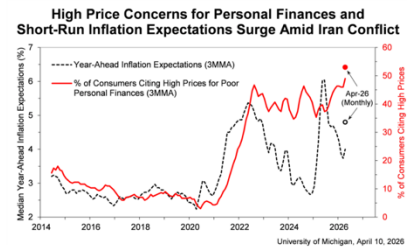


Preliminary Results for April 2026

	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	Apr 2025	M-M Change	Y-Y Change
Index of Consumer Sentiment	47.6	53.3	52.2	-10.7%	-8.8%
Current Economic Conditions	50.1	55.8	59.8	-10.2%	-16.2%
Index of Consumer Expectations	46.1	51.7	47.3	-10.8%	-2.5%

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Surveys of Consumers Director Joanne Hsu

Consumer sentiment sank about 11% this month, extending a decline that began with the start of the Iran conflict, and is currently about 9% below a year ago. Demographic groups across age, income, and political party all posted setbacks in sentiment, as did every component of the index, reflecting the widespread nature of this month's fall. One-year expected business conditions plunged about 20% and is now 6% below last April. Assessments of personal finances declined about 11%, with consumers expressing a substantial increase in concerns over high prices and weaker asset values. Buying conditions for durables and vehicles worsened, again on the basis of high prices. Open ended comments show that many consumers blame the Iran conflict for unfavorable changes to the economy. Note that 98% of interviews were completed prior to the April 7th announcement of a temporary cease-fire. Economic expectations will likely improve after consumers gain confidence that the supply disruptions stemming from the Iran conflict have ended and gas prices have moderated.