

# Forward expectations on the economy stalled in neutral

Weekly Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index, Released September 28, 2020  
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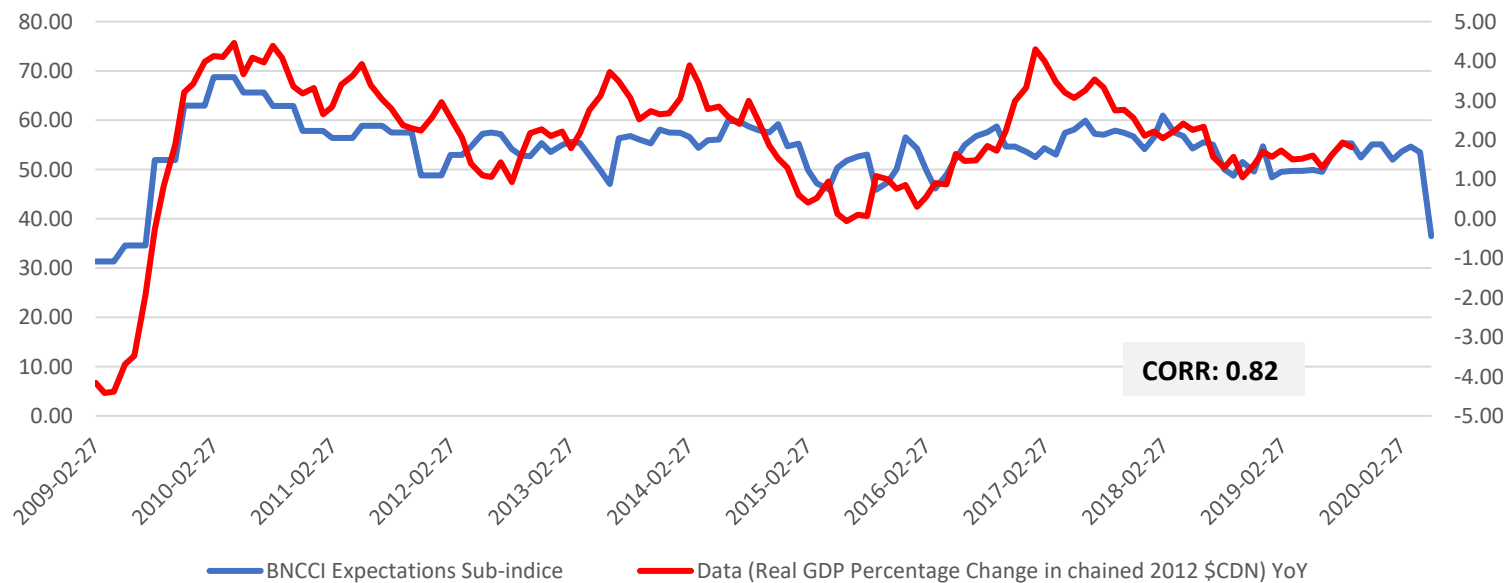


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*Bloomberg-Nanos is a must have weekly pulse of consumer confidence in Canada. For over a decade of tracking, the Bloomberg-Nanos Expectations Sub-index has been a consistent leading indicator of GDP. The data has been cited in the Bank of Canada Monetary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

**Monthly Bloomberg/Nanos Canada Expectations Index and  
Canada's rGDP Growth YoY - Six month lag - Full period  
ending 30/01/2020**



## SUMMARY

*After a partial recovery following a collapse of consumer confidence at the start of the pandemic, the trend line remains flat. Of note the forward looking Expectations Sub-index is at a neutral point of 49.14 points on the 100 point diffusion index which measure consumer confidence in Canada.*

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The BNCCI, a composite of a weekly measure of financial health and economic expectations, registered at 53.18 compared with 52.73 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 57.21 this week compared to 56.14 four weeks ago. The Bloomberg Nanos

Expectations Index, based on surveys for the outlook for the economy and real estate prices, was at 49.14 this week compared to 49.33 four weeks ago.

The average for the BNCCI since 2008 has been 56.06 with a low of 37.08 in April 2020 and a high of 62.92 in December 2009. The index has averaged 48.67 this year.

