

# Confidence on Hold: Perceptions Pause Between Gloom and Hope

Weekly Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index  
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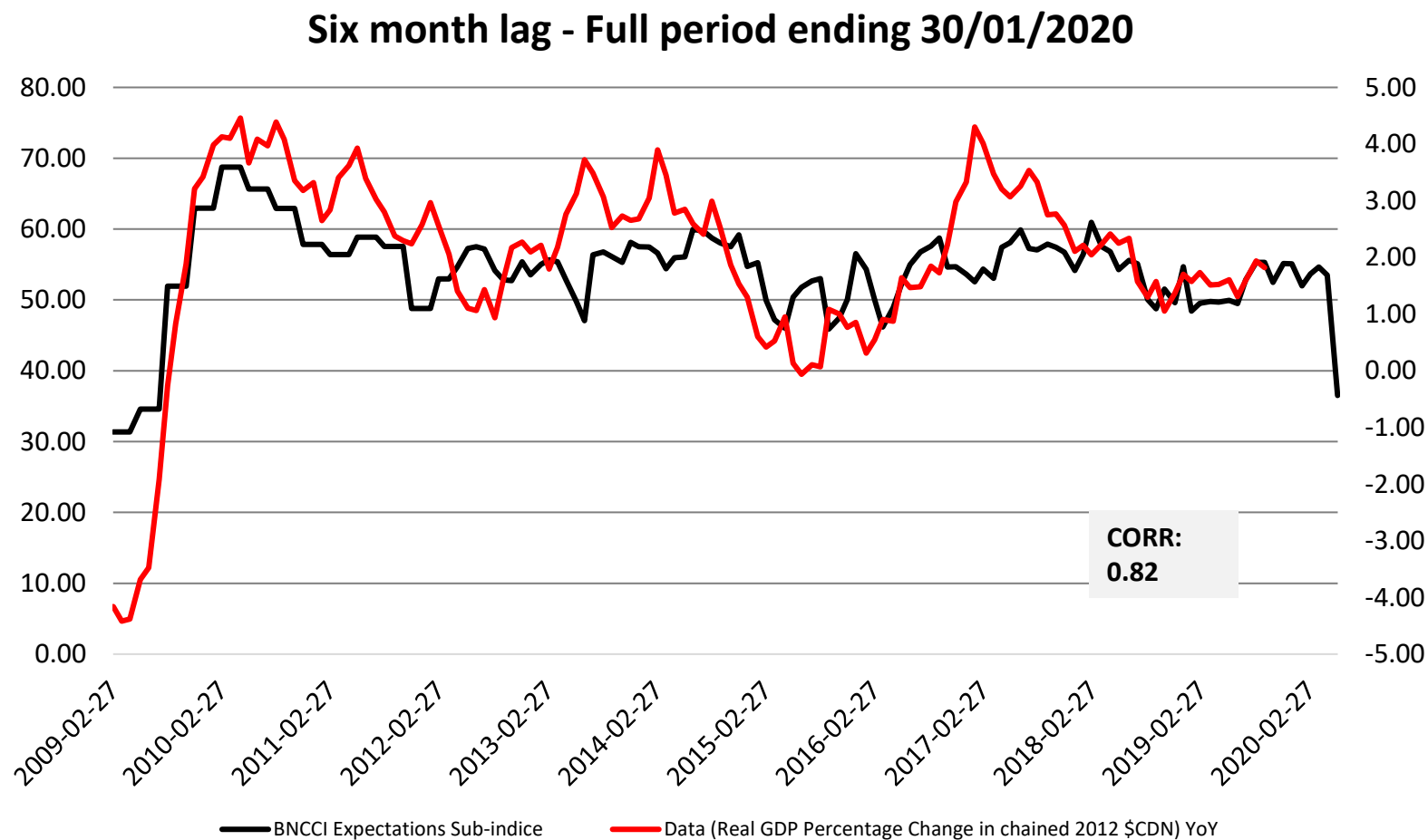
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# Monthly Bloomberg/Nanos Canada Expectations Index and Canada's GDP Growth YoY

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## CANADA INDEX

### Your weekly look at Canada's economic mood

**“Canada’s confidence has stabilized at neutral. The index has recovered from April lows, signalling a pause in pessimism rather than a clear recovery. Of note, personal finances and economic expectations remain weak. Improved expectations suggest cautious hope, but momentum is limited and fragile overall nationwide.”**

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The BNCCI, a composite of a weekly measure of financial health and economic expectations, registered at 50.00 compared to 46.93 four weeks ago. The twelve-month high stands at 54.19.

