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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 10-13, 2012 with a random sample of –1,012—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –907—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –483—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –463—Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

8. Next, we are interested in how people's financial situation may have changed. Would you say that you are financially better off now than you were a year ago, or are you financially worse off now?

	Better <u>off</u>	Worse <u>off</u>	Same <u>(vol.)</u>	No <u>opinion</u>		Better <u>off</u>	Worse <u>off</u>	Same <u>(vol.)</u>	No <u>opinion</u>
2012 May 10-13	37	42	20	1	1991 May 16-19	32	32	33	3
					1991 Apr 11-14	29	33	36	1
2012 Jan 5-8	29	49	21	1	1991 Mar 21-24	31	37	32	1
2011 Jan 7-9	28	45	26	1	1991 Feb 28-Mar 3	37	28	34	1
2009 May 29-31	23	54	22	1	1991 Feb 14-17	37	28	35	*
2008 Sep 26-27	26	55	19	*	1991 Jan 11-13	27	33	39	1
2008 May 30-Jun 1	26	55	18	1	1991 Jan 3-6	35	32	32	1
2008 Jan 30-Feb 2	34	44	21	1	1990 Dec 13-16	38	36	26	*
2007 Oct 12-14	39	39	22	*	1990 Nov 15-16	25	42	32	1
2007 Jan 15-18	50	30	19	1	1990 Oct 25-28	38	35	26	1
2006 Feb 9-12 ^	37	39	24	*	1990 Oct 18-21	27	41	30	2
2005 Jul 22-24	42	40	17	1	1990 Oct 11-14	32	41	26	*
2005 Jan 14-16	40	33	27	*	1990 Sep 27-30	40	32	27	1
2003 Nov 10-12	41	38	21	*	1990 Aug 9-12	43	29	27	1
2003 Jul 18-20	36	39	25	*	1990 Jul 19-22	44	27	28	1
2003 Apr 14-16	31	39	29	1	1990 Feb 8-11	49	24	26	1
2003 Feb 17-19	39	41	20	--	1989 Jun 15-18	42	25	31	2
2002 Dec 16-17	33	44	23	*	1989 Jan 24-28	44	26	28	2
2002 Jul 22-24	32	45	23	*	1988 Sep 9-11	53	23	23	1
2002 May 20-22	37	36	26	1	1988 May 13-15	47	24	28	1
2001 Dec 14-16	37	37	25	1	1987 Aug 24-Sep 2	43	29	27	1
2001 Sep 7-10	37	36	26	1	1987 Jun 8-14	43	32	24	1
2001 Aug 16-19	37	41	21	1	1987 Mar 14-18	46	30	23	1
2001 Jul 19-22	39	36	25	*	1987 Jan 16-19	39	28	33	*
2001 Jun 11-17	42	37	20	1	1986 Sep 13-17	40	29	29	2
2001 Apr 6-8	42	36	22	*	1986 Jul 11-14	39	25	35	1
2001 Feb 1-4	46	30	23	1	1986 Jun 9-16	46	28	25	1
2001 Jan 10-14	49	30	21	*	1986 Mar 4-10	46	30	24	*
2000 Oct 6-9	55	22	22	1	1986 Jan 10-13	40	30	29	1
2000 May 18-21	53	26	20	1	1985 Oct 11-14	38	27	34	1
1999 Oct 21-24	56	19	24	1	1985 Jun 10-23	43	29	26	2
1999 Aug 24-26	53	25	22	*	1985 Mar 8-11	47	25	27	1
1999 Jun 4-5	57	20	22	1	1984 Nov 30-Dec 3	43	24	32	1
1999 Jan 15-17	58	21	21	*	1984 Sep 7-9	39	26	34	1
1998 Oct 29-Nov 1	53	24	22	1	1984 Jul 6-9	40	25	34	1
1998 Mar 20-22	55	20	24	1	1984 Mar 16-19	36	26	37	1
1997 Jun 26-29	44	26	29	1	1983 Jun 24-27	28	39	32	1
1997 May 6-7	45	28	25	2	1983 Mar 11-14	25	46	28	1
1996 Mar 8-10	49	21	29	1	1982 Nov 5-8	29	37	33	1
1994 Dec 16-18	40	31	29	*	1982 Sep 17-20	27	39	32	2
1994 May 20-22	40	33	26	1	1982 Jul 30-Aug 2	25	46	26	3
1994 Mar 7-8	34	31	34	1	1982 Apr 23-26	28	39	31	2
1993 Dec 4-6	36	31	33	*	1982 Feb 5-8	28	47	24	1
1993 Jun 28-29	29	34	36	1	1981 Oct 2-5	28	43	28	1
1992 Feb 6-9	34	46	19	1	1981 Jun 26-29	33	35	30	2
1992 Jan 16-19	30	43	26	1	1980 Jan	30	24	45	1
1991 Dec 5-8	33	40	26	1	1979 Jun	30	27	41	2
1991 Oct 24-25	26	44	28	2	1978 Jul	35	31	32	2
1991 Oct 17-20	35	42	22	1	1978 Mar 31-Apr 3	29	32	37	2
1991 Sep 5-8	34	28	37	1	1977 Aug	39	28	31	2
1991 Jul 11-14	34	32	33	1	1976 Sep	33	36	30	1

^ Asked of a half sample.

