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**Interviews with 620 adult Americans conducted by telephone by ORC International on December 17-18, 2012. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 4 percentage points.**

**The sample includes 463 interviews among landline respondents and 157 interviews among cell phone respondents.**

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

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
Dec. 17-18, 2012	1%	25%	37%	37%	*	26%	74%
Nov. 2-4, 2012*	3%	25%	35%	36%	1%	28%	71%
Sept. 28-30, 2012(RV)	1%	26%	39%	34%	*	27%	73%
Sept. 7-9, 2012(RV)	1%	31%	35%	33%	*	32%	68%
June 28-July 1, 2012	2%	25%	39%	34%	*	27%	73%
May 29-31, 2012	2%	29%	39%	30%	*	31%	69%
Mar. 24-25, 2012	*	31%	42%	27%	*	31%	69%
Jan. 11-12, 2012	1%	17%	42%	38%	*	18%	80%
Nov. 18-20, 2011	1%	14%	34%	51%	*	15%	85%
Oct. 14-16, 2011	*	13%	39%	47%	1%	13%	86%
Sept. 23-25, 2011	1%	9%	40%	50%	*	10%	90%
Sept. 9-11, 2011	1%	13%	41%	44%	*	14%	85%
July 18-20, 2011	*	16%	38%	46%	*	16%	84%
June 3-7, 2011	1%	18%	40%	41%	*	19%	81%
Apr. 29-May 1, 2011	1%	17%	44%	38%	*	18%	82%
Mar. 11-13, 2011	1%	15%	42%	42%	*	16%	84%
Jan. 14-16, 2011	1%	23%	40%	35%	1%	24%	75%
Nov. 11-14, 2010	1%	17%	37%	44%	1%	18%	81%
Sept. 1-2, 2010	1%	17%	37%	44%	*	18%	81%
July 16-21, 2010	1%	21%	41%	37%	*	22%	78%
May 21-23, 2010	1%	21%	41%	37%	*	22%	78%
Mar. 25-28, 2010	1%	20%	39%	39%	*	21%	78%
Feb. 12-15, 2010	2%	15%	39%	44%	*	17%	83%
Jan. 8-10, 2010	2%	18%	42%	38%	*	20%	80%
Dec. 16-20, 2009	1%	19%	38%	42%	*	20%	80%
Nov. 13-15, 2009	1%	17%	39%	43%	*	18%	82%
Oct. 16-18, 2009	2%	14%	42%	42%	*	16%	84%
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	2%	19%	44%	35%	*	21%	79%
June 26-28, 2009	2%	18%	39%	41%	*	20%	80%
Apr. 23-26, 2009	1%	16%	46%	37%	*	17%	83%
Mar. 12-15, 2009	1%	10%	41%	48%	*	11%	89%
Jan. 12-15, 2009	2%	11%	36%	50%	*	13%	86%
Dec. 19-21, 2008	2%	6%	27%	66%	*	8%	93%
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	3%	13%	29%	54%	2%	16%	83%
Oct. 3-5, 2008	2%	14%	31%	53%	*	16%	84%
Sept. 19-21, 2008	1%	18%	34%	47%	*	19%	81%
Aug. 23-24, 2008	4%	21%	32%	43%	*	25%	75%
June 4-5, 2008	3%	19%	39%	39%	*	22%	78%
Mar. 14-16, 2008	4%	22%	35%	40%	*	26%	75%
Jan. 14-17, 2008	4%	36%	40%	19%	*	40%	59%

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

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
Dec. 6-9, 2007	6%	40%	33%	21%	1%	46%	54%
Sept. 7-9, 2007	9%	45%	28%	17%	*	54%	45%
Aug. 6-8, 2007	11%	45%	26%	17%	1%	56%	43%
May 4-6, 2007	18%	43%	25%	14%	1%	61%	39%
Mar. 9-11, 2007	10%	42%	31%	15%	1%	52%	46%
Jan. 19-21, 2007	15%	48%	23%	13%	1%	63%	36%
Nov. 3-5, 2006	8%	41%	32%	18%	1%	49%	50%
Oct. 27-29, 2006	13%	49%	24%	13%	1%	62%	37%
Sept. 23-24, 2006	12%	47%	26%	15%	*	59%	41%
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	9%	35%	34%	22%	*	44%	56%
June 14-15, 2006	9%	42%	31%	16%	2%	51%	47%
May 7-9, 2006	10%	42%	26%	21%	1%	52%	47%

\*Asked of a half sample

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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 July 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 July 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.

13. Now thinking about four years from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

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Very good	13%
Somewhat good	35%
Somewhat poor	25%
Very poor	26%
No opinion	*

## **METHODOLOGY**

A total of 620 adults were interviewed by telephone nationwide by live interviewers calling both landline and cell phones. All respondents were asked questions concerning basic demographics, and the entire sample was weighted to reflect national Census figures for gender, race, age, education, region of country, telephone usage and whether respondents own or rent their homes. Among the entire sample, 34% described themselves as Democrats, 41% described themselves as Independents, and 25% described themselves as Republicans.

