Consumer confidence nudges into positive territory for second week in succession

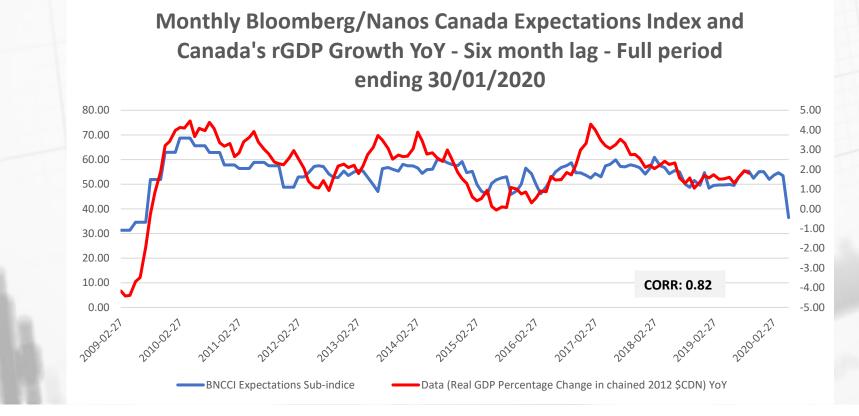
Weekly Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index, Released August 17, 2020 Project 2013-284



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Bloomberg-Nanos is a must have weekly pulse of consumer confidence in Canada. For over a decade of tracking, the Bloomberg-Nanos Expectations Sub-indice has been a consistent leading indicator of GDP. The data has been cited in the Bank of Canada Monetary Policy Report.





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SUMMARY

Although consumer confidence remains noticeably lower than the first quarter of 2020 in the pre-pandemic environment, it has nudged into positive territory with a score above 50 on the 100 point diffusion index which is the Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index. Real estate continues to drive positive movement while job security shows some weakness.

Nik Nanos Chief Data Scientist The BNCCI, a composite of a weekly measure of financial health and economic expectations, registered at 51.66 compared with 46.65 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-indice was at 54.83
this week compared to
53.54 four weeks ago.
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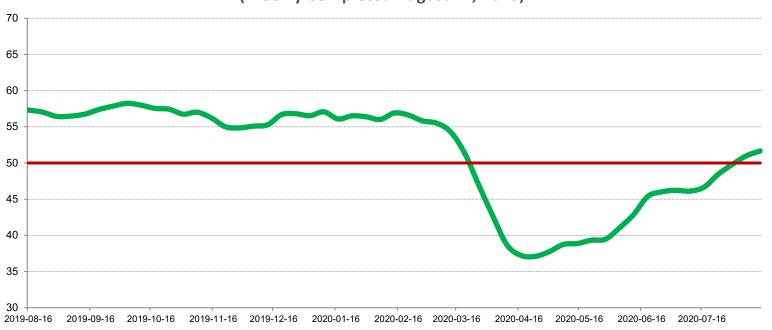
Expectations Index, based on surveys for the outlook for the economy and real estate prices, was at 48.49 this week compared to 39.77 four weeks ago.

The average for the BNCCI since 2008 has been 56.11 with a low of 37.08 in April 2020 and a high of 62.92 in December 2009. The index has averaged 47.90 this year.

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ONE YEAR TREND LINE Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index (Weekly Completed August 14, 2020)



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LONGER TERM TREND LINE

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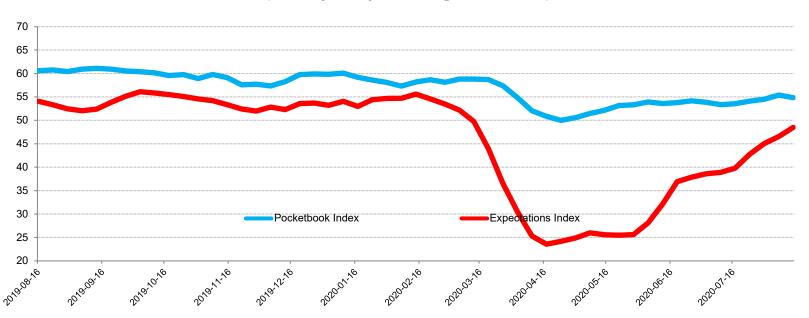
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ONE YEAR TREND

Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Pocketbook and Expectations Indices
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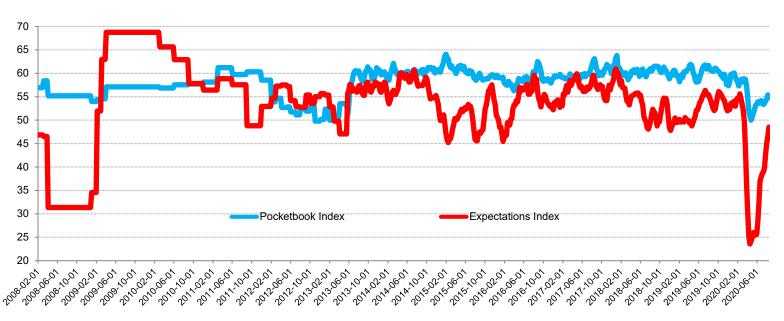


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Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Consumer Confidence Index Data Summary for August 14, 2020

	DIVCCI	
This week	51.66	
Last week	50.98	
2020 high	57.06	Jan 10
2020 low	37.08	April 24
2020 average	47.90	
2008 average	49.21	Worst full year
2010 average	59.13	Best full year
April 24, 2020	37.08	Record low
Dec 31, 2009	62.92	Record high
Overall index average	56.11	

BNCCI

Individual Measures:

Positive ratings	This week	Last week	4 weeks ago	Average 2020	Average 2008-2020
Personal finances	14.17	15.11	14.32	15.94	18.43
Canadian economy	24.82	23.62	19.91	15.66	20.08
Job security	59.92	62.86	65.74	62.86	67.34
Real estate	36.03	31.62	23.89	25.76	37.40
Full Ratings	Better off	Worse off	No change	Don't know	
Personal finances	14.17	31.46	51.72	2.65	
	Stronger	Weaker	No change	Don't know	
Canadian Economy	24.82	48.61	17.12	9.44	
	Secure	Somewhat secure	Somewhat not secure	Not secure	Don't know
Job security	39.64	20.28	6.77	7.23	26.08
	Increase	Stay the same		Don't know	
Real estate	36.03	39.36	18.30	6.32	

CANADA INDEX Your weekly look at Canada's **Economic Mood**



Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Consumer Confidence Index Data Summary for August 14, 2020

		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	51.66	50.98	46.65	38.86	57.32	58.24	37.08	51.22
	Pocketbook Index	54.83	55.40	53.54	52.15	60.58	61.09	50.00	56.96
	Expectations Index	48.49	46.56	39.77	25.57	54.05	56.10	23.57	45.49
Economic	Mood by Demographic								
Region									
	Atlantic	50.34	50.63	49.32	43.73	54.32	57.94	36.80	51.18
	Quebec	54.16	53.93	49.76	41.65	63.51	64.96	41.64	56.66
	Ontario	55.71	54.22	49.57	40.41	59.07	60.44	38.37	53.42
	Prairies	44.53	42.84	36.98	32.09	48.68	51.66	27.94	42.26
	British Columbia	0.00	49.82	46.79	36.94	57.10	57.15	34.41	49.85
Age	18 to 29	52.15	51.41	45.80	40.34	63.07	63.63	34.39	53.52
•	30 to 39	48.36	47.15	46.45	41.71	59.17	62.86	36.65	52.71
	40 to 49	52.11	49.77	45.59	36.25	58.43	60.74	35.35	50.83
	50 to 59	51.58	52.39	46.21	38.29	55.29	57.42	35.94	50.14
	60 plus	53.04	52.84	48.48	38.24	52.58	54.88	37.47	49.65
Income									
	\$0 to \$14,999	47.79	50.48	40.28	36.60	56.44	62.20	36.54	49.32
	\$15,000 to \$29,999	51.20	48.98	45.14	38.21	53.95	56.46	33.19	49.18
	\$30,000 to \$44,999	49.05	49.12	45.04	44.12	51.04	59.01	34.44	49.86
	\$45,000 to \$59,999	48.94	48.46	43.65	39.29	58.35	62.55	36.42	51.41
	\$60,000 to \$74,999	49.94	50.17	46.81	40.02	59.75	61.68	38.33	52.44
	\$75,000 or more	53.62	53.28	48.06	38.32	59.24	59.94	36.15	52.48
Home									
	Own	52.18	51.09	46.95	38.38	55.53	57.59	37.02	50.48
	Rent	49.61	50.00	45.02	40.06	61.67	61.91	36.74	53.03







