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**RBC Consumer Outlook Index Survey
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These are some of the findings of an Ipsos online poll conducted April 26-29, 2012. For this survey, a national sample of 1,005 adults from Ipsos' U.S. online panel was interviewed online. Weighting then was employed to balance demographics and ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the U.S. adult population according to Census data and to provide results intended to approximate the sample universe. Statistical margins of error are not applicable to online polls because they are based on samples drawn from opt-in online panels, not on random samples that mirror the population within a statistical probability ratio. All sample surveys and polls may be subject to other sources of error, including, but not limited to coverage error, and measurement error.

NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction or are they off on the wrong track?

	<u>Right direction</u>	<u>Wrong track</u>
4/26-29/12	38	62
3/29-4/1/12	34	66
3/1-4/12	38	62
1/26-29/12	35	65
12/27-29/11	31	69
11/21-23/11	24	76
10/27-30/11	26	74
9/29-10/2/11	25	75
8/25-28/11	25	75
7/28-31/11	24	76
6/28-7/1/11	37	63
5/27-30/11	38	62
4/28-5/1/11	30	70
3/24-27/11	33	67
2/25-28/11	33	67
1/28-31/11	40	60
12/27-30/10	36	64
11/19-22/10	39	61
10/29-11/1/10	35	65
9/30-10/3/10	37	63
8/26-30/10	33	67
7/29-8/1/10	37	63
7/8-11/10	36	64
6/4-7/10	35	65
4/29-5/2/10	40	60
4/1-5/10	44	56
2/25-3/1/10	38	62

2. Compared to six months ago...

	<u>More comfortable</u>	<u>Less comfortable</u>	<u>No change</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Are you NOW more or less comfortable making a major purchase decision, like a home or car?				
4/26-29/12	16	40	40	4
3/29-4/1/12	15	40	40	5
3/1-4/12	15	41	41	4
1/26-29/12	11	47	39	3
12/27-29/11	13	45	38	3
11/21-23/11	8	54	34	3
10/27-30/11	7	58	31	4
9/29-10/2/11	9	56	31	4
8/25-28/11	8	56	33	3
7/28-31/11	8	59	31	3
6/28-7/1/11	9	48	38	5
5/27-30/11	13	40	43	4
4/28-5/1/11	8	48	41	3
3/24-27/11	12	45	37	6
2/25-28/11	12	50	34	4
1/28-31/11	11	41	42	5
12/27-30/10	11	45	40	5
11/19-22/10	12	42	40	6
10/29-11/1/10	11	51	34	4
9/30-10/3/10	9	51	35	4
8/26-30/10	10	52	34	5
7/29-8/1/10	10	46	38	6
7/8-11/10	11	48	37	5
6/4-7/10	10	46	41	4
4/29-5/2/10	9	46	40	5
4/1-5/10	11	42	43	5
2/25-3/1/10	8	51	36	5
Are you NOW more or less comfortable making other household purchases?				
4/26-29/12	25	29	43	3
3/29-4/1/12	20	34	42	3
3/1-4/12	19	29	50	3
1/26-29/12	19	36	44	1
12/27-29/11	19	35	44	2
11/21-23/11	14	43	42	2
10/27-30/11	11	46	40	3
9/29-10/2/11	14	43	40	3
8/25-28/11	11	44	43	2
7/28-31/11	11	45	40	4
6/28-7/1/11	13	34	48	4
5/27-30/11	18	31	49	2
4/28-5/1/11	14	37	46	2
3/24-27/11	20	33	42	6
2/25-28/11	18	36	41	4
1/28-31/11	16	34	45	5
12/27-30/10	19	32	45	4
11/19-22/10	16	33	48	3
10/29-11/1/10	16	39	42	3
9/30-10/3/10	15	40	42	3
8/26-30/10	17	38	41	4
7/29-8/1/10	17	36	43	4
7/8-11/10	17	35	43	5
6/4-7/10	15	32	51	3
4/29-5/2/10	17	33	46	4
4/1-5/10	16	31	51	3
2/25-3/1/10	14	39	45	2

