

## Final Results for December 2021

	Dec 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2020	M-M Change	Y-Y Change
Index of Consumer Sentiment	70.6	67.4	80.7	+4.7%	-12.5%
Current Economic Conditions	74.2	73.6	90.0	+0.8%	-17.6%
Index of Consumer Expectations	68.3	63.5	74.6	+7.6%	-8.4%

Next data release: Friday, January 14, 2022 for Preliminary January data at 10am ET

## Featured Chart (PDF)

T'was the night before Christmas, as I pen a final yuletide poem,  
After forty-five plus years, I'll soon celebrate with a jeroboom.  
Sentiment's mix of reason and emotion, the decision milieu,  
To all of my worldwide followers, I bid you a fond adieu.

Who could imagine all that occurred? At such a dizzying rate!  
Nine Presidents. Seven Fed Chairs. Keepers of the policy gate.  
Six recessions! Financial crises! An unending pandemic!  
Rates to zero. Dispense trillions. A new theory polemic!

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Read Dr. Curtin's latest paper, [Nonconscious cognitive reasoning: A neglected ability shaping](#)

## Surveys of Consumers chief economist, Richard Curtin

The Sentiment Index improved in December. The uptick was primarily due to significant gains among households with incomes in the bottom third of the distribution. Indeed, the bottom third expected their incomes to rise during the year ahead by 2.8%, up from 1.8% last December, and the highest level since 2.9% was recorded in 1999. There have

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Consumers' evaluations of their current finances remained unchanged at lower levels due to the erosion of their living standards from rising inflation. One-in-four households specifically cited the negative impact of inflation on their living standards. The partisan nature of consumer expectations has overwhelmed other economic correlates.