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 <u>www.bloomberg.com/news/canada</u> or <u>www.nanos.co</u>

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Weekly Consider Voting for the People's Party of Canada (new) (2014 to present)	✓	
2015 Canadian Nightly Federal Election Tracking (detailed data)	\checkmark	√ (topline data only)
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Canada-US Relations Annual Tracking (2005 to present)	\checkmark	
The Nanos Annual Public Policy Map (2015 to present)	\checkmark	
The Mood of Canada Annual Tracking Survey (2007 to present)	\checkmark	

METHODOLOGY





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METHODOLOGY



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 interviews with 1,000 Canadian consumers (recruited by RDD land- and cell-line sample), 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 survey of 1,000 respondents 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 August 14, 2020. Readers should note that due to the Covid-19 outbreak and ESOMAR standards between April 3 and July 24, 2020 Nanos used its probability online panel. Data collection returned to telephone as of the week ending August 14, 2020.

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
Research sponsor	Nanos Research	1	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2016) and the sample is geographically
Population and Final Sample Size	1,000 Randomly selected individuals, four week rolling average of 250 interviews a week. Starting August 14, 2020 online probability panel.	Weighting of Data	stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure.
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
Mode of Survey	Recruited by RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) telephone survey. Hybrid random telephone online		ensure the integrity of the data.
	survey starting April 3, 2020. The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD		Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line or internet 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
Demographics (Captured)	Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older.		Canada. Smaller areas such as Atlantic Canada were marginally oversampled to allow for a minimum regional sample.
	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 in the preceding report reflects the order in
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work. Online probability effective August 14, 2020.	Question Order	which they appeared in the original questionnaire (party options were randomized in their introduction)
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs.	Question Content	This was module two of an omnibus survey. Respondents were asked for their opinions the state of their personal finances, the
Time of Calls	Local time 5:00-9:00 pm, on weekends 12:00-6:00 pm	Question content	Canadian economy, their perception of their job security and sixmonth views of real estate in their neighbourhood.
Field Dates	Four-week period August 14, 2020	Question Wording	The questions in the appended tabulations are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.	Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
Standards	Nanos Research is a member of the Canadian Research Insights Council (CRIC) and confirms that this research fully complies with all CRIC Standards including the CRIC Public Opinion Research Standards and Disclosure Requirements. https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/	Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. http://www.nanos.co Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com.

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				Region Gender											
			Canada 2020-08- 14	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	Total	Unwgt N	1032	96	260	314	202	160	516	516	160	137	161	236	338
		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
	Better off	%	14.2												
change over the past year	Worse off	%	31.5												
	There has been no change	%	51.7		Sub	scribers onl	y - visit the	Nanos Data I	Portal at	https://ww	/w.nano	s.co/data	aportal/		
	Unsure	%	2.6												

				Region					Gender						
			Canada 2020-08- 14	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	Total	Unwgt N	1032	96	260	314	202	160	516	516	160	137	161	236	338
		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
Canadian economy will	Stronger	%	24.8												
become stronger, weaker or will	Weaker	%	48.6												
there be no change	There will be no change	%	17.1		Subs	scribers onl	y - visit the	Nanos Data F	Portal at	https://ww	w.nanos	s.co/data	portal/		
	Don't' know	%	9.4												

				Region Gender											
			Canada 2020-08- 14	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	Total	Unwgt N	1032	96	260	314	202	160	516	516	160	137	161	236	338
describe your job, at this time, as		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
secure, somewhat secure, somewhat	Secure	%	39.6												
not secure or not at all secure?	Somewhat secure	%	20.3												
	Somewhat not secure	%	6.8		Sub	scribers onl	y - visit the	Nanos Data I	Portal at	https://ww	w.nano	s.co/data	aportal/		
	Not at all secure	%	7.2												
	Unsure	%	26.1												

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			Canada 2020-08- 14	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	ender Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	Age 40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 4 - In the next six	Total	Unwgt N	1032	96	260	314	202	160	516	516	160	137	161	236	338
months, do you believe that the		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
value of real estate in your	Increase	%	36.0												
neighborhood will increase, stay the	Stay the same	%	39.4												
same or decrease?	Decrease	%	18.3		Sub	scribers onl	ly - visit the	Nanos Data	Portal at	https://ww	/w.nano	s.co/data	aportal/		
	Unsure	%	6.3												