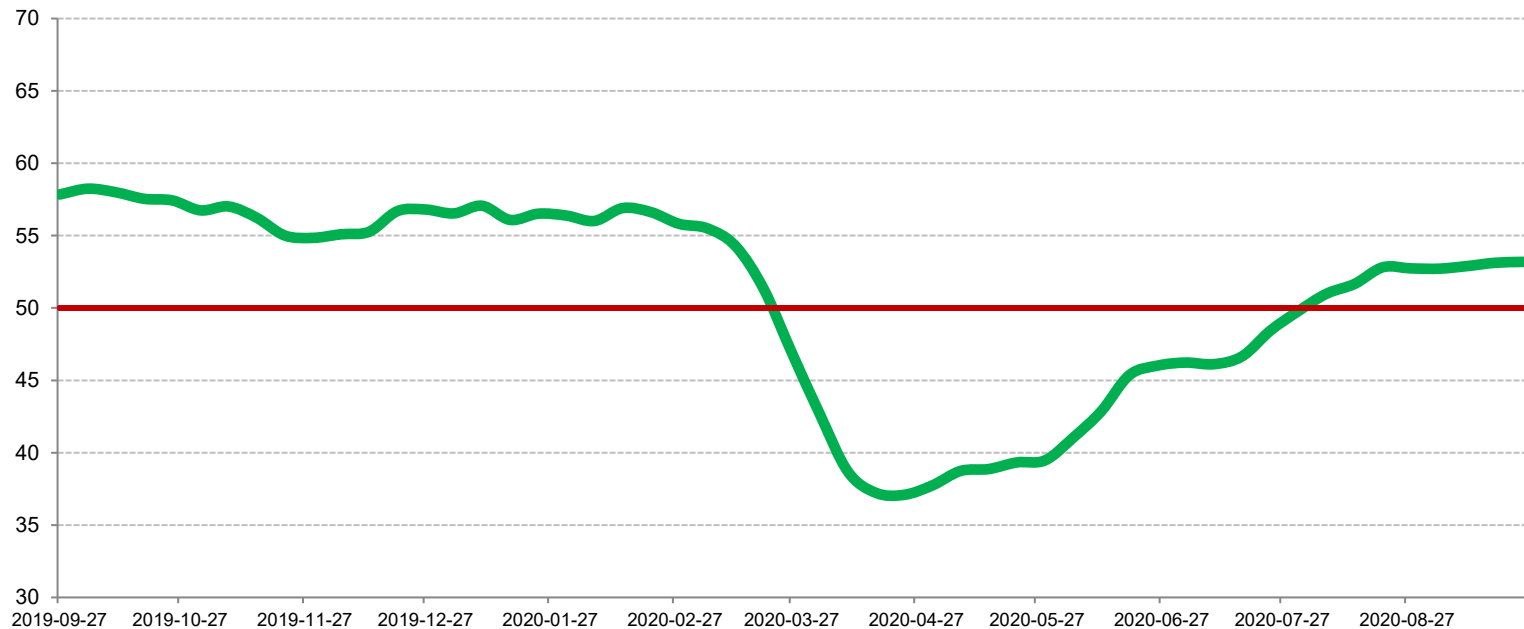
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**ONE YEAR TREND LINE**  
**Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index**  
**(Weekly Completed September 25, 2020)**



