

Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index (BNCCI)

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Week over week Canadian consumer sentiment steady *(December 1st, 2017)*

The latest Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Consumer Index data remained steady in the week over week tracking.

The BNCCI, a composite of a weekly measure of financial health and economic expectations, registered at 58.68 compared with last week's 58.73. The twelve month high stands at 61.19.

The Bloomberg Nanos Pocketbook Index is based on survey responses to questions on personal finances and job security. This sub-index was at 59.92 this week compared to 61.00 the previous week. The Bloomberg Nanos Expectations Index, based on surveys for the outlook for the economy and real estate prices, was at 57.44 this week (compared to 56.46 last week).

The average for the BNCCI since 2008 has been 56.91 with a low of 43.28 in December 2008 and a high of 62.92 in December 2009. The index has averaged 58.42 this year.

"Both the week over week and the four week cycle in consumer confidence in Canada has remained relatively steady," said Nanos Research Group Chairman Nik Nanos.

"Over the last month, consumers have reported both increased concern for their personal finances and increased confidence in the economic recovery. Weekly earnings and unemployment continue to improve, which suggests that the labour market is getting healthier. And government spending and business investment continue to trend higher, which suggests a range of support for economic growth in coming quarters. But that growth in demand also implies additional monetary tightening, with the markets looking at March 2018 as the next Bank of Canada rate hike. While that will not help household balance sheets, interest rates should remain low enough to not jeopardize the recovery," said Bloomberg economist Robert Lawrie.

