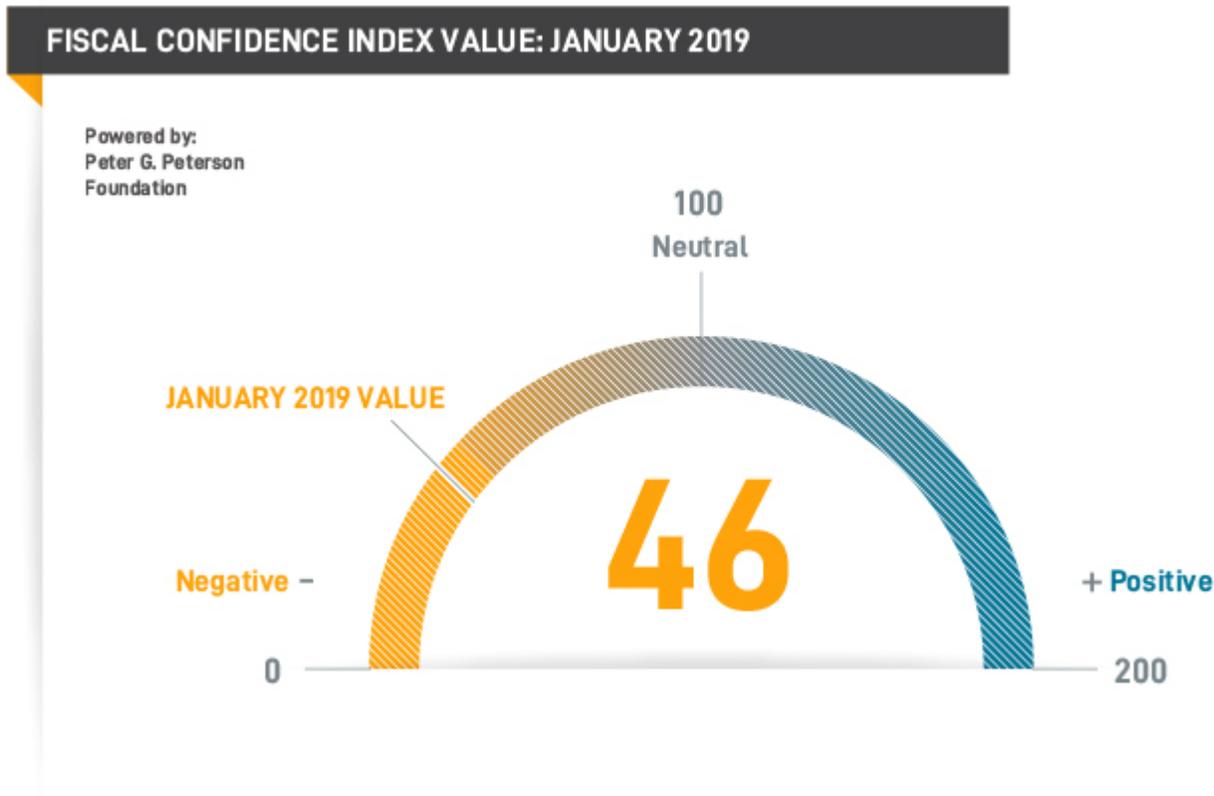


Fiscal Confidence Index: January 2019 Results



Topline survey results from the Fiscal Confidence Index for **January 2019**. The FCI value for January is 46.

The Peter G. Peterson Foundation commissioned this poll by the Global Strategy Group and North Star Opinion Research to survey public opinion on the national debt. The nationwide poll included 1,003 U.S. registered voters, surveyed by telephone between January 21, 2019 and January 24, 2019. 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 January 2019 scores are: Concern (44), Priority (25), Expectations (68). 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 (44)

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	40%
Increased a little	24%
Decreased a little	10%
Decreased a lot	6%
(No change)	17%
(Don't Know/Refused)	2%
INCREASED (NET)	64%
DECREASED (NET)	17%
Right direction - Strongly	13%
Right direction - Somewhat	11%
Wrong track - Somewhat	18%
Wrong track - Strongly	45%
(Neither/Mixed)	8%
(Don't Know/Refused)	4%
RIGHT DIRECTION (NET)	24%
WRONG TRACK (NET)	64%

PRIORITY (25)

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?

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?

Strongly agree	48%
Somewhat agree	26%
Somewhat disagree	12%
Strongly disagree	8%
(Don't Know/Refused)	6%
AGREE (NET)	74%
DISAGREE (NET)	20%
A lot more time	58%
A little more time	24%
A little less time	5%
A lot less time	3%
(The same amount of time)	6%
(Don't Know/Refused)	4%
MORE TIME (NET)	82%
LESS TIME (NET)	7%

EXPECTATIONS (68)

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?

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Much better	9%
Somewhat better	14%
Somewhat worse	29%
Much worse	38%
(No change)	4%
(Don't know/Refused)	5%
BETTER (NET)	23%
WORSE (NET)	67%
Very optimistic	17%
Somewhat optimistic	26%
Somewhat pessimistic	19%
Very pessimistic	29%
(Neither/Mixed)	4%
(Don't Know/Refused)	4%
OPTIMISTIC (NET)	44%
PESSIMISTIC (NET)	48%

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