TABLE 6

CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO

	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024
BETTER OFF	34%	31%	30%	31%	30%	36%	33%	30%	30%	29%	33%	40%	37%
SAME	23	26	24	23	25	24	27	26	19	26	22	20	23
WORSE OFF	43	43	46	46	45	40	40	44	51	45	45	40	39
DK, NA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1
TOTAL	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
CASES	602	603	601	605	600	601	604	603	605	600	600	601	602
INDEX SCORE	91	88	84	85	85	96	93	86	79	84	88	100	98

CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION COMPARED WITH A YEAR AGO - INDEX SCORE
THREE MONTH MOVING AVERAGES

	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Apr 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024
All	85	89	88	86	85	89	91	92	86	83	84	91	95
Age 18 to 44	106	109	108	108	105	107	106	105	98	94	96	101	109
Age 45 to 64	72	75	76	73	77	84	88	85	79	78	78	82	86
Age 65+	74	79	74	69	66	69	76	83	79	74	75	88	90
Income Bottom Third	80	81	73	71	70	75	77	77	78	74	77	76	79
Income Middle Third	77	83	90	87	86	86	88	89	81	83	82	96	99
Income Top Third	100	105	102	100	99	105	110	108	101	94	96	104	112
Educ High School or Less	76	80	77	73	70	74	75	75	71	69	65	67	75
Educ Some College	75	76	78	75	76	80	83	82	77	72	76	82	87
Educ College Degree	93	101	100	100	97	100	103	104	99	96	96	105	108
Democrat	106	115	113	113	111	118	117	116	107	109	110	123	125
Independent	87	86	84	80	81	85	90	90	87	81	83	85	92
Republican	58	63	67	65	62	61	65	68	66	59	60	62	65

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.