Consumer confidence trending up on positive views on future strength of the Canadian economy

Weekly Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index, Released March 5, 2021 Project 2013-284

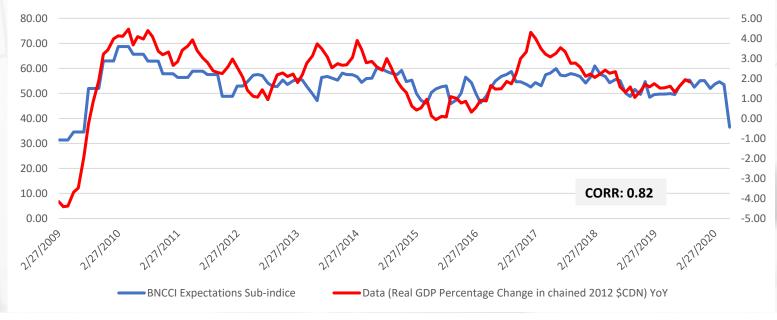


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SUMMARY

Canadian consumer confidence hit a two year high on more positive views on the future strength of the Canadian economy. Positive sentiment on this measure hit a three and one half year high. All measures that make up the Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index are above their 14 year average. Nik Nanos Chief Data Scientist The BNCCI, a composite of a weekly measure of financial health and economic expectations, registered at 60.47 compared with 56.52 four weeks ago. The twelve month high stands at 60.47.

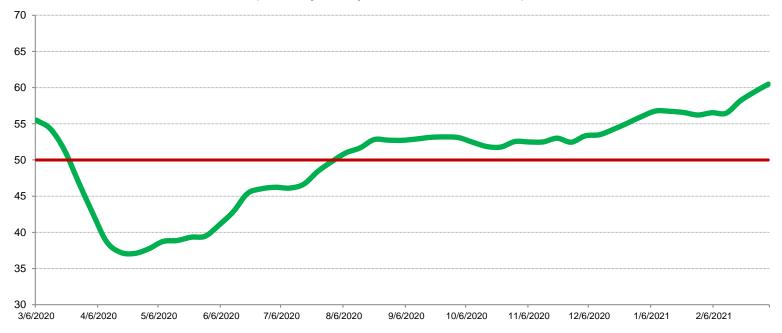
The Bloomberg Nanos Pocketbook Index is based on survey responses to questions on personal finances and job security. This sub-indice was at 59.93 this week compared to 57.85 four weeks ago. The Bloomberg Nanos Expectations Index, based on surveys for the outlook for the economy and real estate prices, was at 61.00 this week compared to 55.18 four weeks ago.

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The average for the BNCCI since 2008 has been 56.00 with a low of 37.08 in April 2020 and a high of 62.92 in December 2009. The index has averaged 57.32 this year.



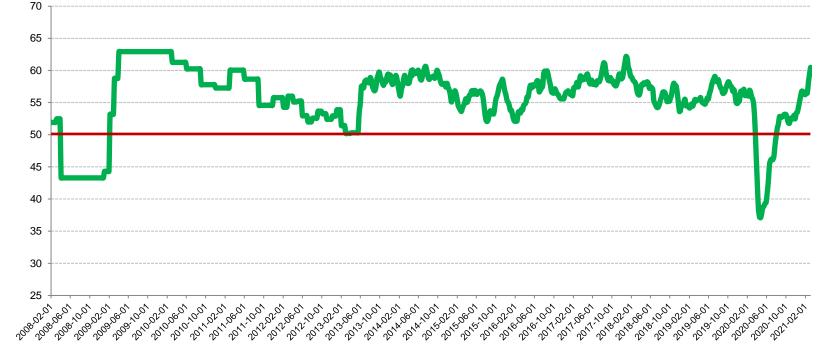
Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index (Weekly Completed March 5, 2021)



