

Forward look on Canadian economy continues to be stalled

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Summary

The Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index continues to be mired in neutral. The forward view as measured by the Expectations Sub-indices is neither positive nor negative – suggesting that on a forward looking basis there is no growth.

The BNCCI, a composite of a weekly measure of financial health and economic expectations, registered at 55.44 compared with 54.96 four weeks ago. The twelve month high stands at 58.23.

The Bloomberg Nanos Pocketbook Index is based on survey responses to questions on personal finances and job security. This sub-index was at 60.95 this week compared to 60.32 four weeks

ago. The Bloomberg Nanos Expectations Index, based on surveys for the outlook for the economy and real estate prices, was at 49.93 this week (compared to 49.60 four weeks ago).

The average for the BNCCI since 2008 has been 56.85 with a low of 43.28 in December 2008 and a high of 62.92 in December 2009. The index has averaged 54.86 this year.

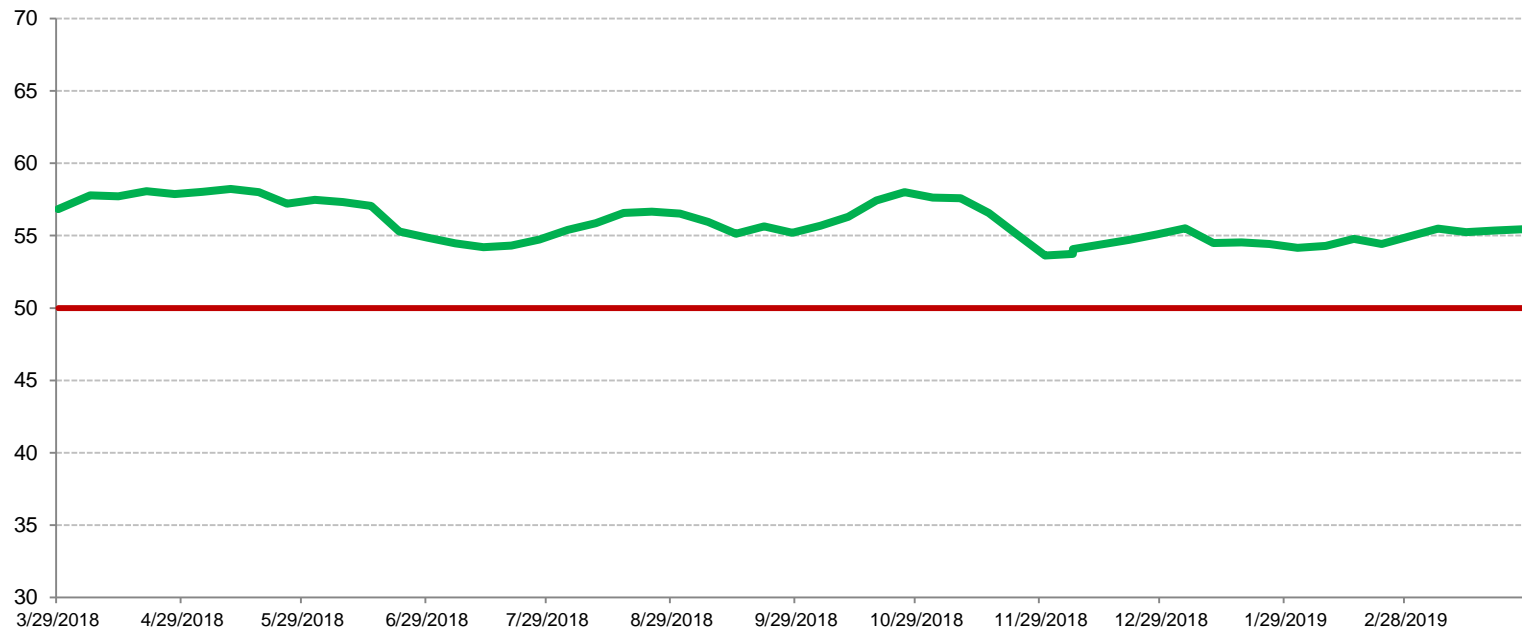
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ONE YEAR TREND LINE Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index (Weekly Completed March 29, 2019)



