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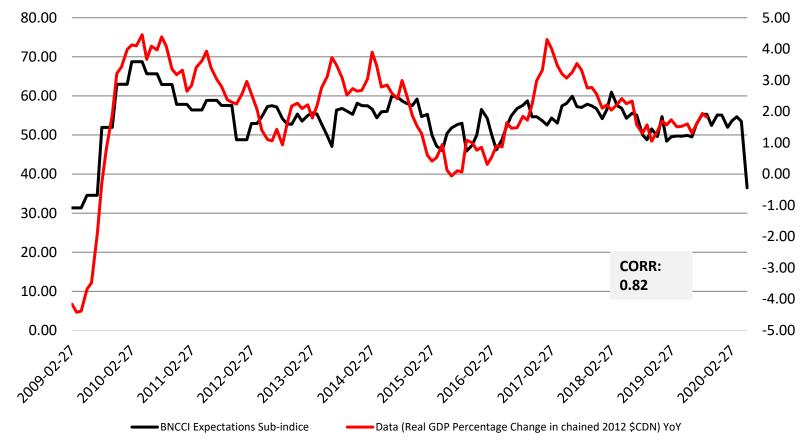


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The forward-looking Bloomberg Nanos Expectations sub-indice has been trending upward for four months in succession. Based on past performance, and the predictive track record of the Nanos data, this suggest an economic lift in the latter part of 2024. Nik Nanos Chief Data Scientist The BNCCI, a composite of a weekly measure of financial health and economic expectations, registered at 53.52 compared with 52.51 four weeks ago. The twelve-month high stands at 53.52.

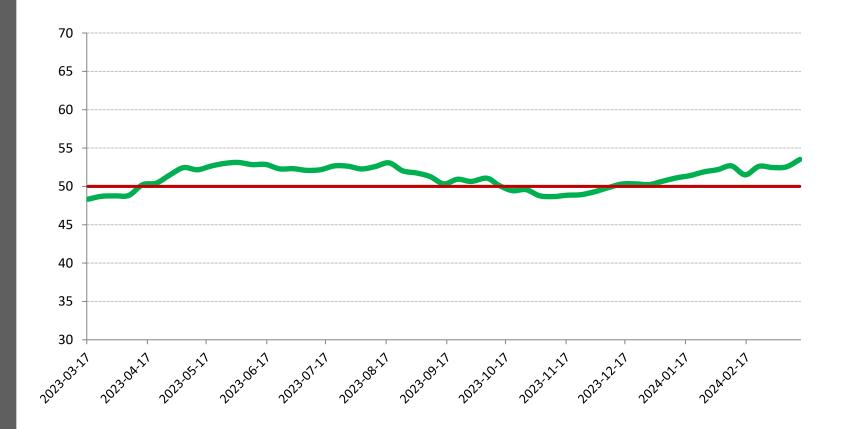
The Bloomberg Nanos Pocketbook Index is based on survey responses to questions on personal finances and job security. This sub-indice was at 53.11 this week compared to 53.75 four weeks ago. The Bloomberg Nanos Expectations Index, based on surveys for the outlook for the economy and real estate prices, was at 53.93 this week compared to 51.28 four weeks ago.

The average for the BNCCI since 2008 has been 55.41 with a low of 37.08 in April 2020 and a high of 66.42 in July 2021. The index has averaged 52.15 this year.



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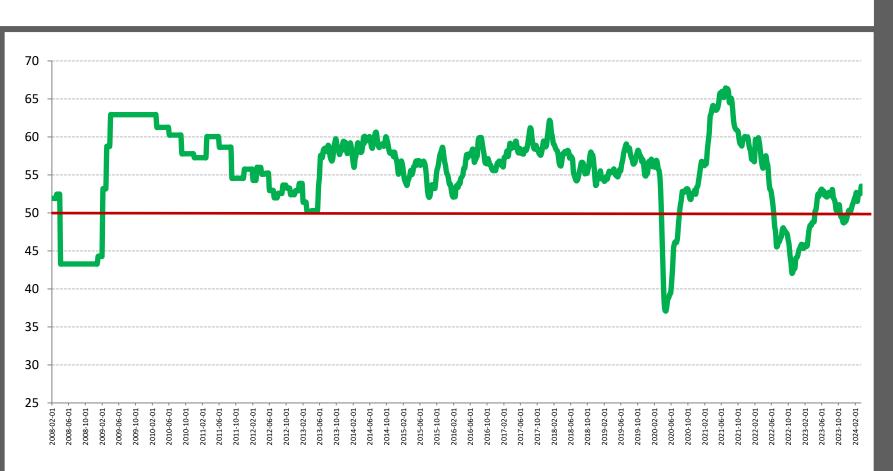
ONE YEAR TREND LINE Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index (Weekly Completed March 15, 2024)