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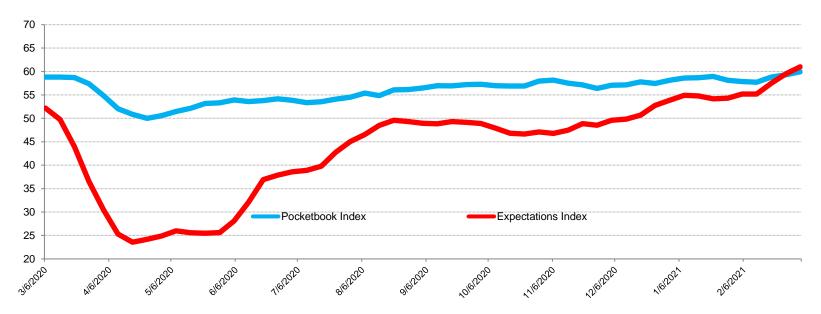




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ONE YEAR TREND Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Pocketbook and Expectations Indices (Weekly Completed March 5, 2021)

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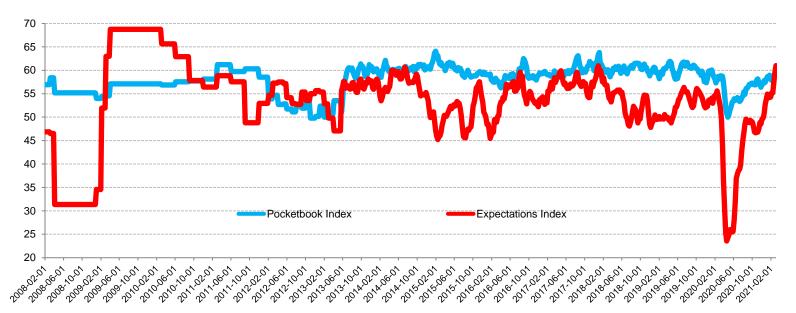


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Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Consumer Confidence Index Data Summary for

March 5, 2021

	BNCCI	
This week	60.47	
Last week	59.38	
2021 high	60.47	March 5
2021 low	56.00	Jan 1
2021 average	57.32	
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	56.00	

Individual Measures:

Positive ratings	This week	Last week	4 weeks ago	Average 2021	Average 2008-2021
Personal finances	21.03	21.03	19.92	19.82	18.34
Canadian economy	33.29	33.29	26.33	26.48	20.16
Job security	68.58	68.58	67.34	67.91	66.40
Real estate	53.14	53.14	49.65	51.41	38.00
Full Ratings	Better off	Worse off	No change	Don't know	
Personal finances	21.03	25.60	51.97	1.40	
	Stronger	Weaker	No change	Don't know	
Canadian Economy	33.29	34.62	20.54	11.55	
	Secure	Somewhat secure	Somewhat not secure	Not secure	Don't know
Job security	47.27	21.31	7.20	7.34	16.88
	Increase	Stay the same	Decrease	Don't know	
Real estate	53.14	32.77	7.81	6.28	

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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
Bloomberg Nanos	Canada									
•		Economic Mood	60.47	59.38	56.52	53.33	55.50	60.47	37.08	50.03
Canadian Consumer		Pocketbook Index	59.93	59.27	57.85	57.06	58.81	59.93	50.00	55.99
Confidence Index		Expectations Index	61.00	59.50	55.18	49.59	52.18	61.00	23.57	44.07
Data Summary for	Economi	c Mood by Demographic								
March 5, 2021	Region									
	•	Atlantic	58.78	56.12	60.08	54.17	54.16	63.91	36.80	51.32
		Quebec	65.14	65.02	58.21	56.47	63.02	65.14	41.64	53.21
		Ontario	63.19	62.20	58.84	56.12	60.44	63.19	38.37	52.41
		Prairies	50.32	49.50	46.74	41.51	42.52	50.32	27.94	41.52
		British Columbia	61.93	59.77	59.70	57.68	51.42	61.93	34.41	50.50
	Age	18 to 29	59.64	59.52	53.14	55.46	56.09	59.64	34.39	50.29
	•	30 to 39	59.94	57.52	53.21	54.73	58.95	59.94	36.65	49.93
		40 to 49	59.44	57.57	57.71	50.59	56.08	59.44	35.35	49.60
		50 to 59	59.94	60.61	58.42	54.29	54.14	60.61	35.94	50.11
		60 plus	62.50	60.82	58.85	52.14	53.49	62.50	37.47	50.15
	Income									
		\$0 to \$14,999	52.98	49.53	35.11	46.47	53.90	55.31	34.23	45.27
		\$15,000 to \$29,999	54.25	54.49	50.12	49.20	53.50	54.49	33.19	46.82
		\$30,000 to \$44,999	56.30	57.78	48.12	49.72	52.37	57.78	34.44	47.56
		\$45,000 to \$59,999	58.89	59.35	55.49	51.51	54.53	59.54	36.42	48.74
		\$60,000 to \$74,999	58.36	59.32	57.34	56.15	55.77	59.32	38.33	49.94
		\$75,000 or more	62.85	60.99	59.82	55.85	58.04	62.85	36.15	51.87
	Home									
		Own	61.33	60.40	56.92	53.31	54.42	61.33	37.02	50.21
		Rent	57.29	55.11	57.87	53.68	58.54	58.54	36.74	49.39

