

Four week downward pressure on Canadian consumer confidence driven by Ontario and western provinces

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Summary

Although the week over week tracking in the Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index continued, the four week comparison suggests downward pressure specifically driven by Ontario and Canada's western provinces.

The BNCCI, a composite of a weekly measure of financial health and economic expectations, registered at 55.09 compared with 57.01 four weeks ago. The twelve month high stands at 59.06.

The Bloomberg Nanos Pocketbook Index is based on survey responses to questions on personal finances and job security. This sub-index was at 57.33 this week compared to 59.80 four weeks

ago. The Bloomberg Nanos Expectations Index, based on surveys for the outlook for the economy and real estate prices, was at 52.84 this week compared to 51.97 four weeks ago).

The average for the BNCCI since 2008 has been 56.84 with a low of 43.28 in December 2008 and a high of 62.92 in December 2009. The index has averaged 56.24 this year.

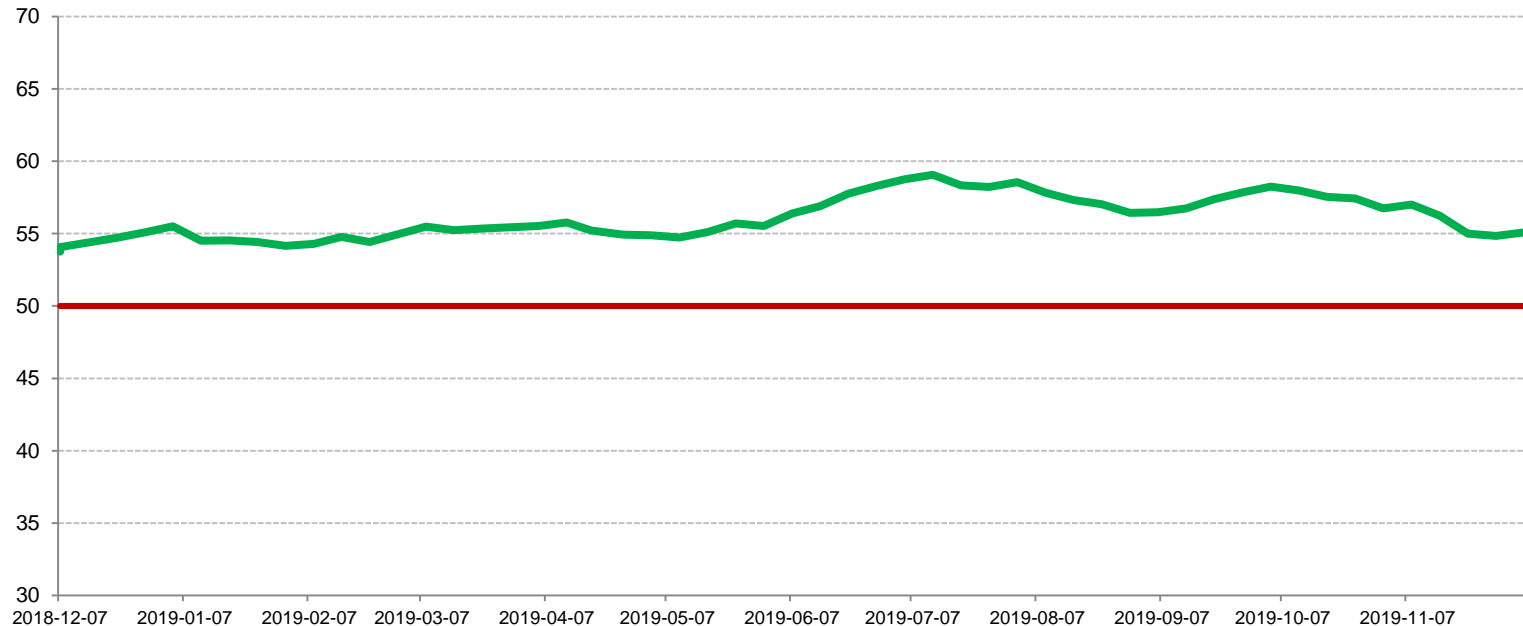
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ONE YEAR TREND LINE Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index Weekly Completed December 6, 2019)