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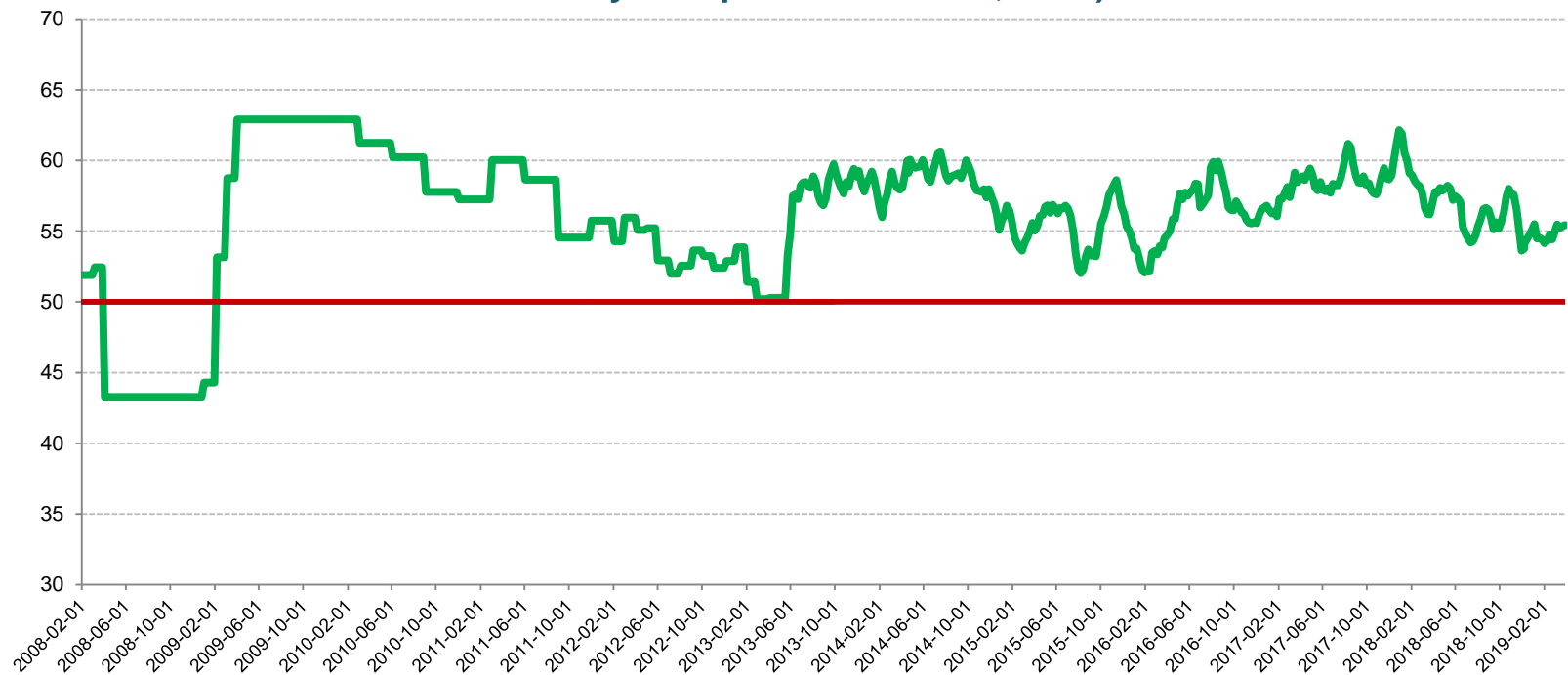
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LONGER TERM TREND LINE Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index (Weekly Completed March 29, 2019)



