2003        | 33                | 9           | 57               | 1             | 100          | 76              | 6014         |
| 2004        | 49                | 10          | 40               | 1             | 100          | 109             | 6040         |
| 2005        | 42                | 12          | 45               | 1             | 100          | 97              | 6029         |
| 2006        | 39                | 11          | 49               | 1             | 100          | 90              | 6015         |
| 2007        | 34                | 13          | 52               | 1             | 100          | 82              | 6045         |
| 2008        | 7                 | 4           | 89               | 0             | 100          | 18              | 6044         |
| 2009        | 16                | 3           | 81               | 0             | 100          | 35              | 6054         |
| 2010        | 39                | 8           | 53               | 0             | 100          | 86              | 6067         |
| 2011        | 36                | 9           | 54               | 1             | 100          | 82              | 6013         |
| 2012        | 46                | 9           | 44               | 1             | 100          | 102             | 6054         |
| 2013        | 49                | 11          | 39               | 1             | 100          | 110             | 6036         |
| 2014        | 53                | 9           | 36               | 2             | 100          | 117             | 6047         |

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| <u>Year</u> | <u>Better Off</u> | <u>Same</u> | <u>Worse Off</u> | <u>DK, NA</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Relative</u> | <u>Cases</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 2015        | 58                | 10          | 31               | 1             | 100          | 127             | 6107         |
| 2016        | 50                | 12          | 36               | 2             | 100          | 114             | 6593         |
| 2017        | 56                | 15          | 28               | 1             | 100          | 128             | 7254         |
| 2018        | 60                | 10          | 28               | 2             | 100          | 132             | 7294         |
| 2019        | 52                | 12          | 34               | 2             | 100          | 118             | 7326         |
| 2020        | 19                | 4           | 76               | 1             | 100          | 43              | 7487         |
| 2021        | 42                | 4           | 53               | 1             | 100          | 89              | 7251         |
| 2022        | 32                | 5           | 62               | 1             | 100          | 70              | 7213         |
| 2023        | 34                | 9           | 56               | 1             | 100          | 78              | 7224         |
| 2024        | 42                | 10          | 47               | 1             | 100          | 95              | 1203         |