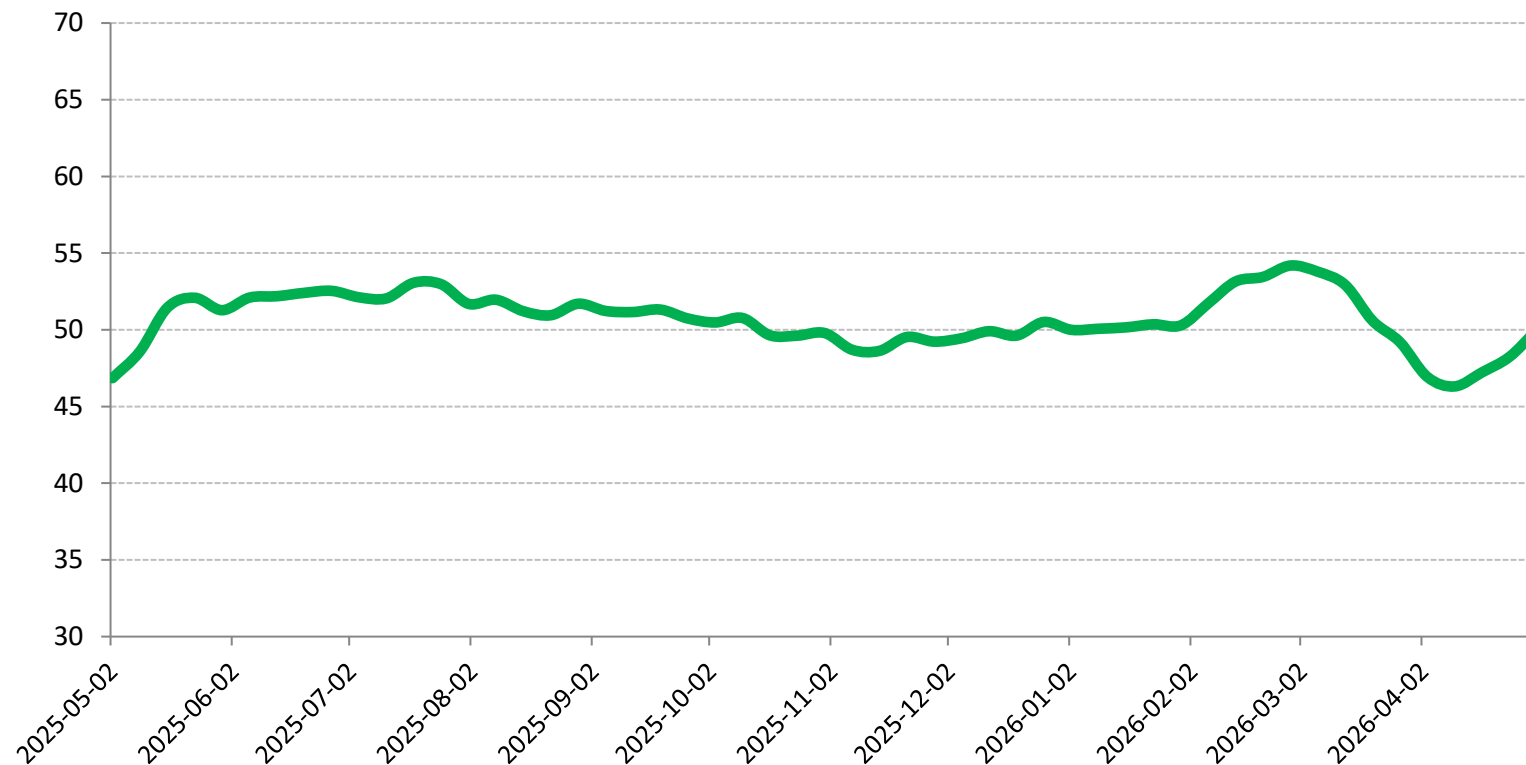
The Bloomberg Nanos Pocketbook Index is based on survey responses to questions on personal finances and job security. This sub-indices was at 53.51 this week compared to 51.52 four weeks ago. The Bloomberg Nanos Expectations Index, based on surveys for the outlook for the economy and real estate prices, was at 46.49 this week compared to 42.33 four weeks ago.

