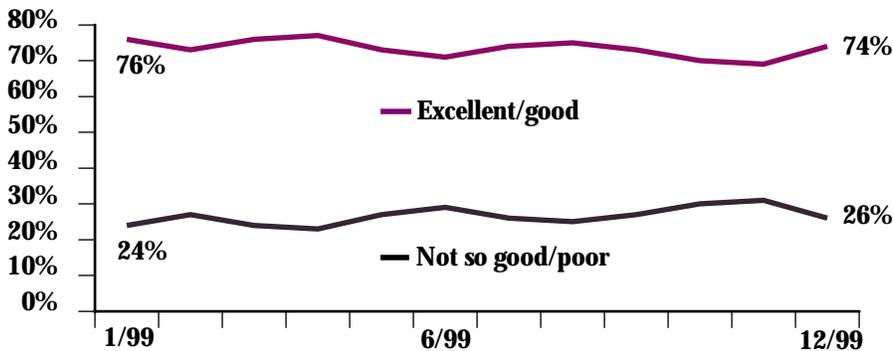


National Economy

Question: Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?



Positive Ratings

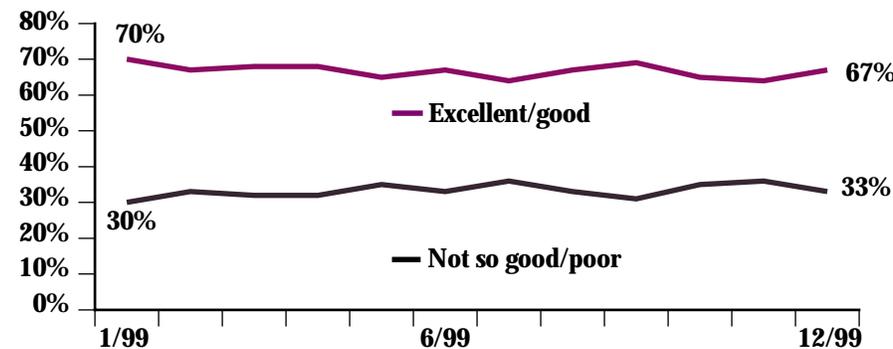
1999			
December 5	74%	June 6	71%
November 7	69	May 2	73
October 3	70	April 4	77
September 6	73	March 7	76
August 1	75	February 7	73
July 4	74	January 3	76

Highest recorded*	77%	Lowest recorded*	7%
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*Since 1985 *Average** 38%

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

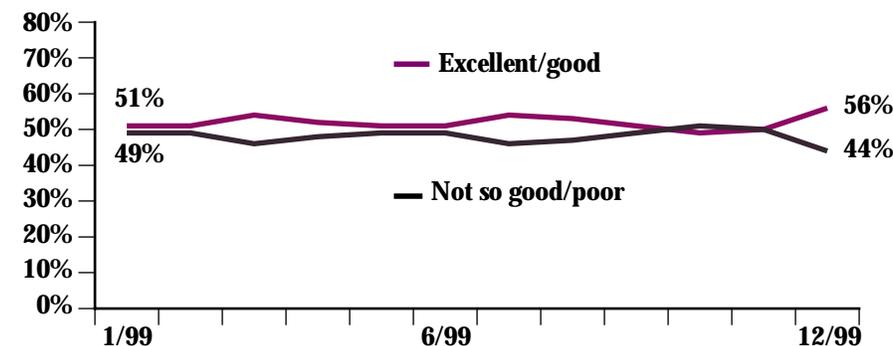
1999			
December 5	67%	June 6	67%
November 7	64	May 2	65
October 3	65	April 4	68
September 6	69	March 7	68
August 1	67	February 7	67
July 4	64	January 3	70

Highest recorded*	70%	Lowest recorded*	42%
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*Since 1985 *Average** 56%

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

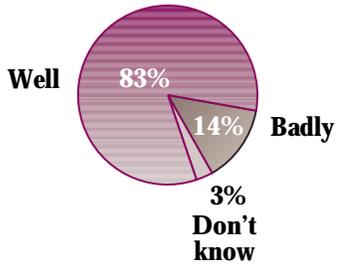
1999			
December 5	56%	June 6	51%
November 7	50	May 2	51
October 3	49	April 4	52
September 6	51	March 7	54
August 1	53	February 7	51
July 4	54	January 3	51

Highest recorded*	56%	Lowest recorded*	20%
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*Since 1985 *Average** 37%

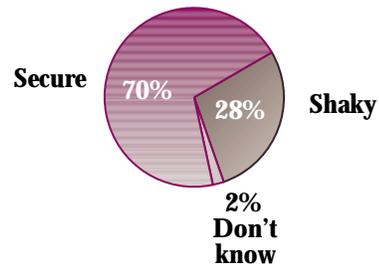
Source: Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of December 5, 1999.

Question: Generally speaking, do you think the nation's economy these days is doing well or badly?



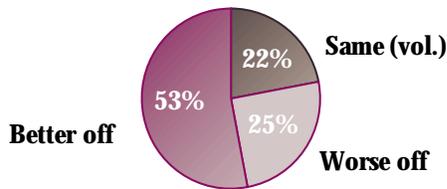
Source: Survey by the *Los Angeles Times*, November 13-18, 1999.

Question: Would you describe the state of your own personal finances these days as secure or shaky?



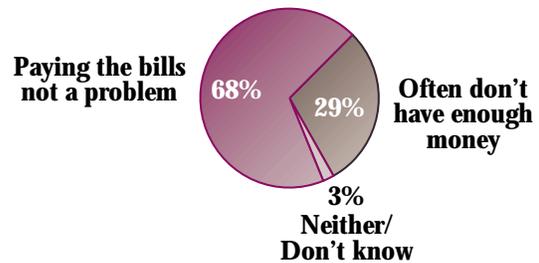
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Question: ...Would you say that you are financially better off now than you were a year ago, or are you financially worse off now?



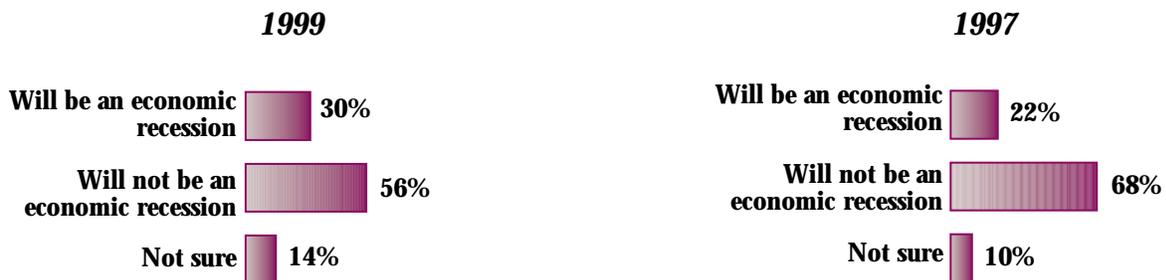
Source: Survey by the Gallup Organization, August 24-26, 1999.

Question: ...[T]ell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views—even if neither is exactly right... I often don't have enough money to make ends meet; paying the bills is generally not a problem for me.



Source: Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates for the Pew Research Center, July 14-September 9, 1999.

Question: Do you think that there will or will not be an economic recession during the next twelve months?



Source: Surveys by NBC News/*Wall Street Journal*, July 26-28, 1997 and October 23-25, 1999.