3. Compared to six months ago...

	<u>More confident</u>	<u>Less confident</u>	<u>No change</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
Are you NOW more or less confident about job security for yourself, your family and other people you know personally?				
4/26-29/12	18	37	41	4
3/29-4/1/12	16	39	40	5
3/1-4/12	15	34	47	--
1/26-29/12	15	43	40	3
12/27-29/11	16	38	42	4
11/21-23/11	10	47	38	5
10/27-30/11	9	52	35	4
9/29-10/2/11	11	53	33	4
8/25-28/11	8	50	39	3
7/28-31/11	10	47	39	4
6/28-7/1/11	10	40	42	7
5/27-30/11	17	41	38	4
4/28-5/1/11	9	42	44	4
3/24-27/11	14	42	38	5
2/25-28/11	13	46	37	4
1/28-31/11	14	44	38	4
12/27-30/10	13	41	41	5
11/19-22/10	17	41	39	3
10/29-11/1/10	10	44	40	5
9/30-10/3/10	12	48	34	5
8/26-30/10	12	49	35	5
7/29-8/1/10	12	43	40	5
7/8-11/10	12	43	40	5
6/4-7/10	11	46	39	4
4/29-5/2/10	13	44	39	4
4/1-5/10	13	41	42	5
2/25-3/1/10	12	49	34	4
Are you NOW more or less confident of your ability to invest in the future, including your ability to save money for your retirement or your children's education?				
4/26-29/12	19	41	36	5
3/29-4/1/12	19	43	34	4
3/1-4/12	15	43	36	5
1/26-29/12	13	47	34	5
12/27-29/11	14	46	35	5
11/21-23/11	9	56	30	5
10/27-30/11	7	55	32	6
9/29-10/2/11	9	59	28	4
8/25-28/11	8	59	30	3
7/28-31/11	9	54	32	6
6/28-7/1/11	10	47	35	8
5/27-30/11	18	41	36	5
4/28-5/1/11	11	47	38	4
3/24-27/11	14	43	37	6
2/25-28/11	14	51	30	6
1/28-31/11	13	46	36	5
12/27-30/10	12	45	38	5
11/19-22/10	16	43	34	7
10/29-11/1/10	10	50	35	4
9/30-10/3/10	12	52	29	7
8/26-30/10	12	53	30	5
7/29-8/1/10	13	46	34	7
7/8-11/10	14	50	31	5
6/4-7/10	9	51	36	4
4/29-5/2/10	15	47	34	4
4/1-5/10	13	43	38	6
2/25-3/1/10	12	53	30	6

4. Thinking of the last six months, have you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally lost their job as a result of economic conditions?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
4/26-29/12	41	59
3/29-4/1/12	39	61
3/1-4/12	34	66
1/26-29/12	42	58
12/27-29/11	38	62
11/21-23/11	46	54
10/27-30/11	42	58
9/29-10/2/11	46	54
8/25-28/11	37	63
7/28-31/11	37	63
6/28-7/1/11	38	62
5/27-30/11	38	62
4/28-5/1/11	42	58
3/24-27/11	43	57
2/25-28/11	44	56
1/28-31/11	45	55
12/27-30/10	41	59
11/19-22/10	43	57
10/29-11/1/10	46	54
9/30-10/3/10	48	52
8/26-30/10	47	53
7/29-8/1/10	47	53
7/8-11/10	48	52
6/4-7/10	45	55
4/29-5/2/10	49	51
4/1-5/10	49	51
2/25-3/1/10	50	50

5. Are you, or is anyone in your household currently worried about losing their job or being laid off?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
4/26-29/12	28	72
3/29-4/1/12	27	73
3/1-4/12	26	74
1/26-29/12	32	68
12/27-29/11	29	71
11/21-23/11	34	66
10/27-30/11	32	68
9/29-10/2/11	34	66
8/25-28/11	28	72
7/28-31/11	31	69
6/28-7/1/11	25	75
5/27-30/11	25	75
4/28-5/1/11	28	72
3/24-27/11	29	71
2/25-28/11	32	68
1/28-31/11	32	68
12/27-30/10	31	69
11/19-22/10	29	71
10/29-11/1/10	31	69
9/30-10/3/10	31	69
8/26-30/10	32	68
7/29-8/1/10	33	67
7/8-11/10	33	67
6/4-7/10	28	72
4/29-5/2/10	32	68
4/1-5/10	33	67

2/25-3/1/10..... 33 67

7. Rate the current state of the economy in your local area using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means a very strong economy today and 1 means a very weak economy.

