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GRANITE STATERS ARE MORE OPTIMISTIC ABOUT ECONOMY BUT DON'T FEEL IMPROVING INFLATION

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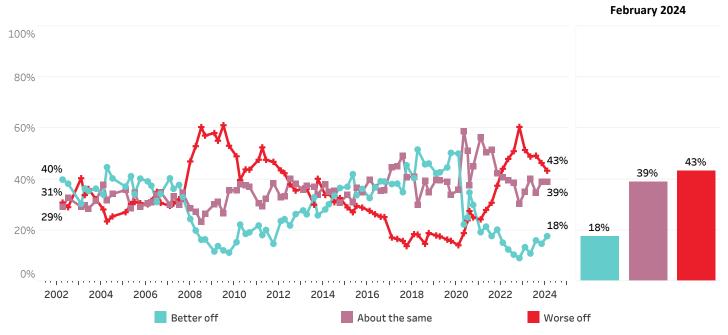
DURHAM, NH - Granite Staters' perceptions of the U.S. economy and their personal financial condition have improved somewhat over the past year but remain low. Inflation continues to be seen as a serious problem, and nearly half of those who expect to be worse off in a year cite inflation or the cost of living as the reason. Partisanship continues to play a large part in Granite Staters' perceptions of the economy.

Personal Financial Conditions

Despite strong economic data nationally and in New Hampshire, only 18% of Granite Staters think their household is better off financially than a year ago, 39% say their finances are about the same, and 43% say that their household is worse off. The percentage who think they are worse off (43%) continues to decline but remains far higher than from 2018-2021.

Lower income households report greater economic concerns than do higher income households. More than half (55%) of Granite Staters with a household income below \$75,000 say they are worse off than they were a year ago but only 30% of those with a household income of \$150,000 or more report being worse off. There are also enormous differences based on partisanship: three-quarters of Republicans (75%) and a majority of Independents (57%) say they are worse off than a year ago but only 10% of Democrats say the same.

"While there are positive economic indicators, the first BIA Report on Consumer Confidence of 2024 shows concerns about inflation and economic conditions persist among Granite Staters and particularly lower-income households," said Michael Skelton, president and CEO of the Business & Industry Association. "BIA's vision is for New Hampshire to be the leading state for business, creating economic opportunities and prosperity for all Granite Staters. Our top efforts continue to include work to expand housing options that are affordable for our workforce, and lower energy costs, while driving economic growth that increases the number of well-paying jobs."



Household Financial Condition Compared to 12 Months Ago

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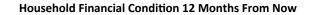
Twenty-four percent of New Hampshire residents believe they are better off financially than the majority of people in their local community, 49% think they are about the same as their neighbors, 18% think that they are worse off, and 9% are unsure.

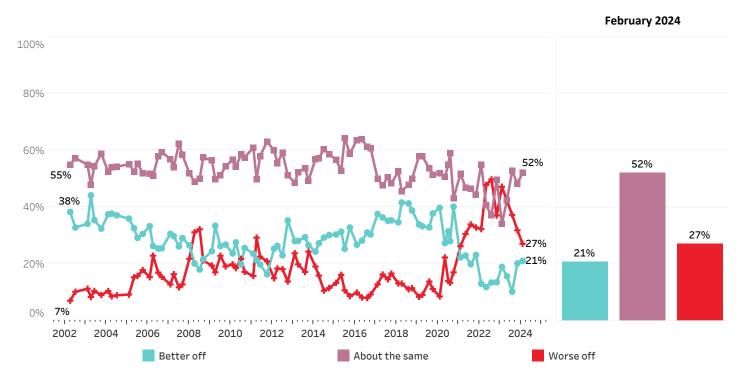
Only 11% of those with household incomes under \$75,000 and 24% of those with incomes between \$75,000 and \$149,999 believe they are better off than the majority of people in their local community while a majority (52%) of those with a household income of \$150,000 or more feel that they are better off than the majority of their community. Democrats (32%) are also more likely than Republicans (18%) and Independents (16%) to say that they are better off than the majority in their community.



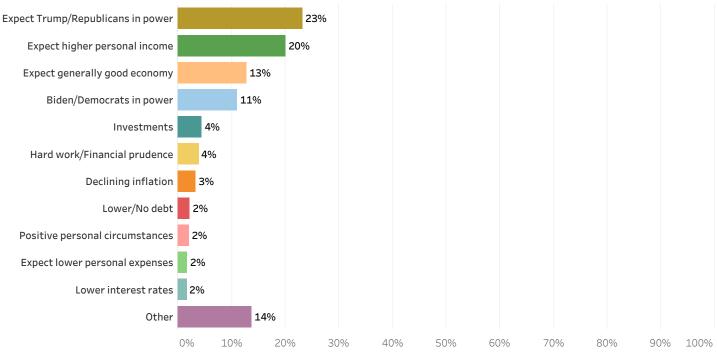
Better or Worse Off Financially than Majority of People in Local Community - by Household Income - February 2024

Looking ahead, 21% of Granite Staters expect their personal finances will be better a year from now, 27% think they will be worse off, and 52% think their finances will be about the same as they are now. The percentage of New Hampshire residents who think they will be worse off next year continues to decline from a high of 50% in August 2022 and is now at its lowest point in President Biden's administration.



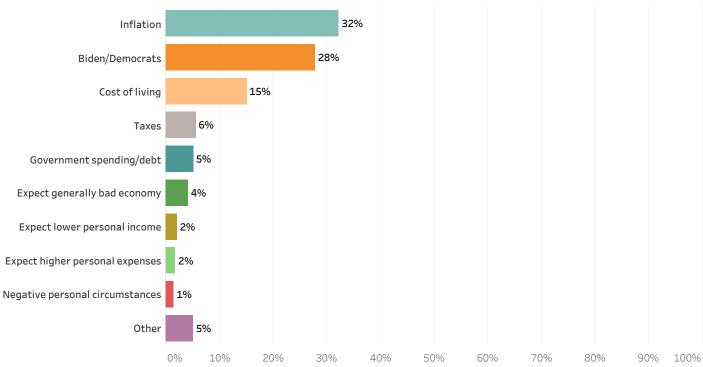


Those who expect to be better off financially a year from now (N=244) most often say that they feel that way because they expect former President Trump or Republicans to be in power (23%), they expect a higher personal income (20%), they expect a generally good economy (13%), or they expect Biden or Democrats to be in power (11%). Fewer respondents cite their investments (4%), hard work or financial prudence on their part (4%), declining inflation (3%), lower or no personal debt (2%), positive personal circumstances (2%), lower expected personal expenses (2%), or lower interest rates (2%).



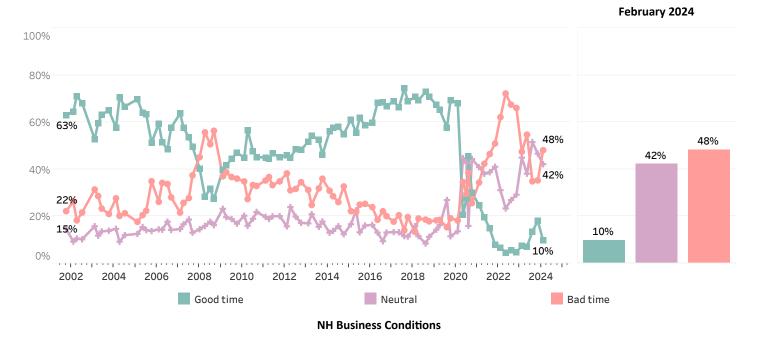
Why Expect to be Better Off Financially in Year (coded)

Among those who expect to be worse off financially a year from now (N=321), 32% say that they feel that way because of inflation, 28% mention Biden or Democrats holding political power, and 15% mention the cost of living. Fewer respondents cite taxes (6%), government spending or debt (5%), an expected generally bad economy (4%), lower expected personal income (2%), higher expected personal expenses (2%), or negative personal circumstances (1%).



