

Tuesday, 25 June 2013

Consumer Confidence falls again to 112.8 – lowest since November 2012

The weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating has fallen for the third consecutive week to 112.8 (down 1.3pt in a week since June 15/16, 2013). Consumer Confidence is now 0.6pts lower than a month ago (May 25/26, 2013 – 113.4) although 3.2pts higher than at the same time a year ago when it was 109.6 (June 23/24, 2012).

This week's fall in Consumer Confidence has been driven mainly by increasing worries about Australia's economic conditions over the next year and by less people saying now is a 'good time to buy' major household items.

Australians are not confident about the Australian economy with 37% (up 4%) of Australians expecting 'bad times' economically (the highest since July 21/22, 2012) over the next twelve months compared to 24% (down 5%) that expect 'good times' for the Australian economy (the lowest since August 13/14, 2011).

Now 56% (down 4%) of Australians say now is a 'good time to buy' major household items compared to 19% (up 3%) that say now is a 'bad time to buy' (the highest since November 24/25, 2012).

Of Australians, 40% (down 1%) expect to be 'better off' financially over the next 12 months while only 14% (down 3%) expect their family to be 'worse off' financially.

Over the long-term 22% (down 3%) of Australians expect 'bad times' for the Australian economy over the next five years compared to 33% (down 1%) that expect Australia to have 'good times'.

However, Australians are less concerned about their personal finances compared to this time last year with 31% (up 2%) of Australians saying they are 'better off' financially than this time last year and 28% (down 3%) that say they are 'worse off' financially.

Gary Morgan says:

"Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence has fallen for the third consecutive week to 112.8 (down 1.3pts) and is now at its lowest since November 2012. The fall in Consumer Confidence comes after the Australian Dollar dipped below 92US cents for the first time since September 2010 as worries mount about many parts of the global economy – including China, source of many of Australia's commodities exports.

"An increasing number of Australians (37%, up 4%) expect 'bad times' for the Australian economy over the next 12 months – the highest for nearly a year since July 2012 while just 24% (down 5%) expect 'good times' – the lowest for nearly two years since August 2011.

"Constant leadership speculation around the Federal Government is a clear distraction preventing the Gillard Government from effectively implementing its policies – and also undermining general confidence in the Australian community. This week should mark the end of the leadership speculation as Parliament is not due to meet again until after the Federal Election – set for September 14, 2013."

This weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating is based on 1,050 face-to-face interviews conducted Australia-wide with men and women aged 14 and over last weekend, June 22/23, 2013.

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Margin of Error

The margin of error to be allowed for in any estimate depends mainly on the number of interviews on which it is based. The following table gives indications of the likely range within which estimates would be 95% likely to fall, expressed as the number of percentage points above or below the actual estimate. The figures are approximate and for general guidance only, and assume a simple random sample. Allowance for design effects (such as stratification and weighting) should be made as appropriate.

Sample Size	% Estimate			
	40%-60%	25% or 75%	10% or 90%	5% or 95%
1,000	±3.2	±2.7	±1.9	±1.4
10,000	±1.0	±0.9	±0.6	±0.4
20,000	±0.7	±0.6	±0.4	±0.3
50,000	±0.4	±0.4	±0.3	±0.2

Monthly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating Figures (1973 – 2013)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Yearly Average</u>
1973			119.2			117.0			108.4			103.8	112.1
1974			103.2			95.6			90.6			92.2	95.4
1975			114.0			104.2			100.8			103.0	105.5
1976	113.6		107.0	110.2		107.0	105.6		108.0	108.8	101.2		107.7
1977	104.2		98.6	101.6		103.8	99.4		105.0	104.4	109.4		103.3
1978	119.2		114.8	110.8		109.6	101.6		91.2	104.4	103.6		106.9
1979	110.2		106.2	109.4		92.6	90.2		99.4	97.6	98.8		100.6
1980	98.8		100.8	97.4		101.6	98.2		104.4	109.8	106.4		102.2
1981	113.4		111.8	101.8		100.8	95.0		92.4	98.2	98.0		101.4
1982	92.4		91.8	93.6		92.2	80.4		84.6	81.2	75.2		86.4
1983	87.8		97.4	96.0		95.4	98.2		100.6	106.4	113.2		99.4
1984	124.6		120.8	120.8		115.6	116.6		118.2	117.8	114.6		118.6
1985	114.8		110.2	99.4		98.0	100.8		106.8	107.8	94.8		104.1
1986	105.4		103.8	94.6	94.8	91.6	79.8	79.8	78.8	89.8	85.6	88.8	90.3
1987	90.4	88.0	86.8	90.8	91.8	93.4	98.6	96.4	94.8	104.0	87.2	93.0	92.9
1988	100.4	98.8	103.6	106.2	104.0	104.0	107.6	108.2	112.4	108.8	104.2	105.8	105.3
1989	105.0	94.6	88.4	88.4	87.4	72.8	73.0	78.8	82.0	79.0	81.0	80.0	84.2
1990	101.6	95.6	83.4	88.3	84.7	83.1	79.6	83.9	75.6	71.4	73.1	71.3	82.6
1991	78.5	85.4	85.0	87.2	87.7	88.6	98.1	95.2	93.3	95.8	91.1	83.0	89.1
1992	93.6	95.9	96.2	105.4	101.6	97.7	95.4	96.9	96.8	101.2	93.6	92.9	97.3
1993	100.8	100.4	105.9	102.3	102.2	96.2	96.6	100.8	90.2	103.5	111.9	108.5	101.6
1994	120.5	127.5	125.7	127.7	125.2	128.0	127.6	123.8	123.6	124.6	118.1	118.0	124.2
1995	112.3	112.4	113.9	114.7	112.0	112.4	110.2	115.5	111.7	116.2	114.3	111.9	113.1
1996	116.7	119.1	123.7	121.5	118.8	117.8	112.3	114.4	113.2	111.3	113.4	113.2	116.3
1997	119.2	115.1	116.2	112.5	114.2	115.5	110.7	111.7	112.4	112.8	111.6	110.6	113.5
1998	117.8	116.0	114.9	110.2	114.4	109.8	107.6	111.1	111.0	113.9	114.2	114.7	112.8
1999	122.1	121.8	122.5	119.6	122.5	122.2	118.2	122.8	122.3	119.6	122.8	122.2	121.6
2000	122.3	119.9	112.9	116.6	112.0	108.7	114.8	119.1	115.8	115.6	110.3	112.3	115.0
2001	119.9	109.5	106.2	103.6	107.4	108.6	115.3	116.4	120.9*	106.8	109.4	113.3	111.4
2002	124.8	123.0	122.3	123.2	124.0	116.4	123.4	119.9	122.1	117.2	114.0	109.6	120.0
2003	122.5	113.4	109.9	120.8	127.0	122.4	123.2	122.4	123.2	121.2	124.2	120.4	120.9
2004	126.0	126.8	130.4	124.4	125.0	125.6	128.9	127.6	126.0	128.9	124.8	125.5	126.7
2005	133.2	132.0	121.5	119.4	119.5	118.8	116.8	120.6	114.3	105.4	110.6	117.7	119.2
2006	124.3	124.5	124.4	120.1	106.8	115.1	118.1	103.7^	108.6	115.8	111.5	117.4	115.9
2007	123.9	123.8	120.7	124.3	122.5	122.3	126.8	125.2	118.2	126.2	124.9	126.8	123.8
<u>Year</u>	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>	<u>Jul</u>	<u>Aug</u>	<u>Sep</u>	<u>Oct</u>	<u>Nov</u>	<u>Dec</u>	<u>Yearly Average</u>
2008	118.6	115.8	109.5	100.1	97.1	90.7	92.0	94.7#	101.2	90.4	93.1	99.8	100.2
2009	101.1	94.9	95.8	102.0	101.8	109.6	114.9	121.4	122.9	127.0	125.9	123.2	111.7
2010	128.7	126.3	127.6	125.4	119.9	119.2	123.9	125.6	123.5	127.5	123.7	120.6	124.3
2011	122.3	118.5	117.0	119.3	117.0	111.0	108.6	107.8	112.0	111.3	114.6	111.0	114.2
2012	117.5	114.9	111.6	110.7	110.6	109.7	109.8	113.0	114.1	114.8	114.1	115.7	113.0
2013	120.9	119.7	121.0	121.9	115.3	114.6⓪							119.0

