

# Economy

# Deep Breath...

## 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

2001		2000	
June 3	51%	December 3	77%
May 6	53	November 5	76
April 1	53	October 1	76
March 4	58	September 3	78
February 4	64	August 6	74
January 7	71	July 2	70

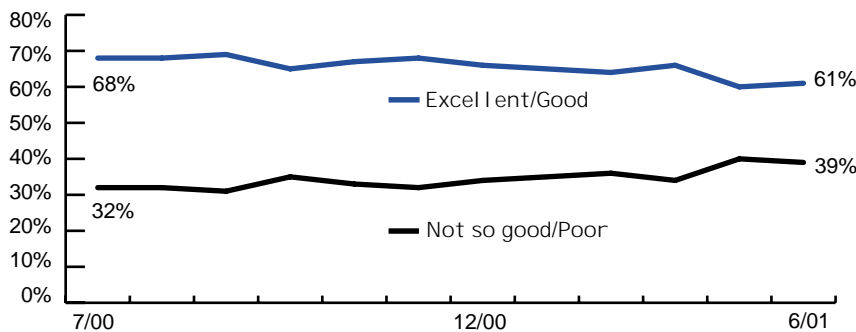
Highest recorded*	80%	Lowest recorded*	7%
(1/16/00)		(2/9/92)	

*Average\** 41%

\*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

2001		2000	
June 3	61%	December 3	68%
May 6	60	November 5	67
April 1	66	October 1	65
March 4	64	September 3	69
February 4	65	August 6	68
January 7	66	July 2	68

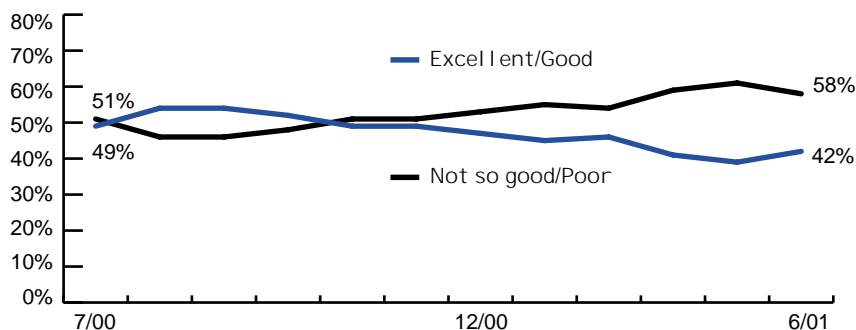
Highest recorded*	70%	Lowest recorded*	42%
(1/23/00)		(3/14/93)	

*Average\** 57%

\*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

2001		2000	
June 3	42%	December 3	49%
May 6	39	November 5	49
April 1	41	October 1	52
March 4	46	September 3	54
February 4	45	August 6	54
January 7	47	July 2	49

Highest recorded*	57%	Lowest recorded*	20%
(1/16/00)		(11/2/90)	

*Average\** 38%

\*Since 1985

**Source:** Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of June 3, 2001.

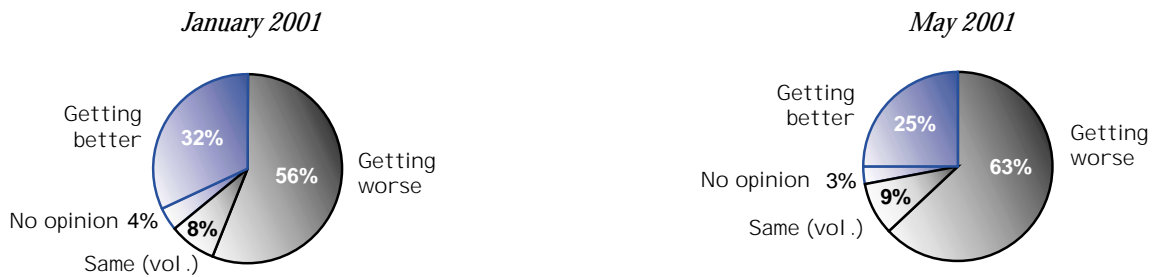
# Bottoming Out?

**Question:** How would you rate economic conditions in this country today...?



**Source:** Surveys by the Gallup Organization, latest that of May 10-14, 2001.

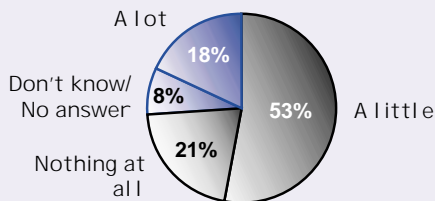
**Question:** Right now, do you think that economic conditions in the country as a whole are getting better or getting worse?



**Source:** Surveys by the Gallup Organization, latest that of May 10-14, 2001.

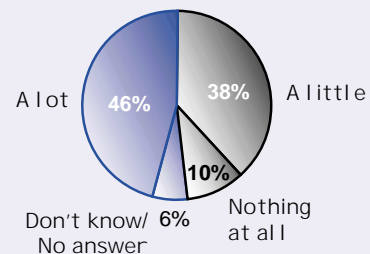
## Don't Blame the New Guy

**Question:** How much of the economy's current condition has to do with the economic policies of George W. Bush's administration...?



**Source:** Survey by CBS News, April 23-25, 2001.

**Question:** How much of the economy's current condition has to do with the economic policies of Bill Clinton's administration...?



**Source:** Survey by CBS News, April 23-25, 2001.