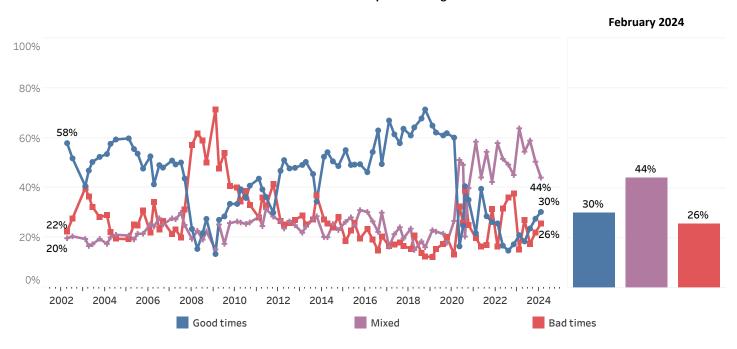
Why Expect to be Worse Off Financially in Year (coded)

Only 10% of Granite Staters think now is a good time to buy major items for their home, 42% are neutral or think it depends on the person's finances, and 48% think it is a bad time. The percentage of respondents who believe now is a good time to purchase a major item has declined slightly since November 2023 (18%) after increasing over the previous two quarters. Sixty-five percent of Republicans and 60% of Independents feel that now is a bad time to buy a major item but only 28% of Democrats feel this way. Those with household incomes below \$75,000 (53%) are more likely than residents with household incomes of \$150,000 or more (35%) to say now is a bad time to buy a major item.



Good Time to Buy Major Household Item

When asked how they expect New Hampshire businesses will do in the upcoming year, 30% of Granite Staters think state businesses will enjoy good times financially, 26% think they will experience bad times, and 44% anticipate mixed conditions. The percentage who expect good times (30%) has increased for three consecutive quarters and is at its highest point since May 2021 (40%). Fifty percent of Democrats anticipate good business conditions in New Hampshire during the next twelve months, but only 21% of Independents and 13% of Republicans feel that way.

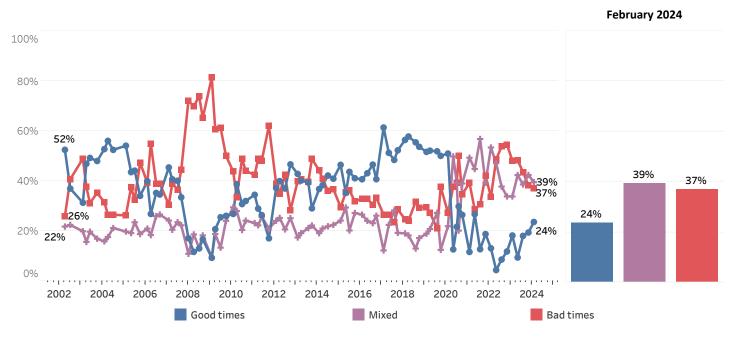


Business Conditions in New Hampshire During Next 12 Months

U.S. Business Conditions

Granite Staters remain more pessimistic about the national economy than the New Hampshire economy. Only 24 percent of New Hampshire adults think businesses across the country will experience good times in the next twelve months, 37% anticipate businesses will have bad times and 39% think conditions will be mixed. The percentage of New Hampshire residents who anticipate bad times for U.S. businesses (37%) has declined from a recent high of 54% in November 2022.

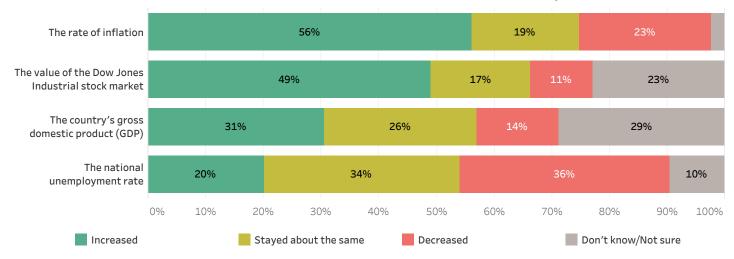
Fifty-seven percent of New Hampshire Republicans, down from 85% in February 2023, feel that U.S. businesses will experience bad times over the next twelve months while 46% of Independents agree. Only 14% of Democrats feel that U.S. businesses will experience bad times over the next twelve months.



Business Conditions in U.S. During Next 12 Months

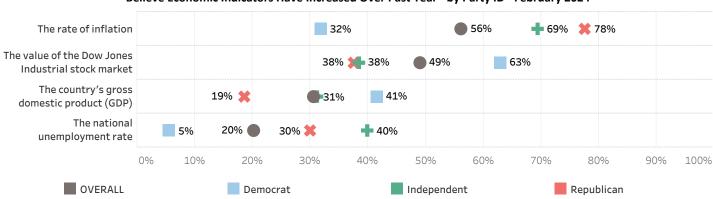
Perceptions of U.S. Economic Conditions

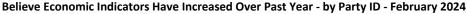
More than half (56%) of Granite Staters believe the rate of inflation in the United States has increased over the past year, 19% think it has stayed about the same, only 23% think it has decreased, and 2% are unsure. Forty-nine percent think that the Dow Jones Industrial stock market value has increased over the past year, 17% believe it has stayed the same, 11% think it has decreased, and 23% are unsure. Thirty-one percent of Granite Staters believe the country's gross domestic product (GDP) has increased over the past year, 26% think it has stayed the same, 14% think it has decreased, and 29% are unsure. Twenty percent think that the national unemployment rate has increased over the past year, 34% think it has stayed about the same, 36% think it has decreased, and 10% are unsure.



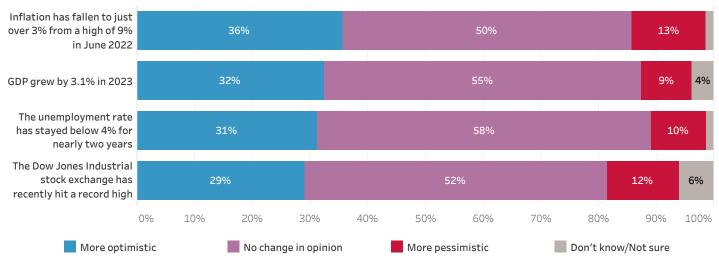
Believe Economic Indicators Increased or Decreased Over Past Year - February 2024

Most self-identified Republicans (78%) and Independents (69%) think the rate of inflation has increased over the past year but only 32% of Democrats feel that way. A majority (63%) of Democrats feel that the Dow Jones has increased in value over the past year but only 38% of Republicans and Independents feel that way.





Only around one-third of Granite Staters are more optimistic about the economy after being presented facts about the national economy: 36% are more optimistic about the economy after reading that the inflation rate has fallen to just over 3% from a high of 9% in June 2022, 32% are more optimistic after reading that GDP grew by 3.1% in 2023, 31% are more optimistic after reading that the unemployment rate has stayed below 4% for nearly two years, and 29% are more optimistic after reading that the Dow Jones Industrial stock exchange has recently hit a record high. Most respondents say reading about these things does not change their opinion about the national economy. Democrats are considerably more likely than Independents and Republicans to say that reading these data things makes them more optimistic about the economy.



Effect of Hearing Economic Facts on Feelings Toward Economy - February 2024

Business and Industry Association Report on Consumer Confidence Methodology

These findings are based on the latest Business and Industry Association (BIA) Report on Consumer Confidence, conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. One thousand, four hundred and forty-eight (1,448) Granite State Panel members completed the survey online between February 15 and February 19, 2024. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/- 2.6 percent. In addition to potential sampling error, all surveys have other potential sources of non-sampling error including question order effects, question wording effects, and non-response. These MSE's have not been adjusted for design effect. The response rate for the February 2024 BIA Report on Consumer Confidence is 34%. The design effect for the survey is 2.1%.

The Granite State Panel is a probability-based web panel of New Hampshire residents. Approximately 7,500 New Hampshire adults have been recruited from phone, text-to-web, or mail-to-web surveys sent to randomly-selected phone numbers or addresses. Panelists are then asked to participate in online surveys sponsored by the UNH Survey Center.