* The Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating for September 15/16, 2001, conducted by telephone, was 102.3.

^ 84 of the 107 Western Australian interviews were conducted by telephone on August 9/10 due to a Southern WA Cyclone.

#The Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating for August 2008 includes interviewing on August 2/3 (90.1) & 30/31 (99.3).

Since October 2008, the Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating has been conducted on a weekly basis, with the monthly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating compiled from results on all four weekends.

⓪The latest monthly figure in this table is an indicative figure, the average of the completed weeks so far in the latest month.

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Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating Figures (2013)

January

5/6	12/13	19/20	26/27	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	30/31
118.3	124.0	119.9	121.7	118.5	121.4	118.8	120.0	119.6	121.0	121.4	122.0	121.8

January (Avg. – 1973-2013)

112.4

February

2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	30/31
118.5	121.4	118.8	120.0	119.6	121.0	121.4	122.0	121.8				

February (Avg. – 1973-2013)

112.4

March

9/10	16/17	23/24	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	30/31
121.0	121.4	122.0	121.8				

March (Avg. – 1973-2013)

109.7

April

6/7	13/14	20/21	27/28	4/5	11/12	18/19	25/26	1/2	8/9	15/16	22/23
123.2	121.8	123.8	118.9	113.6	119.3	115.0	113.4	116.4	115.1	114.1	112.8

April (Avg. – 1973-2013)

109.0

May

11/12	18/19	25/26	1/2	8/9	15/16	22/23
119.3	115.0	113.4	116.4	115.1	114.1	112.8

May (Avg. – 1973-2013)

109.5

June

8/9	15/16	22/23
115.1	114.1	112.8

June (Avg. – 1973-2013)

106.3

July

6/7	13/14	20/21	27/28	3/4	10/11	17/18	24/25	31/1	7/8	14/15	21/22
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July (Avg. – 1973-2012)

105.9

August

10/11	17/18	24/25	31/1	7/8	14/15	21/22
119.3	115.0	113.4	116.4	115.1	114.1	112.8

August (Avg. – 1973-2012)

109.5

September

7/8	14/15	21/22
115.1	114.1	112.8

September (Avg. – 1973-2012)

106.3

October

5/6	12/13	19/20	26/27	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	30/1	7/8	14/15	21/22
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October (Avg. – 1973-2012)

108.0

November

9/10	16/17	23/24	30/1	7/8	14/15	21/22
119.3	115.0	113.4	116.4	115.1	114.1	112.8

November (Avg. – 1973-2012)

106.4

December

7/8	14/15	21/22
115.1	114.1	112.8

December (Avg. – 1973-2012)

