THE ROANOKE COLLEGE POLL

## Holiday Spending Report

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## FREQUENCIES

And regarding the upcoming holiday shopping season, which of the following categories best describes how much you plan to spend on holiday gifts for others this year? Would you say:

|  | Percent (\%) | Cumulative <br> $(\%)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Less than $\$ 100$ | 20.4 | 20.4 |
| Between $\$ 100-\$ 500$ | 48.4 | 68.7 |
| Between $\$ 500-\$ 1,000$ | 17.7 | 86.4 |
| $\$ 1,000$ or more | 12.4 | 98.8 |
| Not sure/Don't know | 1.2 | 100.0 |

And regarding the upcoming holiday shopping season, how will your total holiday spending compare with last year's holiday season? Spend more, spend the same, or spend less?

|  | Percent <br> $(\%)$ | Cumulative <br> $(\%)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Spend more | 19.3 | 19.3 |
| Spend the same | 44.3 | 63.6 |
| Spend less | 35.8 | 99.4 |
| Not sure/Don't know | 0.6 | 100.0 |

And what is the main reason that you plan to spend more this year?

|  | Percent (\%) | Cumulative <br> $(\%)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Inflation/higher costs | 43.3 | 43.3 |
| Personal finances/Changes in employment status | 16.7 | 60.0 |
| Feeling more generous | 18.7 | 78.6 |
| More gift options | 2.5 | 81.1 |
| Other | 17.8 | 98.9 |
| Not sure/Don't know | 1.1 | 100.0 |

And what is the main reason that you plan to spend less this year?

|  | Percent <br> $(\%)$ | Cumulative <br> $(\%)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Inflation/higher costs | 48.7 | 48.7 |
| Personal finances/Changes in employment status | 34.5 | 83.2 |
| Feeling less generous | 1.8 | 85.1 |
| Fewer gift options | 2.0 | 87.1 |
| Other | 12.5 | 99.6 |
| Not sure/Don't know | 0.4 | 100.0 |

How much do you expect you will spend during the holiday season on each of the following items:

| Gifts | $\$ 500.61$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Non-gift purchases, including clothing for <br> family and self, home furnishings, and holiday <br> decorations | $\$ 188.36$ |
| Experiences, including entertainment at home <br> and socializing away from home, such as <br> restaurants and concert tickets | $\$ 211.28$ |

Have you or are you likely to start your holiday shopping earlier this year compared to last year, around the same time, or later?

|  | Percent <br> $(\%)$ | Cumulative <br> $(\%)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Earlier | 27.7 | 27.7 |
| Around the same time | 56.7 | 84.4 |
| Later | 12.3 | 96.7 |
| Not sure/Don't know | 3.3 | 100.0 |

And how do you expect product prices to be this upcoming holiday season compared to last year's holiday season? Higher, the same, or lower?

|  | Percent <br> $(\%)$ | Cumulative <br> $(\%)$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Higher | 72.4 | 72.4 |
| The same | 21.4 | 93.8 |
| Lower | 4.1 | 98.0 |
| Not sure/Don't know | 2.0 | 100.0 |