	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Strong</u> <u>(T2B)</u>	<u>Mid</u> <u>(M2B)</u>	<u>Weak</u> <u>(B3B)</u>
4/26-29/12.....	2	5	19	26	21	15	12	7	45	48
3/29-4/1/12.....	2	5	18	25	23	14	13	8	43	49
3/1-4/12.....	3	3	18	30	22	12	13	6	48	47
1/26-29/12.....	2	6	16	28	22	19	8	7	44	49
12/27-29/11.....	2	5	18	25	25	13	12	7	43	50
11/21-23/11.....	1	4	13	26	23	18	15	5	38	56
10/27-30/11.....	1	3	13	26	24	19	14	4	39	57
9/29-10/2/11.....	1	3	15	25	23	20	12	5	40	56
8/25-28/11.....	1	4	14	23	24	18	14	5	38	57
7/28-31/11.....	3	4	12	24	25	17	16	7	36	58
6/28-7/1/11.....	2	5	15	31	20	16	12	7	45	48
5/27-30/11.....	1	5	14	31	22	16	11	6	45	49
4/28-5/1/11.....	3	5	14	27	22	15	14	8	41	51
3/24-27/11.....	3	5	19	24	19	16	14	9	42	49
2/25-28/11.....	2	5	15	28	22	16	13	6	42	51
1/28-31/11.....	1	3	18	27	20	18	13	4	45	51
12/27-30/10.....	2	3	19	29	21	14	12	5	47	47
11/19-22/10.....	1	3	16	28	24	15	13	4	44	51
10/29-11/1/10.....	1	3	13	26	22	19	15	5	39	56
9/30-10/3/10.....	1	3	13	25	27	17	13	4	39	57
8/26-30/10.....	1	3	13	24	25	21	13	4	37	59
7/29-8/1/10.....	2	4	14	26	26	16	11	6	40	54
7/8-11/10.....	2	4	13	29	23	17	12	6	42	52
6/4-7/10.....	1	3	15	25	26	17	13	4	40	57
4/29-5/2/10.....	1	4	15	27	23	17	13	5	43	52
4/1-5/10.....	1	5	14	26	25	16	14	6	39	55
2/25-3/1/10.....	1	3	13	24	27	17	15	4	37	59

8. Rate your current financial situation, using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means your personal financial situation is very strong today and 1 means it is very weak.

	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Strong</u> <u>(T2B)</u>	<u>Mid</u> <u>(M3B)</u>	<u>Weak</u> <u>(B3B)</u>
4/26-29/12.....	4	7	23	24	17	10	15	11	47	42
3/29-4/1/12.....	4	10	18	25	19	13	11	14	43	44
3/1-4/12.....	4	9	20	25	20	12	11	12	45	43
1/26-29/12.....	2	8	20	21	19	15	14	11	41	48
12/27-29/11.....	5	10	20	25	17	11	12	15	45	40
11/21-23/11.....	3	5	17	25	23	12	16	8	41	51
10/27-30/11.....	2	4	16	25	21	17	15	7	41	53
9/29-10/2/11.....	3	9	18	22	20	16	13	11	40	49
8/25-28/11.....	3	8	16	26	19	14	13	11	43	46
7/28-31/11.....	2	7	19	24	19	13	15	9	43	47
6/28-7/1/11.....	3	8	20	26	18	12	13	11	46	43
5/27-30/11.....	4	6	21	25	23	9	11	11	46	44
4/28-5/1/11.....	3	9	20	25	19	12	12	12	45	43
3/24-27/11.....	5	8	19	28	17	10	13	13	46	41
2/25-28/11.....	3	9	18	24	19	15	14	11	42	47
1/28-31/11.....	3	8	20	25	15	15	13	12	46	43
12/27-30/10.....	3	8	19	27	19	11	13	11	46	43
11/19-22/10.....	3	7	19	27	18	13	12	10	47	43
10/29-11/1/10.....	3	7	19	26	20	13	13	10	45	45
9/30-10/3/10.....	2	7	19	26	20	12	13	9	45	46
8/26-30/10.....	2	5	20	27	20	12	14	8	47	46
7/29-8/1/10.....	3	7	20	26	17	15	12	10	46	44
7/8-11/10.....	3	6	19	25	18	14	15	9	44	47
6/4-7/10.....	2	7	18	25	20	13	14	9	44	47
4/29-5/2/10.....	2	8	21	25	18	14	12	11	45	44
4/1-5/10.....	2	10	19	27	19	14	11	11	49	43

2/25-3/1/10	2	7	16	26	19	14	16	9	42	49
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9. Thinking about the next 30 days, do you think it will be a good time or a bad time to invest in the stock market?

