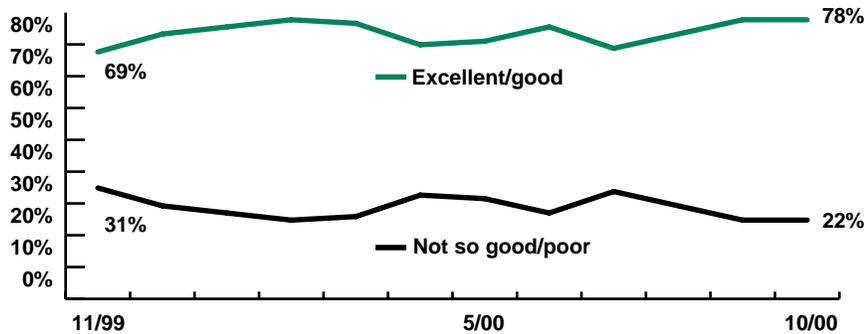


## National Economy

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



### Positive Ratings

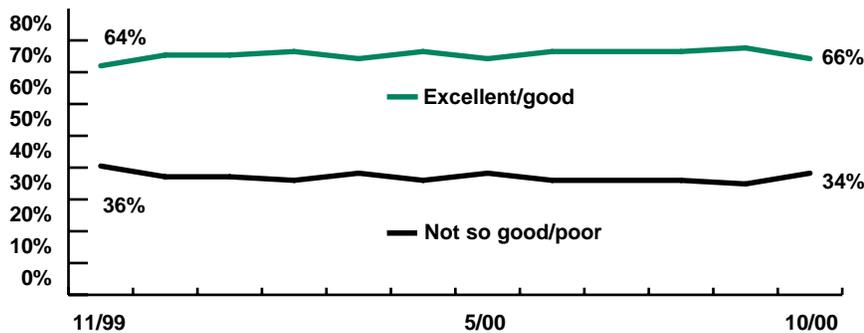
<b>2000</b>		April 2	71%
October 8	78%	March 5	77
September 3	78	February 6	78
August 6	74	January 2	76
July 2	70	<b>1999</b>	
June 4	76	December 5	74
May 7	72	November 7	69

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

\*Since 1985 *Average\** 40%

## 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

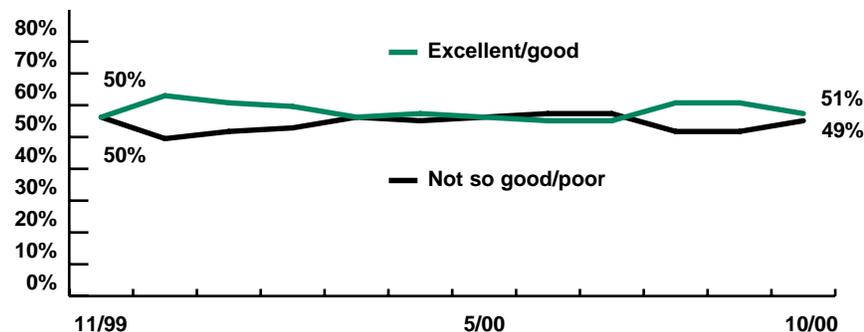
<b>2000</b>		April 2	68%
October 8	66%	March 5	66
September 3	69	February 6	68
August 6	68	January 2	67
July 2	68	<b>1999</b>	
June 4	68	December 5	67
May 7	66	November 7	64

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

\*Since 1985 *Average\** 57%

## 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

<b>2000</b>		April 2	51%
October 8	51%	March 5	50
September 3	54	February 6	53
August 6	54	January 2	54
July 2	49	<b>1999</b>	
June 4	49	December 5	56
May 7	50	November 7	50

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

\*Since 1985 *Average\** 38%

Source: Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of October 8, 2000.

# Enjoying the Good Times

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



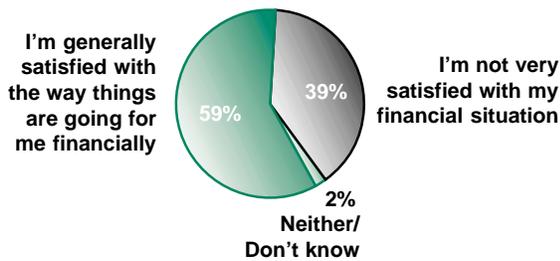
**Note:** Responses of likely voters.  
**Source:** Survey by the *Los Angeles Times*, September 23-25, 2000.

**Question:** How satisfied are you with the state of the US economy today—are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with the state of the economy?



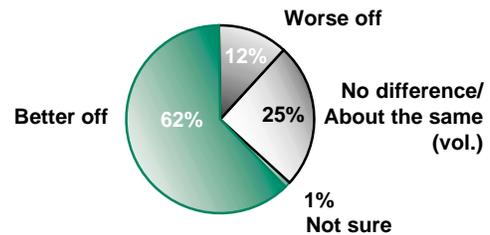
**Note:** Responses of registered voters.  
**Source:** Survey by NBC/*Wall Street Journal*, September 7-10, 2000.

**Question:** ...[T]ell me whether the first statement or the second statement comes closer to your own views even if neither is exactly right....



**Source:** Survey by Princeton Survey Research Associates for Pew Research Center, August 24-September 10, 2000.

**Question:** ...Would you say that you and your family are better off or worse off than you were four years ago?



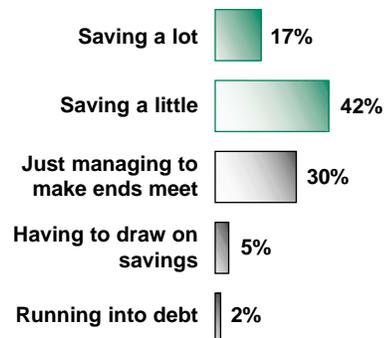
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**Question:** Which of the following statements best describes the current financial situation in your household? You are saving a lot. You are saving a little. You are just managing to make ends meet on your income. You are having to draw on your savings. You are running into debt.



**Note:** Responses of registered voters.  
**Source:** Survey by Gallup/CNN/*USA Today*, September 4-6, 2000.