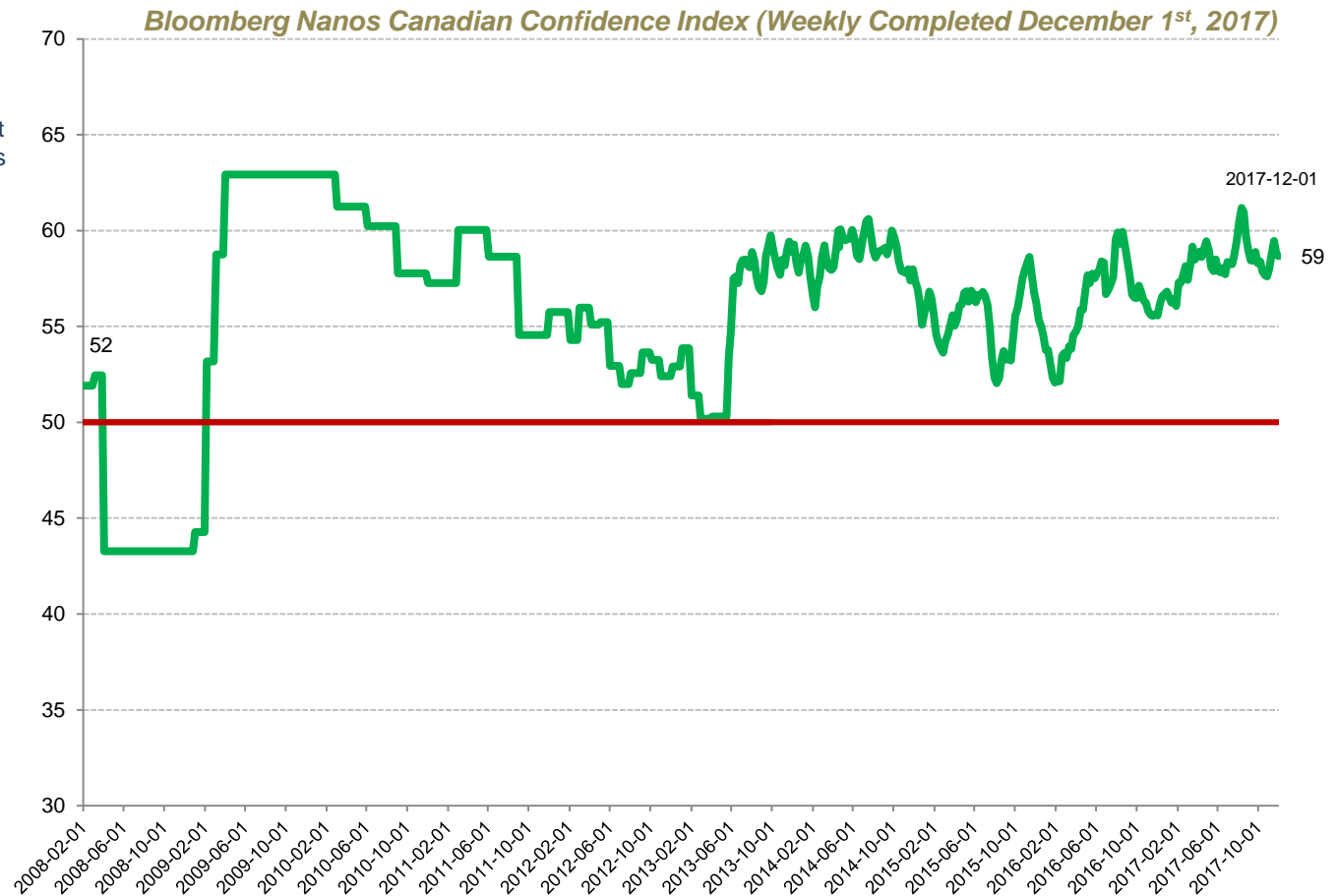
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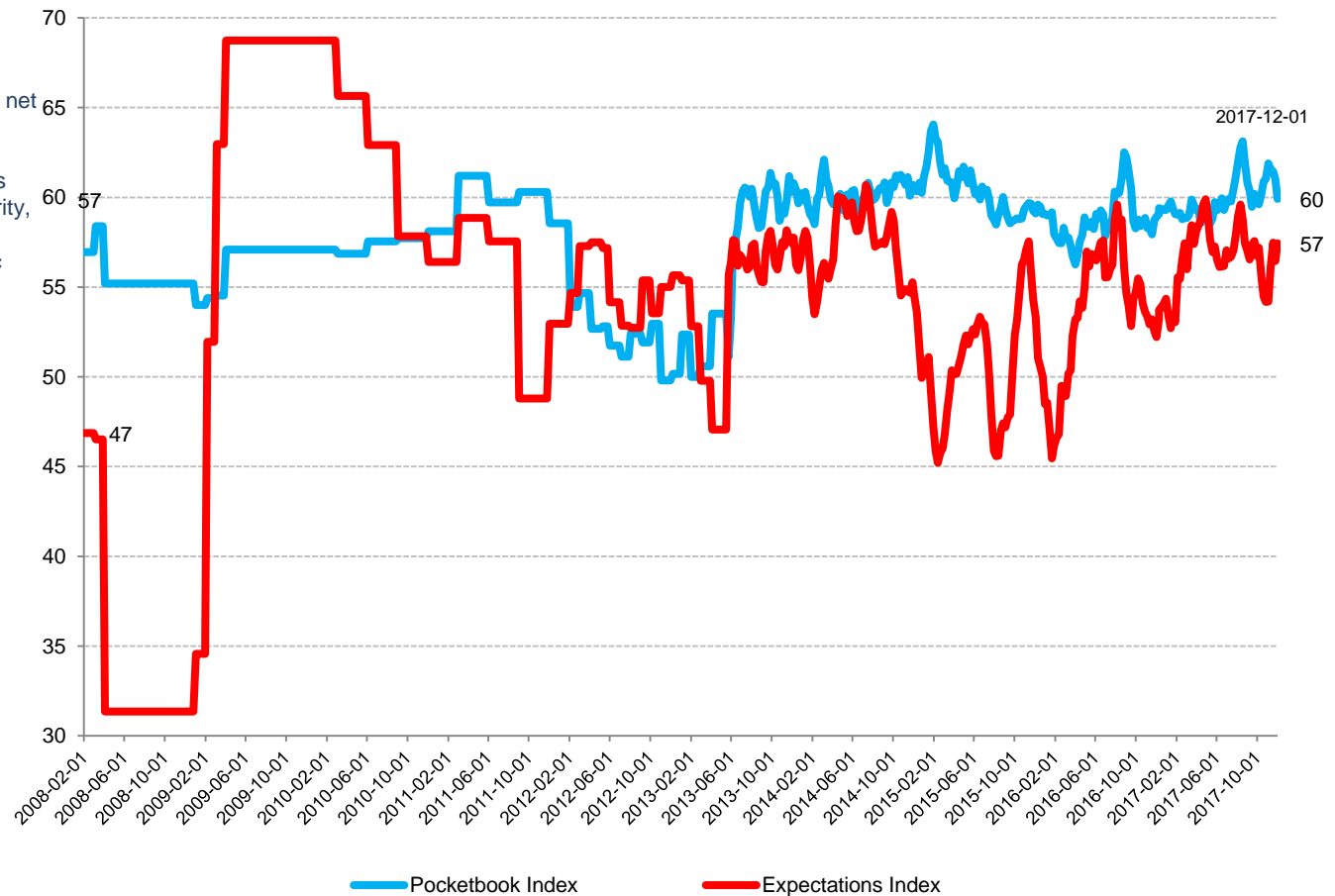
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The BNCCI Pocketbook and Expectations Sub-Indices are comprised of the views of 1,000 Canadians. A score of 50 on the diffusion index indicates that positive and negative views are a wash while scores above or below 50 suggest net positive or net negative views in terms of the economic mood of Canadians. The data for the Pocketbook Index is based on perceptions related to personal finances and job security, and the data for the Expectations Index is based on perceptions related to economic strength and real estate value.

Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Pocketbook and Expectations Indices (Weekly Completed December 1st, 2017)



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Data Summary for
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	BNCCI	
This week	58.68	
Last week	58.73	
2017 high	61.19	Aug 11
2017 low	56.06	Jan 27
2017 average	58.42	
2008 average	49.21	Worst full year
2010 average	59.13	Best full year
Dec 31, 2008	43.28	Record low
Dec 31, 2009	62.92	Record high
Overall index average	56.91	

Individual Measures:

	This week	Last week	4 weeks ago	Average 2017	Average 2008-2017
Positive ratings					
Personal finances	17.97	18.74	19.57	17.70	18.32
Canadian economy	27.13	25.81	25.66	24.59	21.76
Job security	66.13	68.04	68.43	67.20	66.81
Real estate	39.27	37.69	39.61	40.86	37.39

	Better off	Worse off	No change	Don't know
Full Ratings				
Personal finances	17.97	24.78	56.38	0.87

	Stronger	Weaker	No change	Don't know
Canadian Economy	27.13	23.51	41.25	8.11

	Secure	Somewhat secure	Somewhat not secure	Not secure	Don't know
Job security	48.70	17.43	2.86	6.83	24.18

	Increase	Stay the same	Decrease	Don't know
Real estate	39.27	43.84	13.12	3.78

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		This Week	Last Week	4 Weeks Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago (Dec)	12 Month High	12 Month Low	12 Month Average
Canada									
	Economic Mood	58.68	58.73	58.04	58.90	55.57	61.19	55.57	58.19
	Pocketbook Index	59.92	61.00	61.89	60.80	58.93	63.12	58.54	59.90
	Expectations Index	57.44	56.46	54.19	57.00	52.21	59.90	52.21	56.48
Economic Mood by Demographic									
Region									
	Atlantic	60.07	58.56	56.14	62.17	55.20	62.17	52.30	56.79
	Quebec	62.56	61.92	58.98	59.54	58.23	63.30	56.72	59.99
	Ontario	57.75	59.62	59.69	58.08	58.32	63.35	54.97	59.41
	Prairies	52.01	51.04	52.37	54.39	46.95	56.91	46.95	52.09
	British Columbia	62.04	62.01	61.96	63.27	57.38	66.56	55.60	61.79
Age									
	18 to 29	62.77	62.20	60.68	61.15	59.72	66.10	57.92	61.69
	30 to 39	59.49	60.29	59.56	61.70	57.72	62.83	54.62	60.34
	40 to 49	59.04	60.20	59.16	58.41	55.39	61.12	53.33	57.44
	50 to 59	57.20	55.79	56.40	58.32	52.60	59.68	52.60	56.32
	60 plus	55.94	56.27	55.54	56.28	53.41	59.29	52.48	56.17
Income									
	\$0 to \$14,999	50.61	51.34	50.92	60.24	52.14	60.24	47.16	52.49
	\$15,000 to \$29,999	57.34	58.78	49.72	56.56	57.60	59.25	48.98	54.64
	\$30,000 to \$44,999	58.45	58.03	55.11	58.37	54.92	61.48	53.28	57.45
	\$45,000 to \$59,999	57.04	58.75	58.97	54.93	58.12	62.96	54.93	58.04
	\$60,000 to \$74,999	56.59	53.01	64.88	59.16	53.40	64.88	53.01	58.72
	\$75,000 or more	61.76	61.41	59.22	61.90	55.90	62.97	55.90	60.49
Home									
	Own	57.79	57.66	57.88	59.06	54.29	60.73	54.29	57.95
	Rent	60.63	61.38	58.09	58.32	59.16	62.98	55.53	59.07

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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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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 telephone interviews with 1,000 Canadian consumers (land- and cell-lines), 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 telephone survey of 1,000 consumers 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 December 1st, 2017.

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
Organization who commissioned the research	Nanos Research
Final Sample Size	1,000 Randomly selected individuals, four week rolling average of 250 interviews a week.
Margin of Error	±3.1 percentage points, 19 times out of 20.
Mode of Survey	RDD dual frame (land- and cell-lines) telephone survey
Sampling Method Base	The sample included both land- and cell-lines RDD (Random Digit Dialed) across Canada.
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.
Demographics (Other)	Age, gender, education, income
Fieldwork/Validation	Live interviews with live supervision to validate work as per the MRIA Code of Conduct
Number of Calls/	Maximum of five call backs.
Time of Calls	Individuals were called between 12-5:30 pm and 6:30-9:30pm local time for the respondent.
Field Dates	Four week period December 1 st , 2017
Language of Survey	The survey was conducted in both English and French.

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Weighting of Data	The results were weighted by age and gender using the latest Census information (2014) and the sample is geographically stratified to ensure a distribution across all regions of Canada. See tables for full weighting disclosure
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.
Excluded Demographics	Individuals younger than 18 years old; individuals without land or cell line could not participate.
Stratification	By age and gender using the latest Census information (2011) 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.
Estimated Response Rate	Nine percent, consistent with industry norms.
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)
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 6 month views of real estate in their neighbourhood.
Question Wording	The questions in the appended tabulations are written exactly as they were asked to individuals.
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