	<u>Good time</u>	<u>Bad time</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
4/26-29/12	22	31	47
3/29-4/1/12	18	33	49
3/1-4/12	22	32	46
1/26-29/12	18	30	52
12/27-29/11	19	34	47
11/21-23/11	12	47	41
10/27-30/11	16	44	40
9/29-10/2/11	16	45	40
8/25-28/11	22	40	39
7/28-31/11	12	52	36
6/28-7/1/11	14	35	51
5/27-30/11	16	32	52
4/28-5/1/11	16	34	50
3/24-27/11	18	31	52
2/25-28/11	18	39	44
1/28-31/11	22	29	48
12/27-30/10	19	30	51
11/19-22/10	20	32	48
10/29-11/1/10	18	35	48
9/30-10/3/10	17	36	47
8/26-30/10	13	41	46
7/29-8/1/10	16	40	44
7/8-11/10	16	34	50
6/4-7/10	14	43	43
4/29-5/2/10	20	33	47
4/1-5/10	20	28	52
2/25-3/1/10	15	38	47

10. Thinking of the next 30 days, do you think it will be a good time to buy real estate, such as a house, vacation property or investment property?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
4/26-29/12	32	40	28
3/29-4/1/12	31	38	30
3/1-4/12	33	38	30
1/26-29/12	36	37	27
12/27-29/11	32	40	28
11/21-23/11	27	47	26
10/27-30/11	30	45	25
9/29-10/2/11	33	44	23
8/25-28/11	33	41	26
7/28-31/11	27	45	29
6/28-7/1/11	28	40	32
5/27-30/11	29	39	33
4/28-5/1/11	29	39	31
3/24-27/11	31	39	30
2/25-28/11	34	38	28
1/28-31/11	32	37	31
12/27-30/10	28	41	30
11/19-22/10	32	39	29
10/29-11/1/10	29	42	29
9/30-10/3/10	33	44	24
8/26-30/10	36	40	25
7/29-8/1/10	35	37	28
7/8-11/10	31	37	32
6/4-7/10	29	41	29
4/29-5/2/10	32	38	30
4/1-5/10	34	36	31
2/25-3/1/10	34	40	26

11. Thinking of the next twelve months, how do you expect the prices of the following to change?

	<u>Major increase in price</u>	<u>Minor increase</u>	<u>No change in price</u>	<u>Minor decrease</u>	<u>Major decrease in price</u>	<u>Total increase</u>	<u>Total decrease</u>
Homes for sale in your neighborhood							
4/26-29/12	9	27	41	19	4	36	24
3/29-4/1/12	11	26	36	22	4	37	27
3/1-4/12	10	23	39	24	4	33	28
1/26-29/12	8	21	40	23	7	29	31
12/27-29/11	7	23	39	26	5	30	31
11/21-23/11	8	21	39	26	6	29	33
10/27-30/11	6	20	35	30	8	27	38
9/29-10/2/11	8	19	34	30	8	27	39
8/25-28/11	8	17	36	30	9	24	39
7/28-31/11	10	19	38	23	10	29	33
6/28-7/1/11	7	24	39	23	7	31	30
5/27-30/11	9	22	40	22	7	31	29
4/28-5/1/11	12	18	38	25	7	30	32
3/24-27/11	8	22	36	27	7	30	34
2/25-28/11	9	26	37	22	7	34	28
1/28-31/11	7	21	43	24	6	28	30
12/27-30/10	7	22	38	26	6	30	33
11/19-22/10	6	20	42	25	7	26	32
10/29-11/1/10	4	25	43	21	7	29	28
9/30-10/3/10	3	28	42	22	5	31	27
8/26-30/10	3	22	36	31	9	25	40
7/29-8/1/10	5	28	37	24	7	32	31
Food and groceries							
4/26-29/12	34	47	16	2	1	81	2
3/29-4/1/12	39	47	12	3	0	85	3
3/1-4/12	40	45	13	1	1	85	2
1/26-29/12	32	52	14	1	0	84	1
12/27-29/11	32	48	18	2	0	79	2
11/21-23/11	35	49	14	1	0	84	2
10/27-30/11	34	51	13	1	0	85	2
8/25-28/11	35	49	13	3	0	84	3
8/25-28/11	35	49	13	3	0	84	3
7/28-31/11	38	45	15	1	*	83	2
6/28-7/1/11	38	45	14	3	1	82	4
5/27-30/11	40	42	14	2	1	82	3
4/28-5/1/11	48	40	9	2	1	88	3
3/24-27/11	45	42	10	2	1	87	4
2/25-28/11	45	43	12	*	*	88	1
1/28-31/11	34	48	16	2	--	82	2
12/27-30/10	31	50	16	2	*	81	3
11/19-22/10	25	54	19	1	1	79	2