Data were weighted by respondent sex, age, education, and region of the state to targets from the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as party registration levels provided by the NH Secretary of State and to 2020 election results in New Hampshire. Surveys were taken in English, all respondent data included passes Qualtrics data quality checks, and single-use survey links were used to prevent multiple submissions by respondents.

The number of respondents in each demographic below may not equal the number reported in cross-tabulation tables as some respondents choose not to answer some questions. Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100%. All coding of open-ended responses is conducted by human coders.

For more information about the methodology used in this BIA Report on Consumer Confidence, contact Dr. Andrew Smith at (603) 862-2226 or by email at andrew.smith@unh.edu.

		<u>%</u>	<u>N</u>
Gender of	Men	49%	690
Respondent	Women	51%	716
Age of	18 to 34	26%	370
Respondent	35 to 49	20%	291
	50 to 64	30%	426
	65 and older	24%	342
Level of	High school or less	33%	467
Education	Tech school/Some college	30%	424
	College graduate	23%	331
	Postgraduate work	15%	211
Region of	Central/Lakes	17%	247
State	Connecticut Valley	13%	191
	Manchester Area	16%	236
	Mass Border	23%	332
	North Country	10%	147
	Seacoast	20%	281
Party ID	Democrat	45%	643
	Independent	14%	193
	Republican	41%	591
Voting	Registered Democrat	32%	445
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	38%	537
	Registered Republican	30%	426
Household	Less than \$45,000	14%	168
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	22%	269
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	19%	224
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	23%	279
	\$150,000 or more	21%	254

Household Financial Condition Compared to 12 Months Ago

Would you say that you and your family living there are better off or worse off financially than you were a year ago?

		Better off	About the same	Worse off	N
STATEWIDE	February 2024	18%	39%	43%	1,434
Voting	Registered Democrat	35%	55%	10%	444
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	15%	38%	48%	534
	Registered Republican	3%	23%	74%	425
Party ID	Democrat	32%	58%	10%	642
	Independent	9%	33%	57%	191
	Republican	4%	21%	75%	590
Political	Socialist	31%	59%	9%	96
Ideology	Progressive	22%	62%	16%	167
	Liberal	45%	47%	8%	202
	Moderate	18%	43%	39%	385
	Conservative	4%	22%	74%	365
	Libertarian	2%	19%	79%	102
Age of	18 to 34	19%	34%	46%	368
Respondent	35 to 49	14%	42%	45%	291
	50 to 64	19%	39%	42%	426
	65 and older	17%	43%	41%	341
Gender of	Men	18%	33%	50%	687
Respondent	Women	18%	47%	36%	716
Level of	High school or less	13%	23%	64%	467
Education	Tech school/Some college	16%	46%	37%	424
	College graduate	23%	44%	33%	330
	Postgraduate work	23%	51%	25%	209
Region of	Central/Lakes	13%	40%	47%	246
State	Connecticut Valley	16%	23%	62%	191
	Manchester Area	20%	40%	41%	236
	Mass Border	18%	47%	35%	330
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	\$75,000 - \$99,999	20%	37%	43%	222
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	19%	41%	41%	279
	\$150,000 or more	20%	50%	30%	254
Own or Rent	Own home	17%	41%	42%	976
Home	Rent home	20%	30%	50%	306
Media Usage	CNN viewer	30%	52%	18%	351
	Conservative radio listener	3%	20%	77%	190
	Fox News viewer	3%	25%	71%	349
	Joe Rogan listener	3%	14%	84%	147
	Local NH news viewer	19%	43%	38%	937
	MSNBC viewer	40%	48%	11%	256
	NHPR listener	28%	48%	25%	490

Better or Worse Off Financially than Majority of People in Local Community

To the best of your knowledge, would you say that you and your family are better off or worse off financially than the majority of people in your local community?

		Better off	About the same	Worse off	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	N
STATEWIDE	February 2024	24%	49%	18%	9%	1,437
Voting	Registered Democrat	35%	46%	8%	11%	444
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	20%	49%	19%	12%	537
	Registered Republican	20%	52%	25%	3%	426
Party ID	Democrat	32%	45%	12%	11%	642
	Independent	16%	50%	21%	14%	193
	Republican	18%	53%	23%	5%	591
Political	Socialist	32%	26%	11%	31%	96
Ideology	Progressive	38%	37%	22%	3%	168
	Liberal	27%	50%	7%	16%	202
	Moderate	20%	57%	14%	9%	387
	Conservative	19%	49%	25%	7%	365
	Libertarian	26%	55%	18%	1%	102
Age of	18 to 34	33%	30%	21%	16%	370
Respondent	35 to 49	28%	51%	19%	2%	291
	50 to 64	18%	52%	21%	9%	426
	65 and older	21%	64%	10%	6%	341
Gender of	Men	25%	46%	17%	11%	689
Respondent	Women	22%	52%	18%	7%	716
Level of	High school or less	13%	47%	27%	13%	467
Education	Tech school/Some college	21%	53%	17%	9%	424
	College graduate	35%	48%	11%	6%	331
	Postgraduate work	40%	47%	9%	4%	210
Region of	Central/Lakes	21%	62%	12%	5%	247
State	Connecticut Valley	20%	49%	21%	9%	191
	Manchester Area	34%	43%	16%	6%	236
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Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	13%	53%	27%	7%	269
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	18%	49%	24%	9%	224
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	28%	61%	6%	5%	279
	\$150,000 or more	52%	42%	4%	2%	254
Own or Rent	Own home	26%	56%	11%	6%	976
Home	Rent home	17%	38%	35%	9%	306
Media Usage	CNN viewer	25%	51%	9%	15%	352
2	Conservative radio listener	14%	55%	19%	11%	190
	Fox News viewer	20%	54%	22%	3%	350
	Joe Rogan listener	21%	56%	12%	12%	147
	Local NH news viewer	24%	50%	17%	9%	939
	MSNBC viewer	26%	51%	10%	13%	256
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Household Financial Condition 12 Months From Now

Now, looking ahead, do you think that a year from now you and your family will be better off financially, worse off, or just about the same?

		Better off	About the same	Worse off	<u>N</u>
STATEWIDE	February 2024	21%	52%	27%	1,214
Voting	Registered Democrat	27%	65%	8%	409
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	19%	55%	25%	447
	Registered Republican	16%	31%	53%	335
Party ID	Democrat	26%	67%	7%	575
	Independent	24%	44%	33%	167
	Republican	14%	36%	50%	466
Political	Socialist	29%	65%	6%	85
Ideology	Progressive	19%	66%	15%	151
	Liberal	33%	67%	1%	185
	Moderate	24%	54%	22%	329
	Conservative	13%	36%	51%	291
	Libertarian	4%	35%	61%	76
Age of	18 to 34	27%	50%	23%	348
Respondent	35 to 49	25%	51%	24%	247
	50 to 64	17%	51%	32%	336
	65 and older	14%	58%	28%	275
Gender of	Men	22%	49%	28%	606
Respondent	Women	19%	57%	24%	580
Level of	High school or less	19%	37%	44%	386
Education	Tech school/Some college	22%	59%	19%	344
	College graduate	19%	59%	22%	292
	Postgraduate work	26%	59%	16%	189
Region of	Central/Lakes	25%	47%	28%	200
State	Connecticut Valley	18%	45%	37%	167
	Manchester Area	27%	54%	19%	206
	Mass Border	19%	54%	27%	299
	North Country	10%	41%	49%	113
	Seacoast	23%	63%	14%	224
Household	Less than \$45,000	23%	46%	32%	132
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	20%	38%	43%	210
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	24%	54%	23%	192
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	27%	51%	22%	250
	\$150,000 or more	21%	62%	17%	237
Own or Rent	Own home	19%	57%	24%	837
Home	Rent home	34%	32%	35%	249
Media Usage		30%	57%	13%	306
	Conservative radio listener	20%	32%	47%	154
	Fox News viewer	17%	37%	46%	264
	Joe Rogan listener	28%	39%	32%	118
	Local NH news viewer	20%	56%	25%	794
	MSNBC viewer	34%	59%	7%	223
	NHPR listener	28%	57%	15%	439