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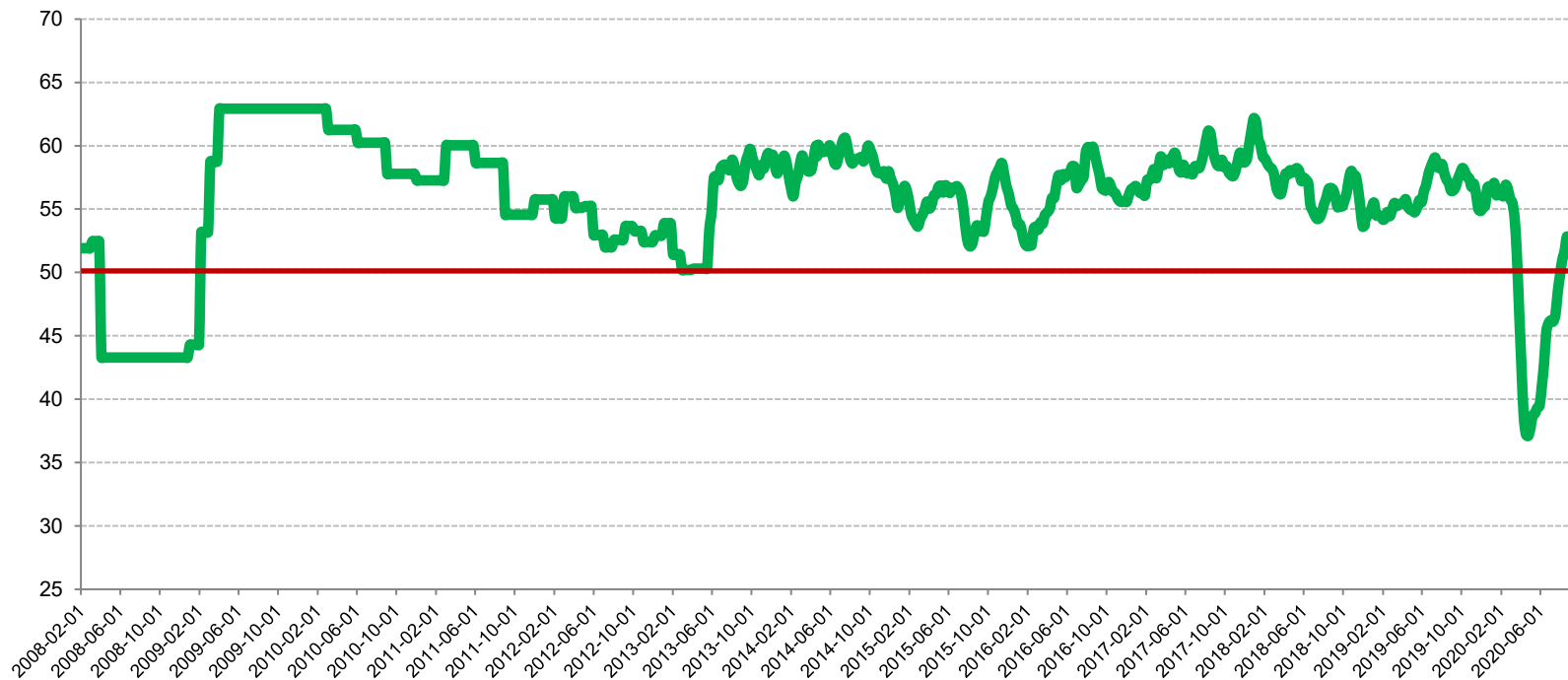
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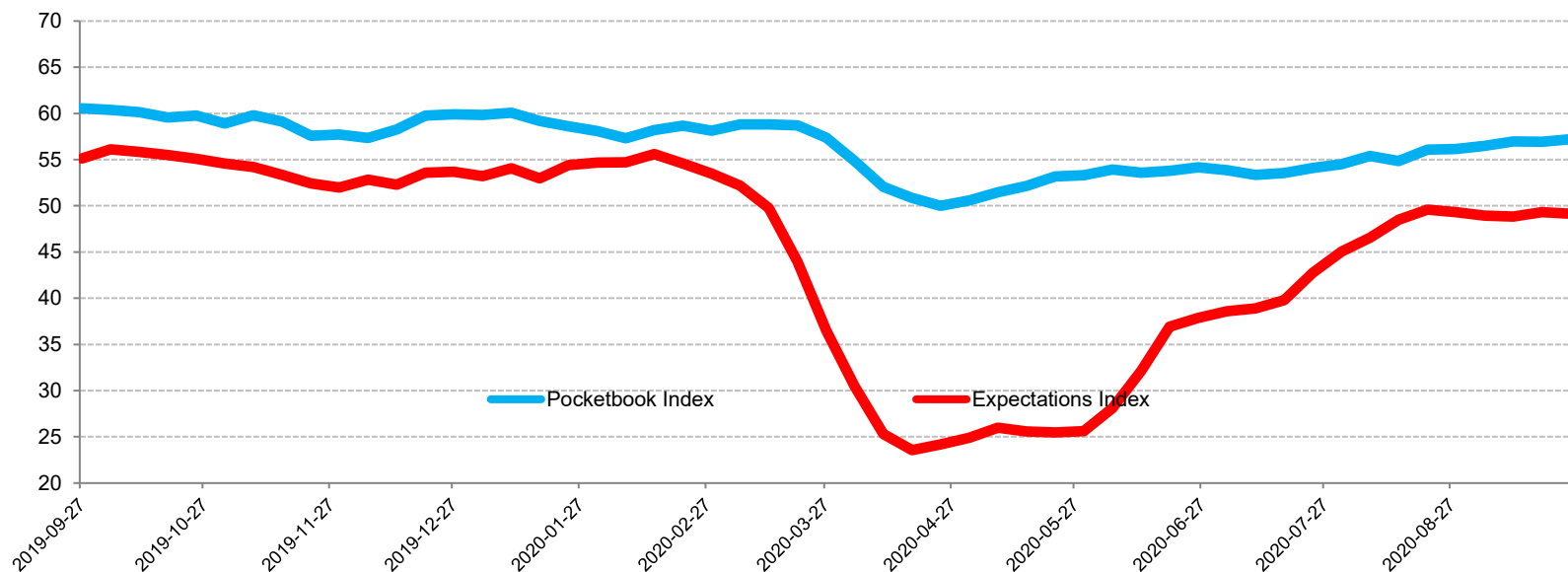
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## ONE YEAR TREND

*Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Pocketbook and Expectations Indices*  
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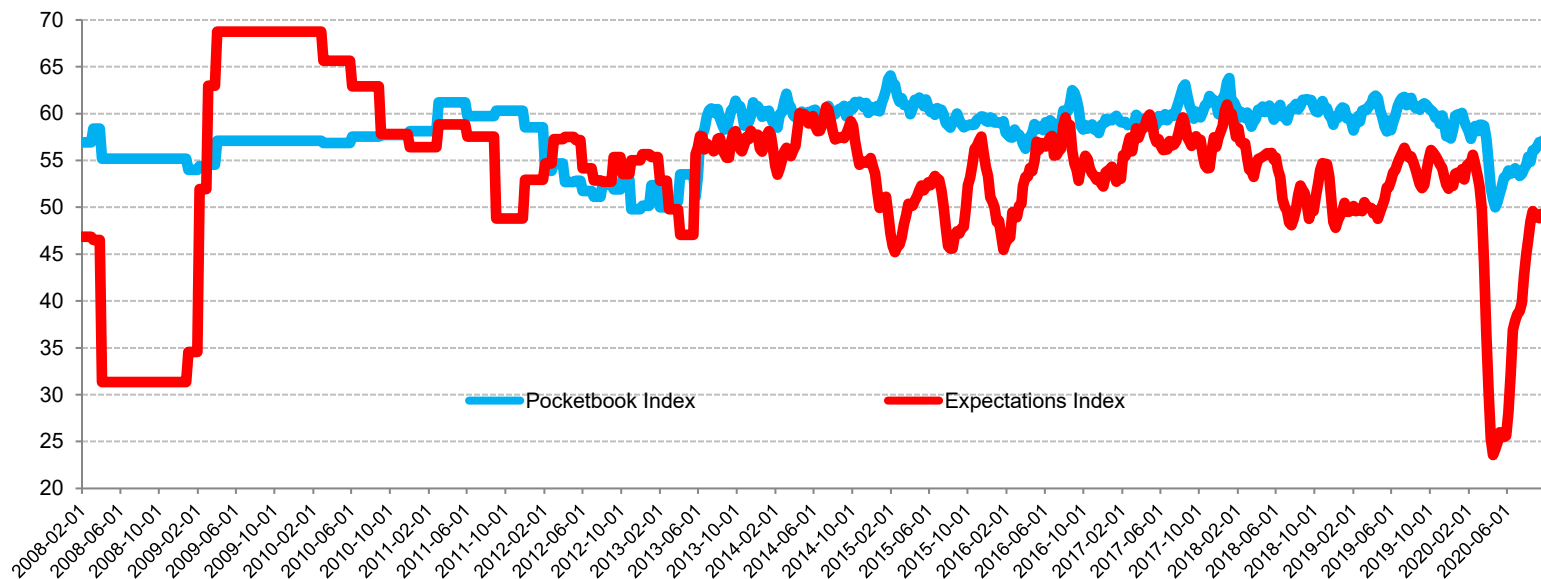
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## Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Consumer Confidence Index Data Summary for September 25, 2020

	BNCCI	
This week	53.18	
Last week	53.12	
2020 high	57.06	Jan 10
2020 low	37.08	April 24
2020 average	48.67	
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	56.06	

### Individual Measures:

	This week	Last week	4 weeks ago	Average 2020	Average 2008-2020
<b>Positive ratings</b>					
Personal finances	15.61	14.95	15.50	16.00	18.39
Canadian economy	18.73	19.62	23.00	16.38	20.09
Job security	64.54	63.84	60.90	74.68	67.77
Real estate	44.27	42.84	39.96	29.71	37.46
<b>Full Ratings</b>	<b>Better off</b>	<b>Worse off</b>	<b>No change</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	
Personal finances	15.61	26.94	56.38	1.07	
	<b>Stronger</b>	<b>Weaker</b>	<b>No change</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	
Canadian Economy	18.73	49.52	24.01	7.74	
	<b>Secure</b>	<b>Somewhat secure</b>	<b>Somewhat not secure</b>	<b>Not secure</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
Job security	44.59	19.94	4.92	9.12	21.43
	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Stay the same</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	
Real estate	44.27	33.54	16.92	5.28	