107.5

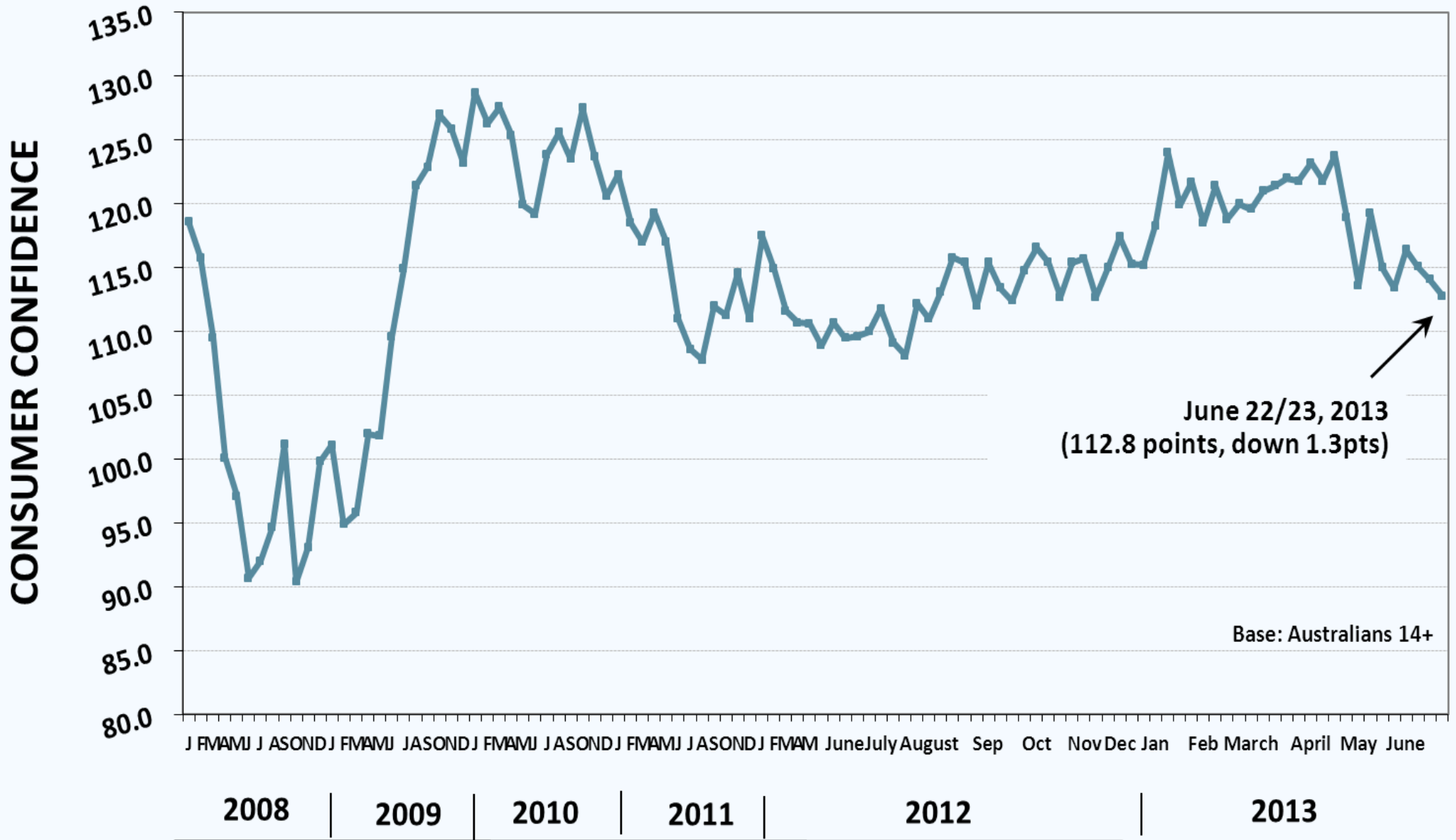
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence 2013 Average: 119.0

Monthly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Average (1973 – September 2008): 107.4

Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Average (October 2008 – 2013): 115.0

Overall Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Average (1973 – 2013): 108.6

ROY MORGAN WEEKLY CONSUMER CONFIDENCE RATING



Results for the weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating* for the component questions (2013: April – June) are as follows:

	2013												
	Apr 6/7	Apr 13/14	Apr 20/21	Apr 27/28	May 4/5	May 11/12	May 18/19	May 25/26	June 1/2	June 8/9	June 15/16	June 22/23	
Interviews	1,023	1,000	1,016	1,006	1,037	1,001	1,060	1,013	1,000	1,022	1,016	1,050	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	32	33	33	30	29	33	30	29	34	29	29	31
	Worse off	27	27	24	26	29	26	29	30	27	31	31	28
Question 1 difference		5	6	9	4	0	7	1	-1	7	-2	-2	3
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	43	43	43	42	36	42	41	41	40	38	41	40
	Worse off	13	14	11	14	13	13	14	16	15	16	17	14
Question 2 difference		30	29	32	28	23	29	27	25	25	22	24	26
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	36	34	37	33	26	32	28	25	28	27	29	24
	Bad Times	22	25	24	27	30	28	33	33	32	30	33	37
Question 3 difference		14	9	13	6	-4	4	-5	-8	-4	-3	-4	-13
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	37	37	38	34	30	33	34	34	31	35	34	33
	Bad times	17	17	17	19	20	19	22	22	21	17	25	22
Question 4 difference		20	20	21	15	10	14	12	12	10	18	9	11
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***													
	Good time to buy	60	59	58	57	56	57	58	56	58	57	60	56
	Bad time to buy	13	14	14	15	17	14	18	17	14	16	16	19
Question 5 difference		47	45	44	42	39	43	40	39	44	41	44	37
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating	123.2	121.8	123.8	118.9	113.6	119.3	115.0	113.4	116.4	115.1	114.1	112.8	

*The Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating is 100.0 plus the simple unweighted average of the difference between the percentage of respondents who give a favourable and those who give unfavourable answers to five key questions.

*** This question was asked slightly differently in 1994: "Describe your family's ability to buy major household items now compared with a year ago." Possible answers were: Much better; A little better; A little worse; Much worse.

Results for the weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating* for the component questions (**2013: January – March**) are as follows:

	2013													
	Jan 5/6	Jan 12/13	Jan 19/20	Jan 26/27	Feb 2/3	Feb 9/10	Feb 16/17	Feb 23/24	Mar 2/3	Mar 9/10	Mar 16/17	Mar 23/24	Mar 30/31	
Interviews	1,010	1,002	1,039	1,002	1,093	1,005	1,079	1,006	1,012	1,062	1,032	1,035	1,010	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?														
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	28	32	32	32	28	34	30	33	32	28	30	31	31
	Worse off	30	28	25	29	29	27	28	29	31	30	30	24	28
Question 1 difference		-2	4	7	3	-1	7	2	4	1	-2	0	7	3
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?														
	Better off	40	45	41	43	41	43	43	44	40	38	42	42	38
	Worse off	15	13	14	12	15	14	15	15	14	15	14	11	14
Question 2 difference		25	32	27	31	26	29	28	29	26	23	28	31	24
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?														
	Good Times	34	34	31	34	33	35	33	34	35	39	35	34	37
	Bad Times	26	25	28	25	25	29	27	26	25	22	23	25	21
Question 3 difference		8	9	3	9	8	6	6	8	10	17	12	9	16
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?														
	Good times	38	40	36	36	37	39	37	36	37	39	39	37	38
	Bad times	18	16	18	15	16	18	17	16	17	16	17	17	16
Question 4 difference		20	24	18	21	21	21	20	20	20	23	22	20	22
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***														
	Good time to buy	56	63	59	58	54	60	55	56	58	59	60	58	58
	Bad time to buy	16	12	15	14	16	16	17	17	17	14	15	15	14
Question 5 difference		40	51	44	44	38	44	38	39	41	45	45	43	44
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating		118.3	124.0	119.9	121.7	118.5	121.4	118.8	120.0	119.6	121.0	121.4	122.0	121.8

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** This question was asked slightly differently in 1994: "Describe your family's ability to buy major household items now compared with a year ago." Possible answers were: Much better; A little better; A little worse; Much worse.

