Economy

National Economy

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

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**Source:** Surveys by ABC News/Money, latest that of June 4, 2000.

Personal Finances

**Question:** Would you describe the state of your own personal finances these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

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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?

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Feeling Financially Secure

**Question:** Let me read you several elements relating to the current economy. For each one, please tell me whether it is an area in which you feel very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied. If this does not apply to you, please just say so. When it comes to... are you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

**Percent responding very or somewhat satisfied**

- Your current job security: 81%
- Your return on personal investment: 70%
- Your opportunities for career advancement: 69%
- Job opportunities in the area you live in: 65%
- Your retirement security: 62%
- Your income keeping up with the cost of living: 55%
- Current interest rates: 52%
- The amount of money you are saving: 50%
- The rate of inflation: 49%

**Note:** Asked of registered voters. Based on only those to whom item applied.

**Source:** Survey by NBC News/Wall Street Journal, April 29-May 1, 2000.

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

- Personal finances are secure: 72%
- Shaky: 27%
- Don’t know: 1%

**Source:** Survey by the Los Angeles Times, May 4-7, 2000.

**Question:** Generally speaking, are you personally in better shape financially than you were four years ago, or in worse shape, or are your finances not any different than they were four years ago?

- Better shape: 52%
- Worse shape: 14%
- No different: 32%
- Don’t know: 2%

**Source:** Survey by the Los Angeles Times, May 4-7, 2000.

**Question:** These days, is it easy or difficult for you to pay for things such as installment loans, car payments and insurance premiums?

- Easy to pay for things: 54%
- Difficult: 37%
- Doesn’t apply (vol.): 8%
- Don’t know: 1%

**Source:** Survey by the Los Angeles Times, May 4-7, 2000.

**Question:** If you use credit cards for purchases, do you usually make monthly payments on some of your credit cards and not pay the full amount, or do you pay all of your credit cards off every month?

- Pay some on credit cards, not full amount: 40%
- Pay in full: 32%
- Don’t use credit cards (vol.): 27%

**Source:** Survey by the Los Angeles Times, May 4-7, 2000.