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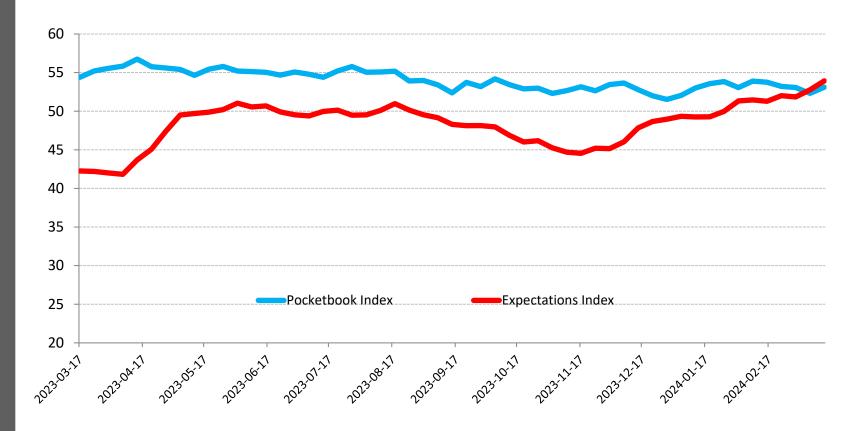
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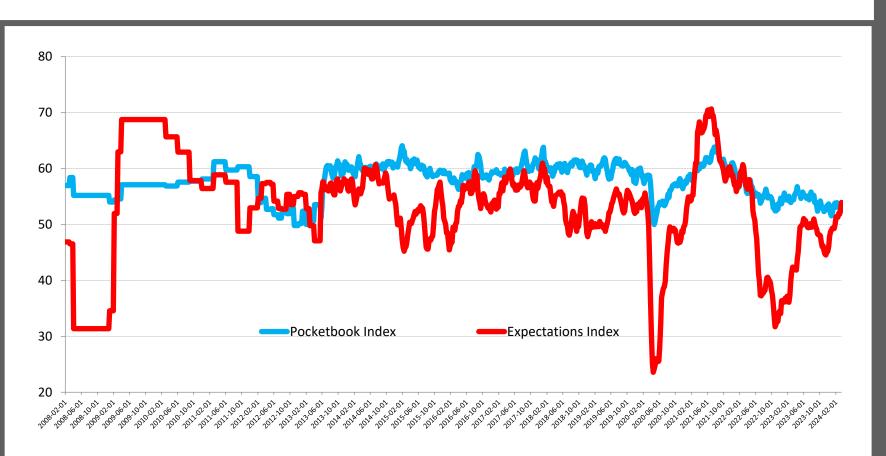
Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Pocketbook and Expectations Indices (Weekly Completed March 15, 2024)



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Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Consumer Confidence Index Data Summary for March 15, 2024

	BNCCI	
This week	53.52	
Last week	52.54	
2024 high	53.52	March 14
2024 low	50.69	January 5
2024 average	52.15	
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	55.41	

Individual Measures:

Positive ratings	This week	Last week	4 weeks ago	Average 2024	Average 2008-2024
Personal finances	15.91	14.84	14.73	14.57	18.02
Canadian economy	17.78	15.71	15.46	16.25	20.49
Job security	65.16	66.88	71.26	68.71	66.73
Real estate	45.76	46.49	44.98	45.40	39.89

Full Ratings	Better off	Worse off	No change	Don't know	
Personal finances	15.91	45.57	36.80	1.72	
	Stronger	Weaker	No change	Don't know	
Canadian Economy	17.78	37.25	36.33	8.64	

		Somewhat	Somewhat		
	Secure	secure	not secure	Not secure	Don't know
Job security	46.67	18.50	3.63	9.26	21.94

	Increase	Stay the same	Decrease	Don't know
Real estate	45.76	38.94	10.59	4.71

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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				•	•	•	U		•
	Economic Mood	53.52	52.54	52.51	49.84	48.33	53.52	48.33	51.21
	Pocketbook Index	53.11	52.31	53.75	53.65	54.39	56.74	51.52	54.04
	Expectations Index	53.93	52.77	51.28	46.03	42.26	53.93	41.83	48.38
Economi	c Mood by Demographic								
Region									
	Atlantic	50.40	51.14	53.53	51.89	47.38	53.95	47.38	51.09
	Quebec	55.68	55.12	56.03	53.43	48.91	57.48	48.91	54.20
	Ontario	53.79	52.33	51.40	49.41	48.85	53.79	46.16	49.74
	Prairies	53.25	51.44	49.89	47.04	47.09	53.25	45.78	49.79
	British Columbia	51.86	51.12	51.76	47.16	48.59	54.82	45.79	51.17
Age	18 to 29	55.34	54.36	56.57	54.75	53.81	57.15	50.82	54.37
U	30 to 39	55.05	54.20	52.99	50.63	46.76	56.63	46.76	52.76
	40 to 49	51.03	50.85	50.36	47.07	48.51	53.12	46.03	49.88
	50 to 59	51.74	49.94	50.61	49.11	45.90	53.61	45.90	50.13
	60 plus	54.24	53.22	52.09	48.19	46.82	54.24	46.05	49.62
Income									
	\$0 to \$14,999	46.99	44.93	48.46	50.39	46.01	56.48	44.93	49.92
	\$15,000 to \$29,999	52.17	51.26	51.22	48.46	42.25	53.93	42.25	48.93
	\$30,000 to \$44,999	51.96	50.48	50.42	49.30	51.53	52.99	45.12	49.91
	\$45,000 to \$59,999	51.41	52.50	53.41	49.59	44.52	54.64	44.52	51.40
	\$60,000 to \$74,999	53.75	51.30	53.38	51.33	49.13	55.23	44.79	50.54
	\$75,000 or more	56.41	54.99	53.80	51.46	50.56	56.74	48.47	53.23
Home									
	Own	53.22	54.16	51.74	48.75	47.05	53.22	47.05	50.24
	Rent	54.38	54.16	53.86	51.85	50.36	55.44	49.91	52.82