Results for the weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating* for the component questions (2012: October – December) are as follows:

	2012											
	Oct 6/7	Oct 13/14	Oct 20/21	Oct 27/28	Nov 3/4	Nov 10/11	Nov 17/18	Nov 24/25	Dec 1/2	Dec 8/9	Dec 15/16	
Interviews	1,018	1,125	1,083	1,061	1,032	1,028	1,015	1,004	1,009	1,018	974	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?												
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	31	31	30	31	31	33	31	32	33	33	30
	Worse off	30	29	32	32	30	28	31	33	29	32	30
Question 1 difference		1	2	-2	-1	1	5	0	-1	4	1	0
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?												
	Better off	38	40	40	38	41	40	37	40	39	39	39
	Worse off	17	18	17	18	16	15	20	16	18	18	18
Question 2 difference		21	22	23	20	25	25	17	24	21	21	21
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?												
	Good Times	29	33	31	27	29	29	29	30	32	32	31
	Bad Times	30	29	29	33	29	30	31	31	28	32	31
Question 3 difference		-1	4	2	-6	0	-1	-2	-1	4	0	0
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?												
	Good times	34	35	36	34	34	33	31	35	35	34	35
	Bad times	21	20	20	22	20	20	23	21	18	22	18
Question 4 difference		13	15	16	12	14	13	8	14	17	12	17
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***												
	Good time to buy	56	58	56	57	57	55	57	58	56	59	56
	Bad time to buy	16	18	18	19	20	19	16	19	15	17	18
Question 5 difference		40	40	38	38	37	36	41	39	41	42	38
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating		114.8	116.6	115.4	112.7	115.4	115.7	112.7	115.0	117.4	115.3	115.2

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Results for the weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating* for the component questions (2012: July – September) are as follows:

	2012													
	June 30/ July 1	July 7/8	July 14/15	July 21/22	July 28/29	Aug 4/5	Aug 11/12	Aug 18/19	Sep 1/2	Sep 8/9	Sep 15/16	Sep 22/23	Sep 29/30	
Interviews	1,082	1,115	1,113	1,088	1,114	1,062	1,051	1,136	1,009	1,024	1,061	1,050	936	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?														
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	28	29	30	29	30	29	27	30	34	29	33	34	33
	Worse off	34	33	33	36	28	31	33	32	27	28	28	29	30
Question 1 difference		-6	-4	-3	-7	2	-2	-6	-2	7	1	5	5	3
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?														
	Better off	34	37	35	34	38	38	35	39	40	40	42	39	38
	Worse off	26	22	25	25	19	21	20	19	17	16	18	18	19
Question 2 difference		8	15	10	9	19	17	15	20	23	24	24	21	19
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?														
	Good Times	30	30	27	27	28	31	32	33	30	26	31	29	29
	Bad Times	35	33	34	38	34	33	31	28	32	34	32	33	36
Question 3 difference		-5	-3	-7	-11	-6	-2	1	5	-2	-8	-1	-4	-7
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?														
	Good times	33	35	33	36	31	32	34	38	34	31	34	33	33
	Bad times	22	22	24	21	23	21	20	20	24	21	24	24	22
Question 4 difference		11	13	9	15	8	11	14	18	10	10	10	9	11
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***														
	Good time to buy	58	57	56	55	56	51	58	55	55	51	56	55	55
	Bad time to buy	17	19	19	20	18	20	17	17	16	18	17	19	19
Question 5 difference		41	38	37	35	38	31	41	38	39	33	39	36	36
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating	110.0	111.8	109.1	108.1	112.2	111.0	113.1	115.8	115.4	112.0	115.4	113.4	112.4	

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Results for the weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating* for the component questions (2012: April – June) are as follows:

	2012												
	Mar 31/ Apr 1	Apr 7/8	Apr 14/15	Apr 21/22	May 5/6	May 12/13	May 19/20	May 26/27	June 2/3	June 9/10	June 16/17	June 23/24	
Interviews	1,137	998	1,204	1,141	1,205	1,038	1,085	1,098	1,155	1,035	1,222	1,071	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	28	28	28	30	29	30	29	28	27	29	28	26
	Worse off	34	34	32	31	33	27	31	34	33	30	36	33
Question 1 difference		-6	-6	-4	-1	-4	3	-2	-6	-6	-1	-8	-7
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	37	38	37	38	37	38	35	36	34	37	37	34
	Worse off	22	19	21	21	21	17	25	24	24	20	26	22
Question 2 difference		15	19	16	17	16	21	10	12	10	17	11	12
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	29	28	30	33	27	33	28	27	26	28	29	27
	Bad Times	36	35	33	32	37	31	36	35	39	34	37	32
Question 3 difference		-7	-7	-3	1	-10	2	-8	-8	-13	-6	-8	-5
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	32	33	33	36	35	35	32	32	33	33	33	33
	Bad times	24	23	21	23	22	18	24	23	22	21	21	21
Question 4 difference		8	10	12	13	13	17	8	9	11	12	12	12
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***													
	Good time to buy	54	53	57	54	57	55	53	54	60	53	59	56
	Bad time to buy	20	19	20	22	20	19	20	20	18	21	19	20
Question 5 difference		34	34	37	32	37	36	33	34	42	32	40	36
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating		108.7	110.0	111.7	112.4	110.3	115.7	108.2	108.3	108.9	110.7	109.5	109.6

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Results for the weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating* for the component questions (2012: January – March) are as follows:

	2012												
	Jan 7/8	Jan 14/15	Jan 21/22	Jan 28/29	Feb 4/5	Feb 11/12	Feb 18/19	Feb 25/26	Mar 3/4	Mar 10/11	Mar 17/18	Mar 24/25	
Interviews	1,259	1,113	1,151	1,145	1,253	1,161	1,215	1,166	1,052	1,161	1,148	1,166	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	33	31	32	32	31	31	31	27	29	31	26	28
	Worse off	29	30	28	32	29	28	31	30	34	28	34	33
Question 1 difference		4	1	4	0	2	3	0	-3	-5	3	-8	-5
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	42	39	42	40	37	39	37	37	37	40	35	38
	Worse off	18	18	18	17	18	18	19	17	22	18	20	22
Question 2 difference		24	21	24	23	19	21	18	20	15	22	15	16
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	33	32	30	30	32	31	32	31	30	32	30	30
	Bad Times	31	29	34	32	28	31	34	33	35	32	34	36
Question 3 difference		2	3	-4	-2	4	0	-2	-2	-5	0	-4	-6
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	37	35	37	39	35	36	36	35	33	35	34	35
	Bad times	20	20	20	20	19	20	25	20	22	19	24	21
Question 4 difference		17	15	17	19	16	16	11	15	11	16	10	14
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?*													
	Good time to buy	63	59	61	62	60	57	58	56	57	55	56	55
	Bad time to buy	15	16	16	17	16	18	18	19	22	18	21	20
Question 5 difference		48	43	45	45	44	39	40	37	35	37	35	35
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating		119.0	116.6	117.3	117.0	117.0	115.7	113.4	113.5	110.3	115.6	109.7	110.6

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	2011												
	Oct 1/2	Oct 8/9	Oct 15/16	Oct 22/23	Oct 29/30	Nov 5/6	Nov 12/13	Nov 19/20	Nov 26/27	Dec 3/4	Dec 10/11	Dec 17/18	
Interviews	1,802	1,113	932	1,137	1,018	1,049	1,077	1,018	1,088	1,149	1,217	1,118	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the past year	Better off	28	27	30	31	31	33	31	31	29	30	32	27
	Worse off	33	32	31	30	31	29	31	32	33	32	33	34
Question 1 difference		-5	-5	-1	1	0	4	0	-1	-4	-2	-1	-7
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	33	35	37	37	38	36	36	35	35	40	39	36
	Worse off	22	18	21	19	21	17	20	23	23	20	20	20
Question 2 difference		11	17	16	18	17	19	16	12	12	20	19	16
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	30	29	32	32	36	33	32	34	28	29	31	30
	Bad Times	38	34	35	33	28	28	35	33	37	34	33	36
Question 3 difference		-8	-5	-3	-1	8	5	-3	1	-9	-5	-2	-6
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	35	33	37	38	36	33	36	38	34	33	38	34
	Bad times	22	21	22	19	17	22	23	21	24	24	22	24
Question 4 difference		13	12	15	19	19	11	13	17	10	9	16	10
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?*													
	Good time to buy	53	52	54	55	58	60	55	56	59	55	56	55
	Bad time to buy	21	20	21	19	18	17	21	20	20	21	21	20
Question 5 difference		32	32	33	36	40	43	34	36	39	34	35	35
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating		108.6	110.3	111.8	114.7	116.8	116.4	112.1	113.1	109.7	111.2	113.4	109.6

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Results for the weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating* for the component questions (2011: July – September) are as follows:

	2011												
	July 2/3	July 9/10	July 16/17	July 23/24	July 30/31	Aug 6/7	Aug 13/14	Aug 20/21	Aug 27/28	Sep 3/4	Sep 10/11	Sep 17/18	
Interviews	1,276	1,044	1,023	1,042	995	936	856	1,007	1,052	1,117	1,151	1,174	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	27	28	24	27	27	28	27	29	30	31	29	28
	Worse off	37	33	34	34	35	33	33	34	32	31	33	33
Question 1 difference		-10	-5	-10	-7	-8	-5	-6	-5	-2	0	-4	-5
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	34	36	31	33	31	35	34	33	35	38	35	34
	Worse off	25	22	25	24	27	21	23	24	23	17	21	20
Question 2 difference		9	14	6	9	4	14	11	9	12	21	14	14
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	27	29	29	29	29	25	24	29	30	30	31	29
	Bad Times	36	36	35	38	37	40	39	40	39	36	34	36
Question 3 difference		-9	-7	-6	-9	-8	-15	-15	-11	-9	-6	-3	-7
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	32	31	33	34	34	31	31	37	37	38	37	36
	Bad times	23	23	23	23	24	23	22	23	22	22	19	20
Question 4 difference		9	8	10	11	10	8	9	14	15	16	18	16
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***													
	Good time to buy	58	59	58	57	58	56	60	55	58	56	57	59
	Bad time to buy	18	17	18	20	18	18	20	22	21	21	19	18
Question 5 difference		40	42	40	37	40	38	40	33	37	35	38	41
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating		107.7	110.5	108.0	108.2	107.7	108.0	107.6	107.9	110.6	113.1	112.6	111.8

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	2011												
	Apr 2/3	Apr 9/10	Apr 16/17	Apr 23/24	Apr 30/ May 1	May 7/8	May 14/15	May 21/22	May 28/29	June 4/5	June 11/12	June 18/19	
Interviews	1,170	981	1,178	1,058	1,145	955	1,129	1,024	1,067	1,145	1,111	1,040	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	27	31	31	31	27	31	30	27	29	30	25	28
	Worse off	35	28	30	32	33	32	33	34	35	33	35	33
Question 1 difference		-8	3	1	-1	-6	-1	-3	-7	-6	-3	-10	-5
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	39	42	42	38	37	41	37	36	34	37	33	34
	Worse off	22	15	20	19	20	17	22	22	24	21	23	24
Question 2 difference		17	27	22	19	17	24	15	14	10	16	10	10
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	36	38	38	43	38	39	36	34	36	31	29	29
	Bad Times	27	25	27	25	28	28	27	28	30	33	33	38
Question 3 difference		9	13	11	18	10	11	9	6	6	-2	-4	-9
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	36	36	40	41	38	40	37	38	34	34	30	33
	Bad times	19	19	18	19	18	19	16	18	20	19	23	25
Question 4 difference		17	17	22	22	20	21	21	20	14	15	7	8
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***													
	Good time to buy	59	59	59	59	60	60	54	61	57	59	56	58
	Bad time to buy	16	15	15	14	15	16	17	16	18	16	18	17
Question 5 difference		43	44	44	45	45	44	37	45	39	43	38	41
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating		115.6	120.9	120.1	120.6	117.2	119.7	115.7	115.6	112.7	113.8	108.3	109.1