	<u>Major increase in price</u>	<u>Minor increase</u>	<u>No change in price</u>	<u>Minor decrease</u>	<u>Major decrease in price</u>	<u>Total increase</u>	<u>Total decrease</u>
Gasoline and fuel prices							
4/26-29/12	47	33	10	9	1	80	9
3/29-4/1/12	68	21	6	3	2	89	5
3/1-4/12	73	15	9	2	1	88	3
1/26-29/12	51	37	7	5	0	88	5
12/27-29/11	31	44	16	8	1	76	9
11/21-23/11	37	40	14	9	0	77	9
10/27-30/11	34	44	12	9	1	78	10
9/29-10/2/11	33	39	10	17	0	72	18
8/25-28/11	34	37	17	11	1	71	12
7/28-31/11	47	35	11	7	1	82	7
6/28-7/1/11	33	33	15	17	1	67	18
5/27-30/11	48	27	10	12	3	75	15
4/28-5/1/11	76	14	7	2	2	90	3
3/24-27/11	72	19	6	2	2	90	4
2/25-28/11	79	14	6	1	*	93	1
1/28-31/11	58	30	10	2	--	88	2
12/27-30/10	56	31	10	2	1	87	3
11/19-22/10	37	46	13	4	1	82	5
Consumer electronics (TVs, computers, music players, etc.)							
4/26-29/12	14	39	33	13	1	53	14
3/29-4/1/12	16	39	32	12	1	55	12
3/1-4/12	13	42	32	11	1	56	12
1/26-29/12	12	36	33	19	1	47	19
12/27-29/11	11	34	36	18	2	44	20
11/21-23/11	11	36	32	21	1	47	21
10/27-10/30/11	12	40	32	14	1	53	16
9/29-10/2/11	13	42	29	15	1	55	16
8/25-28/11	16	37	34	11	1	53	13
7/28-31/11	16	37	35	11	1	53	12
6/28-7/1/11	14	38	34	12	1	53	13
5/27-30/11	15	38	34	12	1	52	13
4/28-5/1/11	21	41	30	8	1	61	9
3/24-27/11	18	41	26	13	2	59	15
2/25-28/11	16	42	29	14	*	57	14
1/28-31/11	11	37	37	15	1	48	16
12/27-30/10	10	36	36	17	1	46	18
11/19-22/10	11	29	33	23	3	40	27
Durable goods (automobiles, appliances, furniture, etc.)							
4/26-29/12	18	43	35	4	--	61	5
3/29-4/1/12	24	42	29	4	1	66	5
3/1-4/12	18	47	29	4	1	66	5
1/26-29/12	13	45	35	8	0	58	8
12/27-29/11	15	46	33	5	1	61	6
11/21-23/11	16	46	29	8	1	62	9
10/27-30/11	16	48	28	7	1	64	8
9/29-10/2/11	17	43	31	8	1	60	9
8/25-28/11	19	41	32	6	1	61	7
7/28-31/11	21	43	30	6	1	64	6
6/28-7/1/11	18	44	31	6	1	62	7
5/27-30/11	17	45	31	6	1	63	7
4/28-5/1/11	25	43	28	4	1	67	5
3/24-27/11	21	48	24	5	2	70	7
2/25-28/11	20	46	29	5	*	66	5
1/28-31/11	15	46	35	4	1	60	5
12/27-30/10	15	42	35	7	1	57	8
11/19-22/10	14	39	34	11	1	54	12

13. Now look ahead at the next six months. How likely is it that you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally will lose their job in the next six months as a result of economic conditions?

	<u>Extremely</u> <u>likely</u>	<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat</u> <u>likely</u>	<u>Not very</u> <u>likely</u>	<u>Not at all</u> <u>likely</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>Total likely</u>	<u>Total not</u> <u>likely</u>
4/26-29/12	6	10	27	26	15	15	16	41
3/29-4/1/12	5	9	22	26	16	22	14	42
3/1-4/12	5	10	23	26	19	17	15	45
1/26-29/12	7	8	27	29	14	14	15	44
12/27-29/11	5	8	27	28	14	18	13	42
11/21-23/11	6	9	27	27	13	19	15	39
10/27-30/11.....	5	9	28	27	12	19	14	39
9/29-10/2/11	5	13	26	27	13	16	18	40
8/25-28/11	6	10	25	24	13	21	17	37
7/28-31/11	5	10	24	25	15	21	15	40
6/28-7/1/11	4	11	24	28	13	21	15	40
5/27-30/11	4	9	20	29	15	23	13	44
4/28-5/1/11	5	8	26	25	15	21	14	39
3/24-27/11	7	7	24	28	16	19	14	43
2/25-28/11	7	11	25	25	13	18	18	39
1/28-31/11	5	7	27	27	16	18	12	43
12/27-30/10	5	9	26	24	16	20	14	40
11/19-22/10	6	10	25	24	17	19	16	40
10/29-11/1/10	6	9	22	28	15	20	15	43
9/30-10/3/10	5	12	25	22	16	20	16	38
8/26-30/10	6	11	24	26	13	19	17	40
7/29-8/1/10	6	8	25	27	16	19	14	43
7/8-11/10	6	10	28	22	13	21	16	35
6/4-7/10	5	11	22	26	16	20	16	42
4/29-5/2/10	6	9	24	25	17	19	14	42
4/1-5/10	4	9	27	22	15	23	13	36
2/25-3/1/10	5	9	28	22	14	21	14	37

14. Now, thinking about the **next six months** and making major purchases such as buying a car or household appliances, or your vacation spending, do you expect that you and your family will be spending ...