The average for the BNCCI since 2008 has been 54.77 with a low of 37.08 in April 2020 and a high of 66.42 in July 2021. The index has averaged 50.48 this year.

## ONE YEAR TREND LINE

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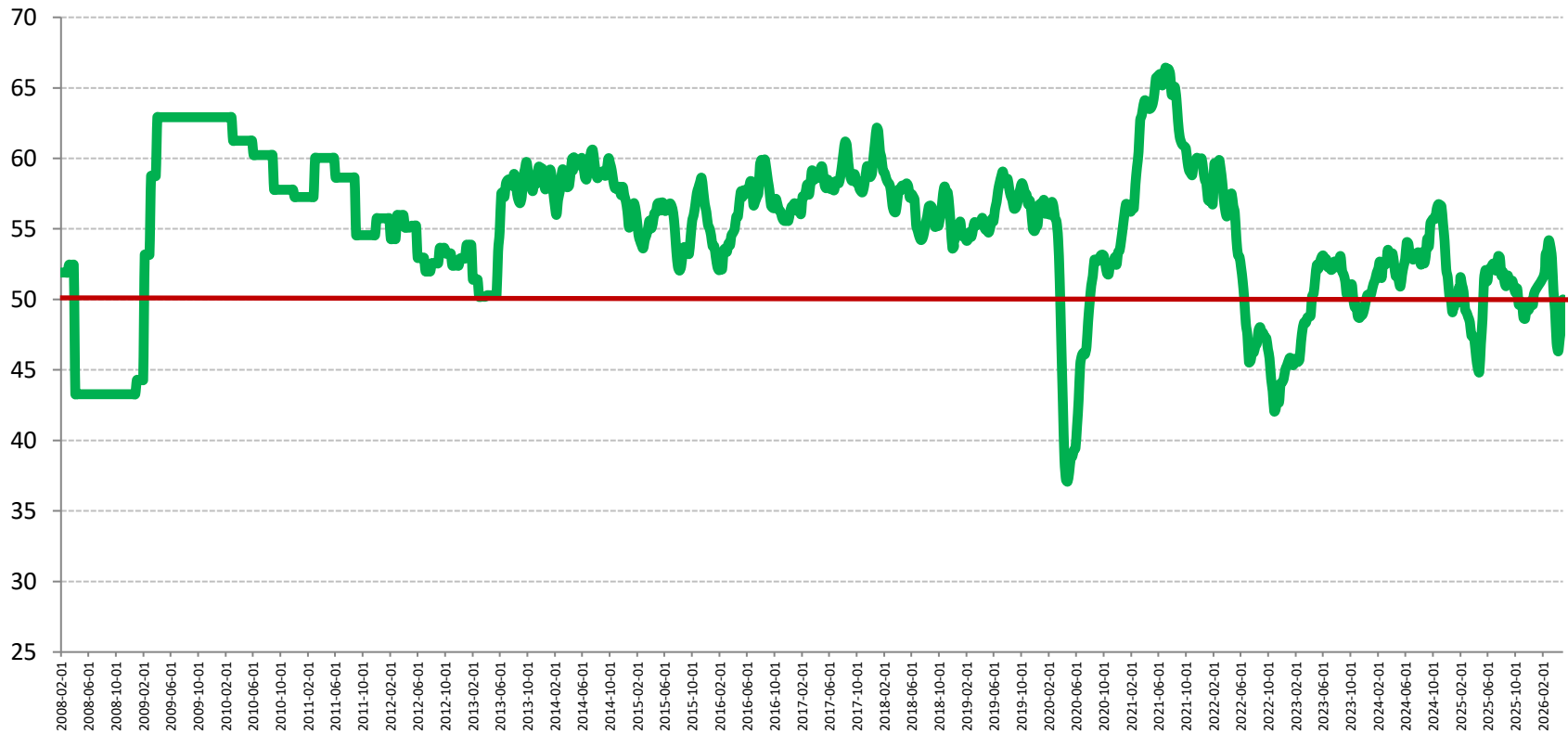