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	2011												
	Jan 8/9	Jan 15/16	Jan 22/23	Jan 29/30	Feb 5/6	Feb 12/13	Feb 19/20	Feb 26/27	Mar 5/6	Mar 12/13	Mar 19/20	Mar 26/27	
Interviews	910	1,094	978	1,048	1,100	1,031	1,221	988	1,110	1,121	1,033	1,078	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	30	33	32	29	29	31	30	27	27	30	28	29
	Worse off	28	26	29	29	28	26	29	31	33	30	31	33
Question 1 difference		2	7	3	0	1	5	1	-4	-6	0	-3	-4
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	39	42	43	40	41	44	40	34	39	40	37	41
	Worse off	16	12	16	18	16	14	17	22	19	17	18	19
Question 2 difference		23	30	27	22	25	30	23	12	20	23	19	22
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	39	35	37	37	33	36	39	35	36	37	35	37
	Bad Times	22	29	28	28	31	26	25	30	30	26	26	28
Question 3 difference		17	6	9	9	2	10	14	5	6	11	9	9
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	40	42	40	42	40	40	40	37	37	40	39	41
	Bad times	16	16	18	15	18	15	16	18	20	18	17	20
Question 4 difference		24	26	22	27	22	25	24	19	17	22	22	21
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?*													
	Good time to buy	65	60	59	60	57	57	58	55	57	56	54	56
	Bad time to buy	10	14	15	14	18	18	16	18	16	18	20	16
Question 5 difference		55	46	44	46	39	39	42	37	41	38	34	40
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating		124.3	123.1	121.2	120.7	117.7	121.9	120.6	114.0	115.5	118.8	116.2	117.6

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	2010												
	Oct 2/3	Oct 9/10	Oct 16/17	Oct 23/24	Oct 30/31	Nov 6/7	Nov 13/14	Nov 20/21	Nov 27/28	Dec 4/5	Dec 11/12	Dec 18/19	
Interviews	944	1,067	1,052	1,078	1,093	1,136	1,111	1,069	1,065	1,015	1,114	991	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	32	35	33	34	31	32	30	29	29	31	30	30
	Worse off	28	25	28	24	26	26	31	28	33	27	30	31
Question 1 difference		4	10	5	10	5	6	-1	1	-4	4	0	-1
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	38	43	41	43	38	43	40	40	37	38	38	41
	Worse off	17	15	17	15	15	15	15	16	17	13	15	15
Question 2 difference		21	28	24	28	23	28	25	24	20	25	23	26
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	40	48	47	46	48	42	38	38	40	36	41	41
	Bad Times	20	14	18	17	18	20	22	22	23	22	22	21
Question 3 difference		20	34	29	29	30	22	16	16	17	14	19	20
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	40	41	44	46	46	43	36	40	41	38	38	38
	Bad times	14	12	14	14	14	14	19	17	17	18	17	16
Question 4 difference		26	29	30	32	32	29	17	23	24	20	21	22
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***													
	Good time to buy	59	59	64	63	63	59	54	64	61	58	52	59
	Bad time to buy	15	14	14	11	14	14	20	13	16	17	19	17
Question 5 difference		44	45	50	52	49	45	34	51	45	41	33	42
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating	122.9	129.2	127.7	130.1	127.8	126.0	118.2	122.9	120.6	120.9	119.3	121.8	

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	2010												
	July 3/4	July 10/11	July 17/18	July 24/25	July 31/ Aug 1	Aug 7/8	Aug 14/15	Aug 21/22	Aug 28/29	Sep 4/5	Sep 11/12	Sep 18/19	
Interviews	1,385	934	1,055	989	1,152	1,097	1,141	973	1,152	916	1,065	1,084	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	28	29	28	30	30	34	31	31	33	28	33	29
	Worse off	30	30	33	29	32	25	27	30	25	28	25	29
Question 1 difference		-2	-1	-5	1	-2	9	4	1	8	0	8	0
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	41	42	40	41	41	43	42	39	41	40	42	39
	Worse off	16	14	15	15	15	11	12	13	14	13	13	16
Question 2 difference		25	28	25	26	26	32	30	26	27	27	29	23
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	40	42	42	41	40	42	39	38	36	41	44	38
	Bad Times	19	17	18	18	17	14	18	16	18	17	20	20
Question 3 difference		21	25	24	23	23	28	21	22	18	24	24	18
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	44	45	44	41	45	45	42	46	40	42	46	38
	Bad times	12	12	11	12	11	10	12	10	12	13	12	14
Question 4 difference		32	33	33	29	34	35	30	36	28	29	34	24
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***													
	Good time to buy	56	58	57	58	58	58	55	55	52	53	53	56
	Bad time to buy	19	14	19	16	18	16	17	17	16	17	17	14
Question 5 difference		37	44	38	42	40	42	38	38	36	36	36	42
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating	122.5	125.9	123.0	124.1	124.2	129.0	124.6	124.6	123.3	123.0	126.3	121.4	

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Results for the weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating* for the component questions (2010: April – June) are as follows:

	2010												
	Apr 3/4	Apr 10/11	Apr 17/18	Apr 24/25	May 1/2	May 8/9	May 15/16	May 22/23	May 29/30	June 5/6	June 12/13	June 19/20	
Interviews	1,217	1,105	1,150	1,082	1,117	957	1,051	1,058	985	1,064	948	1,042	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	30	29	29	32	31	30	30	29	27	29	26	30
	Worse off	29	30	29	28	29	31	32	31	34	29	35	28
Question 1 difference	1	-1	0	4	2	-1	-2	-2	-7	0	-9	2	
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	43	46	41	44	41	41	44	38	40	40	37	41
	Worse off	12	14	19	17	15	17	15	18	18	14	17	15
Question 2 difference	31	32	22	27	26	24	29	20	22	26	20	26	
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	48	44	45	48	45	33	42	36	35	35	34	38
	Bad Times	16	17	19	17	22	23	22	28	25	24	22	20
Question 3 difference	32	27	26	31	23	10	20	8	10	11	12	18	
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	45	44	45	46	44	41	46	40	39	39	41	41
	Bad times	13	13	16	13	15	15	12	17	15	15	13	11
Question 4 difference	32	31	29	33	29	26	34	23	24	24	28	30	
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***													
	Good time to buy	56	52	56	57	54	51	54	48	55	54	56	58
	Bad time to buy	17	18	19	16	16	21	19	22	21	20	18	17
Question 5 difference	39	34	37	41	38	30	35	26	34	34	38	41	
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating	127.0	124.4	123.0	127.0	123.5	117.8	123.2	115.1	116.5	119.0	117.6	123.6	

