

Survey Instrument

1. What is your age group?
2. Are you of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?
3. Were you born in the United States?
4. 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 financially than you were a year ago?
5. Now, looking ahead -- do you think that a year from now you (and your family living there) will be better off financially, or worse off?
6. Thinking about your current financial situation, how would you describe your level of debt?
7. About the big things people buy for their homes--such as furniture, a refrigerator, stove, television, and things like that. Generally speaking, do you think now is a good or bad time for people to buy major household items?
8. What direction would you say the economy is moving? Would you say the economy is getting better, not really changing, or getting worse?
9. Now turning to business conditions in the country as a whole -- do you think that during the next 12 months we'll have good times financially, or bad times?
10. Looking ahead, which would you say is more likely -- that in the country as a whole we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so, or that we will have periods of widespread unemployment or depression?
11. Do you currently own the home you live in, or do you rent?
12. Generally speaking, do you think now is a good time or a bad time to buy a house?
13. Speaking now of the automobile market, do you think now is a good time or a bad time to buy a vehicle?
14. Do you think the cost of living has gone up, gone down or stayed the same?
15. During the next 3 months, do you think that the price of gasoline will go up or go down, or will they stay about the same as they are now?
16. What do you think will happen to interest rates for borrowing money during the next 3 months -- will they go up, stay the same, or go down?
17. Which of the following categories best describes your employment status?
18. Which of the following best describes your current job level?
19. Do you approve or disapprove of President Trump's job performance?
20. Are you currently registered as a Republican, Democrat, Independent, another party or are you not registered?
21. What is your educational level?
22. What is your income level?
23. Region
24. Mode
25. Language

Survey Answers

Gender

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Female	416	49.5	49.5	49.5
	Male	424	50.5	50.5	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Age

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	18-34	357	42.5	42.5	42.5
	35-54	321	38.3	38.3	80.7
	55+	162	19.3	19.3	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Ethnicity

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Mexican, Mex Am, Chicano	547	65.2	65.2	65.2
	Puerto Rican	77	9.2	9.2	74.4
	Cuban	49	5.8	5.8	80.2
	Other	167	19.8	19.8	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Born in US?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	468	55.7	55.7	55.7
	No	372	44.3	44.3	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Better or Worse Financially than 1 year ago

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Better	545	64.9	64.9	64.9
	Worse	295	35.1	35.1	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Better or Worse Financially in 1 year?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Better	597	71.1	71.1	71.1
	Worse	243	28.9	28.9	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Level of Debt

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Major Problem	252	30.0	30.0	30.0
	Minor Problem	339	40.4	40.4	70.4
	Not a problem	249	29.6	29.6	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Big Item for Home

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Good time to Buy	532	63.4	63.4	63.4
	Bad time to Buy	308	36.6	36.6	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Direction of Economy

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Getting Better	220	26.2	26.2	26.2
	Not really changing	399	47.5	47.5	73.7
	Getting Worse	221	26.3	26.3	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Business Conditions next year

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Good Times Financially	476	56.7	56.7	56.7
	Bad Times Financially	364	43.3	43.3	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Country as a whole over next five years

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Good Times Financially	445	53.0	53.0	53.0
	Bad Times Financially	395	47.0	47.0	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Own or Rent

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Homeowner	425	50.6	50.6	50.6
	Renter	415	49.4	49.4	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Good time to Buy a house

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Good Time	434	51.6	51.6	51.6
	Bad Time	406	48.4	48.4	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Good Time to Buy a car

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Good Time	489	58.2	58.2	58.2
	Bad Time	351	41.8	41.8	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Cost of living

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Gone up	571	67.9	67.9	67.9
	Gone down	150	17.9	17.9	85.8
	Stay the same	119	14.2	14.2	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Price of gas in next three months

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Go up	437	52.0	52.0	52.0
	Go down	146	17.3	17.3	69.4
	Stay the same	257	30.6	30.6	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Interest rates to borrow

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Go up	484	57.7	57.7	57.7
	Go down	140	16.7	16.7	74.4
	Stay the same	215	25.6	25.6	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Emploment Status

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Employed FT	311	37.1	37.1	37.1
	Employed PT	147	17.5	17.5	54.6
	Not Employed, Looking	135	16.1	16.1	70.7
	Not Employed, Not Looking	95	11.3	11.3	82.0
	Retired	151	18.0	18.0	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Current Job Level

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Owner	89	10.6	19.4	19.4
	Management	56	6.6	12.1	31.5
	Intermediate Level	122	14.5	26.5	58.0
	Entry Level	158	18.8	34.5	92.5
	Refused	34	4.1	7.5	100.0
	Total	458	54.6	100.0	
Missing	System	382	45.4		
Total		840	100.0		

Trump Job Performance

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Approve	275	32.7	32.7	32.7
	Disapprove	565	67.3	67.3	100.0
Total		840	100.0	100.0	

Party Affiliation

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Republican	162	19.3	19.3	19.3
	Democrat	334	39.8	39.8	59.1
	Ind	134	15.9	15.9	75.0
	Not Reg	210	25.0	25.0	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Educational Attainment

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	<HS	286	34.0	34.0	34.0
	HS	235	28.0	28.0	62.0
	Some College	151	18.0	18.0	80.0
	>Bachelor	168	20.0	20.0	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Income

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	<\$25,000	240	28.6	28.6	28.6
	\$25-\$75,000	393	46.8	46.8	75.4
	>\$75,000	207	24.6	24.6	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Region

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Northeast	123	14.6	14.6	14.6
	Midwest	73	8.7	8.7	23.3
	South	308	36.7	36.7	60.0
	West	336	40.0	40.0	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Language

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	English	477	56.8	56.8	56.8
	Spanish	363	43.2	43.2	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	

Mode

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Online	651	77.5	77.5	77.5
	Phone	189	22.5	22.5	100.0
	Total	840	100.0	100.0	