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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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The Mood of Canada Annual Tracking Survey (2007 to present)	\checkmark	

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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 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 March 5, 2021. 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 data collection returned to the Nanos probability panel as of the week ending January 1, 2021 due to the lockdown imposed by the provincial health authorities.

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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Element	Description	Element	Description					
Research sponsor	Nanos Research		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.	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	ey Recruited by RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) telephone survey, administered online.		ensure the integrity of the data.					
			Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line or internet could not participate.					
Sampling Method Base	(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)			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	Eight 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.	Question Order	which they appeared in the original questionnaire (party options were randomized in their introduction)					
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs.		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 six- month views of real estate in their neighbourhood.					
Field Dates	Four-week period March 5, 2021	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. <u>https://canadianresearchinsightscouncil.ca/standards/</u>	Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. <u>http://www.nanos.co</u> Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com.					



Bloomberg – Tracking, ending March 5th, 2021 – STAT SHEET

				Region					Ge	nder		Age			
			Canada 2021- 03-05	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,	Total	Unwgt N	1097	98	218	384	230	167	600	497	157	148	204	269	319
are you better off, worse off or has there been no		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
change over the past year?	Better off	%	21.0												
,	Worse off	%	25.6				Subscribers o	nly - visit the Nan	os Data Port	al at https://	www.nanos.	co/dataporta	al/		
	There has been no change	%	52.0												
	Unsure	%	1.4												

					Reg	gion			Ge	nder			Age		
			Canada 2021- 03-05	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	Total	Unwgt N	1097	98	218	384	230	167	600	497	157	148	204	269	319
think the Canadian economy will become		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
stronger, weaker or will there be no change?	Stronger	%	33.3												
-	Weaker	%	34.6				Subscribers o	nly - visit the Nan	os Data Port	al at https://	www.nanos.	co/dataporta	l/		
	There will be no change	%	20.5												
	Don't know	%	11.6												

Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell- lines) hybrid random telephone online survey of 1,097 Canadians, 18 years of age or older. Four week rolling average (250 per week) ending March 5th, 2021. The margin of error this survey is ±3.0 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.



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Question 3 - Would you describe your job, at this	Total	Unwgt N	1097	98	218	384	230	167	600	497	157	148	204	269	319
time, as secure, somewhat secure, somewhat not		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
secure or not at all secure?	Secure	%	47.3												
	Somewhat secure	%	21.3				Subscribers or	ly - visit the Nan	os Data Porta	al at https://v	www.nanos.c	o/dataporta	1/		
	Somewhat not secure	%	7.2							• •					
	Not at all secure	%	7.3												
	Unsure	%	16.9												

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			Canada 2021- 03-05	Atlantic	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Male	Female	18 to 29	30 to 39	40 to 49	50 to 59	60 plus
Question 4 - In the next six months, do you believe	Total	Unwgt N	1097	98	218	384	230	167	600	497	157	148	204	269	319
that the value of real estate in your		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
neighborhood will increase, stay the same or	Increase	%	53.1												
decrease?	Stay the same	%	32.8				Subscribers o	nly - visit the Nan	os Data Port	al at https://	www.nanos.	co/dataporta	ıl/		
	Decrease	%	7.8												
	Unsure	%	6.3												

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