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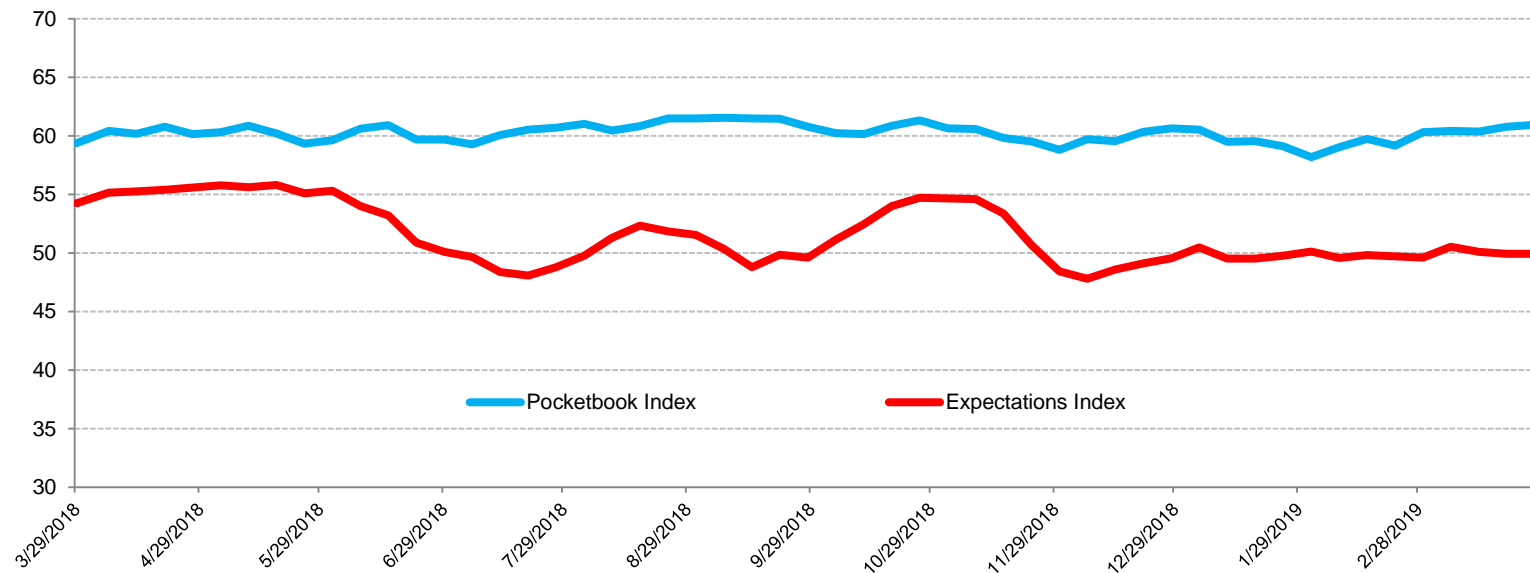
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ONE YEAR TREND *Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Pocketbook and Expectations Indices (Weekly Completed March 29, 2019)*