Why Expect to be Better Off Financially in Year (coded)

What is one reason that you think you and your family will be better off a year from now? (coded)

		Biden/Democrats in power	Declining inflation	Expect generally good economy	Expect higher personal income	Expect lower personal expenses
STATEWIDE	February 2024	11%	3%	13%	20%	2%
Voting	Registered Democrat	21%	4%	23%	28%	2%
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	7%	5%	8%	22%	3%
	Registered Republican			1%	1%	0%
Party ID	Democrat	19%	5%	19%	29%	3%
	Independent			10%	11%	1%
	Republican		0%	1%	6%	0%
Political	Socialist	70%	0%		21%	1%
Ideology	Progressive	6%	2%	3%	57%	2%
	Liberal	4%	4%	32%	18%	4%
	Moderate	8%	6%	17%	15%	1%
	Conservative			1%	1%	
Age of	18 to 34	8%	1%	8%	19%	
Respondent	35 to 49	5%		8%	36%	5%
	50 to 64	24%	5%	22%	12%	2%
	65 and older	11%	11%	11%	10%	1%
Gender of	Men	12%	4%	10%	18%	2%
Respondent	Women	10%	2%	17%	20%	1%
Level of	High school or less	16%			7%	
Education	Tech school/Some college	16%	2%	21%	16%	3%
	College graduate	4%	6%	18%	26%	1%
	Postgraduate work	4%	8%	13%	40%	3%
Region of	Central/Lakes	6%	3%	6%	26%	
State	Connecticut Valley	11%	4%	4%	5%	3%
	Manchester Area	17%	2%	27%	1%	
	Mass Border	4%	4%	6%	32%	4%
	North Country	3%	11%	25%	16%	7%
	Seacoast	18%	3%	14%	33%	1%
Household	Less than \$45,000	31%	2%	6%	3%	
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	3%	1%	26%	17%	5%
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	27%	3%	6%	11%	1%
	\$100.000 - \$149.999	3%	1%	12%	25%	1%
	\$150,000 or more	7%	8%	6%	28%	2%
Own or Rent	Own home	11%	4%	13%	17%	3%
Home	Rent home	12%	2%	10%	24%	
Media Usage		15%	5%	20%	20%	1%
	Conservative radio listener	6%		1%	0%	
	Fox News viewer			7%	9%	
	Joe Rogan listener				3%	6%
	Local NH news viewer	16%	4%	18%	16%	3%
	MSNBC viewer	19%	4%	26%	28%	2.0
	NHPR listener	21%	5%	16%	17%	3%

Why Expect to be Better Off Financially in Year (coded)

What is one reason that you think you and your family will be better off a year from now? (coded)

		<u>Expect</u> <u>Trump/Republicans in</u> <u>power</u>	Hard work/Financial prudence	<u>Investments</u>	Lower interest rates
STATEWIDE	February 2024	23%	4%	4%	2%
Voting	Registered Democrat		4%	7%	3%
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	8%	7%	4%	1%
	Registered Republican	93%	1%	1%	
Party ID	Democrat	0%	3%	7%	3%
	Independent	15%	11%	1%	
	Republican	80%	2%	1%	
Political	Socialist				1%
ldeology	Progressive		2%	13%	0%
	Liberal		9%	7%	1%
	Moderate	10%	2%	4%	4%
	Conservative	87%	1%	1%	
Age of	18 to 34	28%	2%	1%	
Respondent	35 to 49	24%	3%	2%	2%
	50 to 64	20%	3%	6%	1%
	65 and older	18%	10%	14%	7%
Gender of	Men	35%	3%	4%	3%
Respondent	Women	10%	5%	6%	
Level of	High school or less	63%	3%	4%	3%
Education	Tech school/Some college	7%			
	College graduate	11%	5%	6%	4%
	Postgraduate work	1%	9%	10%	0%
Region of	Central/Lakes	36%	8%	3%	0%
State	Connecticut Valley	2%	0%	2%	
	Manchester Area	48%	1%	1%	
	Mass Border	5%	8%	7%	5%
	North Country	8%	3%	13%	1%
	Seacoast	20%	1%	7%	2%
Household	Less than \$45,000	32%			
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	12%	6%	13%	5%
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	0%	0%	1%	1%
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	53%	1%	3%	0%
	\$150,000 or more	7%	10%	6%	3%
Own or Rent	Own home	18%	6%	5%	3%
Home	Rent home	37%		2%	
Media Usage		7%	4%	7%	5%
	Conservative radio listener	80%	•	1%	
	Fox News viewer	75%		0%	5%
	Joe Rogan listener	27%		0.0	0.0
	Local NH news viewer	27%	4%	4%	1%
	MSNBC viewer	0%	1%	6%	4%
	NHPR listener	13%	4%	6%	1%

Why Expect to be Better Off Financially in Year (coded)

What is one reason that you think you and your family will be better off a year from now? (coded)

		Lower/No debt	Positive personal circumstances	Other	<u>N</u>
STATEWIDE	February 2024	2%	2%	14%	244
Voting	Registered Democrat	4%	2%	3%	102
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	1%	4%	32%	83
	Registered Republican	2%		2%	54
Party ID	Democrat	3%	3%	7%	142
	Independent	0%		51%	39
	Republican	2%	2%	7%	63
Political	Socialist		3%	3%	24
Ideology	Progressive	3%	4%	8%	29
	Liberal	5%	3%	12%	54
	Moderate	1%		30%	75
	Conservative	3%	3%	4%	37
Age of	18 to 34		1%	31%	93
Respondent	35 to 49	4%	6%	6%	60
	50 to 64	2%	1%	2%	50
	65 and older	5%		2%	38
Gender of	Men	1%	1%	6%	133
Respondent	Women	4%	0%	24%	105
Level of	High school or less			4%	72
Education	Tech school/Some college	1%	3%	31%	71
	College graduate	6%	3%	10%	56
	Postgraduate work	2%	2%	7%	46
Region of	Central/Lakes	1%	7%	5%	46
State	Connecticut Valley	0%		69%	29
	Manchester Area	2%	2%		55
	Mass Border	4%	1%	19%	53
	North Country	15%			10
	Seacoast			2%	52
Household	Less than \$45,000	1%	10%	14%	27
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	4%		8%	41
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	1%		49%	41
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	1%		0%	67
	\$150,000 or more	6%	4%	12%	49
Own or Rent	Own home	3%	1%	17%	157
Home	Rent home		2%	10%	78
Media Usage	CNN viewer	4%	2%	10%	83
	Conservative radio listener		12%		26
	Fox News viewer		4%		43
	Joe Rogan listener		3%	60%	33
	Local NH news viewer	3%		5%	147
	MSNBC viewer	2%	3%	7%	69
	NHPR listener	4%	3%	8%	113

Why Expect to be Worse Off Financially in Year (coded)

What is one reason that you think you and your family will be worse off a year from now? (coded)

