Consumer confidence remains in neutral

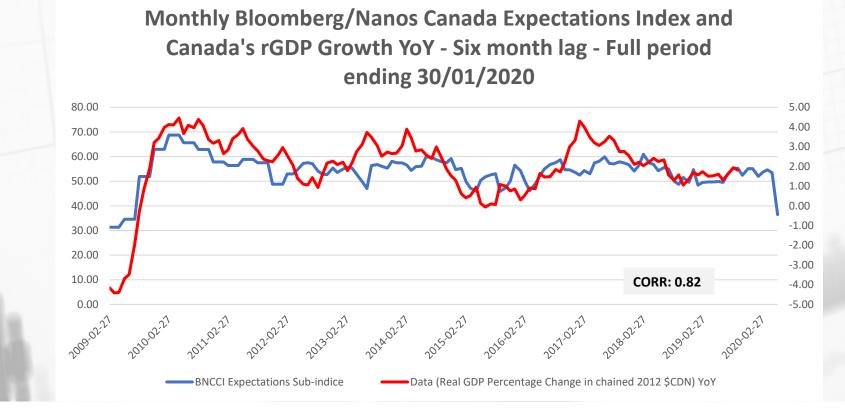
Weekly Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index, Released October 6, 2023 Project 2013-284



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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

Consumer confidence for the past four weeks continues to sputter in neutral. Canadians are more likely to report their finances are in worse rather than better shape compared to a year ago and to believe the economy will weaken rather than strengthen in six months.

Nik Nanos Chief Data Scientist The BNCCI, a composite of a weekly measure of financial health and economic expectations, registered at 51.07 compared with 51.28 four weeks ago. The twelve month high stands at 53.12.

The Bloomberg Nanos
Pocketbook Index is
based on survey
responses to questions
on personal finances
and job security. This
sub-indice was at 54.18
this week compared to
53.41 four weeks ago.
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Expectations Index, based on surveys for the outlook for the economy and real estate prices, was at 47.97 this week compared to 49.15 four weeks ago.

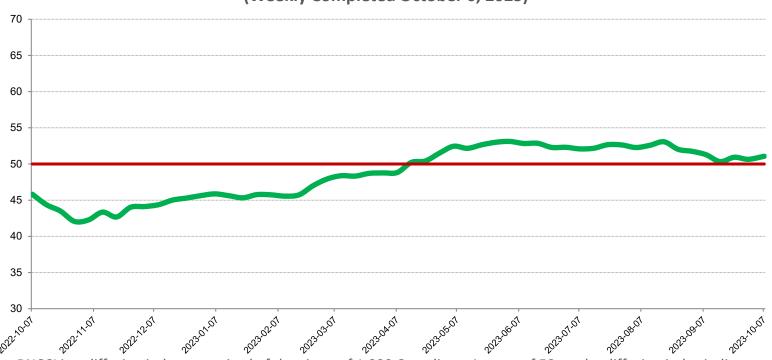
The average for the BNCCI since 2008 has been 55.60 with a low of 37.08 in April 2020 and a high of 66.42 in July 2021. The index has averaged 50.22 this year.

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ONE YEAR TREND LINE

Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index (Weekly Completed October 6, 2023)



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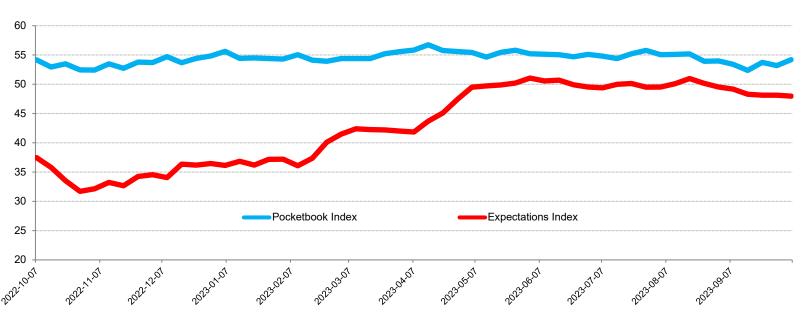
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Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Pocketbook and Expectations Indices
(Weekly Completed October 6, 2023)

