

Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index (BNCCI)

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Confidence slides for fourth week on dampened views of real estate (October 24th, 2014)

Confidence in the economy has now declined for a fourth week in succession according to the Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Confidence Index.

The BNCCI, a composite of a weekly measure of financial health and economic expectations, registered at 57.90 compared with last week's 58.40. The twelve month high stands at 60.60. The Bloomberg Nanos Pocketbook Index is based on survey responses to questions on personal finances and job security. This sub-index was at 61.26 this week compared to 61.03 the previous week. The Bloomberg Nanos Expectations Index, based on surveys for the outlook for the economy and real estate prices, was at 54.53 this week (compared to 55.78 last week).

The average for the BNCCI since 2008 has been 57.31, with a low of 43.28 in December 2008 and a high of

62.92 in December 2009. The index has averaged 58.90 this year.

"The decline has largely been driven by views of real estate which registered a noticeable one week drop in confidence," said Nanos Research Group Chairman Nik Nanos. "With real estate as a key pillar of economic confidence, this will need to be very closely monitored."

"Canada's labor market participation rate is back to 2001 levels and the yearly rate of decline is gathering steam, neither of which should help the overall mood of Canadian consumers should there be further changes in asset prices and the demand for energy and housing," said Robert Lawrie, Bloomberg Economist.