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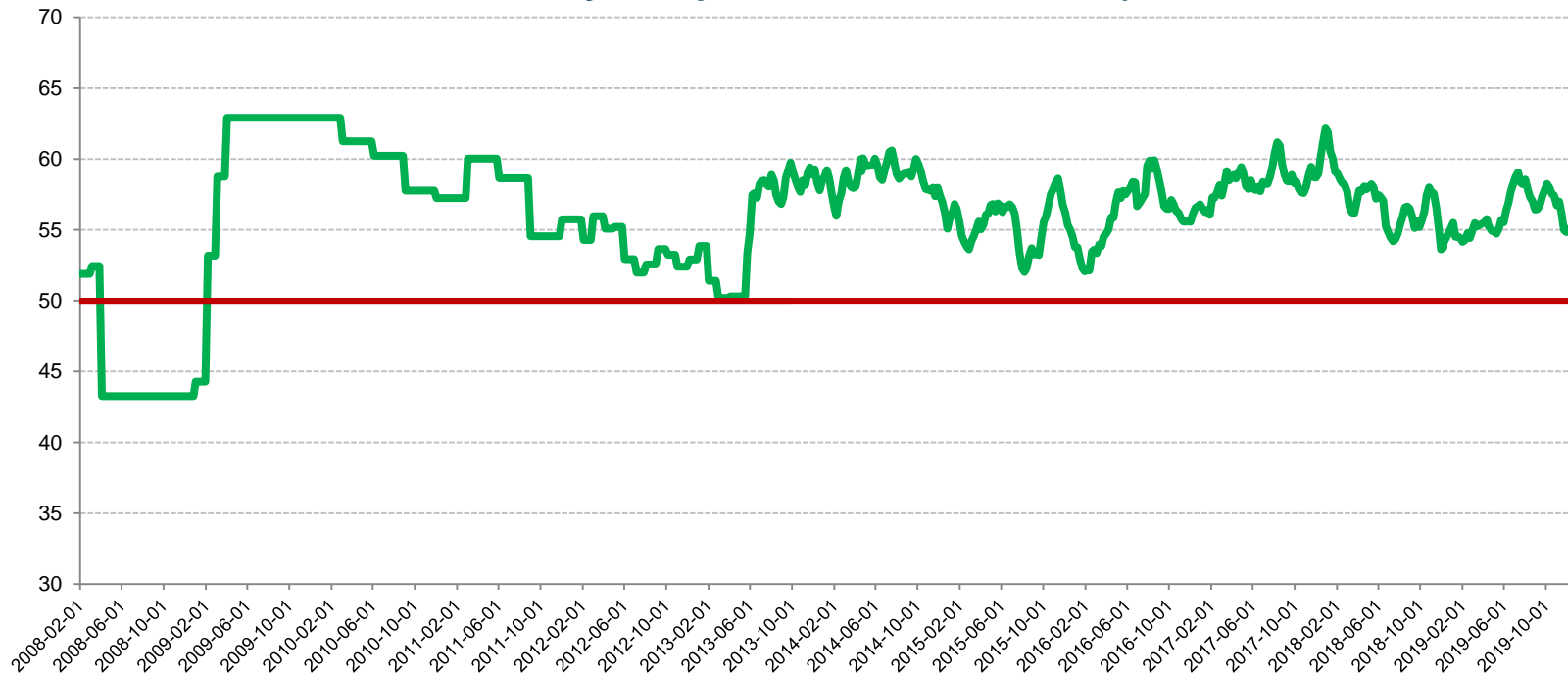
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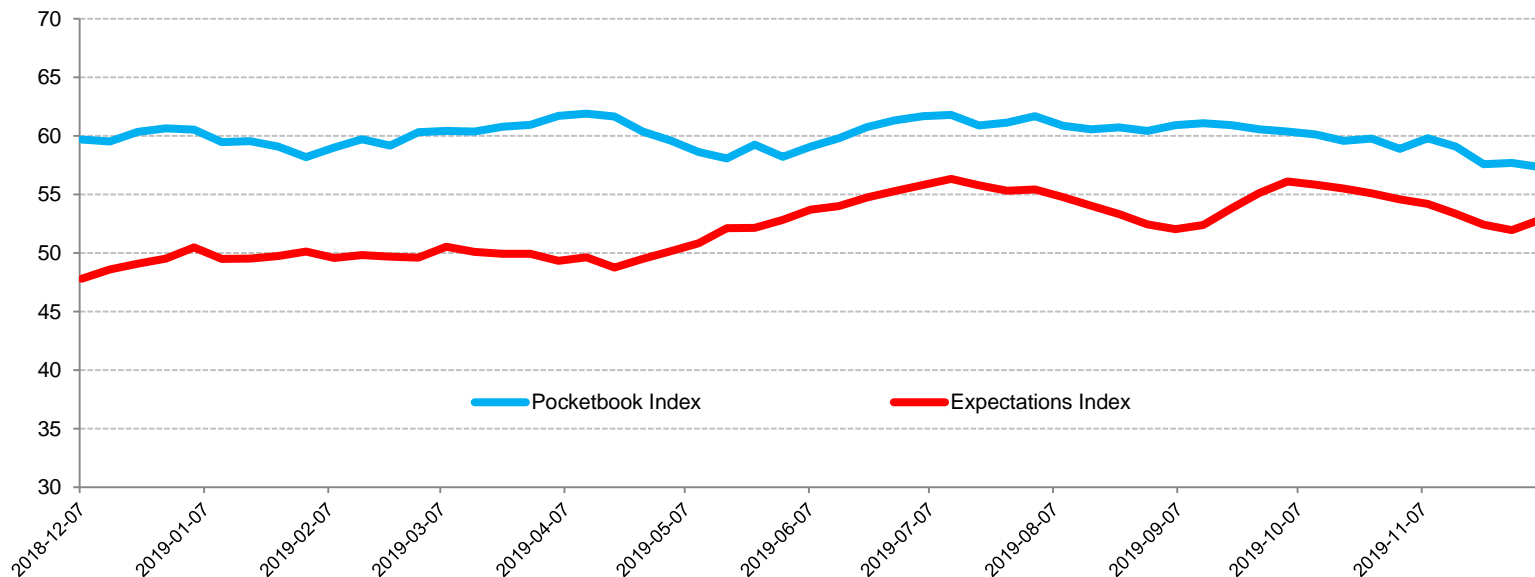
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ONE YEAR TREND *Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Pocketbook and Expectations Indices (Weekly Completed December 6, 2019)*