	<u>More than last</u> <u>year</u>	<u>About the same as</u> <u>last year</u>	<u>Less than</u> <u>last year</u>
4/26-29/12	12	47	42
3/29-4/1/12	12	46	43
3/1-4/12	11	45	44
1/26-29/12	11	45	43
12/27-29/11	13	47	40
11/21-23/11	11	43	47
10/27-30/11	11	37	51
9/29/10/2/11	11	42	47
8/25-28/11	11	42	47
7/28-31/11	9	42	49
6/28-7/1/11	9	45	45
5/27-30/11	15	42	43
4/28-5/1/11	10	44	47
3/24-27/11	13	43	44
2/25-28/11	13	40	47
1/28-31/11	9	46	46
12/27-30/10	11	47	42
11/19-22/10	10	45	45
10/29-11/1/10	11	45	44
9/30-10/3/10	8	45	48
8/26-30/10	10	44	46
7/29-8/1/10	12	43	45
7/8-11/10	9	44	47
6/4-7/10	9	45	46
4/29-5/2/10	11	47	42
4/1-5/10	9	48	43

2/25-3/1/10	7	41	52
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15A. In the next six months, do you think interest rates will...

	<u>Go up</u>	<u>Go down</u>	<u>Remain unchanged</u>
4/26-29/12.....	40	12	47
3/29-4/1/12	41	9	50
3/1-4/12.....	36	11	53
1/26-29/12.....	33	12	56
12/27-29/11.....	38	13	49
11/21-23/11.....	39	13	48
10/27-30/11.....	43	12	45
9/29/10/2/11.....	39	16	44
8/25-28/11.....	42	14	45
7/28-31/11.....	59	9	32
6/28-7/1/11	41	11	48
5/27-30/11.....	44	10	46
4/28-5/1/11	48	7	44
3/24-27/11.....	49	9	42
2/25-28/11.....	50	11	39
1/28-31/11.....	50	9	40
12/27-30/10.....	48	11	41
11/19-22/10.....	42	11	47
10/29-11/1/10	35	13	52
9/30-10/3/10	37	10	53
8/26-30/10.....	34	16	50
7/29-8/1/10	36	14	49
7/8-11/10.....	41	13	46
6/4-7/10.....	40	12	48
4/29-5/2/10	45	11	44
4/1-5/10.....	46	10	44
2/25-3/1/10	47	12	41

15B. Over the next five years, do you think inflation will...

	<u>Go up</u>	<u>Go down</u>	<u>Remain unchanged</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
4/26-29/12.....	60	11	15	14
3/29-4/1/12	62	10	12	17
3/1-4/12	61	8	14	17
1/26-29/12.....	57	12	13	17
12/27-29/11.....	56	9	19	17
11/21-23/11.....	63	9	11	16
10/27-30/11.....	57	15	11	17
9/29-10/2/11	65	11	10	14
8/25-28/11.....	63	12	10	15
7/28-31/11.....	64	8	12	16
6/28-7/1/11	54	10	15	21
5/27-30/11.....	53	11	13	23
4/28-5/1/11	58	12	11	19
3/24-27/11.....	61	8	11	20
2/25-28/11.....	64	11	10	15
1/28-31/11.....	56	13	15	16
12/27-30/10.....	56	12	14	18
11/19-22/10.....	53	12	15	20

16A. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect... - The economy in your local area to be...

