



Interviews with 1,038 adult Americans, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on October 16-18, 2009. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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10. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>				
Very good	2%				
Somewhat good	14%				
Somewhat poor	42%				
Very poor	42%				
No opinión	*				
	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>	Apr. 23-26 <u>2009</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>	Jan. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Very good	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%
Somewhat good	19%	18%	16%	10%	11%
Somewhat poor	44%	39%	46%	41%	36%
Very poor	35%	41%	37%	48%	50%
No opinión	*	*	*	*	*
	Dec. 19-21 <u>2008</u>	Oct. 30-Nov. 1 <u>2008</u>	Oct. 3-5 <u>2008*</u>	Sept. 19-21 <u>2008</u>	Aug 23-24 <u>2008</u>
Very good	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%
Somewhat good	6%	13%	14%	18%	21%
Somewhat poor	27%	29%	31%	34%	32%
Very poor	66%	54%	53%	47%	43%
No opinion	*	2%	*	*	*
	June 4-5 <u>2008</u>	Mar. 14-16 <u>2008</u>	Jan. 14-17 <u>2008</u>	Dec. 6-9 <u>2007</u>	Sept. 7-9 <u>2007</u>
Very good	3%	4%	4%	6%	9%
Somewhat good	19%	22%	36%	40%	45%
Somewhat poor	39%	35%	40%	33%	28%
Very poor	39%	40%	19%	21%	17%
No opinión	*	*	*	1%	*
	Aug. 6-8 <u>2007</u>	May 4-6 <u>2007</u>	Mar. 9-11 <u>2007</u>	Jan. 19-21 <u>2007</u>	Nov. 3-5 <u>2006</u>
Very good	11%	18%	10%	15%	8%
Somewhat good	45%	43%	42%	48%	41%
Somewhat poor	26%	25%	31%	23%	32%
Very poor	17%	14%	15%	13%	18%
No opinión	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
	Oct. 27-29 <u>2006</u>	Sep. 23-24 <u>2006</u>	Aug. 30-Sep. 2 <u>2006</u>	Jun. 14-15 <u>2006</u>	May 7-9 <u>2006</u>
Very good	13%	12%	9%	9%	10%
Somewhat good	49%	47%	35%	42%	42%
Somewhat poor	24%	26%	34%	31%	26%
Very poor	13%	15%	22%	16%	21%
No opinión	1%	*	*	2%	1%

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	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some-what good</u>	<u>Some-what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	13	46	26	15	*	59	41
2005 Sep 8-11*	7	46	34	13	*	53	47
2005 Apr 29-May 1	5	45	33	16	1	50	49
2004 Dec 17-19	8	45	28	19	*	53	47
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	5	47	28	19	1	52	47
2003 Dec 5-7	7	50	30	12	1	57	42
2003 Oct 10-12	4	40	37	19	*	44	56
2003 Mar 14-15	2	33	39	25	1	35	64
2003 Feb 24-26	3	31	43	22	1	34	65
2002 Dec 9-10	3	41	41	14	1	44	55
2002 Oct 21-22	3	38	42	16	1	41	58
2002 Sep 20-22	5	49	35	11	*	54	46
2002 Jul 26-28	5	46	37	12	*	51	49
2002 Jun 28-30	5	53	33	9	*	58	42
2002 Apr 5-7	6	55	30	9	*	61	39
2002 Jan 11-14	7	50	32	10	1	57	42
2001 Dec 14-16	5	45	37	12	1	50	49
2001 Sep 21-22	7	50	34	8	1	57	42
2001 Apr 20-22	10	57	25	7	1	67	32
2001 Feb 9-11	16	64	16	3	1	80	19
2001 Jan 15-16	24	58	14	4	*	82	18
2000 Jun 6-7	39	46	9	5	1	85	14
2000 Mar 10-12	42	44	10	3	1	86	13
1999 Jun 25-27	34	50	10	6	*	84	16
1999 Jan 8-10	41	48	8	3	*	89	11
1998 Jul 7-8	29	50	15	5	1	79	20
1998 Jan 25-26	24	57	14	4	1	81	18
1998 Jan 24-25	24	57	13	5	1	81	19
1998 Jan 23-24	24	57	15	4	*	81	19
1997 Oct 27-29	24	55	15	4	2	79	19
1997 Aug 22-25	17	52	21	9	1	69	30

*Asked of a half sample.

11. Do you think Barack Obama's policies have made the economy better, or don't you think so?

	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009*</u>
Made economy better	43%	44%
Don't think so	56%	51%
No opinion	2%	5%

*Asked of a half sample.

11. Do you think Barack Obama's policies have made the economy better, or don't you think so?

12. (IF DON'T THINK SO) Do you think Barack Obama's policies will eventually make the economy better, or don't you think so?

QUESTIONS 11 AND 12 COMBINED

	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009*</u>
Made economy better (from Q11)	43%	44%
Will make economy better	13%	11%
Will not make economy better	42%	40%
No opinion	3%	5%

*Asked of a half sample.

13. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view of economic conditions today?

	Oct. 16-18 <u>2009</u>	June 26-28 <u>2009</u>
The economy is starting to recover from the problems it faced in the past year or so	17%	12%
An economic recovery has not started but conditions have stabilized and are not getting any worse	50%	48%
The economy is still in a downturn and conditions are continuing to worsen	33%	40%
Recession is over/Economy has recovered (vol.)	*	*
No opinion	*	*