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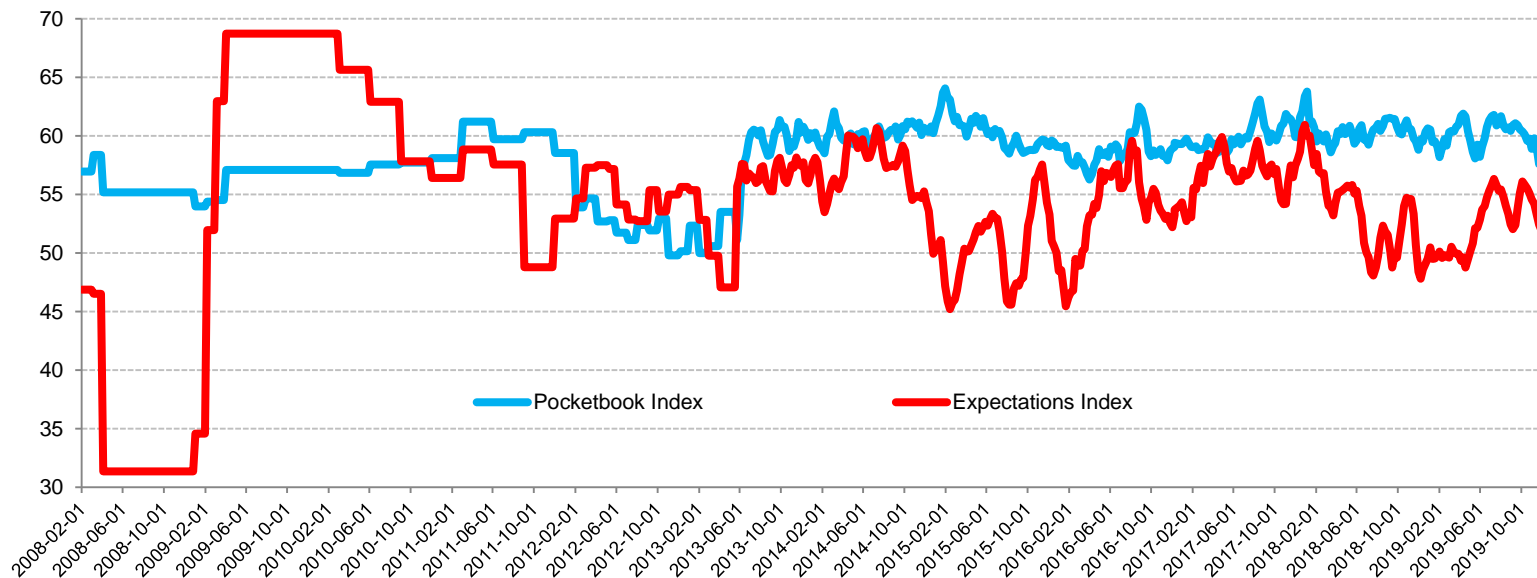
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Data Summary for
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	BNCCI	
This week	55.09	
Last week	54.84	
2019 high	59.06	July 12
2019 low	54.15	Feb 1
2019 average	56.24	
2008 average	49.21	Worst full year
2010 average	59.13	Best full year
Dec 31, 2008	43.28	Record low
Dec 31, 2009	62.92	Record high
Overall index average	56.84	

