

Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index (BNCCI)

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Ontario confidence hits 12 month high – closes in on energy rich Prairies (September 19th, 2014)

The Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index (BCNNI) showed marginal positive movement this week but consumer sentiment in Ontario has hit a new 12 month high.

The BNCCI, a composite of a weekly measure of financial health and economic expectations, registered at 59.27 compared with last week's 58.76. The Bloomberg Nanos Pocketbook Index is based on survey responses to questions on personal finances and job security. This sub-index was at 60.07 this week compared to 59.69 the previous week. The Bloomberg Nanos Expectations Index, based on surveys for the outlook for the economy and real estate prices, was at 58.48 this week (compared to 57.83 last week).

The average for the BNCCI since 2008 has been 57.22, with a low of 43.28 in December 2008 and a high of 62.92 in December 2009. The index has averaged 58.88

this year.

"Of significant note consumer confidence in Ontario hit a new 12 month high and was comparable to the energy rich Prairie provinces," said Nanos Research Group Chairman Nik Nanos. "The usual five point confidence differential between Ontario and the Prairies is now less than one confidence index point."

"The willingness of Canadian households to increase their debt burden remains a concern for the Bank of Canada and appears to be reflective of the level and trend in consumer sentiment. The BoC's low-interest-rate policy has certainly accommodated the financing of rising house prices and consumer spending, which has climbed back to its long-term average growth rate," said Robert Lawrie, Bloomberg Economist.