		Biden/Democrats	Cost of living	Expect generally bad economy	Expect higher personal expenses	Expect lower personal income
STATEWIDE	February 2024	28%	15%	4%	2%	2%
Voting	Registered Democrat	21%	15%	7%	10%	
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	10%	15%	5%	2%	6%
	Registered Republican	41%	14%	3%	0%	
Party ID	Democrat	8%	14%	5%	12%	11%
	Independent	6%	19%	0%		0%
	Republican	36%	14%	5%	0%	1%
Political	Progressive		18%		20%	17%
Ideology	Moderate	18%	24%	9%	0%	3%
	Conservative	46%	15%	3%	0%	0%
	Libertarian	23%	10%	0%		
Age of	18 to 34	4%	8%	2%	6%	7%
Respondent	35 to 49	55%	6%	8%		
	50 to 64	30%	21%	1%	0%	1%
	65 and older	27%	20%	8%	1%	0%
Gender of	Men	23%	11%	2%	0%	1%
Respondent	Women	36%	20%	7%	3%	3%
Level of	High school or less	31%	10%	5%		2%
Education	Tech school/Some college	33%	19%	0%		
	College graduate	20%	25%	4%	6%	3%
	Postgraduate work	13%	14%	7%	6%	1%
Region of	Central/Lakes	14%	25%	8%	3%	1%
State	Connecticut Valley	13%	5%	1%	5%	0%
	Manchester Area	26%	18%	1%	0%	
	Mass Border	38%	16%	1%	0%	7%
	North Country	45%	12%	12%	0%	
	Seacoast	27%	10%	1%	1%	0%
Household	Less than \$45,000	20%	16%			
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	12%	21%	6%	4%	
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	54%	10%	2%		
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	31%	18%	1%	3%	0%
	\$150,000 or more	44%	5%	2%		16%
Own or Rent	Own home	27%	20%	4%	1%	1%
Home	Rent home	21%	8%	6%	4%	
Media Usage	CNN viewer	12%	18%	1%	1%	14%
	Conservative radio listener	22%	14%	1%		
	Fox News viewer	51%	8%	1%	0%	0%
	Joe Rogan listener	58%	5%			
	Local NH news viewer	32%	19%	4%	3%	2%
	MSNBC viewer	2%	3%	32%	2%	
	NHPR listener	11%	19%	1%	5%	6%

Why Expect to be Worse Off Financially in Year (coded)

What is one reason that you think you and your family will be worse off a year from now? (coded)

		<u>Government</u> spending/debt	Inflation	<u>Negative</u> <u>personal</u> <u>circumstances</u>	Taxes	<u>Other</u>	<u>N</u>
STATEWIDE	February 2024	5%	32%	1%	6%	5%	321
Voting	Registered Democrat	2%	38%		1%	7%	30
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	4%	33%	4%	13%	8%	113
	Registered Republican	6%	31%		2%	3%	173
Party ID	Democrat	2%	34%	10%	0%	4%	39
	Independent	2%	51%		5%	17%	54
	Republican	6%	27%	0%	7%	2%	227
Political	Progressive	3%	41%		1%	0%	23
Ideology	Moderate	0%	29%	1%	2%	14%	73
	Conservative	10%	22%		1%	3%	141
	Libertarian	3%	36%		28%		47
Age of	18 to 34	1%	65%	2%	4%	1%	81
Respondent	35 to 49	1%	8%		19%	4%	59
	50 to 64	8%	26%	3%	2%	8%	104
	65 and older	9%	26%		2%	8%	73
Gender of	Men	8%	46%		2%	6%	164
Respondent	Women	1%	13%	3%	8%	4%	140
Level of	High school or less	7%	35%		7%	3%	163
Education	Tech school/Some college	4%	25%	6%	4%	8%	64
	College graduate	3%	28%	1%	2%	7%	63
	Postgraduate work	3%	42%		4%	9%	29
Region of	Central/Lakes	5%	41%		1%	2%	56
State	Connecticut Valley	1%	55%		19%	0%	62
	Manchester Area	2%	46%		3%	3%	36
	Mass Border	14%	20%		2%	2%	80
	North Country	0%	12%	4%	0%	15%	56
	Seacoast	4%	23%	10%	9%	16%	29
Household	Less than \$45,000	0%	25%	9%	27%	3%	42
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	5%	43%	1%	1%	6%	88
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	9%	21%		0%	5%	40
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	4%	39%		4%	1%	56
	\$150,000 or more	0%	26%		2%	5%	39
Own or Rent	Own home	5%	33%	2%	2%	5%	192
Home	Rent home	3%	36%		15%	8%	86
Media Usage	CNN viewer	1%	28%	5%	5%	14%	39
	Conservative radio listener	17%	37%	1%	2%	6%	73
	Fox News viewer	8%	27%	1%	1%	2%	121
	Joe Rogan listener	12%	21%		3%	1%	38
	Local NH news viewer	7%	24%	2%	3%	4%	194
	MSNBC viewer	3%	23%	12%	12%	11%	16
	NHPR listener	5%	37%	4%	0%	11%	66

Good Time to Buy Major Household Item

Generally speaking, do you think now is a good time or bad time for people to do the following things in New Hampshire? Buy a major household item (i.e. furniture, a stove, a television, etc.)

		<u>Good time</u>	Neutral	<u>Bad time</u>	N
STATEWIDE	February 2024	10%	42%	48%	1,287
Voting	Registered Democrat	28%	19%	53%	386
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	47%	8%	45%	466
	Registered Republican	67%	3%	30%	406
Party ID	Democrat	28%	18%	54%	574
	Independent	60%	5%	35%	156
	Republican	65%	3%	32%	550
Political	Socialist	49%	12%	39%	89
Ideology	Progressive	44%	15%	42%	150
	Liberal	13%	21%	66%	181
	Moderate	43%	14%	44%	322
	Conservative	62%	2%	37%	345
	Libertarian	74%	1%	24%	95
Age of	18 to 34	55%	4%	41%	318
Respondent	35 to 49	51%	8%	41%	271
	50 to 64	48%	12%	39%	394
	65 and older	38%	14%	49%	299
Gender of	Men	44%	8%	49%	644
Respondent	Women	51%	12%	37%	613
Level of	High school or less	54%	7%	39%	428
Education	Tech school/Some college	48%	13%	39%	379
	College graduate	46%	8%	46%	299
	Postgraduate work	37%	13%	49%	178
Region of	Central/Lakes	53%	9%	38%	227
State	Connecticut Valley	51%	6%	44%	159
	Manchester Area	36%	13%	50%	218
	Mass Border	55%	12%	34%	295
	North Country	58%	6%	36%	131
	Seacoast	39%	9%	52%	252
Household	Less than \$45,000	52%	8%	40%	158
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	54%	6%	40%	242
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	48%	12%	39%	178
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	44%	10%	46%	260
	\$150,000 or more	35%	13%	53%	228
Own or Rent	Own home	42%	11%	47%	864
Home	Rent home	59%	10%	31%	282
Media Usage	CNN viewer	30%	19%	51%	315
	Conservative radio listener	56%	3%	41%	180
	Fox News viewer	61%	3%	36%	325
	Joe Rogan listener	59%		41%	117
	Local NH news viewer	46%	11%	43%	862
	MSNBC viewer	25%	25%	49%	228
	NHPR listener	32%	14%	53%	444

Business Conditions in New Hampshire During Next 12 Months

What about business conditions in New Hampshire as a whole, do you think that during the next twelve months we'll have good times financially, or bad times?

		<u>Good times</u>	Mixed	Bad times	N
STATEWIDE	February 2024	30%	44%	26%	1,339
Voting	Registered Democrat	52%	33%	16%	416
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	28%	47%	25%	507
	Registered Republican	11%	52%	37%	393
Party ID	Democrat	50%	38%	13%	592
	Independent	21%	48%	31%	186
	Republican	13%	49%	38%	550
Political	Socialist	25%	39%	35%	88
Ideology	Progressive	52%	40%	8%	141
	Liberal	51%	42%	6%	197
	Moderate	37%	48%	15%	364
	Conservative	16%	43%	42%	350
	Libertarian	8%	45%	47%	86
Age of	18 to 34	26%	38%	36%	331
Respondent	35 to 49	17%	56%	27%	279
	50 to 64	35%	41%	24%	403
	65 and older	40%	44%	16%	318
Gender of	Men	35%	39%	27%	660
Respondent	Women	27%	49%	24%	660
Level of	High school or less	29%	35%	37%	436
Education	Tech school/Some college	27%	51%	22%	393
	College graduate	29%	49%	22%	313
	Postgraduate work	44%	44%	12%	192
Region of	Central/Lakes	26%	51%	23%	220
State	Connecticut Valley	28%	42%	30%	185
	Manchester Area	34%	41%	25%	215
	Mass Border	27%	48%	26%	319
	North Country	26%	34%	40%	141
	Seacoast	40%	42%	17%	255
Household	Less than \$45,000	30%	46%	24%	155
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	25%	42%	33%	242
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	36%	40%	24%	210
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	29%	43%	28%	271
	\$150,000 or more	34%	52%	15%	248
Own or Rent	Own home	33%	48%	18%	920
Home	Rent home	24%	33%	43%	279
Media Usage	CNN viewer	51%	37%	12%	336
	Conservative radio listener	17%	49%	34%	172
	Fox News viewer	8%	50%	42%	332
	Joe Rogan listener	17%	61%	22%	132
	Local NH news viewer	33%	43%	24%	872
	MSNBC viewer	60%	29%	11%	239
	NHPR listener	44%	45%	12%	447

Business Conditions in U.S. During Next 12 Months

Now turning to business conditions in the country as a whole, do you think that during the next twelve months we'll have good times financially or bad times?