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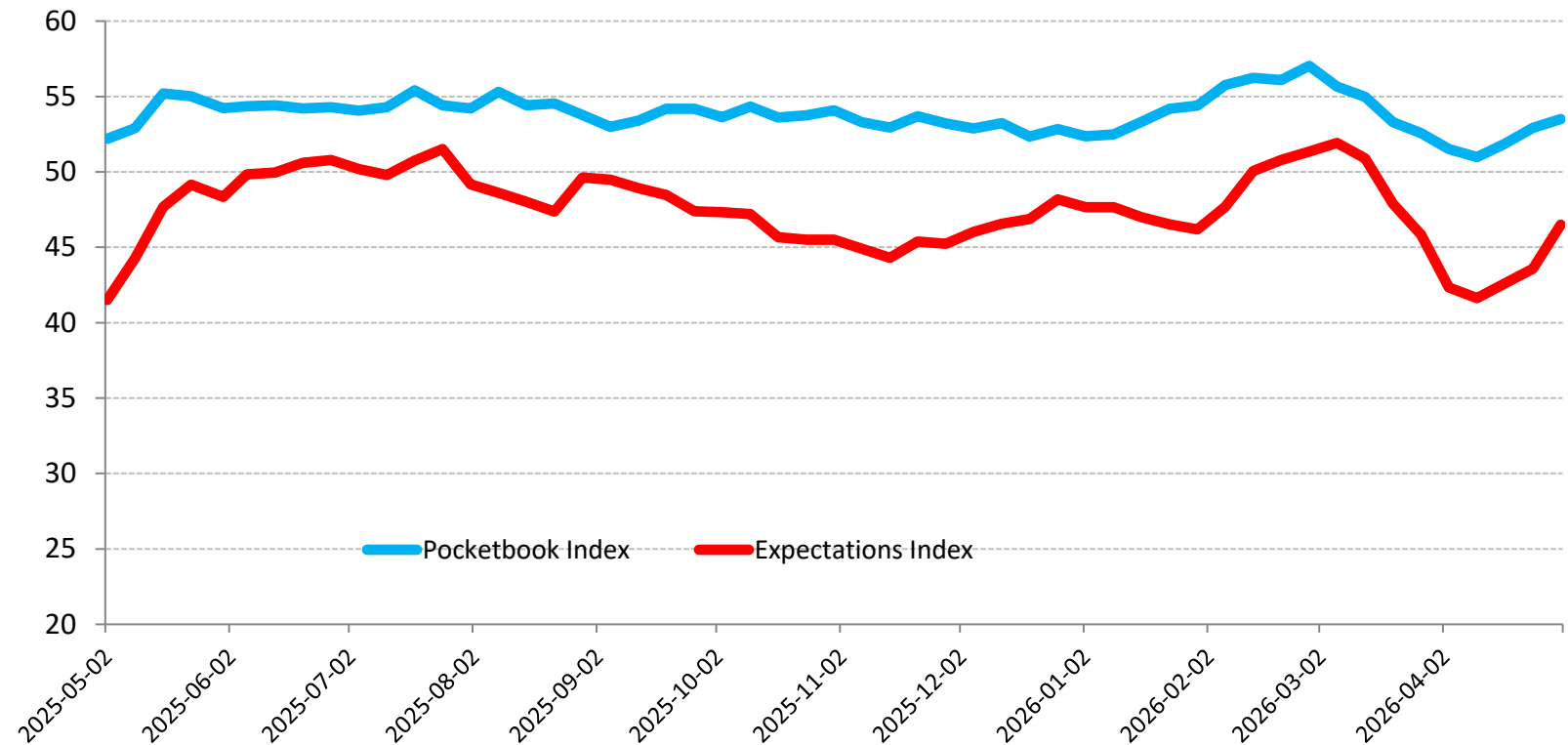