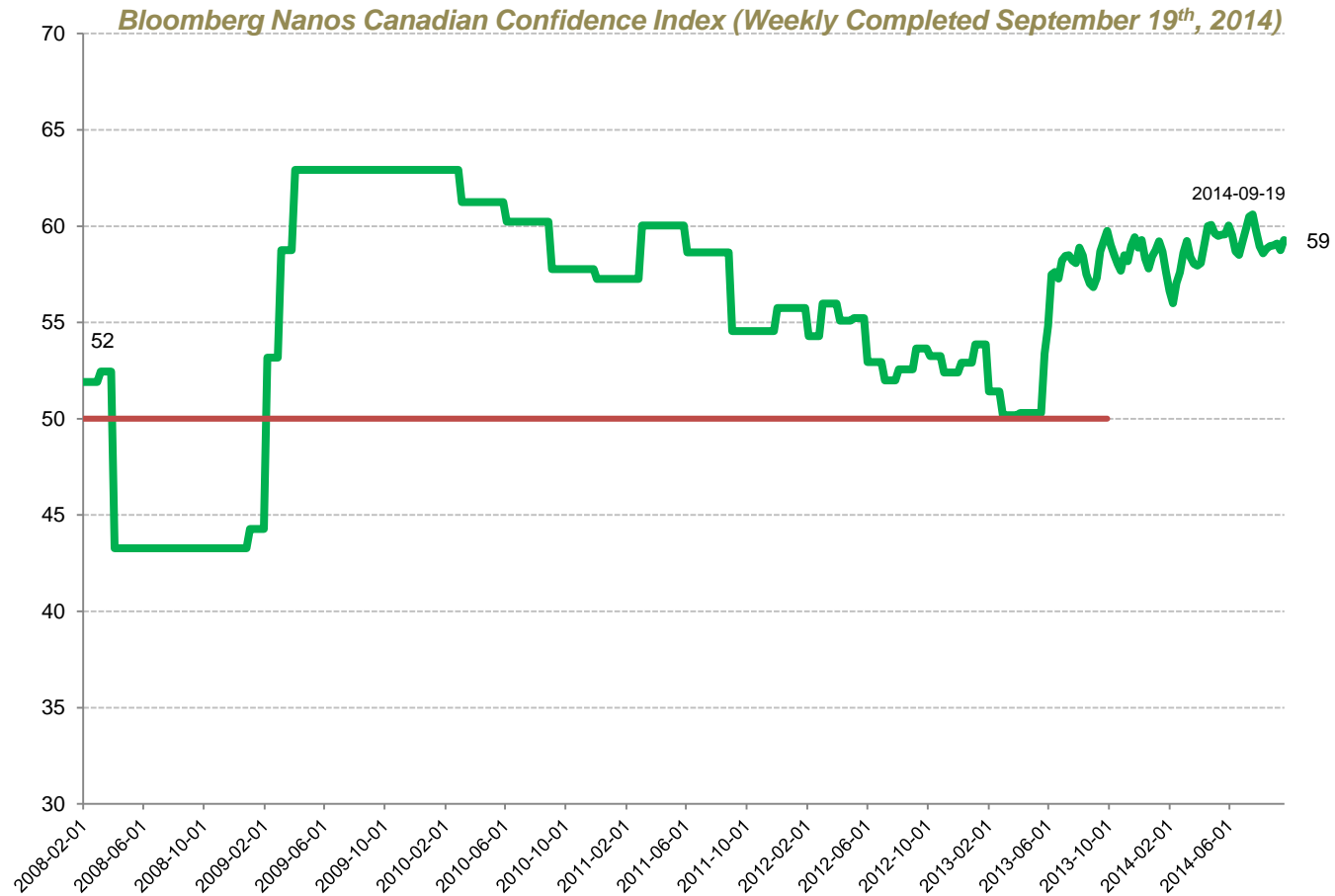
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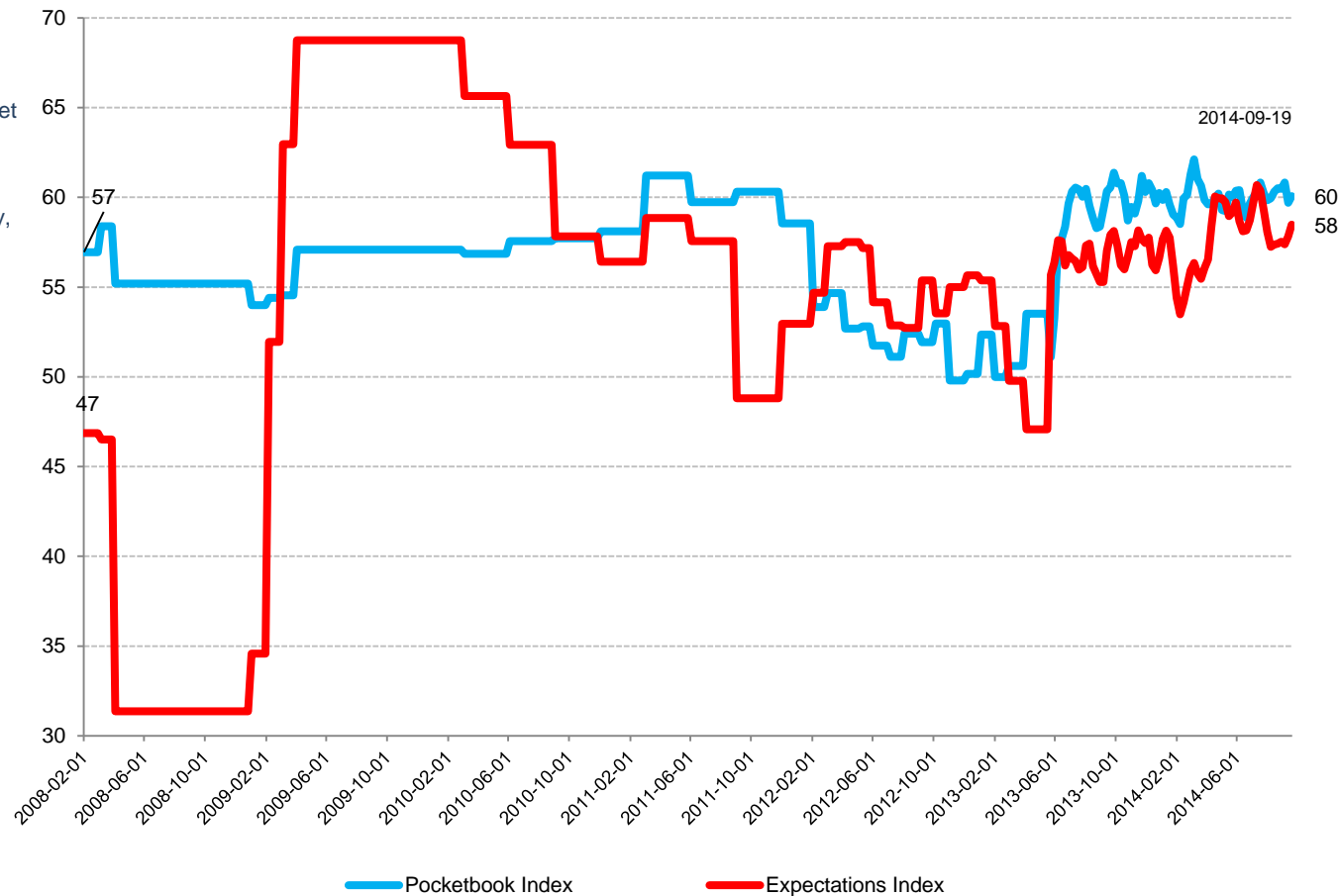
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The BNCCI Pocketbook and Expectations Sub-Indices are comprised of the views of 1,000 Canadians. A score of 50 on the diffusion index indicates that positive and negative views are a wash while scores above or below 50 suggest net positive or net negative views in terms of the economic mood of Canadians. The data for the Pocketbook Index is based on perceptions related to personal finances and job security, and the data for the Expectations Index is based on perceptions related to economic strength and real estate value.

Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Pocketbook and Expectations Indices (Weekly Completed September 19th, 2014)



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Data Summary for
September 19th, 2014*

	BNCCI	
This week	59.27	
Last week	58.76	
2014 high	60.60	July 18
2014 low	56.00	Feb 07
2014 average	58.88	
2008 average	49.21	Worst full year
2010 average	59.13	Best full year
Dec 31, 2008	43.28	Record low
Dec 31, 2009	62.92	Record high
Overall index average	57.22	

Individual Measures:

	This week	Last week	Average 2014	Average 2008-2014	
Positive ratings					
Personal finances	19.75	19.34	19.58	19.41	
Canadian economy	21.97	22.28	21.22	22.62	
Job security	68.77	68.79	66.91	65.14	
Real estate	41.15	38.01	40.34	36.78	
Full Ratings					
Personal finances	Better off 19.75	Worse off 26.61	No change 52.80	Don't know 0.84	
Canadian Economy	Stronger 21.97	Weaker 18.14	No change 54.81	Don't know 5.08	
Job security	Secure 48.83	Somewhat secure 19.94	Somewhat not secure 4.65	Not secure 6.49	Don't know 20.10
Real estate	Increase 41.15	Stay the same 45.77	Decrease 11.05	Don't know 2.03	

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		This Week	Last Week	4 Weeks Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago (Sept)	12 Month High	12 Month Low	12 Month Average
Canada									
	Economic Mood	59.27	58.76	58.97	58.51	59.23	60.60	56.00	58.82
	Pocketbook Index	60.07	59.69	60.52	58.86	60.55	62.11	58.51	60.08
	Expectations Index	58.48	57.83	57.42	58.15	57.91	60.69	53.48	57.56
Economic Mood by Demographic									
Region									
	Atlantic	55.19	54.71	52.31	53.58	54.86	58.68	50.66	53.78
	Quebec	54.60	53.90	56.21	58.02	57.02	59.15	53.59	56.44
	Ontario	62.06	60.92	59.54	57.90	57.80	62.06	54.50	59.14
	Prairies	62.87	63.74	65.52	63.73	66.55	68.46	61.00	64.44
	British Columbia	59.37	58.57	58.09	56.87	58.83	62.71	54.23	58.00
Age									
	18 to 29	61.45	61.11	61.79	63.01	64.88	66.96	57.68	62.59
	30 to 39	60.50	60.14	60.41	56.73	60.55	64.00	55.22	60.30
	40 to 49	58.17	58.47	56.79	58.25	57.93	61.81	56.03	58.37
	50 to 59	58.27	56.81	57.28	58.07	56.28	58.93	53.30	56.45
	60 plus	58.24	57.49	58.68	56.42	56.76	58.68	53.82	56.70
Income									
	\$0 to \$14,999	51.47	49.77	49.96	47.34	45.66	57.19	40.92	49.14
	\$15,000 to \$29,999	52.47	51.78	52.42	48.79	53.38	57.75	45.72	52.85
	\$30,000 to \$44,999	56.10	56.96	59.77	54.17	57.92	59.77	51.24	55.44
	\$45,000 to \$59,999	55.49	55.88	54.91	56.40	55.57	59.93	52.18	56.97
	\$60,000 to \$74,999	62.74	59.38	57.11	59.07	61.01	63.21	55.71	59.78
	\$75,000 or more	62.71	62.36	62.68	63.43	63.18	65.58	60.41	62.82
Home									
	Own	60.08	59.79	59.11	58.55	59.33	61.42	56.62	58.91
	Rent	54.77	53.99	58.76	57.85	59.17	61.98	53.88	58.09

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About the Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index

The Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index (BNCCI) is a weekly measurement of the economic mood of Canadians on the strength of the economy, job security, real estate in their neighbourhood, and their personal financial situation. It is a composite of those variables and has two sub indices: a Bloomberg Nanos Expectations Sub-index on forward views; and, Bloomberg Nanos Pocketbook Index on their personal economic situation. The longitudinal data on the index begins in 2008 and is a significant data source for decision-makers.

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Methodology

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The BNCCI is produced by the Nanos Research Corporation, headquartered in Canada, which operates in Canada and the United States. The data is based on random telephone interviews with 1,000 Canadian consumers (land- and cell-lines), using a four week rolling average of 250 respondents each week, 18 years of age and over. The random sample of 1,000 respondents may be weighted using the latest census information for Canada. The interviews are compiled into a four week rolling average of 1,000 interviews where each week, the oldest group of 250 interviews is dropped and a new group of 250 interviews is added. The views of 1,000 respondents are compiled into a diffusion index from 0 to 100. A score of 50 on the diffusion index indicates that positive and negative views are a wash while scores above 50 suggest net positive views, while those below 50 suggest net negative views in terms of the economic mood of Canadians.

A random telephone survey of 1,000 consumers in Canada is accurate 3.1 percentage points, plus or minus, 19 times out of 20. This report is based on the four waves of tracking ending September 19th, 2014.

The following questions are used for the index calculations:

- Thinking of your personal finances, are you better off, worse off, or has there been no change over the past year? (Overall Confidence Index and Pocketbook Sub-Index)
- Would you describe your job, at this time, as secure, somewhat secure, somewhat not secure, or not at all secure? (Overall Confidence Index and Pocketbook Sub-Index)
- In the next six months, do you think the Canadian economy will become stronger, weaker, or will there be no change? (Overall Confidence Index and Expectations Sub-Index)
- In the next six months, do you believe that the value of real estate in your neighbourhood will increase, stay the same or decrease? (Overall Confidence Index and Expectations Sub-Index)

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