		<u>Good times</u>	Mixed	Bad times	N
STATEWIDE	February 2024	24%	39%	37%	1,354
Voting	Registered Democrat	46%	37%	17%	420
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	20%	44%	36%	503
	Registered Republican	5%	38%	57%	410
Party ID	Democrat	45%	40%	14%	586
	Independent	15%	38%	46%	188
	Republican	4%	39%	57%	570
Political	Socialist	27%	34%	39%	87
Ideology	Progressive	50%	34%	16%	139
	Liberal	46%	47%	8%	196
	Moderate	28%	50%	22%	371
	Conservative	5%	31%	64%	352
	Libertarian	3%	30%	68%	94
Age of	18 to 34	14%	43%	42%	340
Respondent	35 to 49	18%	45%	37%	277
	50 to 64	28%	34%	38%	404
	65 and older	32%	39%	30%	326
Gender of	Men	23%	37%	40%	662
Respondent	Women	24%	42%	34%	672
Level of	High school or less	14%	39%	47%	439
Education	Tech school/Some college	26%	37%	38%	402
	College graduate	26%	42%	31%	314
	Postgraduate work	37%	41%	22%	195
Region of	Central/Lakes	24%	42%	34%	219
State	Connecticut Valley	16%	43%	41%	187
	Manchester Area	28%	40%	32%	227
	Mass Border	21%	36%	43%	323
	North Country	22%	19%	59%	133
	Seacoast	30%	48%	22%	260
Household	Less than \$45,000	23%	38%	40%	147
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	21%	34%	45%	249
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	27%	41%	32%	222
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	21%	43%	36%	265
	\$150,000 or more	30%	41%	29%	246
Own or Rent	Own home	26%	44%	30%	931
Home	Rent home	22%	23%	55%	271
Media Usage	CNN viewer	39%	42%	18%	338
	Conservative radio listener	7%	35%	58%	178
	Fox News viewer	6%	35%	58%	331
	Joe Rogan listener	5%	52%	43%	138
	Local NH news viewer	26%	37%	37%	877
	MSNBC viewer	49%	34%	17%	244
	NHPR listener	42%	40%	18%	452

Believe Rate of Inflation Has Increased or Decreased Over Past Year

Over the past year, do you feel that the following have increased, decreased, or stayed about the same? The rate of inflation

		Increased	<u>Stayed about the</u> <u>same</u>	Decreased	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	N
STATEWIDE	February 2024	56%	19%	23%	2%	1,435
Voting	Registered Democrat	31%	20%	44%	5%	444
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	60%	18%	20%	2%	535
	Registered Republican	75%	18%	6%	0%	426
Party ID	Democrat	32%	23%	40%	5%	640
	Independent	69%	14%	16%	1%	193
	Republican	78%	16%	6%	0%	591
Political	Socialist	42%	23%	26%	9%	96
Ideology	Progressive	45%	14%	40%	2%	167
	Liberal	27%	28%	45%	0%	201
	Moderate	47%	24%	28%	1%	387
	Conservative	84%	11%	4%	0%	365
	Libertarian	63%	21%	16%	0%	102
Age of	18 to 34	59%	17%	18%	6%	370
Respondent	35 to 49	55%	23%	21%	1%	291
	50 to 64	56%	21%	21%	1%	426
	65 and older	53%	15%	31%	1%	340
Gender of Respondent	Men	54%	22%	24%	1%	689
	Women	58%	16%	23%	4%	714
Level of Education	High school or less	74%	17%	8%	1%	466
	Tech school/Some college	53%	18%	24%	4%	424
	College graduate	43%	21%	32%	3%	331
	Postgraduate work	42%	20%	38%	1%	211
Region of	Central/Lakes	60%	20%	18%	2%	245
State	Connecticut Valley	60%	13%	25%	2%	191
	Manchester Area	53%	19%	26%	2%	236
	Mass Border	55%	20%	20%	5%	332
	North Country	73%	12%	14%	1%	146
	Seacoast	44%	23%	32%	1%	281
Household	Less than \$45,000	74%	5%	21%	0%	166
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	65%	16%	19%	1%	269
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	57%	22%	19%	2%	224
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	51%	23%	25%	1%	279
	\$150,000 or more	42%	25%	32%	1%	254
Own or Rent	Own home	54%	20%	25%	1%	974
Home	Rent home	67%	11%	21%	1%	306
Media Usage	CNN viewer	33%	31%	34%	2%	350
2	Conservative radio listener	78%	12%	10%	0%	190
	Fox News viewer	71%	20%	9%	0%	350
	Joe Rogan listener	78%	15%	7%	0%	147
	Local NH news viewer	52%	21%	23%	3%	937
	MSNBC viewer	21%	35%	42%	3%	256
	NHPR listener	40%	19%	39%	1%	490

Believe Unemployment Rate Has Increased or Decreased Over Past Year

Over the past year, do you feel that the following have increased, decreased, or stayed about the same? The national unemployment rate

		Increased	<u>Stayed about the</u> <u>same</u>	Decreased	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	N
STATEWIDE	February 2024	20%	34%	36%	10%	1,436
Voting	Registered Democrat	5%	20%	67%	9%	444
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	24%	38%	30%	8%	535
	Registered Republican	32%	41%	14%	13%	426
Party ID	Democrat	5%	24%	64%	7%	642
	Independent	40%	34%	22%	4%	192
	Republican	30%	45%	11%	14%	591
Political	Socialist	23%	17%	46%	14%	96
Ideology	Progressive	3%	24%	67%	6%	168
	Liberal	2%	27%	70%	1%	202
	Moderate	15%	38%	40%	7%	385
	Conservative	35%	39%	14%	12%	365
	Libertarian	32%	55%	5%	9%	102
Age of	18 to 34	27%	26%	30%	17%	370
Respondent	35 to 49	22%	40%	31%	7%	291
	50 to 64	19%	37%	36%	8%	425
	65 and older	13%	34%	47%	6%	341
Gender of Respondent	Men	21%	40%	34%	5%	689
	Women	20%	28%	38%	14%	715
Level of Education	High school or less	27%	32%	27%	14%	467
	Tech school/Some college	21%	35%	35%	9%	423
	College graduate	16%	35%	43%	6%	331
	Postgraduate work	12%	35%	48%	5%	210
Region of	Central/Lakes	25%	33%	35%	7%	247
State	Connecticut Valley	30%	28%	27%	15%	191
	Manchester Area	15%	39%	37%	8%	236
	Mass Border	19%	37%	34%	9%	331
	North Country	20%	37%	34%	9%	145
	Seacoast	14%	29%	47%	10%	281
Household	Less than \$45,000	22%	27%	39%	11%	168
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	23%	35%	33%	9%	269
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	32%	28%	33%	7%	224
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	17%	39%	37%	7%	279
	\$150,000 or more	13%	41%	42%	4%	254
Own or Rent	Own home	19%	38%	38%	6%	974
Home	Rent home	21%	31%	34%	13%	306
Media Usage		9%	28%	58%	5%	352
2	Conservative radio listener	30%	39%	16%	15%	190
	Fox News viewer	28%	48%	16%	9%	350
	Joe Rogan listener	49%	28%	5%	18%	147
	Local NH news viewer	15%	37%	39%	9%	939
	MSNBC viewer	6%	28%	66%	1%	257
	NHPR listener	11%	28%	58%	4%	488

