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## Walsh College survey finds optimism about economy

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People are more optimistic about the country's economic outlook, according to a study released today by **Walsh College** in Troy.

The Walsh College Economic Sentiment Survey polled people with graduate and undergraduate degrees in business disciplines about their expectations on economic, business and household conditions in Michigan and the U.S. The survey included a group of Walsh College alumni.

The twice-a-year survey, conducted in the first quarter of 2012, found that respondents are cautiously optimistic about the national economy but remain wary about Michigan's performance. While 48 percent of the respondents expect the national economy to improve over the next five years, 37 percent expect the same for Michigan.

The outlook regarding business conditions is fairly positive for the country - 31 percent expected an improved business environment across the country in the next year.

Respondents were generally optimistic about their household finances, with 36 percent expecting improvement a year from now, compared with only 10 percent expecting decline.

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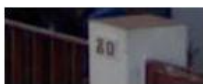
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