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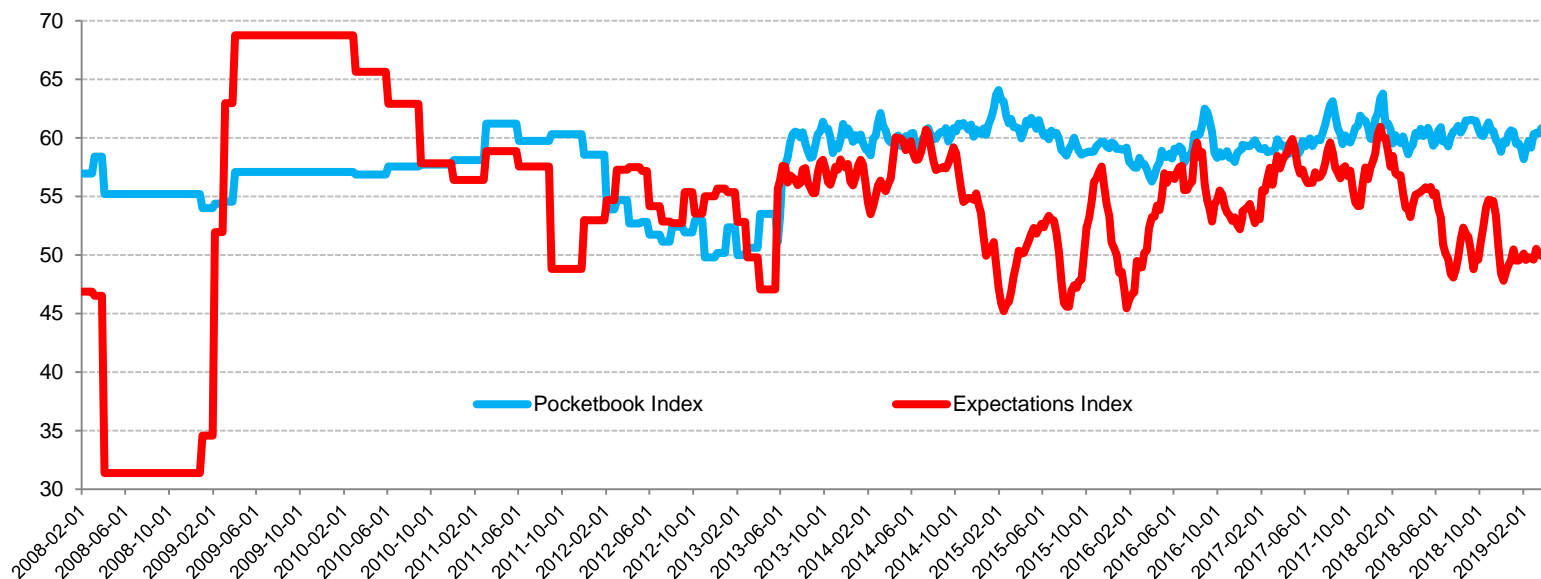
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Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Consumer Confidence Index Data Summary for March 29, 2019

| | BNCCI | |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| This week | 55.44 | |
| Last week | 55.36 | |
| 2019 high | 55.51 | Jan 4 |
| 2019 low | 54.15 | Feb 1 |
| 2019 average | 54.86 | |
| 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 | 56.85 | |

Individual Measures:

| | This week | Last week | 4 weeks ago | Average 2019 | Average 2008-2019 |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Positive ratings | | | | | |
| Personal finances | 22.54 | 19.39 | 18.35 | 19.39 | 18.49 |
| Canadian economy | 12.90 | 14.37 | 13.87 | 14.91 | 21.07 |
| Job security | 66.87 | 68.85 | 72.88 | 68.72 | 67.15 |
| Real estate | 37.57 | 37.72 | 37.10 | 37.70 | 37.89 |

| | Better off | Worse off | No change | Don't know |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Full Ratings | | | | |
| Personal finances | 22.54 | 26.23 | 49.13 | 2.10 |

| | Stronger | Weaker | No change | Don't know |
|------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Canadian Economy | 12.90 | 34.32 | 42.99 | 9.80 |

| | Secure | Somewhat secure | Somewhat not secure | Not secure | Don't know |
|--------------|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Job security | 50.04 | 16.83 | 4.81 | 6.30 | 22.02 |

| | Increase | Stay the same | Decrease | Don't know |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Real estate | 37.57 | 42.54 | 16.44 | 3.44 |