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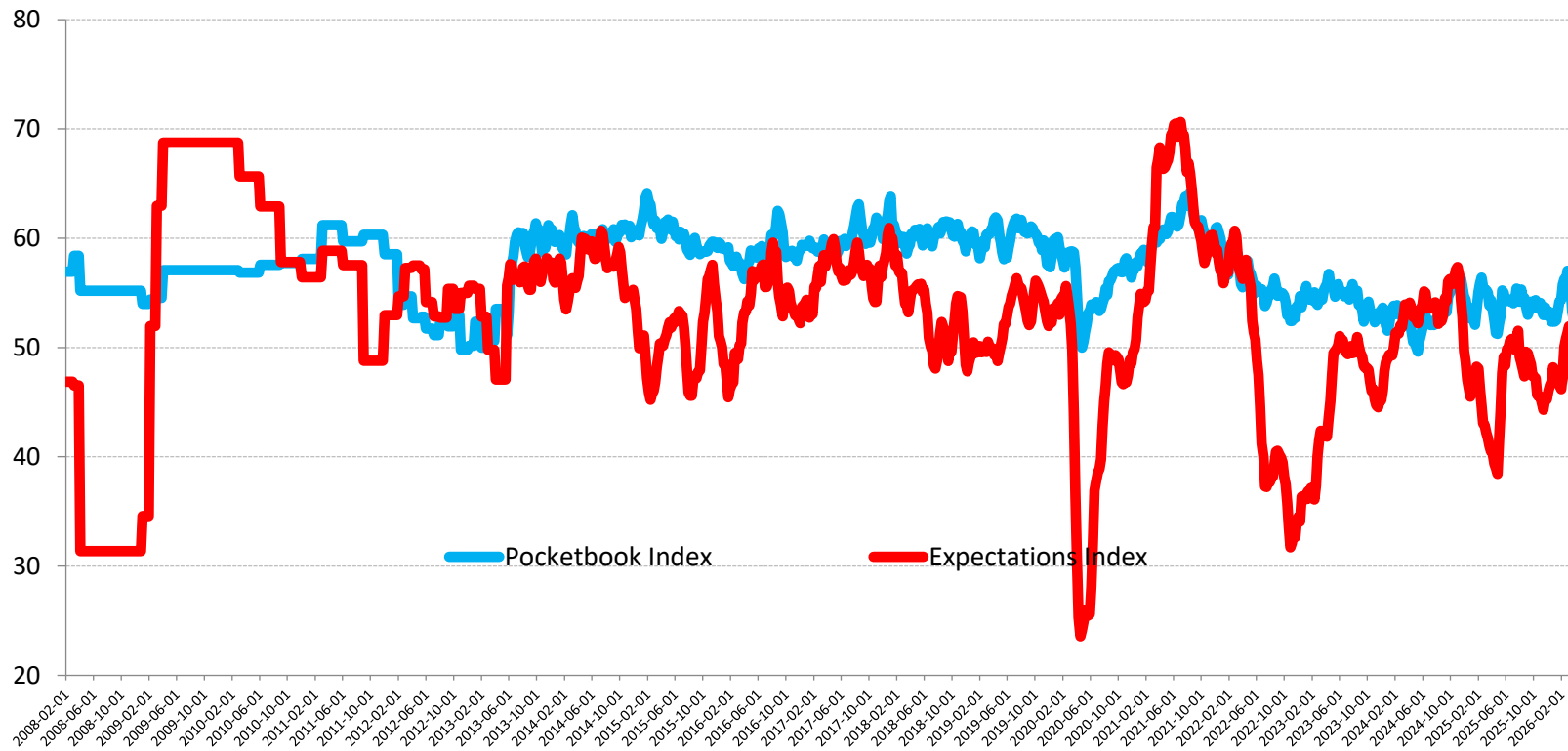
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# Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Consumer Confidence Index Data Summary for May 1, 2026

	<b>BNCCI</b>	
This week	50.00	
Last week	48.24	
2026 high	54.19	February 27
2026 low	46.31	April 10
2026 average	50.48	
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	54.77	