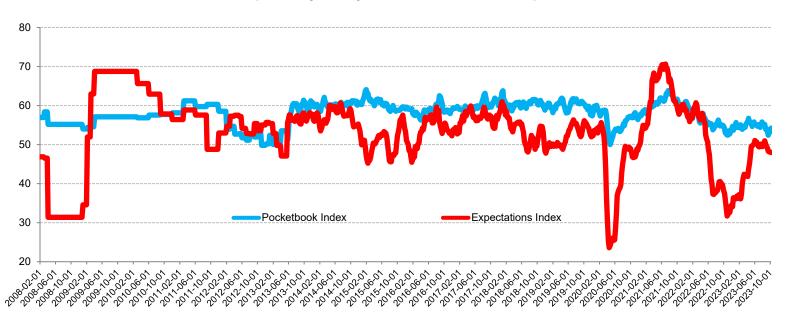


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Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Consumer Confidence Index Data Summary for October 6, 2023

| | DIVCCI | |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|
| This week | 51.07 | |
| Last week | 50.65 | |
| 2023 high | 53.12 | June 2 |
| 2023 low | 45.33 | January 20 |
| 2023 average | 50.22 | |
| 2008 average | 49.21 | Worst full year |
| 2010 average | 59.13 | Best full year |
| April 24, 2020 | 37.08 | Record low |
| July 2, 2021 | 66.42 | Record high |
| Overall index average | 55.60 | |

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Individual Measures:

| Positive ratings | This week | Last week | 4 weeks ago | Average 2023 | Average 2008-2023 |
|-------------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Personal finances | 16.83 | 16.55 | 14.97 | 15.34 | 18.18 |
| Canadian economy | 13.09 | 12.26 | 12.23 | 14.32 | 20.73 |
| Job security | 67.92 | 65.92 | 68.46 | 68.24 | 66.66 |
| Real estate | 44.59 | 44.70 | 47.22 | 37.68 | 39.76 |
| Full Ratings | Better off | Worse off | No change | Don't know | |
| Personal finances | 16.83 | 47.84 | 34.24 | 1.10 | |
| | Stronger | Weaker | No change | Don't know | |
| Canadian Economy | 13.09 | 50.54 | 28.92 | 7.46 | |
| | Secure | Somewhat secure | Somewhat not secure | Not secure | Don't know |
| Job security | 51.37 | 16.55 | 3.59 | 7.71 | 20.78 |
| | Increase | Stay the same | Decrease | Don't know | |
| Real estate | 44.59 | 36.21 | 15.27 | 3.94 | |

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Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Consumer Confidence Index Data Summary for October 6, 2023

| | | 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 | 51.07 | 50.65 | 51.28 | 52.31 | 45.82 | 53.12 | 42.07 | 48.71 |
| | Pocketbook Index | 54.18 | 53.18 | 53.41 | 55.08 | 54.16 | 56.74 | 52.37 | 54.48 |
| | Expectations Index | 47.97 | 48.13 | 49.15 | 49.53 | 37.47 | 51.04 | 31.71 | 42.94 |
| Economi | Mood by Demographic | | | | | | | | |
| Region | | | | | | | | | |
| - | Atlantic | 52.34 | 52.47 | 49.68 | 50.89 | 44.50 | 53.46 | 35.47 | 47.69 |
| | Quebec | 53.08 | 51.73 | 52.93 | 56.12 | 51.09 | 57.48 | 45.48 | 52.02 |
| | Ontario | 48.26 | 48.31 | 49.37 | 49.80 | 43.43 | 53.72 | 40.86 | 47.29 |
| | Prairies | 50.72 | 49.83 | 51.27 | 50.97 | 43.21 | 52.37 | 36.82 | 47.16 |
| | British Columbia | 52.98 | 53.40 | 53.42 | 53.72 | 46.23 | 54.82 | 41.95 | 48.82 |
| Age | 18 to 29 | 55.57 | 55.20 | 55.00 | 54.31 | 52.03 | 57.15 | 43.86 | 52.22 |
| | 30 to 39 | 53.95 | 54.82 | 54.94 | 52.80 | 46.76 | 56.63 | 41.11 | 50.40 |
| | 40 to 49 | 49.04 | 48.39 | 51.66 | 53.12 | 46.79 | 53.12 | 40.38 | 47.75 |
| | 50 to 59 | 49.78 | 47.56 | 48.36 | 50.47 | 44.11 | 53.61 | 40.14 | 47.49 |
| | 60 plus | 48.34 | 48.52 | 48.09 | 51.25 | 41.17 | 52.88 | 39.06 | 46.61 |
| Income | | | | | | | | | |
| | \$0 to \$14,999 | 51.14 | 50.98 | 50.48 | 52.39 | 45.03 | 56.48 | 35.32 | 48.66 |
| | \$15,000 to \$29,999 | 48.94 | 49.00 | 53.12 | 48.86 | 48.13 | 53.93 | 40.13 | 47.42 |
| | \$30,000 to \$44,999 | 46.62 | 47.47 | 49.01 | 49.19 | 44.63 | 52.99 | 39.02 | 48.12 |
| | \$45,000 to \$59,999 | 53.64 | 53.19 | 51.96 | 53.84 | 48.51 | 54.33 | 41.27 | 48.40 |
| | \$60,000 to \$74,999 | 50.84 | 50.95 | 48.14 | 51.60 | 42.77 | 54.17 | 38.86 | 47.42 |
| | \$75,000 or more | 53.29 | 52.39 | 53.34 | 53.93 | 45.96 | 56.74 | 41.83 | 50.49 |
| Home | | | | | | | | | |
| | Own | 49.57 | 53.37 | 49.39 | 51.08 | 43.06 | 52.52 | 40.54 | 47.42 |
| | Rent | 53.18 | 53.37 | 54.11 | 54.09 | 50.13 | 55.44 | 46.28 | 51.39 |