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| | | This Week | Last Week | 4 Weeks Ago | 3 Months Ago | 1 Year Ago | 12 Month High | 12 Month Low | 12 Month Average |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| Canada | Economic Mood | 55.44 | 55.36 | 54.96 | 55.09 | 56.83 | 58.23 | 53.62 | 55.87 |
| | Pocketbook Index | 60.95 | 60.78 | 60.32 | 60.64 | 59.39 | 61.55 | 58.18 | 60.24 |
| | Expectations Index | 49.93 | 49.94 | 49.60 | 49.54 | 54.27 | 55.81 | 47.81 | 51.50 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Economic Mood by Demographic | | | | | | | | | |
| Region | Atlantic | 55.67 | 55.94 | 51.74 | 53.91 | 52.26 | 57.36 | 50.39 | 53.89 |
| | Quebec | 62.03 | 62.10 | 59.77 | 63.17 | 62.98 | 64.18 | 58.06 | 60.99 |
| | Ontario | 56.76 | 56.28 | 57.03 | 55.80 | 56.14 | 59.96 | 54.76 | 56.81 |
| | Prairies | 47.64 | 47.75 | 48.20 | 49.11 | 49.99 | 53.90 | 41.54 | 48.71 |
| | British Columbia | 52.21 | 52.16 | 54.04 | 49.13 | 60.17 | 65.62 | 48.43 | 56.38 |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 61.57 | 61.02 | 58.60 | 61.49 | 59.55 | 64.83 | 55.85 | 61.10 |
| | 30 to 39 | 58.92 | 58.36 | 57.44 | 57.10 | 57.37 | 63.80 | 55.34 | 58.96 |
| | 40 to 49 | 53.56 | 54.58 | 53.94 | 55.58 | 55.71 | 58.15 | 51.44 | 55.30 |
| | 50 to 59 | 53.03 | 53.13 | 53.98 | 53.29 | 56.74 | 57.02 | 49.98 | 53.33 |
| | 60 plus | 51.81 | 51.47 | 52.16 | 50.06 | 55.34 | 55.83 | 48.63 | 52.38 |
| Income | | | | | | | | | |
| | \$0 to \$14,999 | 54.92 | 52.75 | 45.33 | 49.74 | 55.40 | 58.95 | 45.33 | 51.72 |
| | \$15,000 to \$29,999 | 53.12 | 54.23 | 50.22 | 55.10 | 54.81 | 58.76 | 47.68 | 54.06 |
| | \$30,000 to \$44,999 | 56.04 | 58.95 | 56.34 | 57.29 | 54.67 | 59.62 | 48.01 | 55.12 |
| | \$45,000 to \$59,999 | 54.18 | 51.44 | 56.02 | 54.93 | 55.83 | 61.16 | 51.05 | 55.71 |
| | \$60,000 to \$74,999 | 55.83 | 56.02 | 59.34 | 53.89 | 62.55 | 66.47 | 52.03 | 57.07 |
| | \$75,000 or more | 56.76 | 55.59 | 55.72 | 55.92 | 57.80 | 60.89 | 54.64 | 57.35 |
| Home | | | | | | | | | |
| | Own | 54.48 | 53.75 | 54.07 | 52.46 | 55.87 | 57.80 | 51.48 | 54.58 |
| | Rent | 57.27 | 58.34 | 57.31 | 60.09 | 58.85 | 61.90 | 54.92 | 58.52 |

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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 March 29, 2019.

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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Technical Note

| Element | Description | Element | Description |
|--|--|-------------------------|--|
| Organization who commissioned the research | Nanos Research | Weighting of Data | The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure |
| Final Sample Size | 1,000 Randomly selected individuals, four week rolling average of 250 interviews a week. | Screening | Screening ensured potential respondents did not work in the market research industry, in the advertising industry, in the media or a political party prior to administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data. |
| Margin of Error | ±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. | Excluded Demographics | Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line could not participate. |
| Mode of Survey | RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) telephone survey | Stratification | By age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically stratified to be representative of Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample. |
| Sampling Method Base | The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada. | Estimated Response Rate | Nine percent, consistent with industry norms. |
| Demographics (Captured) | Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older. Six digit postal code was used to validate geography. | Question Order | Question order in the preceding report reflects the order in which they appeared in the original questionnaire (party options were randomized in their introduction) |
| Demographics (Other) | Age, gender, education, income | Question Content | This was module two of an omnibus survey. Respondents were asked for their opinions the state of their personal finances, the Canadian economy, their perception of their job security and 6 month views of real estate in their neighbourhood. |
| Fieldwork/Validation | Live interviews with live supervision to validate work | Question Wording | The questions in the appended tabulations are written exactly as they were asked to individuals. |
| Number of Calls/ | Maximum of five call backs. | Survey Company | Nanos Research |
| Time of Calls | Local time 5:00-9:00 pm, on weekends 12:00- 6:00 pm | Contact | Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. http://www.nanosresearch.com Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 – Toll Free: (888) 737-5505 ext. 223. Email: info@nanosresearch.com. |
| Field Dates | Four week period March 29, 2019 | | |
| Language of Survey | The survey was conducted in both English and French. | | |
| Standards | This report meets the standards set forth by ESOMAR and AAPOR. | | |