

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

Sample Size: 2125

Fieldwork: 28th August - 1st September 2008

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Compared with last year would you say you/ your family are...?

Much better off	2
Slightly better off	9
TOTAL BETTER OFF	11
About the same	24
Slightly worse off	39
Much worse off	26
TOTAL WORSE OFF	64
Not sure	1

Which of these statements best describes the current condition of Britain's economy?

Britain's economy is growing faster than last year	1
Britain's economy is growing at about the same rate it did last year	1
It is growing but more slowly than last year	6
It is neither growing nor contracting	22
Britain's economy is in recession - it is now contracting	64
Not sure	6

When do you think Britain's economy will recover to the point where it resumes growth at around its normal rate?

[N=2,091, excluding those that do not think Britain's economy is slowing down]

Within the next six months	1
Between six months and one year from now	9
Between one year and two years from now	50
It will not recover at any time within the next two years	28
Don't know	12

Thinking about the 'credit crunch' and the recent rise in inflation which if any of the following steps have you/ your family taken to cut back on spending? [Please tick all that apply]

Cut back on non-essential items such as meals out entertainment and family outings	54
Used my/ our car less to save petrol	39
Changed stores to save money (e.g. going to discount supermarkets)	32
Scrapped hopes/ plans to take a summer holiday this year	27
Postponed or cancelled one or more major purchases such as a new car TV computer or washing machine	27
Given up a car (or second car) to save money	5
Taken other steps to save money	41
Not taken any particular steps to save money	20

**And have you/ your family taken any of the following steps to make ends meet?
[Again please tick all that apply]**

Used up some of my savings	34
Saved less each month than I did before	30
Increased the amount I owe on my credit cards	14
Borrowed money/ increased borrowing (e.g. from my/ our bank or other lender)	11
I/ one of us has taken a job/ increased our hours in order to offset higher prices	10
Rescheduled my/ our mortgage to cut the monthly payments for now	3
Taken other steps in relation to my/ our finances to make ends meet	20
Not taken any particular financial steps to make ends meet	34

How concerned are you that you might lose your job because of Britain's current economic problems?

[N= 1,475, excluding those that do not have a job]

Very worried	8
Fairly worried	19
TOTAL WORRIED	26
Not very worried	36
Not at all worried	31
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	67
Not sure	6

Thinking about any mortgage(s) you/ your family may have which of these BEST applies to you/ your family?

[N=1,075, excluding those that do not have a mortgage]

I am confident I/ we shall continue to make my/ our monthly mortgage payments without difficulty	56
I am/ we are OK at the moment but worried that I/ we could get into difficulties in the next few months making my/ our mortgage payments	28
I/ we are currently struggling with my/ our mortgage payment	7
Not sure	9

Which would do a better job of tackling Britain's current economic problems?

The current Labour Government	14
A Conservative Government	30
There would not be much difference between them	45
Don't know	11