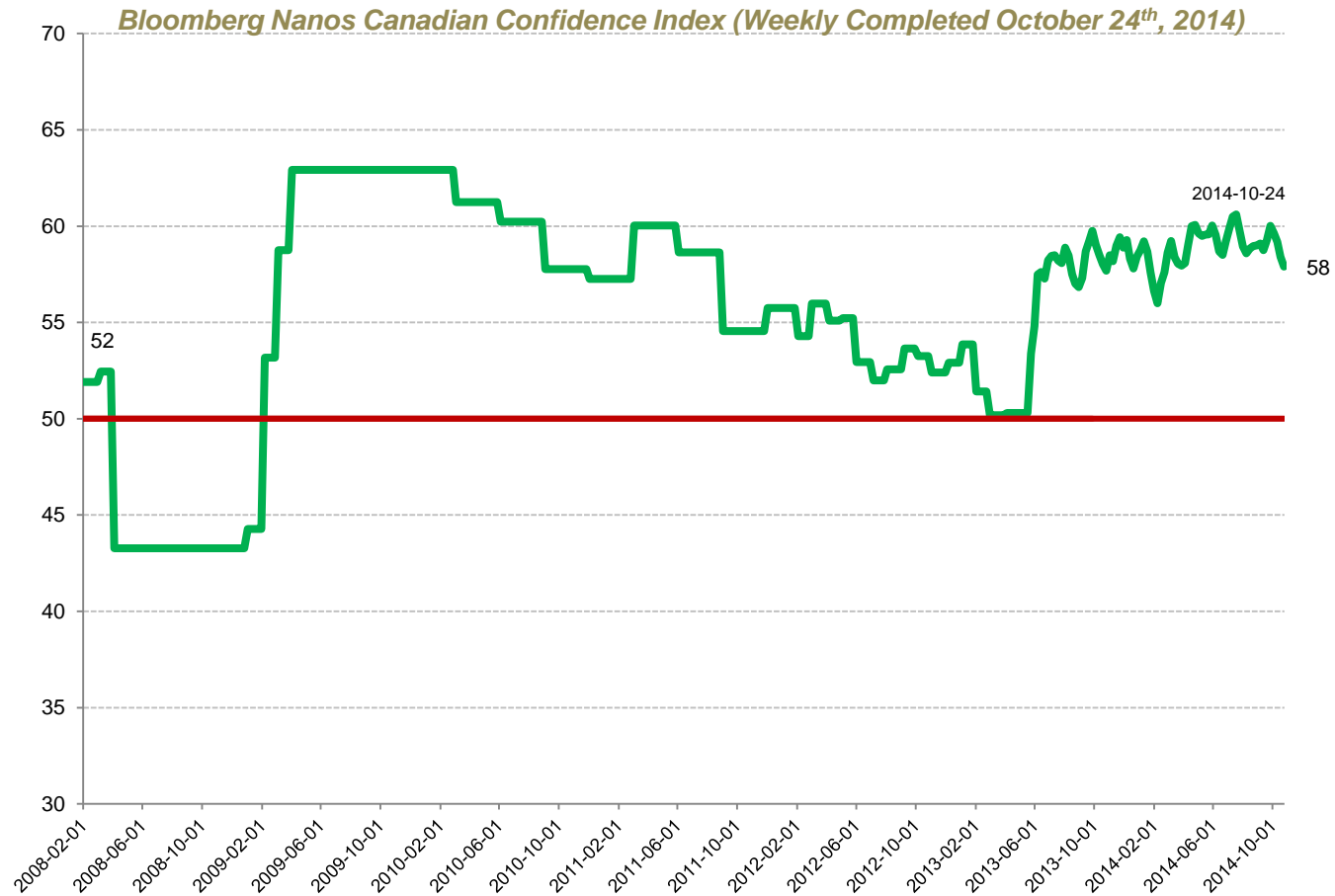
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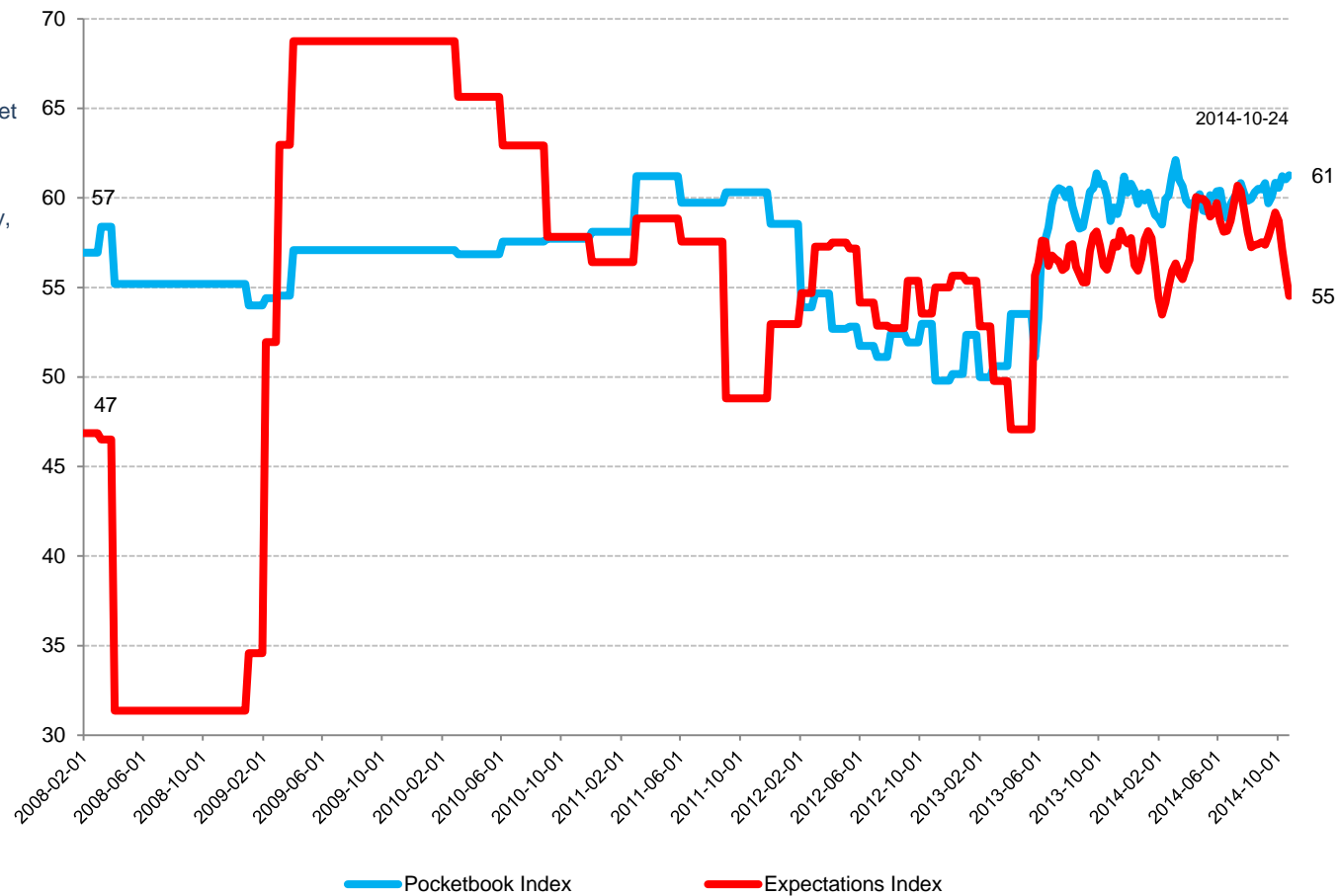
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The BNCCI Pocketbook and Expectations Sub-Indices are comprised of the views of 1,000 Canadians. A score of 50 on the diffusion index indicates that positive and negative views are a wash while scores above or below 50 suggest net positive or net negative 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 October 24th, 2014)



