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# Are Ontarians Better or Worse Off Financially



## SES/680 News Poll

### Methodology

Between September 30th and October 3rd, 2006, SES Research conducted a random telephone survey of 500 Ontarians 18 years and older.

The aggregate survey results are accurate  $\pm 4.5\%$ , 19 times out of 20. Margins of accuracy are wider for subgroup samples. Readers should note that the data was weighted for gender and age to match the 2001 Canadian census results for Ontario. Results should be considered representative of the Ontario population. Results may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

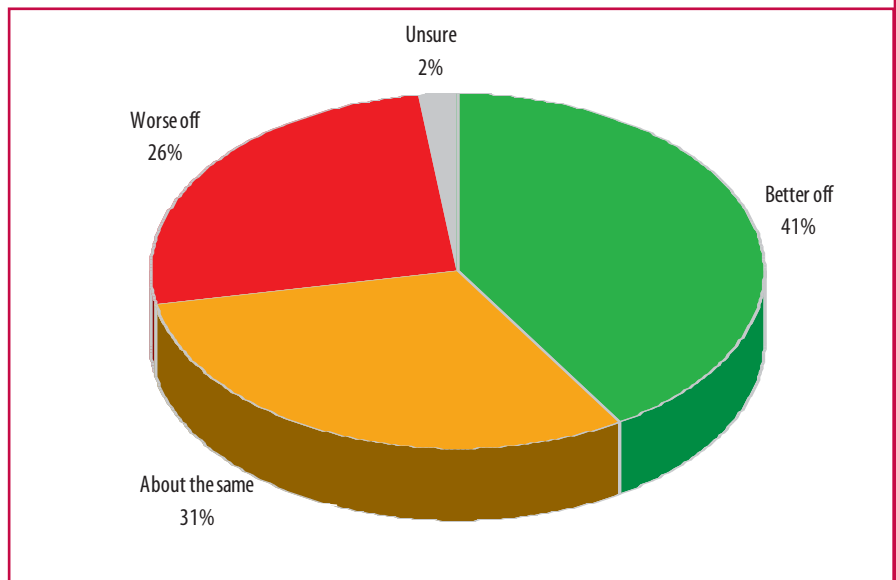
The initiative was part of the SES Ontario Omnibus Survey and was registered with the Marketing Research and Intelligence Association of which SES is a Gold Seal Corporate Member.

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**Question:** Thinking about your current personal financial situation would you say you are better off, about the same or worse off than you were five years ago?



	Better off	About the same	Worse off	Unsure
<b>Group (Margin of Accuracy)</b>	%	%	%	%
Ontario ( $\pm 4.5\%$ )	41	31	26	2
Men ( $\pm 6\%$ )	41	31	26	3
Women ( $\pm 6\%$ )	41	31	26	2
18 to 29 ( $\pm 10\%$ )	64	17	14	5
30 to 39 ( $\pm 10\%$ )	47	25	28	0
40 to 49 ( $\pm 10\%$ )	36	44	19	1
50 to 59 ( $\pm 11\%$ )	43	22	31	4
60 plus ( $\pm 9\%$ )	17	42	38	2