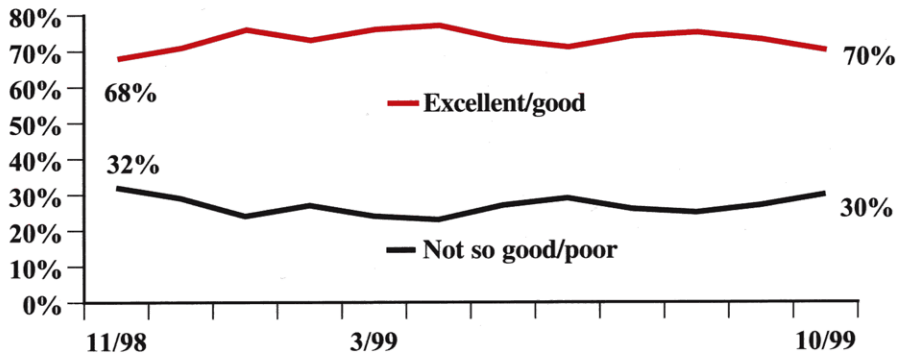


Economy

National Economy

Question: Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?



Positive Ratings

1999		1998	
October 3	70%	April 4	77%
September 6	73	March 7	76
August 1	75	February 7	73
July 4	74	January 3	76
June 6	71	December 5	71
May 2	73	November 1	68

Highest recorded*	77%	Lowest recorded*	7%
		Average*	38%

*Since 1985

Personal Finances

Question: Would you describe the state of your own personal finances these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?



Positive Ratings

1999		1998	
October 3	65%	April 4	68%
September 6	69	March 7	68
August 1	67	February 7	67
July 4	64	January 3	70
June 6	67	December 5	67
May 2	65	November 1	65

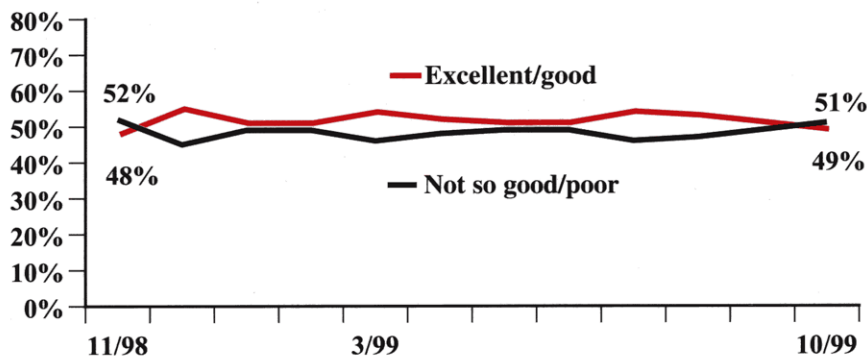
Highest recorded*	70%	Lowest recorded*	42%
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Average* 56%

*Since 1985

Buying It Now

Question: Considering the cost of things today and your own personal finances, would you say now is an excellent time, a good time, a not so good time, or a poor time to buy the things you want and need?



Positive Ratings

1999		1998	
October 3	49%	April 4	52%
September 6	51	March 7	54
August 1	53	February 7	51
July 4	54	January 3	51
June 6	51	December 5	55
May 2	51	November 1	48

Highest recorded*	56%	Lowest recorded*	20%
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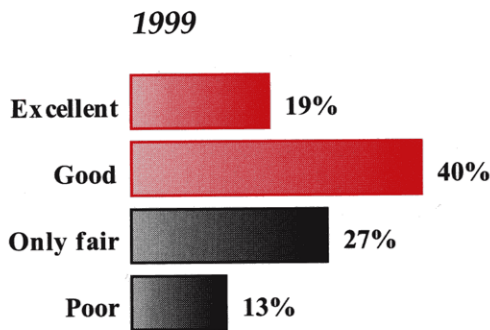
Average* 37%

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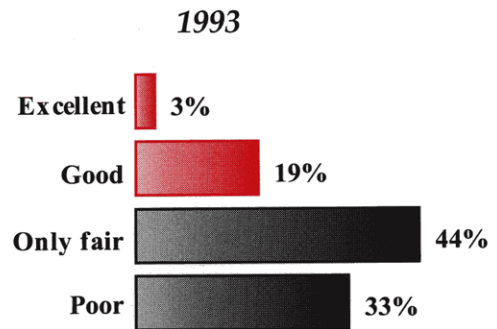
Source: Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of October 3, 1999.

A Workers' Market

Question: How would you rate the availability of jobs in your community, as excellent, good, only fair, or poor?



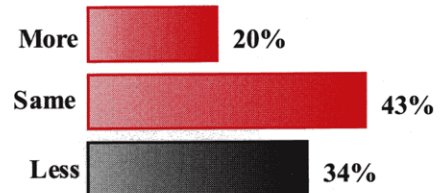
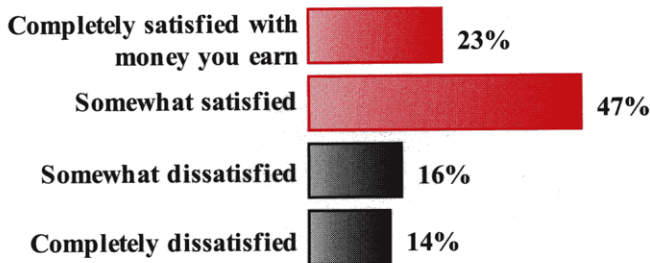
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, August 24-26, 1999.



Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/USA Today, December 4-6, 1993.

Question: For each [job characteristic], please tell me how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with your current job in this regard. Are you completely satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or completely dissatisfied with... the amount of money you earn?

Question: During the next twelve months, do you expect your income to go up more than prices go up, about the same, or less than prices go up?

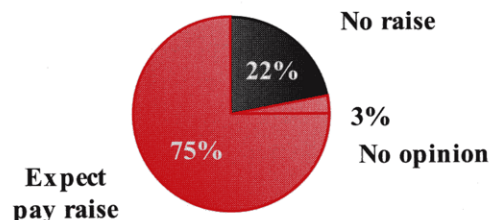
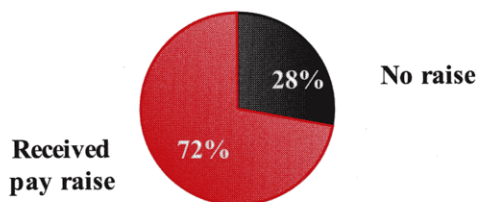


Note: Asked of those currently employed (61%).
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, August 24-26, 1999.

Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/USA Today, August 16-18, 1999.

Question: Have you personally received a pay raise from your employer in the past twelve months?

Question: Do you expect to receive a pay raise from your employer in the next twelve months?



Note: Asked of those currently employed who aren't self-employed (53%).
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization for CNN/USA Today, August 16-18, 1999.

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