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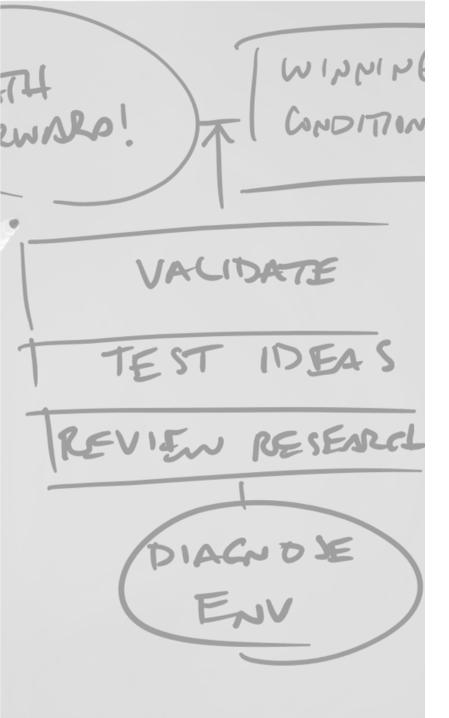


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The BNCCI is produced by the Nanos Research Corporation, headquartered in Canada, which operates in Canada and the United States. The data is based on random interviews with 1,000 Canadian consumers (recruited by RDD land- and cell-line sample), using 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 1,092 respondents in Canada is accurate 3.0 percentage points, plus or minus, 19 times out of 20. This report is based on the four waves of tracking ending March 15, 2024. 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 159th and April 9th, 2021. As a result of the latest provincial lockdown the tracking returned to Nanos probability online panel between the weeks ending 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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Element	Description	Element	Description
Research sponsor	Nanos Research	Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all
Population and Final Sample Size	1,000 Randomly selected individuals, four week rolling average of 250 interviews a week.		regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure.
Margin of Error	\pm 3.0 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	Recruited by RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) telephone survey.		administering the survey to ensure the integrity of the data.
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line or internet could not participate.
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.	Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2021) 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 (Other)	Age, gender, education, income	Estimated Response Rate	Six percent, consistent with industry norms.
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work.	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)
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 Canadian economy, their
Time of Calls	Local time 5:00-9:00 pm, on weekends 12:00- 6:00 pm	Question Content	perception of their job security and six-month views of real estate in their neighbourhood.
Field Dates	Four-week period March 15, 2024	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.



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					Reg	gion			Ge	ender			Age		
			Canada 2024-03- 15	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	Total	Unwgt N	1092	108	254	334	232	164	610	482	122	135	151	184	500
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	%	15.9												
there been no	Worse off	%	45.6												
change over the past year?	There has been no change	%	36.8		S	ubscribers o	nly - visit th	e Nanos Data	Portal at	https://ww	/w.nanos	.co/data	portal/		
	Unsure	%	1.7												

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			Canada 2024-03- 15	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	Total	Unwgt N	1092	108	254	334	232	164	610	482	122	135	151	184	500
upcoming year do		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
you think the Canadian	Stronger	%	17.8												
economy will	Weaker	%	37.2												
become stronger, weaker or will	There will be no change	%	36.3		Sub	oscribers on	ly - visit the	Nanos Data P	ortal at h	ttps://www	v.nanos.o	co/datap	ortal/		
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describe your job,		Wgt N	1000	100	248	300	200	152	485	515	197	163	187	189	265
at this time, as secure, somewhat	Secure	%	46.7												
secure, somewhat	Somewhat secure	%	18.5												
not secure or not at all secure?	Somewhat not secure	%	3.6		Sub	oscribers on	ly - visit the	Nanos Data P	ortal at h	ttps://www	.nanos.o	co/datap	ortal/		
	Not at all secure	%	9.3												
	Unsure	%	21.9												

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			Canada 2024-03- 15	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	1092	108	254	334	232	164	610	482	122	135	151	184	500
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	%	45.8												
estate in your	Stay the same	%	38.9												
neighborhood will	Decrease	%	10.6		Sub	scribers on	ly - visit the	Nanos Data P	ortal at h	ttps://www	.nanos.c	o/datap	ortal/		
increase, stay the same or decrease?	Unsure	%	4.7							• • •		•			

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