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 | |

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 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 October 6, 2023. 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. Data collection returned to telephone between the weeks ending March 19th and April 9th, 2021. As a result of the latest provincial lockdown the tracking returned to Nanos probability online panel between the weeks ending December 306, and June 11, 2021. The tracking returned to telephone as of the week ending June 18, 2021.

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 | | 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 | Recruited by RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) telephone survey. | | ensure the integrity of the data. |
| | The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD | Excluded Demographics | 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) | Atlantic Canada, Quebec, Ontario, Prairies, British Columbia; Men and Women; 18 years and older. | Stratification | 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 | Six 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 sixmonth views of real estate in their neighbourhood. |
| Field Dates | Four-week period October 6, 2023 | 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 |
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Bloomberg – Tracking ending October 6th, 2023 – STAT SHEET

| | | | | | Re | gion | | | Ge | ender | | | Age | | |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|--------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|----------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| | | | Canada 2023-10- 06 | Atlantic | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Male | Female | 18 to 29 | 30 to 39 | 40 to 49 | 50 to 59 | 60 plus |
| Question – Thinking of your | Total | Unwgt N | 1126 | 111 | 264 | 321 | 245 | 185 | 660 | 466 | 173 | 206 | 211 | 209 | 327 |
| personal finances, | | Wgt N | 1000 | 100 | 248 | 300 | 200 | 152 | 485 | 515 | 197 | 163 | 187 | 189 | 265 |
| are you better off, worse off or has | Better off | % | 16.8 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| there been no | Worse off | % | 47.8 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| change over the past year? | There has been no change | % | 34.2 | | Subs | cribers only | / - visit the | Nanos Data F | ortal at | https://ww | w.nanos | s.co/data | portal/ | | |
| | Unsure | % | 1.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | | | Reg | gion | | | Ge | ender | | | Age | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|--------|--------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
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| upcoming year do | | Wgt N | 1000 | 100 | 248 | 300 | 200 | 152 | 485 | 515 | 197 | 163 | 187 | 189 | 265 |
| you think the Canadian | Stronger | % | 13.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| economy will | Weaker | % | 50.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| become stronger, weaker or will | There will be no change | % | 28.9 | | Subs | cribers only | / - visit the | Nanos Data F | Portal at I | nttps://ww | w.nanos | .co/data | portal/ | | |
| there be no change? | Don't know | % | 7.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | | | Re | gion | | | Ge | Gender | | | Age | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| | | | Canada 2023-10- 06 | Atlantic | Quebec | Ontario | Prairies | British Columbia | Male | Female | 18 to 29 | 30 to 39 | 40 to 49 | 50 to 59 | 60 plus |
| Question – Would you describe your job, at this time, as secure, somewhat secure, | Total | Unwgt N | 1126 | 111 | 264 | 321 | 245 | 185 | 660 | 466 | 173 | 206 | 211 | 209 | 327 |
| | | Wgt N | 1000 | 100 | 248 | 300 | 200 | 152 | 485 | 515 | 197 | 163 | 187 | 189 | 265 |
| | Secure | % | 51.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| somewhat not | Somewhat secure | % | 16.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| secure or not at all secure? | Somewhat not secure | % | 3.6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Not at all secure | % | 7.7 | | Subs | cribers only | - visit the | Nanos Data P | ortal at l | https://ww | w.nanos | .co/data | portal/ | | |
| | Unsure | % | 20.8 | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | | | Reg | gion | | | Ge | nder | | | Age | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------------|----------|--------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| | | | Canada 2023-10- 06 | 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 | Total | Unwgt N | 1126 | 111 | 264 | 321 | 245 | 185 | 660 | 466 | 173 | 206 | 211 | 209 | 327 |
| months, do you | | Wgt N | 1000 | 100 | 248 | 300 | 200 | 152 | 485 | 515 | 197 | 163 | 187 | 189 | 265 |
| believe that the value of real | Increase | % | 44.6 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| estate in your | Stay the same | % | 36.2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| neighborhood will | Decrease | % | 15.3 | | Subs | cribers only | - visit the | Nanos Data P | ortal at I | nttps://ww | w.nanos | .co/data | portal/ | | |
| increase, stay the same or decrease? | Unsure | % | 3.9 | | | | | | | | | | | | |