## Individual Measures:


	<b>This week</b>	<b>Last week</b>	<b>4 weeks ago</b>	<b>Average 2026</b>	<b>Average 2008-2026</b>
<b>Positive ratings</b>					
Personal finances	12.99	12.06	12.66	14.46	17.42
Canadian economy	17.52	16.66	15.41	20.21	20.02
Job security	64.26	63.04	58.88	62.21	66.39
Real estate	35.42	30.81	31.49	33.37	39.93
<b>Full Ratings</b>	<b>Better off</b>	<b>Worse off</b>	<b>No change</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	
Personal finances	12.99	39.92	43.86	3.23	
<b>Canadian Economy</b>	<b>Stronger</b>	<b>Weaker</b>	<b>No change</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	
	17.52	46.47	27.92	8.09	
<b>Job security</b>	<b>Secure</b>	<b>Somewhat secure</b>	<b>Somewhat not secure</b>	<b>Not secure</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
	46.43	17.83	5.48	9.29	20.98
<b>Real estate</b>	<b>Increase</b>	<b>Stay the same</b>	<b>Decrease</b>	<b>Don't know</b>	
	35.42	39.44	20.50	4.64	

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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
<b>Canada</b>									
	Economic Mood	50.00	48.24	46.93	50.29	46.85	54.19	46.31	50.68
	Pocketbook Index	53.51	52.92	51.52	54.40	52.19	57.03	50.98	53.87
	Expectations Index	46.49	43.57	42.33	46.18	41.51	51.92	41.51	47.50
	<b>Economic Mood by Demographic</b>								
<b>Region</b>									
	Atlantic	49.79	49.18	49.65	55.80	47.34	57.56	47.34	53.24
	Quebec	53.50	52.78	53.70	55.20	49.16	61.91	49.16	55.96
	Ontario	47.82	43.96	42.62	46.38	45.78	52.06	41.79	47.52
	Prairies	50.72	50.25	45.31	51.84	45.25	55.15	45.25	50.53
	British Columbia	47.80	46.04	44.69	44.34	46.99	50.97	43.75	46.84
<b>Age</b>									
	18 to 29	56.76	52.85	50.36	51.99	49.56	60.24	47.93	53.29
	30 to 39	50.88	47.47	44.87	50.08	48.11	55.15	43.49	50.94
	40 to 49	45.26	46.17	43.60	48.12	45.30	53.48	43.39	49.02
	50 to 59	49.71	47.80	47.04	49.30	45.84	54.42	45.84	49.70
	60 plus	48.00	47.08	47.90	51.40	45.88	53.81	45.88	50.47
<b>Income</b>									
	\$0 to \$14,999	52.00	59.69	42.40	44.53	50.09	59.69	40.76	47.71
	\$15,000 to \$29,999	46.62	47.12	47.49	45.19	49.39	56.96	45.19	50.59
	\$30,000 to \$44,999	47.40	46.19	50.81	46.33	44.53	55.87	43.43	49.25
	\$45,000 to \$59,999	47.02	42.73	43.80	50.24	44.63	56.21	42.20	49.62
	\$60,000 to \$74,999	53.21	48.77	46.00	55.71	56.90	58.76	44.52	51.70
	\$75,000 or more	50.39	48.50	48.78	50.78	47.75	56.83	47.50	51.64
<b>Home</b>									
	Own	49.32	48.91	47.09	49.59	45.83	53.07	45.83	50.09
	Rent	51.02	48.91	46.83	50.07	50.73	58.32	45.61	51.89

