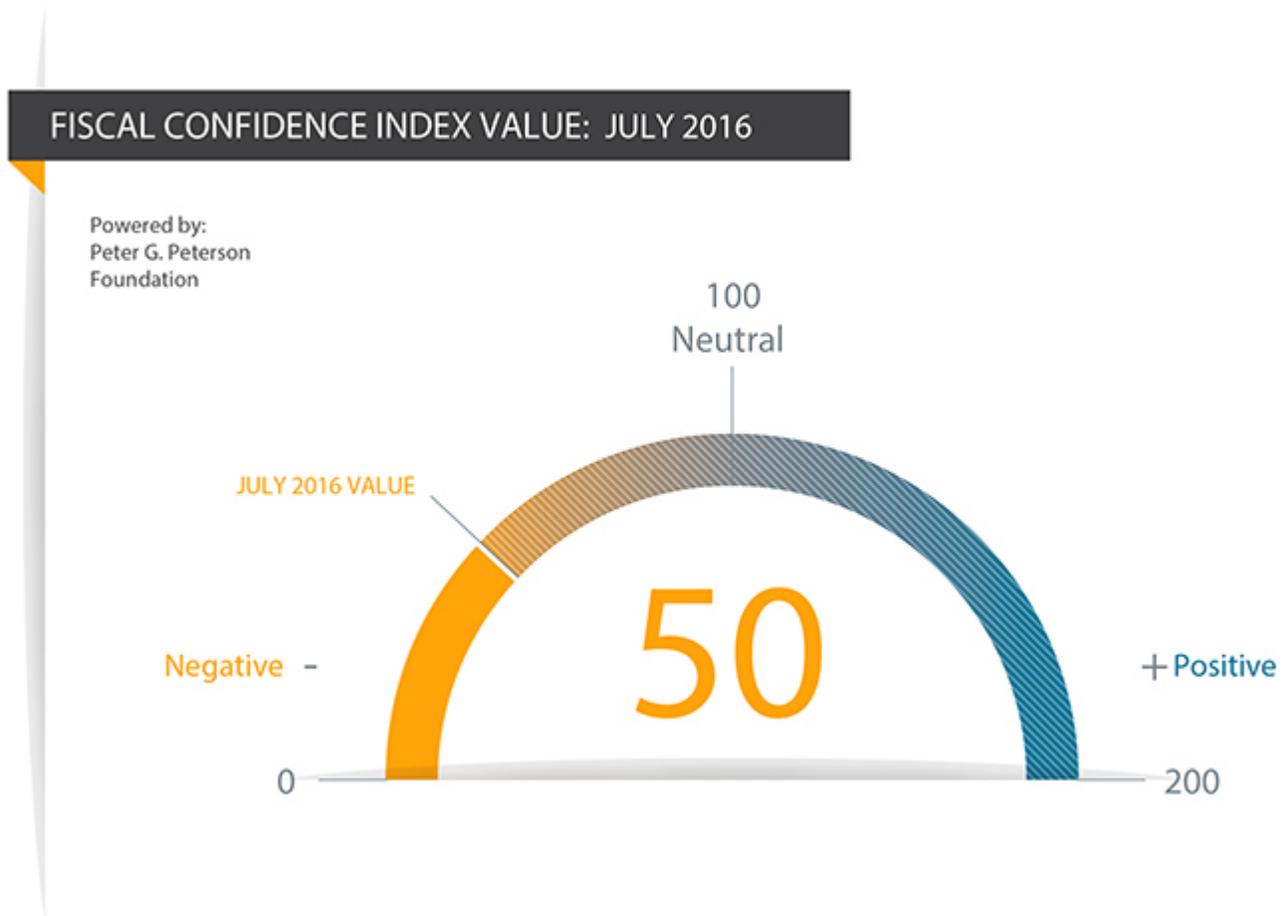


# Fiscal Confidence Index: July 2016 Results



Topline survey results from the Fiscal Confidence Index for **July 2016**. The FCI value for July is 50.

The Peter G. Peterson Foundation commissioned the poll by the Global Strategy Group and North Star Opinion Research to survey public opinion on the national debt. The nationwide poll included 1,006 U.S. registered voters, surveyed by telephone between July 18 and July 21, 2016. The poll has a margin of error of +/- 3.1%. The poll examined voters' opinions on the national debt, political leadership, and America's fiscal and economic health.

The Fiscal Confidence Index value is derived from six questions in three categories: Concern, Priority, and Expectations. The July 2016 scores are: Concern (34), Priority (22), Expectations (94). For the complete methodology used to determine the Fiscal Confidence Index value, [click here](#). For full results, including

demographic information, download the PDF below:

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### CONCERN (34)

Thinking about our national debt over the last few years, would you say your level of concern has increased or decreased?

- Is that a lot or just a little?

When it comes to addressing our national debt, would you say things in the United States are heading in the right direction or do you think things are off on the wrong track?

- Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

Increased a lot	47%
Increased a little	24%
Decreased a little	10%
Decreased a lot	4%
(No change)	15%
(Don't Know/Refused)	1%
<b>INCREASED (NET)</b>	<b>70%</b>
<b>DECREASED (NET)</b>	<b>14%</b>
Right direction-Strongly	7%
Right direction-Somewhat	15%
Wrong track-Somewhat	21%
Wrong track-Strongly	45%
(Neither/Mixed)	6%
(Don't Know/Refused)	6%
<b>RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>WRONG TRACK (NET)</b>	<b>66%</b>

### PRIORITY (22)

Some people say that addressing the national debt should be among the President and Congress' top 3 priorities. Do you agree or disagree?

- Do you feel that way strongly or just somewhat?

Strongly agree	54%
Somewhat agree	24%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	6%
(Don't Know/Refused)	4%
<b>AGREE (NET)</b>	<b>78%</b>
<b>DISAGREE (NET)</b>	<b>18%</b>
A lot more time	58%
A little more time	28%
A little less time	5%
A lot less time	3%
(The same amount of time)	3%
(Don't Know/Refused)	3%
<b>MORE TIME (NET)</b>	<b>86%</b>

And when it comes to our national debt, do you think it is an issue that the President and Congress should spend more time addressing or less time addressing?

- Would you say a lot (more or less) time or just a little?

**EXPECTATIONS (94)**

And thinking about our national debt over the next few years, do you expect the problem to get better or worse?

- Is that much (better or worse) or just somewhat (better or worse)?

And when it comes to our national debt, are you optimistic or pessimistic that the United States will be able to make progress on our national debt over the next few years?

- Would you say you are very (optimistic or pessimistic) or just somewhat?

Much better	8%
Somewhat better	21%
Somewhat worse	28%
Much worse	21%
(No change)	5%
(Don't know/Refused)	18%
<b>BETTER (NET)</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>WORSE (NET)</b>	<b>48%</b>
Very optimistic	17%
Somewhat optimistic	36%
Somewhat pessimistic	20%
Very pessimistic	15%
(Neither/Mixed)	6%
(Don't Know/Refused)	7%
<b>OPTIMISTIC (NET)</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>PESSIMISTIC (NET)</b>	<b>34%</b>

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