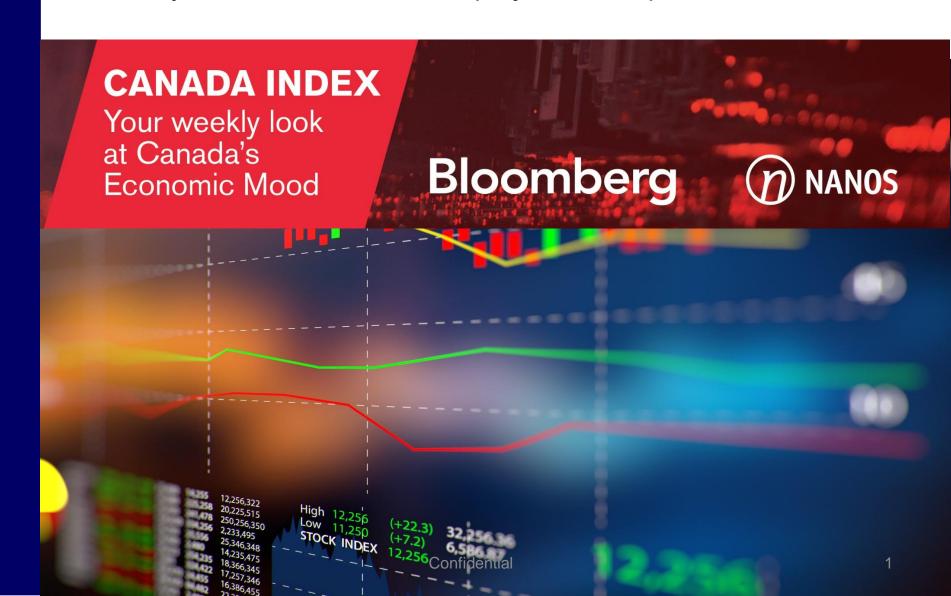
Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index (BNCCI)

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Year closes with increasingly negative views on the forward strength of the Canadian economy
(December 26th, 2014)

The Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index drop a full point in one week largely on continued negative views on the future strength of the Canadian economy.

The BNCCI, a composite of a weekly measure of financial health and economic expectations, registered at 55.09 compared with last week's 56.20. The twelve month high stands at 60.60. The Bloomberg Nanos Pocketbook Index is based on survey responses to questions on personal finances and job security. This sub-indice was at 60.25 this week compared to 60.81 the previous week. The Bloomberg Nanos Expectations Index, based on surveys for the outlook for the economy and real estate prices, was at 49.94 this week (compared to 51.59 last week).

The average for the BNCCI since 2008 has been 57.30, with a low of 43.28 in December 2008 and a high of 62.92 in December 2009. The index has averaged 58.60

this year.

"The forward looking Expectations Sub-indice dropped to its lowest level since May 2013," said Nanos Research Group Chairman Nik Nanos. "All regions in Canada registered negative pressure on consumer confidence over the past week."

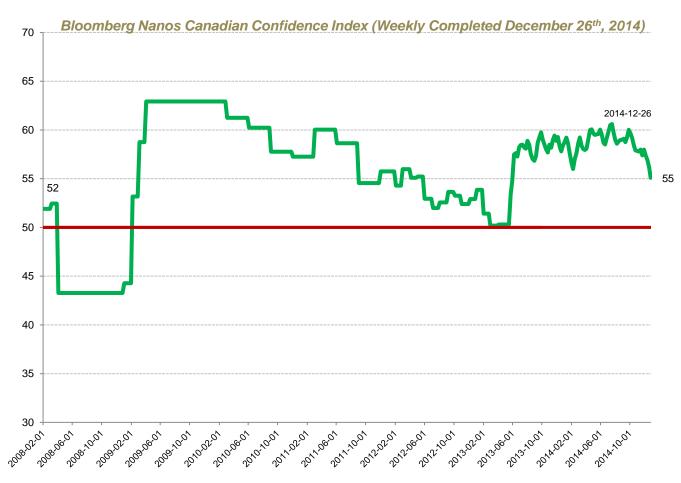
"," said Robert Lawrie, Bloomberg Economist.

