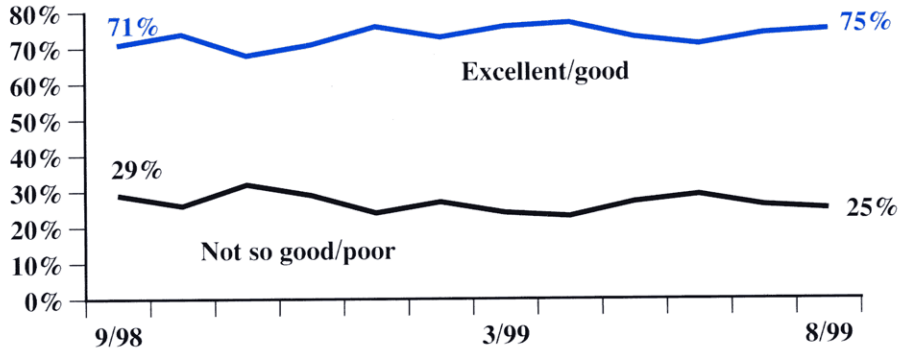


# Economy

## 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

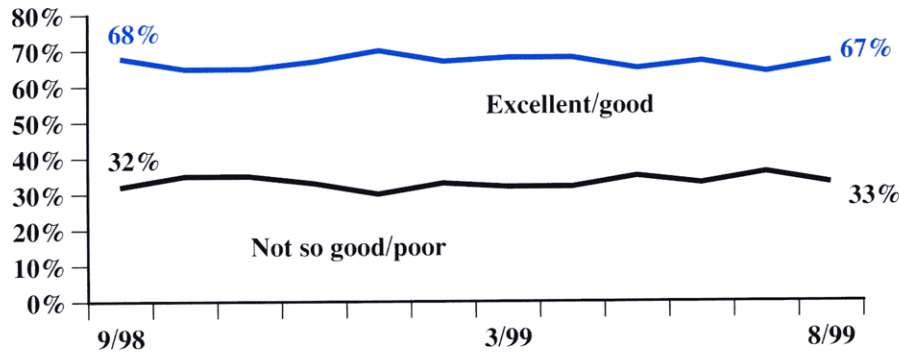
1999		1998	
August 1	75%	February 7	73%
July 4	74	January 3	76
June 6	71	December 5	71
May 2	73	November 1	68
April 4	77	October 4	74
March 7	76	September 6	71
Highest recorded*	77%	Lowest recorded*	7%

\* 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

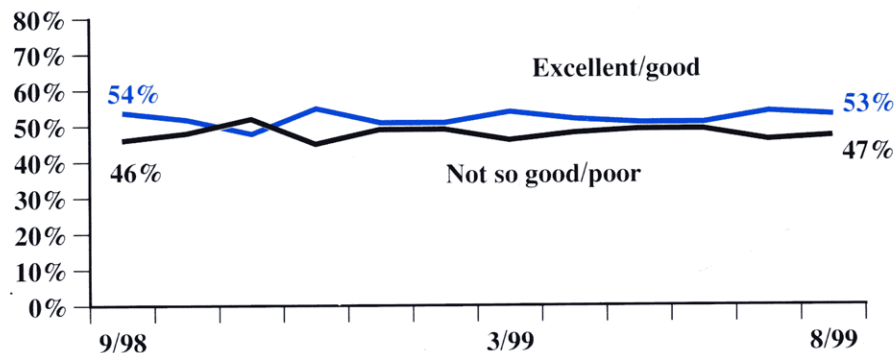
1999		1998	
August 1	67%	February 7	67%
July 4	64	January 3	70
June 6	67	December 5	67
May 2	65	November 1	65
April 4	68	October 4	65
March 7	68	September 6	68
Highest recorded*	70%	Lowest recorded*	42%

\* 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		1998	
August 1	53%	February 7	51%
July 4	54	January 3	51
June 6	51	December 5	55
May 2	51	November 1	48
April 4	52	October 4	52
March 7	54	September 6	54
Highest recorded*	56%	Lowest recorded*	20%

\* Since 1985

Average\* 37%

Source: Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of August 1, 1999.