Crosstabs on the following pages only include results for subgroups with enough unweighted cases to produce a sampling error of +/- 8.5 percentage points or less. Some subgroups represent too small a share of the national population to produce crosstabs with an acceptable sampling error. Interviews were conducted among these subgroups, but results for groups with a sampling error larger than +/-8.5 percentage points are not displayed and instead are denoted with "N/A".

Question 12

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

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Very good	1%	2%	1%	1%	N/A	1%		
Somewhat good	25%	24%	25%	21%	N/A	23%		
Somewhat poor	37%	41%	33%	39%	N/A	38%		
Very poor	37%	33%	40%	39%	N/A	37%		
No opinion	*	*	*	*	N/A	*		
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5		+/-4.0		
	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Very good	1%	N/A	N/A	2%	3%	*	3%	
Somewhat good	25%	N/A	N/A	32%	25%	21%	29%	
Somewhat poor	37%	N/A	N/A	31%	31%	43%	31%	
Very poor	37%	N/A	N/A	34%	41%	37%	37%	
No opinion	*	N/A	N/A	*	*	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-4.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Very good	1%	1%	*	2%	*			
Somewhat good	25%	23%	26%	28%	23%			
Somewhat poor	37%	40%	33%	31%	42%			
Very poor	37%	35%	40%	39%	35%			
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	
Very good	1%	3%	*	*	N/A	*	1%	
Somewhat good	25%	44%	19%	7%	N/A	27%	14%	
Somewhat poor	37%	40%	37%	35%	N/A	42%	36%	
Very poor	37%	13%	43%	58%	N/A	31%	49%	
No opinion	*	*	*	*	N/A	*	*	
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5		+/-6.5	+/-6.0	
	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Very good	1%	2%	1%	1%	*	1%	*	3%
Somewhat good	25%	27%	24%	24%	24%	37%	18%	22%
Somewhat poor	37%	40%	43%	33%	34%	33%	44%	32%
Very poor	37%	30%	32%	41%	42%	29%	37%	43%
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-8.5

\* percentage less than 1%

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Question 13

Now thinking about four years from now, do you expect economic conditions in this country will be very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

Base = Total Sample

	Total	Men	Women	White	Non-White	Reg. Voters		
Very good	13%	12%	14%	9%	N/A	12%		
Somewhat good	35%	35%	36%	34%	N/A	35%		
Somewhat poor	25%	31%	20%	29%	N/A	26%		
Very poor	26%	22%	29%	28%	N/A	26%		
No opinion	*	1%	*	*	N/A	*		
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-5.5	+/-5.5	+/-4.5		+/-4.0		
	Total	18-34	35-49	50-64	65+	Under 50	50 and Older	
Very good	13%	N/A	N/A	21%	13%	9%	18%	
Somewhat good	35%	N/A	N/A	37%	35%	35%	36%	
Somewhat poor	25%	N/A	N/A	17%	23%	30%	20%	
Very poor	26%	N/A	N/A	25%	28%	26%	26%	
No opinion	*	N/A	N/A	*	1%	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.0			+/-7.0	+/-7.0	+/-6.5	+/-5.0	
	Total	Under \$50K	\$50K or more	No College	Attended College			
Very good	13%	12%	11%	15%	11%			
Somewhat good	35%	36%	38%	35%	36%			
Somewhat poor	25%	28%	25%	23%	27%			
Very poor	26%	24%	26%	26%	25%			
No opinion	*	*	*	*	*			
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-6.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5	+/-4.5			
	Total	Democrat	Independent	Republican	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	
Very good	13%	24%	11%	1%	N/A	13%	7%	
Somewhat good	35%	60%	29%	13%	N/A	36%	25%	
Somewhat poor	25%	13%	29%	37%	N/A	25%	30%	
Very poor	26%	3%	31%	49%	N/A	27%	37%	
No opinion	*	*	*	*	N/A	*	1%	
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-7.5	+/-6.0	+/-7.5		+/-6.5	+/-6.0	
	Total	North east	Mid-west	South	West	Urban	Sub-urban	Rural
Very good	13%	14%	13%	12%	13%	18%	10%	11%
Somewhat good	35%	47%	38%	26%	34%	42%	34%	28%
Somewhat poor	25%	20%	19%	31%	29%	22%	27%	29%
Very poor	26%	19%	29%	30%	24%	17%	29%	32%
No opinion	*	*	1%	*	*	*	*	*
Sampling Error	+/-4.0	+/-8.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-8.5	+/-7.0	+/-5.5	+/-8.5

\* percentage less than 1%