Believe U.S. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) Has Increased or Decreased Over Past Year

Over the past year, do you feel that the following have increased, decreased, or stayed about the same? The country's gross domestic product (GDP)

		Increased	<u>Stayed about the</u> <u>same</u>	Decreased	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	N
STATEWIDE	February 2024	31%	26%	14%	29%	1,429
Voting	Registered Democrat	41%	18%	4%	37%	443
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	31%	28%	14%	28%	536
	Registered Republican	20%	35%	26%	19%	419
Party ID	Democrat	41%	20%	3%	36%	642
	Independent	31%	32%	14%	23%	192
	Republican	19%	32%	26%	23%	583
Political	Socialist	40%	15%	3%	43%	96
Ideology	Progressive	41%	17%	3%	38%	168
	Liberal	50%	19%	2%	29%	202
	Moderate	33%	27%	14%	26%	385
	Conservative	21%	31%	27%	20%	358
	Libertarian	14%	36%	31%	19%	102
Age of	18 to 34	30%	24%	4%	43%	370
Respondent	35 to 49	29%	27%	19%	25%	291
	50 to 64	29%	24%	21%	27%	421
	65 and older	35%	33%	12%	20%	339
Gender of Respondent	Men	32%	34%	19%	16%	683
	Women	30%	20%	10%	40%	714
Level of Education	High school or less	25%	31%	13%	32%	461
	Tech school/Some college	30%	20%	20%	29%	423
	College graduate	33%	28%	12%	26%	331
	Postgraduate work	41%	26%	9%	24%	211
Region of	Central/Lakes	27%	30%	19%	24%	247
State	Connecticut Valley	18%	34%	15%	33%	191
	Manchester Area	27%	28%	15%	30%	236
	Mass Border	32%	26%	16%	26%	332
	North Country	34%	27%	14%	25%	141
	Seacoast	42%	17%	7%	34%	280
Household	Less than \$45,000	44%	22%	5%	30%	168
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	23%	29%	18%	30%	269
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	30%	18%	14%	38%	224
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	28%	32%	20%	20%	279
	\$150,000 or more	41%	35%	10%	13%	247
Own or Rent	Own home	29%	29%	16%	26%	968
Home	Rent home	28%	28%	13%	32%	305
Media Usage		44%	27%	6%	23%	351
	Conservative radio listener	17%	30%	31%	22%	190
	Fox News viewer	23%	31%	25%	22%	345
	Joe Rogan listener	20%	17%	24%	40%	147
	Local NH news viewer	35%	25%	14%	26%	932
	MSNBC viewer	47%	24%	11%	18%	255
	NHPR listener	43%	22%	9%	25%	484

Believe Dow Jones Industrial Has Increased or Decreased Over Past Year

Over the past year, do you feel that the following have increased, decreased, or stayed about the same? The value of the Dow Jones Industrial stock market

		Increased	<u>Stayed about the</u> <u>same</u>	Decreased	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	N
STATEWIDE	February 2024	49%	17%	11%	23%	1,434
Voting	Registered Democrat	64%	6%	3%	27%	444
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	44%	17%	12%	27%	536
	Registered Republican	42%	30%	18%	10%	424
Party ID	Democrat	63%	7%	3%	27%	641
	Independent	38%	18%	10%	33%	193
	Republican	38%	28%	20%	14%	589
Political	Socialist	47%	6%	4%	43%	96
Ideology	Progressive	60%	7%	5%	27%	168
	Liberal	64%	5%	3%	28%	201
	Moderate	61%	19%	9%	11%	387
	Conservative	40%	26%	21%	14%	363
	Libertarian	37%	31%	24%	8%	102
Age of	18 to 34	32%	20%	3%	45%	370
Respondent	35 to 49	41%	22%	17%	20%	291
	50 to 64	56%	12%	15%	17%	426
	65 and older	65%	17%	10%	9%	339
Gender of Respondent	Men	53%	20%	9%	17%	688
	Women	45%	15%	12%	28%	714
Level of Education	High school or less	37%	18%	15%	30%	467
	Tech school/Some college	47%	21%	10%	22%	423
	College graduate	58%	15%	9%	18%	330
	Postgraduate work	66%	11%	7%	16%	211
Region of	Central/Lakes	45%	18%	16%	20%	247
State	Connecticut Valley	34%	22%	18%	27%	191
	Manchester Area	53%	27%	5%	15%	236
	Mass Border	49%	14%	13%	25%	331
	North Country	57%	13%	12%	19%	147
	Seacoast	56%	11%	4%	29%	281
Household	Less than \$45,000	49%	7%	11%	33%	168
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	45%	17%	15%	23%	268
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	49%	23%	8%	20%	223
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	44%	26%	11%	19%	279
	\$150,000 or more	69%	14%	7%	10%	254
Own or Rent	Own home	56%	19%	10%	15%	974
Home	Rent home	38%	13%	17%	32%	306
Media Usage	CNN viewer	67%	10%	3%	20%	351
	Conservative radio listener	39%	31%	13%	17%	190
	Fox News viewer	48%	31%	11%	11%	350
	Joe Rogan listener	28%	34%	15%	22%	147
	Local NH news viewer	53%	17%	9%	21%	939
	MSNBC viewer	70%	11%	3%	17%	255
	NHPR listener	66%	12%	6%	16%	490

Effect of Hearing Inflation Has Falled Since June 2022 on Feelings Toward Economy

What effect, if any, would knowing the following have on your opinion of the national economy? Inflation has fallen to just over 3% from a high of 9% in June 2022

		<u>More optimistic</u>	No change in opinion	<u>More pessimistic</u>	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	N
STATEWIDE	February 2024	36%	50%	13%	1%	1,409
Voting	Registered Democrat	64%	34%	2%	1%	437
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	33%	56%	10%	1%	528
	Registered Republican	9%	60%	29%	2%	414
Party ID	Democrat	63%	34%	1%	1%	634
	Independent	24%	60%	15%	2%	192
	Republican	9%	65%	25%	1%	573
Political	Socialist	55%	42%	2%	1%	96
Ideology	Progressive	55%	44%	0%	1%	167
	Liberal	70%	27%	0%	2%	201
	Moderate	45%	45%	9%	1%	381
	Conservative	5%	70%	23%	1%	351
	Libertarian	3%	71%	26%		98
Age of	18 to 34	41%	42%	16%	1%	370
Respondent	35 to 49	23%	63%	13%	1%	290
	50 to 64	36%	52%	10%	2%	408
	65 and older	39%	45%	13%	2%	335
Gender of	Men	31%	48%	20%	1%	674
Respondent	Women	40%	52%	6%	2%	705
Level of Education	High school or less	32%	47%	21%		462
	Tech school/Some college	33%	54%	10%	2%	411
	College graduate	41%	48%	9%	2%	326
	Postgraduate work	41%	52%	5%	2%	208
Region of	Central/Lakes	29%	55%	14%	1%	244
State	Connecticut Valley	17%	65%	18%	1%	187
	Manchester Area	45%	39%	15%	1%	229
	Mass Border	37%	46%	14%	2%	328
	North Country	23%	71%	5%	1%	139
	Seacoast	50%	38%	9%	2%	280
Household	Less than \$45,000	40%	52%	6%	1%	166
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	32%	41%	24%	2%	265
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	34%	60%	5%	2%	223
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	26%	52%	21%	1%	277
	\$150,000 or more	42%	49%	9%	1%	243
Own or Rent	Own home	34%	53%	12%	1%	951
Home	Rent home	38%	38%	23%	1%	305
Media Usage	CNN viewer	64%	30%	5%	1%	345
	Conservative radio listener	5%	65%	27%	3%	186
	Fox News viewer	11%	65%	21%	3%	336
	Joe Rogan listener	9%	74%	18%		143
	Local NH news viewer	40%	48%	11%	1%	920
	MSNBC viewer	58%	39%	2%	0%	253
	NHPR listener	52%	39%	7%	2%	480