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Results for the weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating* for the component questions (2010: January – March) are as follows:

	2010												
	Jan 2/3	Jan 9/10	Jan 16/17	Jan 23/24	Jan 30/31	Feb 6/7	Feb 13/14	Feb 20/21	Feb 27/28	Mar 6/7	Mar 13/14	Mar 20/21	
Interviews	993	1,081	1,069	1,021	1,079	1,056	1,103	1,078	1,193	1,136	1,064	1,013	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	32	32	29	27	32	30	28	29	31	32	27	30
	Worse off	28	31	28	28	26	29	32	33	28	27	30	29
Question 1 difference		4	1	1	-1	6	1	-4	-4	3	5	-3	1
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	47	46	44	47	43	44	44	42	48	46	43	45
	Worse off	13	13	13	12	14	11	14	16	14	14	15	15
Question 2 difference		34	33	31	35	29	33	30	26	34	32	28	30
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	47	47	50	49	45	43	45	47	49	47	47	47
	Bad Times	17	16	14	18	15	14	18	18	16	17	15	15
Question 3 difference		30	31	36	31	30	29	27	29	33	30	32	32
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	48	48	48	50	49	47	47	48	51	47	46	49
	Bad times	13	11	12	13	11	10	13	13	12	12	12	10
Question 4 difference		35	37	36	37	38	37	34	35	39	35	34	39
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***													
	Good time to buy	56	58	59	57	55	54	54	54	56	56	53	54
	Bad time to buy	19	16	14	19	18	13	18	17	17	18	17	19
Question 5 difference		37	42	45	38	37	41	36	37	39	38	36	35
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating		127.8	128.9	130.0	128.2	127.9	128.1	124.6	124.7	129.5	128.1	125.4	127.5

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Results for the weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating* for the component questions (2009: October – December) are as follows:

	2009												
	Oct 3/4	Oct 10/11	Oct 17/18	Oct 24/25	Oct 31/ Nov 1	Nov 7/8	Nov 14/15	Nov 21/22	Nov 28/29	Dec 5/6	Dec 12/13	Dec 19/20	
Interviews	1,334	997	1,132	1,026	1,130	1,028	1,196	1,086	1,122	1,040	1,133	975	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	30	29	30	30	27	26	29	29	28	31	28	27
	Worse off	29	32	28	30	29	28	30	31	32	27	31	33
Question 1 difference	1	3	2	0	-2	-2	-1	-2	-4	4	-3	-6	
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	47	48	44	39	43	42	42	43	41	43	40	43
	Worse off	11	11	10	15	12	13	14	14	15	13	16	15
Question 2 difference	36	37	34	24	31	29	28	29	26	30	24	28	
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	48	45	44	47	49	46	46	45	44	44	43	40
	Bad Times	17	17	17	18	16	18	19	17	19	17	21	21
Question 3 difference	31	28	27	29	33	28	27	28	25	27	22	19	
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	52	49	48	50	49	48	49	48	47	51	47	42
	Bad times	12	12	11	12	10	13	12	11	13	11	13	13
Question 4 difference	40	37	37	38	39	35	37	37	34	40	34	29	
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***													
	Good time to buy	50	53	56	53	57	53	53	54	55	54	54	52
	Bad time to buy	21	17	21	17	18	17	20	19	21	20	19	20
Question 5 difference	29	36	35	36	39	36	33	35	34	34	35	32	
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating	127.3	128.2	127.1	125.5	128.0	125.2	124.8	125.6	123.2	126.8	122.4	120.4	

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Results for the weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating* for the component questions (2009: July – September) are as follows:

	2009												
	July 4/5	July 11/12	July 18/19	July 25/26	Aug 1/2	Aug 8/9	Aug 15/16	Aug 22/23	Aug 29/30	Sep 5/6	Sep 12/13	Sep 19/20	
Interviews	1,466	1,018	1,130	1,008	1,155	1,050	1,045	1,035	1,050	928	1,095	1,041	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	26	27	25	25	25	30	29	27	30	29	30	29
	Worse off	38	34	35	33	33	31	29	31	33	30	31	30
Question 1 difference		-12	-7	-10	-8	-8	-1	0	-4	-3	-1	-1	-1
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	42	40	41	43	41	46	43	42	42	44	41	42
	Worse off	16	13	15	13	13	10	11	13	13	12	13	12
Question 2 difference		26	27	26	30	28	36	32	29	29	32	28	30
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	29	25	28	31	32	36	39	40	40	43	39	43
	Bad Times	34	31	30	29	24	23	23	22	24	20	20	19
Question 3 difference		-5	-6	-2	2	8	13	16	18	16	23	19	24
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	47	43	45	46	44	50	51	55	52	46	48	50
	Bad times	15	15	13	13	13	11	12	10	12	11	12	10
Question 4 difference		32	28	32	33	31	39	39	45	40	35	36	40
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***													
	Good time to buy	52	51	49	54	47	49	51	51	52	50	48	50
	Bad time to buy	24	23	24	22	24	21	24	21	24	22	23	18
Question 5 difference		28	28	25	32	23	28	27	30	28	28	25	32
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating		113.5	114.0	114.4	117.8	116.2	123.0	122.6	123.7	121.9	123.5	121.2	124.9

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	2009												
	Mar 28/29 & Apr 4/5	Apr 11/12	Apr 18/19	Apr 25/26	May 2/3	May 9/10	May 16/17	May 23/24	May 30/31	June 6/7	June 13/14	June 20/21	
Interviews	1,486	987	1,145	1,051	1,106	1,032	1,122	1,065	1,082	1,083	1,010	997	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	30	27	25	29	25	26	25	25	27	26	24	25
	Worse off	32	33	37	35	35	35	34	35	35	34	36	32
Question 1 difference		-2	-6	-12	-6	-10	-9	-9	-10	-8	-8	-12	-7
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	39	37	38	33	33	38	36	38	38	40	39	39
	Worse off	16	17	16	20	22	17	19	18	19	15	18	15
Question 2 difference		23	20	22	13	11	21	17	20	19	25	21	24
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	15	17	18	15	12	19	16	19	19	22	24	27
	Bad Times	55	52	50	53	58	46	51	45	48	34	43	31
Question 3 difference		-40	-35	-32	-38	-46	-27	-35	-26	-29	-12	-19	-4
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	35	37	39	35	35	39	36	39	38	40	47	44
	Bad times	21	17	18	21	21	19	22	19	20	16	18	13
Question 4 difference		14	20	21	14	14	20	14	20	18	24	29	31
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***													
	Good time to buy	46	45	44	45	46	46	47	45	49	49	51	50
	Bad time to buy	27	28	29	30	29	28	28	27	25	24	27	25
Question 5 difference		19	17	15	15	17	18	19	18	24	25	24	25
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating		102.6	103.4	102.6	99.6	97.3	104.5	101.2	104.2	104.7	110.8	108.8	113.9

