## N ational E conomy

Q uestion: W ould you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?


## Personal Finances

Q uestion: W ould you describe the state of your own personal finances these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?


## 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 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 |  | February 6 | 78\% |
| August 6 | 74\% | January 2 | 76 |
| July 2 | 70 | 1999 |  |
| June 4 | 76 | D ecember 5 | 74 |
| M ay 7 | 72 | N ovember 7 | 69 |
| April 2 | 71 | O ctober 3 | 70 |
| M arch 5 | 77 | September 6 | 73 |
| Highest |  | Lowest |  |
| recorded* | 80\% | recorded* | 7\% |
| (1/16/00) |  | (2/9/92) |  |
|  |  | Average* | 40\% |


| Positive Ratings |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 |  | February 6 | 68\% |
| August 6 | 68\% | January 2 | 67 |
| July 2 | 68 | 1999 |  |
| June 4 | 68 | D ecember 5 | 67 |
| M ay 7 | 66 | N ovember 7 | 64 |
| April 2 | 68 | O ctober 3 | 65 |
| M arch 5 | 66 | September 6 | 69 |
| Highest |  | Lowest |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { recorded* } \\ & (1 / 23 / 00) \end{aligned}$ | 70\% | recorded* <br> (3/14/93) | 42\% |
| *Since 1985 |  | Average* | 57\% |
|  |  |  |  |


| Positive Ratings |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2000 |  | February 6 | 53\% |
| August 6 | 54\% | January 2 | 54 |
| July 2 | 49 | 1999 |  |
| June 4 | 49 | D ecember 5 | 56 |
| M ay 7 | 50 | N ovember 7 | 50 |
| April 2 | 51 | 0 ctober 3 | 49 |
| M arch 5 | 50 | September 6 | 51 |
| Highest |  | Lowest |  |
| recorded* | 57\% | recorded* | 20\% |
| (1/16/00) |  | (11/2/90) |  |
|  |  | Average* | 38\% |

Source: Surveys by ABC News/M oney, latest that of August 6, 2000.

## Where's the Money?

Question: D o you personally, or jointly with a spouse, have any money invested in the stock market right now- either in an individual stock, a stock mutual fund, or in a self-directed 401K or IRA (Individual Retirement Account)?

|  |  |  |  |  | Yes | No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 80\% |  |  |  | 2000 |  |  |
| 80\% |  | - Yes, have money in stocks |  | M ay 7 | 54\% | 44\% |
| 70\% | -61\% |  |  | April 2 | 56 | 43 |
| 60\% |  |  |  | M arch 12 | 61 | 37 |
| 50\% |  |  | 54\% | January 10 | 61 | 38 |
| 40\% |  |  | 44\% | 1999 |  |  |
| 40\% |  |  | 44\% | 0 ctober 24 | 60 | 39 |
| 30\% | - 39\% |  |  | September 14 | 57 | 42 |
| 20\% |  | - No |  | June 5 | 57 | 42 |
| 10\% |  |  |  | M ay 2 | 59 | 40 |
| 0\% | - | - |  | $M$ arch 14 | 61 | 39 |

Source: Survey by the Gallup O rganization/CN N/U SA T oday, latest that of M ay 5-7, 2000.

Question: I am now going to mention some investment products and services people invest in for the future. Please tell me whether you or your spouse have money in any of these investments. If you have not put money in any of these investments at thistime, then you can just say so.... D o you or your spouse...?
...have a regular savings account at a bank, or a savings and loan, or a credit union, or not?

...own stock mutual funds, or bond mutual funds, or both stock and bond mutual funds-including mutual fundsheld in a 401 K or other retirement plan - at the present time, or not?

...have certificates of deposit, also known as CD 's, or savings certificates, or not?

...have real estate holdings, other than your primary residence, or not?

Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, M ay 4-7, 2000.

Question: Thinking about all the investments that you've just mentioned, such as regular savings accounts, or certificates of deposit, or money market funds, or bonds, or bond funds, or real estateholdings, or stocks, or stock funds, could you please tell mewhich investment the majority of your money is invested in, or haven't you mentioned any investments?


Note: Top 5 responses shown.
Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, M ay 4-7, 2000.

Question: W ould you say that thestock market isa relatively safeplace, or a rel atively dangerous place to invest money?

*Asked of those who own stock or bond mutual funds or both (44\%).
Source: Survey by the LosAngeles Times, M ay 4-7, 2000.

Q uestion: Generally speaking, when your stocks or stock mutual funds are doing better, do you feel morefinancially secure, or does it not change the way you feel about your financial security?

When stocks do well


0 wn stocks/bonds*


Q uestion: G enerally speaking, when your stocks or stock mutual funds are doing worse, do you feel more financially insecure, or does it not change the way you feel about your financial security?

W hen stocks do poorly


Note: Asked of those who own stock or bond mutual funds or both (44\%). Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, M ay 4-7, 2000.

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Question: In general, how much attention do you pay to what happens in the stock market-a lot, some, not much, or no attention at all?


Source: Survey by CBS N ews/N ew York Times, M ay 10-13, 2000.

Question: Are you in the stock market for the long term investment and not concerned with the day-to-day valuations of themarket, or areyou someonewho watchesthestock market day-to-day and jumpsin and out of themarket based on the valuation of the highs and lows of the market?


N ote: Asked of those who own stock or bond mutual funds or both (44\%). Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, M ay 4-7, 2000.

Question: Generally speaking, over the next twelve months, do you have a great deal of confidence in the stock market, or a lot of confidence, or not much, or no confidence at all in the stock market?


[^0]Question: H ow closely do you follow the stock market?

*Asked of those who own stock or bond mutual funds or both (44\%).
Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, M ay 4-7, 2000.

Question: H ow long have you had money in the stock market, including stock mutual funds?


N ote: Asked of those who own stock or bond mutual funds or both (44\%).
Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, M ay 4-7, 2000.

## Vote Your Pocketbook?

Question: If the stock market were to drop significantly in the next couple of months, how much would this affect your vote in the presidential election-would it affect your vote a great deal, somewhat, only a little, or not at all?


Note: Asked of registered voters.
Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, M ay 4-7, 2000.


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    Source: Survey by the Los Angeles Times, M ay 4-7, 2000.