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Data Summary for
October 24th, 2014*

	BNCCI	
This week	57.90	
Last week	58.40	
2014 high	60.60	July 18
2014 low	56.00	Feb 07
2014 average	58.90	
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	57.31	

Individual Measures:

	This week	Last week	Average 2014	Average 2008-2014	
Positive ratings					
Personal finances	19.25	19.76	19.62	19.44	
Canadian economy	16.14	16.28	20.83	22.40	
Job security	69.81	69.62	67.23	65.36	
Real estate	37.10	40.22	40.48	37.01	
Full Ratings	Better off	Worse off	No change	Don't know	
Personal finances	19.25	21.23	58.59	0.93	
Canadian Economy	Stronger	Weaker	No change	Don't know	
	16.14	24.67	54.76	4.44	
Job security	Secure	Somewhat secure	Somewhat not secure	Not secure	Don't know
	49.45	20.36	5.54	7.05	17.60
Real estate	Increase	Stay the same	Decrease	Don't know	
	37.10	48.89	10.45	3.56	

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		This Week	Last Week	4 Weeks Ago	3 Months Ago	1 Year Ago (Oct)	12 Month High	12 Month Low	12 Month Average
<i>Bloomberg Nanos Canadian Consumer Confidence Index Data Summary for October 24th, 2014</i>	Canada								
	Economic Mood	57.90	58.40	60.01	59.75	57.69	60.60	56.00	58.83
	Pocketbook Index	61.26	61.03	60.84	60.23	58.70	62.11	58.51	60.10
	Expectations Index	54.53	55.78	59.19	59.27	56.67	60.69	53.48	57.56
	Economic Mood by Demographic								
	Region								
	Atlantic	53.40	53.78	56.25	55.45	53.69	58.68	50.66	53.85
	Quebec	54.31	53.71	54.34	56.20	56.11	59.15	53.02	56.16
	Ontario	59.16	59.58	63.02	60.49	57.54	63.02	54.50	59.38
	Prairies	60.86	63.02	63.91	67.85	63.15	68.46	60.86	64.26
British Columbia	60.30	60.72	60.66	56.23	55.99	62.71	54.23	58.23	
Age									
18 to 29	58.67	58.80	61.92	64.93	58.61	66.96	57.68	62.23	
30 to 39	60.41	62.53	63.48	59.35	60.31	64.00	55.22	60.49	
40 to 49	58.50	58.37	58.99	60.73	57.61	61.81	56.03	58.46	
50 to 59	56.66	56.62	58.26	55.94	56.67	58.93	53.30	56.55	
60 plus	55.85	56.50	58.11	57.55	55.85	58.68	53.82	56.75	
Income									
\$0 to \$14,999	50.84	47.77	46.44	49.84	44.66	57.19	40.92	49.10	
\$15,000 to \$29,999	51.96	53.94	51.91	50.10	54.54	57.75	45.72	52.62	
\$30,000 to \$44,999	54.09	54.35	57.87	56.16	52.32	59.77	51.24	55.43	
\$45,000 to \$59,999	55.07	56.37	58.94	57.11	57.40	59.93	52.18	56.86	
\$60,000 to \$74,999	58.45	58.58	62.32	61.26	55.91	63.21	55.91	59.96	
\$75,000 or more	61.72	62.58	63.91	63.63	61.98	65.58	60.41	62.85	
Home									
Own	58.58	58.99	60.79	60.75	57.53	61.42	56.62	58.99	
Rent	56.52	57.49	56.24	54.31	57.70	61.98	53.88	57.88	

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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 October 24th, 2014.

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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