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Results for the weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating* for the component questions (2009: January – March) are as follows:

	2009												
	Jan 3/4	Jan 10/11	Jan 17/18	Jan 24/25	Jan 31/ Feb 1	Feb 7/8	Feb 14/15	Feb 21/22	Feb 28/ Mar 1	Mar 7/8	Mar 14/15	Mar 21/22	
Interviews	981	1,053	1,023	1,129	927	993	916	1,145	1,016	1,133	1,046	1,042	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	28	33	29	26	26	30	25	26	25	28	26	27
	Worse off	31	32	34	37	37	36	37	37	37	34	37	36
Question 1 difference	-3	1	-5	-11	-11	-6	-12	-11	-12	-6	-11	-9	
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	36	42	36	32	36	37	32	34	33	34	32	32
	Worse off	20	17	19	25	21	21	21	21	22	19	23	21
Question 2 difference	16	25	17	7	15	16	11	13	11	15	9	11	
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	17	20	15	13	11	11	13	13	13	12	12	16
	Bad Times	48	47	51	61	60	62	54	54	59	57	60	56
Question 3 difference	-31	-27	-36	-48	-49	-51	-41	-41	-46	-45	-48	-40	
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	35	37	32	28	29	28	32	30	31	33	32	33
	Bad times	19	20	22	27	25	27	26	26	24	23	27	22
Question 4 difference	16	17	10	1	4	1	6	4	7	10	5	11	
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?*													
	Good time to buy	48	48	45	43	43	43	46	43	45	44	44	44
	Bad time to buy	25	29	26	33	35	32	30	30	30	31	31	31
Question 5 difference	23	19	19	10	8	11	16	13	15	13	13	13	
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating	104.1	107.2	101.1	92.0	93.4	94.1	96.2	95.8	95.2	97.3	93.5	97.2	

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	2008												
	Oct 4/5	Oct 11/12	Oct 18/19	Oct 25/26	Nov 1/2	Nov 8/9	Nov 15/16	Nov 22/23	Nov 29/30	Dec 6/7	Dec 13/14	Dec 20/21	
Interviews	1,183	981	1,064	1,072	1,060	1,100	1,045	989	1,140	1,109	1,016	988	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?													
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	25	26	27	25	26	28	23	26	27	27	29	31
	Worse off	38	41	37	42	40	36	37	37	36	36	35	34
Question 1 difference		-13	-15	-10	-17	-14	-8	-14	-11	-9	-9	-6	-3
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?													
	Better off	38	34	34	32	34	37	32	37	36	34	38	37
	Worse off	22	23	24	27	25	20	23	23	20	20	19	20
Question 2 difference		16	11	10	5	9	17	9	14	16	14	19	17
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?													
	Good Times	19	14	15	14	14	16	16	17	18	18	16	16
	Bad Times	44	49	48	54	51	49	50	49	47	46	46	48
Question 3 difference		-25	-35	-33	-40	-37	-33	-34	-32	-29	-28	-30	-32
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?													
	Good times	28	28	27	28	30	30	26	30	31	29	30	33
	Bad times	22	26	26	28	25	21	26	22	23	22	22	19
Question 4 difference		6	2	1	0	5	9	0	8	8	7	8	14
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***													
	Good time to buy	29	26	30	28	31	33	33	33	39	40	43	46
	Bad time to buy	40	43	45	40	43	39	37	37	36	33	34	26
Question 5 difference		-11	-17	-15	-12	-12	-6	-4	-4	3	7	9	20
Weekly Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating		94.2	89.5	90.7	87.3	90.3	95.8	91.2	94.9	97.8	98.4	99.9	103.0

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	2008										
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug 2/3	Aug 30/31	Sep	
Interviews	1,027	994	1,176	1,121	1,186	1,081	999	1,075	1,042	1,057	
Q1 Would you say you and your family are better off financially or worse off than you were at this time last year?											
Over the <u>past</u> year	Better off	33	35	30	29	28	22	28	25	27	28
	Worse off	25	25	30	34	35	45	40	43	39	39
Question 1 difference		8	10	0	-5	-7	-23	-12	-18	-12	-11
Q2 This time next year, do you and your family expect to be better off financially or worse off than you are now?											
	Better off	39	40	39	37	32	31	35	35	36	38
	Worse off	16	17	17	22	27	31	29	25	22	22
Question 2 difference		23	23	22	15	5	0	6	10	14	16
Q3 Thinking of economic conditions in Australia as a whole. In the next 12 months, do you expect we'll have good times financially, bad times or some good and some bad?											
	Good Times	38	36	32	25	26	22	19	18	24	25
	Bad Times	25	30	30	37	39	39	48	48	37	38
Question 3 difference		13	6	2	-12	-13	-17	-29	-30	-13	-13
Q4 Looking ahead, what would you say it is more likely, that in Australia as a whole, we'll have continuous good times during the next five years or so – or we'll have bad times – or some good and some bad?											
	Good times	35	37	33	29	29	26	26	25	31	30
	Bad times	18	20	20	24	26	26	33	28	23	21
Question 4 difference		17	17	13	5	3	0	-7	-3	8	9
Q5 Generally, do you think now is a good time – or a bad time – for people to buy major household items?***											
	Good time to buy	52	46	39	33	34	33	36	32	32	35
	Bad time to buy	20	23	29	35	35	38	32	40	32	30
Question 5 difference		32	23	10	-2	-1	-5	4	-8	0	5
Roy Morgan Consumer Confidence Rating		118.6	115.8	109.5	100.1	97.1	90.7	92	90.1	99.3	101.2

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