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## Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Consumer Confidence Index Data Summary for September 25, 2020

		This Week	Last Week	4 Weeks Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago	12 Month High	12 Month Low	12 Month Average
<b>Canada</b>	Economic Mood	53.18	53.12	52.73	46.01	57.84	58.24	37.08	50.77
	Pocketbook Index	57.21	56.93	56.14	54.17	60.56	60.56	50.00	56.49
	Expectations Index	49.14	49.31	49.33	37.86	55.12	56.10	23.57	45.05
<b>Economic Mood by Demographic</b>									
<b>Region</b>	Atlantic	51.97	49.78	49.53	53.21	56.69	57.94	36.80	50.77
	Quebec	56.37	56.91	55.18	48.40	62.76	64.96	41.64	55.87
	Ontario	54.15	54.79	57.44	47.03	59.70	60.44	38.37	53.11
	Prairies	48.57	48.32	45.52	38.40	51.66	51.66	27.94	41.96
	British Columbia	52.92	52.13	51.04	45.39	55.03	57.15	34.41	49.43
<b>Age</b>	18 to 29	55.90	56.06	51.68	44.96	62.96	63.09	34.39	52.49
	30 to 39	51.49	51.67	52.86	43.19	61.76	62.21	36.65	51.77
	40 to 49	51.78	52.24	53.77	45.46	59.66	60.74	35.35	50.28
	50 to 59	53.19	52.04	51.64	47.46	53.63	57.42	35.94	49.94
	60 plus	53.17	53.20	53.48	47.89	53.35	54.88	37.47	49.82
<b>Income</b>	\$0 to \$14,999	51.43	50.58	44.85	49.15	52.11	60.35	36.54	48.08
	\$15,000 to \$29,999	46.27	45.02	52.31	49.65	54.58	56.46	33.19	48.50
	\$30,000 to \$44,999	51.17	51.50	45.68	42.12	55.54	59.01	34.44	49.39
	\$45,000 to \$59,999	52.64	50.08	49.54	45.04	60.75	60.75	36.42	50.21
	\$60,000 to \$74,999	54.22	52.68	51.16	47.15	60.66	61.68	38.33	51.75
	\$75,000 or more	54.62	55.61	56.08	46.05	59.43	59.94	36.15	52.23
<b>Home</b>									
	Own	53.11	53.25	53.63	45.84	57.06	57.59	37.02	50.31
	Rent	52.70	52.06	50.52	46.51	59.03	60.82	36.74	51.93



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



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 September 25, 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 July 31, 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
Research sponsor	Nanos Research
Population and 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.
Mode of Survey	Recruited by RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) telephone survey.
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.
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.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work.
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs.
Time of Calls	Local time 5:00-9:00 pm, on weekends 12:00- 6:00 pm
Field Dates	Four-week period September 25, 2020
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.
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. <a href="https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/">https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/</a>

Element	Description
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.
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.
Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line or internet could not participate.
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.
Estimated Response Rate	Nine percent, consistent with industry norms.
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)
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 six-month views of real estate in their neighbourhood.
Question Wording	The questions in the appended tabulations are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
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## Bloomberg – Tracking, ending September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 - STAT SHEET

			Region					Gender			Age				
			Canada 2020-09- 25	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	1032	101	249	314	210	158	513	519	176	163	156	206	331
		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
	Better off	%	15.6												
	Worse off	%	26.9												
	There has been no change	%	56.4												
	Unsure	%	1.1												

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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	1032	101	249	314	210	158	513	519	176	163	156	206	331
		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
	Stronger	%	18.7												
	Weaker	%	49.5												
	There will be no change	%	24.0												
	Don't know	%	7.7												

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	Secure	%	44.6												
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	Somewhat not secure	%	4.9												
	Not at all secure	%	9.1												
	Unsure	%	21.4												

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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	1032	101	249	314	210	158	513	519	176	163	156	206	331
		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
	Increase	%	44.3												
	Stay the same	%	33.5												
	Decrease	%	16.9												
	Unsure	%	5.3												

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