9. Looking ahead, do you expect that at this time next year you will be financially better off than now, or worse off than now?

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2012 May 10-13	63	18	15	4	1991 Apr 11-14	56	17	18	9
					1991 Mar 21-24	56	18	20	6
2012 Jan 5-8	56	26	14	5	1991 Feb 28-Mar 3	64	9	20	7
2011 Jan 7-9	58	23	14	5	1991 Feb 14-17	57	15	20	8
2009 May 29-31	59	24	14	3	1991 Jan 11-13	41	25	21	13
2008 Sep 26-27	58	25	13	5	1991 Jan 3-6	52	20	18	10
2008 May 30-Jun 1	52	31	10	7	1990 Dec 13-16	58	18	17	7
2008 Jan 30-Feb 2	60	23	12	5	1990 Nov 15-16	42	31	17	10
2007 Oct 12-14	57	22	18	3	1990 Oct 25-28	50	15	27	8
2007 Jan 15-18	65	19	12	4	1990 Oct 11-14	48	30	13	9
2005 Jul 22-24	59	25	14	2	1990 Sep 27-30	51	20	17	12
2004 Jan 14-16	60	22	14	4	1990 Aug 9-12	57	20	16	7
2003 Nov 10-12	63	21	13	3	1990 Jul 19-22	58	17	18	7
2003 Jul 18-20	60	21	16	3	1990 Feb 8-11	65	13	16	6
2003 Apr 14-16	63	16	17	4	1989 Jun 15-18	58	13	20	9
2003 Feb 17-19	64	20	12	4	1989 Jan 24-26	61	13	19	7
2002 Dec 16-17	61	20	13	6	1988 Sep 25-Oct 1	67	9	17	7
2002 Jul 22-24	67	14	13	6	1988 Sep 9-14	54	14	29	3
2002 May 20-22	69	15	12	4	1988 May 13-22	54	10	31	5
2001 Dec 14-16	69	12	15	4	1988 May 2-8	63	9	17	11
2001 Sep 14-15	58	26	14	2	1988 Jan 8-17	46	18	30	6
2001 Sep 7-10	61	20	15	4	1987 Dec 16-17	61	15	17	7
2001 Aug 16-19	66	18	13	3	1987 Oct 22-23	52	21	16	11
2001 Jul 19-22	64	18	13	5	1987 Aug 24-Sep 2	56	16	20	8
2001 Jun 11-17	62	22	11	5	1987 Jun 8-14	57	17	18	8
2001 Apr 6-8	62	18	15	5	1987 Mar 14-18	59	17	18	6
2001 Feb 1-4	61	19	16	4	1987 Jan 16-19	52	16	26	7
2001 Jan 10-14	63	21	13	3	1986 Sep 13-17	57	16	19	8
2000 Oct 6-9	68	11	15	6	1986 Jul 11-14	51	15	28	6
2000 May 18-21	67	13	14	6	1986 Jun 9-16	57	17	20	6
1999 Oct 21-24	68	13	12	7	1986 Mar 7-10	61	18	16	5
1999 Aug 24-26	67	13	16	4	1986 Jan 10-13	53	15	25	7
1999 Jun 4-5	67	17	12	4	1985 Oct 11-14	49	12	32	7
1999 Jan 15-17	68	14	14	4	1985 Jun 10-23	52	19	19	10
1998 Oct 29-Nov 1	66	12	16	6	1985 Mar 8-11	57	12	26	5
1998 Mar 20-22	71	9	14	6	1984 Nov 30-Dec 3	50	17	28	5
1997 Jun 26-29	59	17	20	4	1984 Sep 7-10	53	9	28	10
1997 May 6-7	60	20	17	3	1984 Jul 6-9	52	12	28	8
1996 Mar 8-10	66	16	11	7	1984 Mar 16-19	54	11	28	7
1994 Dec 16-18	63	17	17	3	1983 Jun 24-27	43	19	28	10
1994 May 20-22	59	21	16	4	1983 Mar 11-14	45	22	24	9
1994 Mar 7-8	53	22	19	6	1982 Nov 5-8	41	22	27	10
1993 Dec 4-6	56	18	22	4	1982 Sep 17-20	41	25	25	9
1993 Jun 29-30	49	14	32	5	1982 Jul 30-Aug 2	37	29	24	10
1992 Nov 19-20	53	18	20	9	1982 Feb 5-8	42	31	21	6
1992 Mar 26-29	51	28	16	6	1981 Oct 2-5	40	31	21	8
1992 Feb 6-9	54	28	14	4	1981 Jun 26-29	44	25	23	8
1992 Jan 16-19	51	28	15	6	1980 May 16-19	41	28	23	8
1991 Dec 5-8	54	21	17	8	1980 Jan	36	24	31	9
1991 Oct 24-25	45	25	19	11	1979 Jun	33	27	30	10
1991 Oct 17-20	55	23	16	6	1978 Jul	38	30	20	12
1991 Sep 5-8	53	19	22	6	1978 Mar 31-Apr 3	40	23	29	8
1991 Jul 11-14	57	15	19	9	1977 Aug	47	27	17	9
1991 May 16-19	57	16	19	8					