Individual Measures:

	This week	Last week	4 weeks ago	Average 2019	Average 2008-2019
Positive ratings					
Personal finances	16.06	14.79	18.51	19.82	18.63
Canadian economy	13.38	13.33	17.19	15.42	20.54
Job security	57.37	58.92	64.13	66.68	67.03
Real estate	41.49	38.99	40.22	39.98	38.17

	Better off	Worse off	No change	Don't know
Full Ratings				
Personal finances	16.06	24.97	57.85	1.12

	Stronger	Weaker	No change	Don't know
Canadian Economy	13.38	31.40	48.55	6.67

	Secure	Somewhat secure	Somewhat not secure	Not secure	Don't know
Job security	42.56	14.80	5.54	7.18	29.91

	Increase	Stay the same	Decrease	Don't know
Real estate	41.49	43.24	12.10	3.17

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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	55.09	54.84	57.01	56.47	53.75	59.06	53.75	56.11
	Pocketbook Index	57.33	57.70	59.80	60.91	59.70	61.91	57.33	60.04
	Expectations Index	52.84	51.97	54.21	52.04	47.81	56.34	47.81	52.18
	Economic Mood by Demographic								
	Region								
	Atlantic	55.84	56.13	57.94	52.26	54.22	61.87	50.39	55.32
	Quebec	64.96	63.63	62.65	63.46	60.82	66.90	59.77	62.51
	Ontario	55.17	55.66	59.94	57.95	55.61	60.98	54.76	57.65
	Prairies	44.49	43.20	46.77	49.44	43.77	51.66	42.61	48.11
	British Columbia	52.27	53.34	54.87	54.18	51.41	58.34	48.43	53.65
	Age								
	18 to 29	57.77	57.68	63.09	62.14	59.74	64.30	57.31	61.44
	30 to 39	54.74	54.76	60.13	60.58	57.79	64.38	54.74	59.56
	40 to 49	56.30	55.26	54.48	58.18	51.44	60.74	51.44	55.59
	50 to 59	53.08	54.26	55.10	53.53	51.37	57.30	49.98	53.61
	60 plus	53.88	52.90	53.73	50.65	50.18	57.43	48.63	52.18
	Income								
	\$0 to \$14,999	51.12	47.43	57.16	54.37	48.17	62.20	45.33	53.76
	\$15,000 to \$29,999	51.74	50.76	54.04	55.77	53.64	60.07	47.68	53.56
	\$30,000 to \$44,999	55.85	57.06	54.26	52.32	55.30	60.12	50.31	55.43
	\$45,000 to \$59,999	58.26	59.12	55.80	60.12	53.16	62.55	51.44	56.38
	\$60,000 to \$74,999	52.84	51.70	58.60	57.79	52.03	61.68	51.70	57.36
	\$75,000 or more	57.94	57.81	58.65	57.27	56.64	61.10	54.64	57.33
	Home								
	Own	53.87	53.77	55.90	54.45	52.74	58.17	51.48	54.64
	Rent	59.36	58.92	59.59	60.04	57.26	62.19	54.92	59.27

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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.

For more information, visit www.bloomberg.com/news/canada or www.nanosresearch.com

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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 6, 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.		
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	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.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) telephone survey	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line could not participate.
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.	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.
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.	Estimated Response Rate	Nine percent, consistent with industry norms.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income	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)
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work	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.
Number of Calls/	Maximum of five call backs.	Question Wording	The questions in the appended tabulations are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Time of Calls	Local time 5:00-9:00 pm, on weekends 12:00- 6:00 pm	Survey Company	Nanos Research
Field Dates	Four week period December 6, 2019	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.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.		
Standards	This report meets the standards set forth by ESOMAR and AAPOR.		

Bloomberg – Tracking, ending December 6th, 2019 - STAT SHEET

		Region							Gender		Age				
		Canada 2019-12- 06	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
Question 1 - Thinking of your personal finances, are you better off, worse off or has there been no change over the past year	Total	Unwgt N	1044	104	252	316	211	161	507	537	116	99	159	238	432
		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
	Better off	%	16.1												
	Worse off	%	25.0												
	There has been no change	%	57.9												
	Unsure	%	1.1												

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		Canada 2019-12- 06	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
Question 2 - Thinking of the upcoming year do you think the Canadian economy will become stronger, weaker or will there be no change	Total	Unwgt N	1044	104	252	316	211	161	507	537	116	99	159	238	432
		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
	Stronger	%	13.4												
	Weaker	%	31.4												
	There will be no change	%	48.6												
Dont' know	%	6.7													

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		Canada 2019-12- 06	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus	
Question 3 - Would you describe your job, at this time, as secure, somewhat secure, somewhat not secure or not at all secure?	Total	Unwgt N	1044	104	252	316	211	161	507	537	116	99	159	238	432
		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
	Secure	%	42.6												
	Somewhat secure	%	14.8												
	Somewhat not secure	%	5.5												
	Not at all secure	%	7.2												
Unsure	%	29.9													

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Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell- lines) random telephone survey of 1,044 Canadians, 18 years of age or older. Four week rolling average (250 per week) ending December 6th, 2019. The margin of error this survey is ±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

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Question 4 - In the next six months, do you believe that the value of real estate in your neighborhood will increase, stay the same or decrease?	Total	Unwgt N	1044	104	252	316	211	161	507	537	116	99	159	238	432
		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
	Increase	%	41.5												
	Stay the same	%	43.2												
	Decrease	%	12.1												
	Unsure	%	3.2												

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