	<u>Much stronger</u>	<u>Somewhat stronger</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>Somewhat weaker</u>	<u>Much weaker</u>	<u>Total stronger</u>	<u>Total weaker</u>
4/26-29/12.....	6	20	56	13	5	26	18
3/29-4/1/12	3	17	60	14	6	20	20
3/1-4/12.....	4	17	56	17	5	21	22
1/26-29/12.....	3	21	61	12	4	24	15
12/27-29/11.....	5	16	56	17	6	21	23
11/21-23/11.....	3	15	57	18	8	18	25
10/27-30/11....	2	15	57	20	5	17	26
9/29-10/2/11	2	14	56	23	5	16	28
8/25-28/11.....	3	14	55	20	8	17	28
7/28-31/11.....	3	12	53	23	9	15	32
6/28-7/1/11	3	15	60	17	6	18	22
5/27-30/11.....	3	20	56	16	6	23	21
4/28-5/1/11	4	16	55	19	5	20	25
3/24-27/11.....	5	18	52	17	8	23	26
2/25-28/11.....	4	17	55	19	6	20	25
1/28-31/11.....	3	20	57	15	5	23	20
12/27-30/10.....	3	18	59	15	5	21	20
11/19-22/10.....	5	19	57	15	5	24	20
10/29-11/1/10	3	17	56	16	7	20	24
9/30-10/3/10	3	17	57	19	4	20	23
8/26-30/10.....	3	14	58	18	8	16	25
7/29-8/1/10	3	17	56	18	6	20	23
7/8-11/10.....	3	15	54	19	8	18	28
6/4-7/10.....	4	15	58	16	7	19	24
4/29-5/2/10	2	19	57	17	5	22	22
4/1-5/10.....	1	17	61	16	5	18	21
2/25-3/1/10	1	18	59	16	6	19	22

16B. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect... – Your personal finances to be...

	<u>Much stronger</u>	<u>Somewhat stronger</u>	<u>About the same</u>	<u>Somewhat weaker</u>	<u>Much weaker</u>	<u>Total stronger</u>	<u>Total weaker</u>
4/26-29/12.....	8	25	50	12	5	33	17
3/29-4/1/12	8	24	49	13	6	32	19
3/1-4/12.....	7	23	51	13	5	30	19
1/26-29/12.....	6	24	50	14	5	30	19
12/27-29/11.....	7	22	53	14	5	28	19
11/21-23/11.....	6	19	48	19	8	25	27
10/27-30/11....	5	19	48	21	6	24	27
9/29-10/2/11	6	22	47	21	5	27	26
8/25-28/11.....	5	20	48	19	8	25	26
7/28-31/11.....	4	18	49	21	8	22	29
6/28-7/1/11	5	18	53	18	7	23	24
5/27-30/11.....	8	21	51	15	4	30	19
4/28-5/1/11	5	19	53	17	5	25	22
3/24-27/11.....	6	22	48	17	7	28	24
2/25-28/11.....	9	21	46	19	6	30	24
1/28-31/11.....	6	24	50	16	5	30	20
12/27-30/10.....	6	23	50	15	6	29	21
11/19-22/10.....	7	25	49	15	5	32	19
10/29-11/1/10	5	21	53	14	7	26	21
9/30-10/3/10	6	22	50	17	5	28	22
8/26-30/10.....	6	22	52	16	5	27	21
7/29-8/1/10	5	20	51	18	6	26	24
7/8-11/10.....	5	21	51	15	7	26	22
6/4-7/10.....	5	22	50	17	6	26	23
4/29-5/2/10	5	22	52	16	5	27	22
4/1-5/10.....	4	19	59	13	5	23	18
2/25-3/1/10	4	20	55	14	7	24	21

17. Thinking about **the next year or so**, do you, yourself, generally feel that the US economy and your own financial situation will improve, stay the same or get worse?

	<u>Improve</u>	<u>Stay the same</u>	<u>Get worse</u>
4/26-29/12.....	29	49	22
3/29-4/1/12	29	46	25
3/1-4/12.....	26	45	28
1/26-29/12.....	31	42	27
12/27-29/11.....	26	48	26
11/21-23/11.....	20	44	35
10/27-30/11	25	43	33
9/29-10/2/11	21	43	36
8/25-28/11.....	22	41	36
7/28-31/11.....	18	43	40
6/28-7/1/11	25	47	28
5/27-30/11.....	30	47	23
4/28-5/1/11	24	44	32
3/24-27/11.....	26	41	32
2/25-28/11.....	26	43	31
1/28-31/11.....	30	47	23
12/27-30/10.....	28	48	24
11/19-22/10.....	30	46	24
10/29-11/1/10	31	42	27
9/30-10/3/10	31	44	25
8/26-30/10.....	30	43	28
7/29-8/1/10	30	42	27
7/8-11/10.....	28	42	30
6/4-7/10.....	28	45	27
4/29-5/2/10	31	43	26
4/1-5/10.....	30	43	26
2/25-3/1/10	29	47	24

CUSTOM QUESTIONS

18. Many analysts said this last winter was unseasonably warm. Did this warm winter cause you to spend more money on any of the following items than you would have if we had a colder winter?

