Indians among most optimistic about economy

Indians are among the most upbeat globally about the current economic situation in their country according to the Pew Research Center. Eighty-three per cent of those surveyed in India say the current economic situation is good. The global median is 46%.

Globally, views of economy differ greatly



Indians feel better about the economy now than they did last year.

Most feel better about their national economies

Percentage of respondents who said their country's economic situation is good

	2015	2016	2017	change	change
Netherlands		62	87		▲ 25
South Africa	59	28	45	▼ -14	▲ 17
Poland	38	49	64	▲ 26	▲ 15
Spain	18	13	28	1 0	▲ 15
US	40	44	58	A 18	▲ 14
India	74	80	83	∧ 9	△ 3

They are also the most optimistic about the next generation's prospects. That's in sharp contrast to the rest of the world, where even those who feel good about their current prospects say the next generation won't be as well off. For instance, 87% of those surveyed in the Netherlands say they feel good about the economy right now, but only 35% say the next generation will be well off. In India, the number is a staggering 76%. The global median is just 41%.

In Asia-Pacific, advanced economies less optimistic about next generation

Respondents on what the next generation's financial state will be

	Worse off	Better off	(in %)
India	12		76
Philippines	23	61	Later L
Indonesia	26	58	
South Korea 55		34	
Australia 69		24	
Japan 72		19	

In Europe and North America, many doubt next generation will be better off

Respondents on what the next generation's financial state will be

	Wor	se off Better off (in %)
North America	US 58	37
	Canada 69	24
Poland Sweden Europe Hungary Germany Netherlar	Poland 39	48
	Sweden 46	44
	Hungary 46	41
	Germany 52	36
	Netherlands 54	35