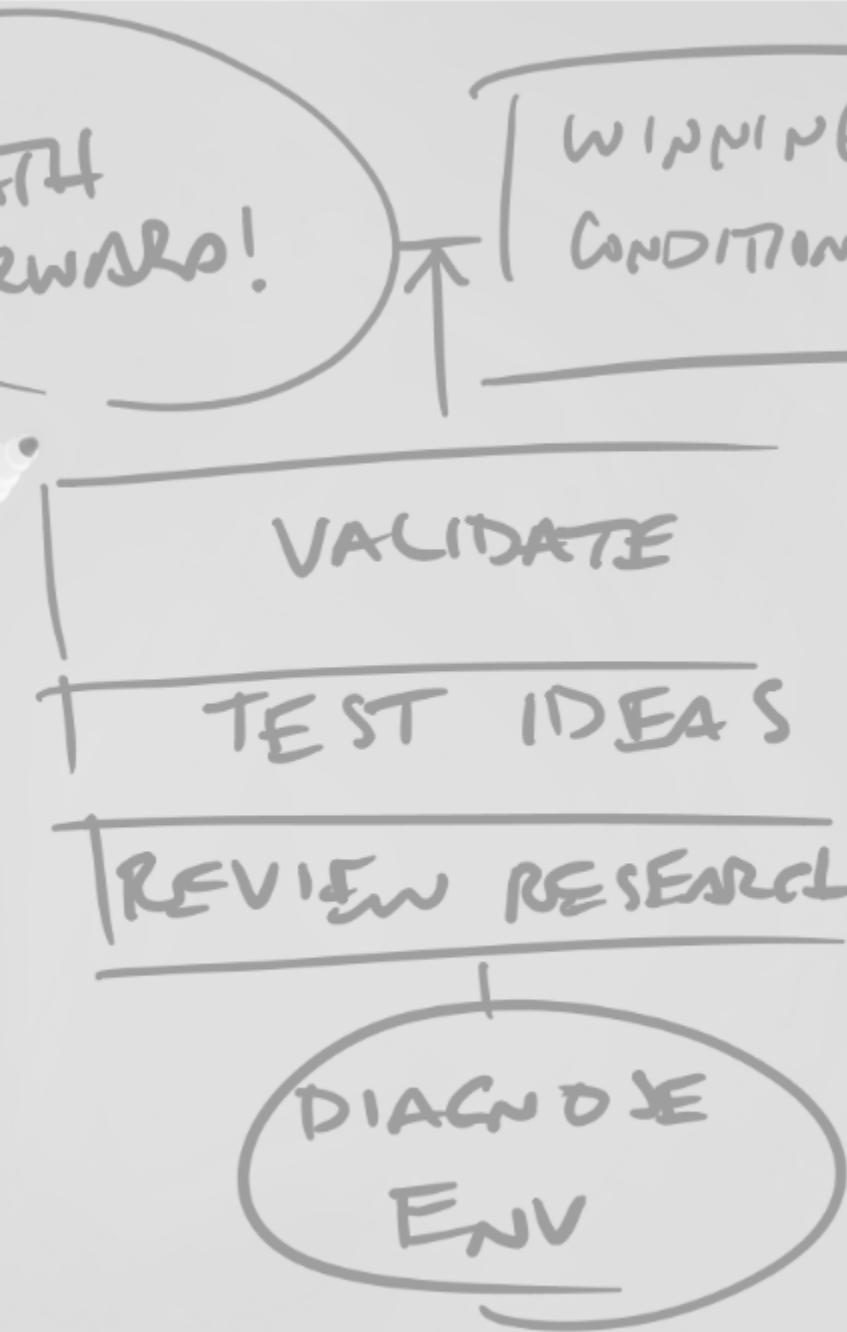
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The Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index (BNCCI) is a weekly measurement of the economic mood of Canadians on the strength of the economy, job security, real estate in their neighbourhood, and their personal financial situation. It is a composite 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 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 1,027 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 May 1, 2026.

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 regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure.
Population and Final Sample Size	1,027 Randomly selected individuals, four week rolling average of 250 interviews a week.	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.
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.	Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line or internet could not participate.
Mode of Survey	Recruited by RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) telephone survey.	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.
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.	Estimated Response Rate	Six percent, consistent with industry norms.
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.	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)
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income	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.
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work.	Question Wording	The questions in the appended tabulations are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
Number of Calls	Maximum of five call backs.	Research/Data Collection Supplier	Nanos Research
Time of Calls	Local time 5:00-9:00 pm, on weekends 12:00- 6:00 pm	Contact	Contact Nanos Research for more information or with any concerns or questions. <a href="http://www.nanos.co">http://www.nanos.co</a> Telephone:(613) 234-4666 ext. 237 Email: info@nanosresearch.com.
Field Dates	Four-week period May 1, 2026		
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.		
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**2026 Bloomberg - Tracking ending May 1 - STAT SHEET**

Methodology: Nanos conducted an RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) hybrid telephone and online survey of 1,027 Canadians, 18 years of age and older. Four week rolling average (250 per week) ending May 1, 2026. The margin of error is ±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.

Note: Responses with a sample size of less than 30 have been suppressed

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Question - Thinking of your personal finances, are you better off, worse off or has there been no change over the past year?	Total	Unwgt N	1027	95	260	300	211	161	628	399	160	181	146	183	357
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