Going out to eat	18
New clothes	12
Home improvement/repair	8
Travel	8
Sporting/hobby	6
Activities for your children	6
Home Furnishings	5
New car	3
None of the above [EXCLUSIVE]	69

19. Do you think you will be spending more or less on these items as we move into Spring and Summer?

	<u>Spend more</u>	<u>Spend less</u>	<u>Spend the same</u>
Going out to eat (n=177)	40	32	28
New clothes (n=120)	46	29	24
Home improvement/repair (n=84)	39	24	37
Travel (n=78)	40	34	26
Sporting/hobby (n=65)	53	24	23
Activities for your children (n=64)	62	11	27
Home Furnishings (n=46)	45	28	27
New car (n=28)	43	36	21

20. Thinking about a number of traditional Summer activities, will you be spending more or less on the following compared to last year?

	<u>Spend more</u>	<u>Spend less</u>	<u>Spend the same</u>	<u>Not applicable</u>
Summer camp for your kids	6	10	15	68
Summer activities for your kids	12	12	21	55
Family vacations	15	27	39	19
Home improvement projects	18	25	37	20
Parties, cookouts or barbecues	17	20	51	11
Family reunions	10	17	38	36

21. How likely are you to take the following types of vacations this summer (2012)?

		<u>Very likely</u>	<u>Somewhat likely</u>	<u>Not very likely</u>	<u>Not at all likely</u>
International travel or trip to another country	May, 2012	8	9	17	65
	May, 2010:	6	6	12	76
Domestic travel involving a flight or air travel	May, 2012	13	21	24	42
	May, 2010:	12	14	23	51
Domestic travel where you drive to your destination	May, 2012	32	35	14	19
	May, 2010:	27	32	18	23
A "stay-cation" where you take time off but stay at home	May, 2012	32	31	17	20
	May, 2010:	33	30	18	20

22. Thinking about any vacation plans you may have for this summer, please tell us if any of the following have caused you to cut-back or cancel your vacation plans.

	<u>May, 2012</u>	<u>May, 2011</u>
High gasoline or fuel prices	49	47
High airplane ticket costs	30	20
Unemployment or job loss	21	16
Health care costs	14	12
Low exchange rate of the U.S. Dollar (US\$) versus foreign currency	7	8
Do not plan to travel this summer	20	27

None of these	26	19
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DEMOGRAPHICS

NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.

D1. Do you currently own stocks, bonds or mutual funds?

Yes	38
No	62

D1a. In what year were you born?

D1b. Have you already had a birthday this year?

(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES Q.D1a OR Q.D1b, Q.D1c ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

D1c. Are you:

18-34	30
35-54	38
55-64	18
65+	13

D2. Are you employed:

Employed Full-time	38
Employed Part-time	10
Self-Employed	6
Retired	19
Student	6
Military	--
Homemaker	9
Currently unemployed	12
DK/NS	1
Summary	
Full time	42
Part time	12
Not Employed	28
Retired	19

D3. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade School	1
Some High School	4
Graduated High School	24
Some College	28
Graduated from college - 2 year	8
Graduated from college - 4 year	21
Post Graduate Degree	13
Summary (NET)	
No college degree	66
College degree	34

D4. Are you currently married?

Single	24
Married	9
Domestic Partnership	53
Widowed	4
Divorced or separated	10
Summary	
Married	53

Other	47
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- D6a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?
D6b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?
D6c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

Under 6 only	8
6-12 Only	6
13-17 Only	6
Under 6 and 6-12	3
Under 6 and 13-17	--
6-12 and 13-17	4
All 3	1
None Under 18	71
Summary	
With Kids	29
No Kids	71

- D10. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?
(Q.D11 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D12a.)
D11. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?
(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

Hispanic	13	13
White	67	68
Black	11	11
Asian/Native American/Other/Refused race (Net)	8	8
Summary		
White	67	68
Other	33	32

- D12. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2009?

Under \$15K	12
\$15K to less than \$20K	4
\$20K to less than \$25K	4
\$25K to less than \$30K	6
\$30K to less than \$40K	9
\$40K to less than \$50K	9
\$50K to less than \$75K	27
\$75K to less than \$100K	13
\$100K to less than \$150K	10
\$150K or more	6
Summary	
Under \$25K	20
\$25K - \$49K	24
\$50K - \$99K	40
\$100K +	16

REGION:

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	23

METROPOLITAN STATUS:

10,000-99,999	5
100,000-249,999	8
250,000-499,999	8
500,000-999,999	7
1,000,000-2,499,999	14
2,500,000-4,999,999	16
5,000,000 +	25
Non CBSA	16
Summary	
Less than 1 million	28
1 million to less than 5 million	30
5 million or more	25
NON-CBSA (rural)	16

GENDER:

Male	49
Female	51