Effect of Hearing Unemployment Rate Stayed Below 4% for Nearly 2 Years on Feelings Toward Economy

What effect, if any, would knowing the following have on your opinion of the national economy? The unemployment rate has stayed below 4% for nearly two years

		<u>More optimistic</u>	No change in opinion	More pessimistic	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	N
STATEWIDE	February 2024	31%	58%	10%	1%	1,410
Voting	Registered Democrat	57%	41%	1%	1%	436
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	28%	63%	8%	1%	527
	Registered Republican	10%	67%	21%	3%	418
Party ID	Democrat	55%	44%	1%	0%	634
	Independent	20%	63%	15%	1%	189
	Republican	9%	71%	17%	2%	577
Political	Socialist	44%	54%	1%	0%	96
Ideology	Progressive	43%	56%		1%	167
	Liberal	57%	43%		0%	199
	Moderate	41%	52%	5%	3%	379
	Conservative	8%	72%	19%	1%	351
	Libertarian	4%	81%	14%	2%	102
Age of	18 to 34	32%	52%	15%	0%	370
Respondent	35 to 49	20%	73%	7%		290
	50 to 64	33%	57%	8%	2%	410
	65 and older	37%	53%	7%	2%	335
Gender of	Men	24%	60%	15%	1%	677
Respondent	Women	38%	57%	4%	2%	703
Level of Education	High school or less	26%	57%	16%	1%	462
	Tech school/Some college	30%	60%	8%	2%	411
	College graduate	37%	56%	6%	1%	326
	Postgraduate work	37%	59%	3%	2%	208
Region of	Central/Lakes	31%	58%	10%	1%	245
State	Connecticut Valley	16%	67%	17%	1%	184
	Manchester Area	35%	51%	13%	0%	232
	Mass Border	36%	55%	8%	2%	329
	North Country	24%	70%	4%	2%	139
	Seacoast	37%	54%	6%	2%	280
Household	Less than \$45,000	34%	59%	6%	0%	164
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	34%	45%	18%	2%	265
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	31%	64%	3%	1%	223
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	23%	59%	17%	1%	276
	\$150,000 or more	34%	61%	5%	1%	247
Own or Rent	Own home	30%	60%	9%	2%	954
Home	Rent home	35%	47%	17%	1%	303
Media Usage	CNN viewer	55%	42%	3%	1%	345
	Conservative radio listener	6%	75%	18%	1%	186
	Fox News viewer	11%	71%	14%	4%	339
	Joe Rogan listener	10%	79%	12%		147
	Local NH news viewer	35%	57%	7%	1%	921
	MSNBC viewer	49%	48%	2%	0%	252
	NHPR listener	46%	48%	6%	1%	480

Effect of Hearing GDP Grew by 3.1% in 2023 on Feelings Toward Economy

What effect, if any, would knowing the following have on your opinion of the national economy? GDP grew by 3.1% in 2023

		<u>More optimistic</u>	No change in opinion	More pessimistic	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	<u>N</u>
STATEWIDE	February 2024	32%	55%	9%	4%	1,410
Voting	Registered Democrat	56%	36%	1%	7%	436
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	30%	57%	9%	3%	527
	Registered Republican	11%	71%	16%	2%	417
Party ID	Democrat	56%	36%	2%	6%	633
	Independent	21%	62%	16%	1%	190
	Republican	10%	74%	14%	2%	575
Political	Socialist	40%	48%	3%	9%	96
Ideology	Progressive	40%	53%	1%	6%	167
	Liberal	61%	34%	1%	4%	199
	Moderate	44%	46%	7%	3%	380
	Conservative	8%	75%	15%	2%	350
	Libertarian	10%	74%	16%		102
Age of	18 to 34	29%	56%	9%	5%	370
Respondent	35 to 49	26%	63%	8%	3%	290
	50 to 64	34%	53%	9%	3%	409
	65 and older	39%	49%	9%	3%	334
Gender of	Men	30%	54%	13%	2%	676
Respondent	Women	35%	56%	5%	4%	703
Level of Education	High school or less	25%	59%	12%	4%	462
	Tech school/Some college	32%	54%	10%	4%	412
	College graduate	41%	51%	6%	3%	325
	Postgraduate work	37%	55%	5%	3%	208
Region of	Central/Lakes	25%	64%	5%	6%	244
State	Connecticut Valley	21%	62%	15%	2%	187
	Manchester Area	41%	50%	9%	0%	231
	Mass Border	37%	48%	12%	3%	327
	North Country	18%	74%	3%	6%	137
	Seacoast	42%	45%	6%	6%	280
Household	Less than \$45,000	25%	58%	5%	12%	166
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	29%	44%	21%	6%	264
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	34%	59%	5%	2%	223
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	28%	63%	8%	2%	276
	\$150,000 or more	42%	53%	4%	1%	247
Own or Rent	Own home	33%	57%	8%	2%	952
Home	Rent home	26%	49%	15%	10%	305
Media Usage	CNN viewer	58%	34%	3%	5%	345
	Conservative radio listener	10%	76%	13%	1%	186
	Fox News viewer	15%	72%	11%	2%	340
	Joe Rogan listener	7%	74%	19%		147
	Local NH news viewer	38%	51%	7%	4%	922
	MSNBC viewer	61%	35%	3%	2%	251
	NHPR listener	47%	46%	3%	3%	478

Effect of Hearing Dow Jones Industrial At Record High on Feelings Toward Economy

What effect, if any, would knowing the following have on your opinion of the national economy? The Dow Jones Industrial stock exchange has recently hit a record high

STATEWIDE						
	February 2024	29%	52%	12%	6%	1,411
Voting	Registered Democrat	45%	39%	4%	12%	437
Registration	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	26%	59%	10%	5%	528
	Registered Republican	16%	60%	23%	1%	417
Party ID	Democrat	45%	38%	6%	11%	633
	Independent	19%	63%	15%	3%	190
	Republican	15%	64%	19%	1%	577
Political	Socialist	28%	49%	10%	13%	96
Ideology	Progressive	34%	52%	10%	4%	167
	Liberal	52%	35%	3%	11%	199
	Moderate	43%	46%	7%	4%	380
	Conservative	12%	66%	21%	1%	351
	Libertarian	8%	71%	20%	0%	102
Age of	18 to 34	18%	44%	23%	15%	370
Respondent	35 to 49	20%	69%	7%	3%	291
	50 to 64	34%	53%	10%	3%	410
	65 and older	42%	47%	8%	3%	334
Gender of	Men	24%	53%	18%	6%	677
Respondent	Women	34%	52%	7%	7%	704
Level of Education	High school or less	26%	49%	19%	6%	462
	Tech school/Some college	31%	52%	9%	8%	413
	College graduate	30%	55%	10%	5%	326
	Postgraduate work	32%	56%	8%	4%	208
Region of	Central/Lakes	25%	56%	10%	8%	244
State	Connecticut Valley	18%	64%	17%	1%	187
	Manchester Area	42%	43%	14%	1%	231
	Mass Border	32%	48%	14%	7%	329
	North Country	24%	68%	6%	2%	137
	Seacoast	29%	46%	12%	13%	280
Household	Less than \$45,000	36%	51%	8%	5%	166
Income	\$45,000 - \$74,999	27%	44%	22%	6%	265
	\$75,000 - \$99,999	27%	62%	5%	7%	223
	\$100,000 - \$149,999	28%	53%	19%	0%	276
	\$150,000 or more	32%	59%	6%	3%	247
Own or Rent	Own home	30%	56%	11%	3%	952
Home	Rent home	31%	42%	22%	5%	306
Media Usage	CNN viewer	48%	34%	5%	13%	346
	Conservative radio listener	11%	77%	12%	1%	186
	Fox News viewer	17%	65%	16%	2%	340
	Joe Rogan listener	8%	74%	18%		147
	Local NH news viewer	33%	48%	11%	7%	923
	MSNBC viewer	51%	35%	4%	11%	251
	NHPR listener	42%	48%	6%	4%	478