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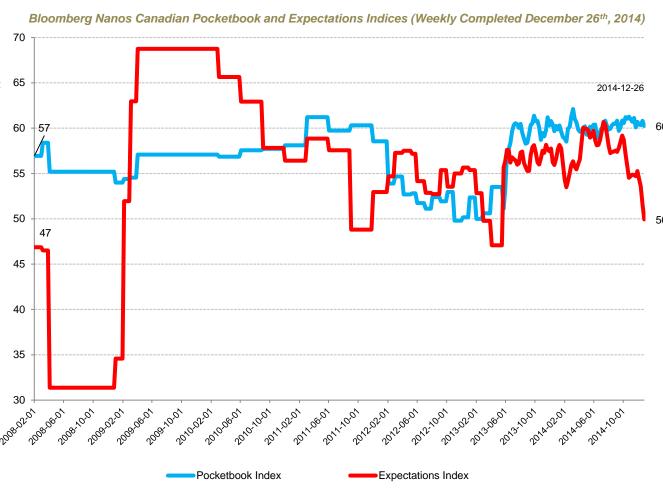


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The BNCCI Pocketbook and Expectations Sub-Indices are comprised of the views of 1,000 Canadians. A score of 50 on the diffusion index indicates that positive and negative views are a wash while scores above or below 50 suggest net positive or net negative 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.



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Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Consumer Confidence Index Data Summary for December 26th, 2014

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This week	55.09	
Last week	56.20	
2014 high	60.60	July 18
2014 low	55.09	Feb 07
2014 average	58.60	
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	57.30	

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Individual Measures:

			Average	Average	
Positive ratings	This week	Last week	2014	2008-2014	
Personal finances	19.50	20.42	19.60	19.44	
Canadian economy	15.21	15.50	20.27	22.02	
Job security	67.97	68.31	67.63	65.69	
Real estate	32.28	34.67	39.89	37.01	
Full Ratings	Better off	Worse off	No change	Don't know	
Personal finances	19.50	26.10	52.94	1.46	
	Stronger	Weaker	No change	Don't know	
Canadian Economy	15.21	33.29	43.68	7.83	
		Somewhat	Somewhat		
	Secure	secure	not secure	Not secure	Don't know
Job security	49.84	18.13	6.47	5.85	19.71
	Increase	Stay the same	Decrease	Don't know	
Real estate	32.28	50.30	14.43	2.98	
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		This Week	Last Week	4 Weeks Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago (Dec)	12 Month High	12 Month Low	12 Month Average
Canada									
	Economic Mood	55.09	56.20	57.99	60.01	58.43	60.60	55.09	58.60
	Pocketbook Index	60.25	60.81	60.71	60.84	60.24	62.11	58.51	60.22
	Expectations Index	49.94	51.59	55.27	59.19	56.62	60.69	49.94	56.98
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Region									
-	Atlantic	52.38	53.26	53.34	56.25	52.44	58.68	50.66	53.63
	Quebec	51.44	52.53	55.73	54.34	56.28	59.15	51.44	55.83
	Ontario	56.32	57.28	58.64	63.02	60.17	63.02	54.50	59.28
	Prairies	56.82	57.52	60.40	63.91	61.00	68.46	56.82	63.56
	British Columbia	58.19	60.29	60.29	60.66	59.09	62.71	54.23	58.49
Age	18 to 29	59.76	60.10	61.03	61.92	61.83	66.96	57.68	62.12
	30 to 39	58.40	60.27	59.85	63.48	59.54	64.00	55.22	60.33
	40 to 49	53.90	56.10	58.75	58.99	58.57	61.81	53.90	58.26
	50 to 59	52.33	52.56	55.69	58.26	56.34	58.93	52.33	56.34
	60 plus	51.83	52.78	55.11	58.11	56.17	58.68	51.83	56.32
Income									
	\$0 to \$14,999	47.31	49.69	57.65	46.44	50.23	57.65	45.69	50.34
	\$15,000 to \$29,999	51.00	49.27	48.62	51.91	53.53	57.75	45.72	52.08
	\$30,000 to \$44,999	54.46	50.79	54.83	57.87	55.57	59.77	50.79	55.00
	\$45,000 to \$59,999	53.86	54.58	56.77	58.94	58.42	59.93	52.18	56.63
	\$60,000 to \$74,999	54.00	55.92	56.44	62.32	57.57	63.21	54.00	59.40
	\$75,000 or more	57.82	60.52	61.32	63.91	61.92	65.58	57.82	62.54
Home									
	Own	55.57	56.47	58.14	60.79	58.39	61.42	55.57	58.80
	Rent	53.16	55.48	57.35	56.24	58.95	61.98	53.16	57.50

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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 December 26th, 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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