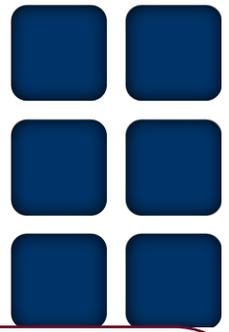


# THE AMERICAN DREAM

## Composite Index™



## December 2016 Results

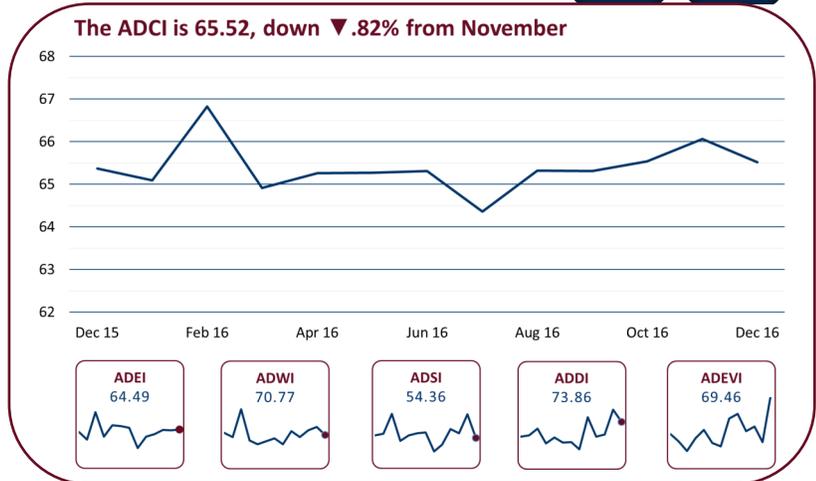
**The American Dream Composite Index™** in December 2016 is 65.52, down .54% from November. This change is driven by large declines to the societal, well-being and diversity sub-indices and a record increase to the environmental sub-index. The economic sub-index is flat in December.

**The American Dream Economic Index™ (ADEI)** is flat at 64.53 in December. Despite no change for the overall index, the components thereof changed drastically in some aspects. Job Environment and Generational Progress are down sharply. In contrast, the dimensions of Health Care and Destinations in Life are up dramatically, both reaching all-time high values since we began collecting data in 2011.

**The American Dream Well-Being Index™ (ADWI)** decreased slightly to 70.43, a -.61% change from November. This change is primarily the result of drastic declines to the dimensions of Support of Friends, Entrepreneurial Spirit and Optimism—the last two of which are at new one-year lows. A new one year high in the dimension of Freedom of Expression offset some of these declines.

**The American Dream Societal Index™ (ADSI)** decreased significantly in December to 54.02, down 1.71% compared to the November highs. Most of the declines to the ADSI in December are in the same components that rose sharply in November. Civic Participation is at a new all-time low and Trust in Business fell to a one-year low. All other components to the ADSI were down or flat.

**The American Dream Diversity Index™ (ADDI)** is down slightly in December to 74.58, a change of -.94% from November. Declines were primarily seen in the dimension of Diversity in the Neighborhood.



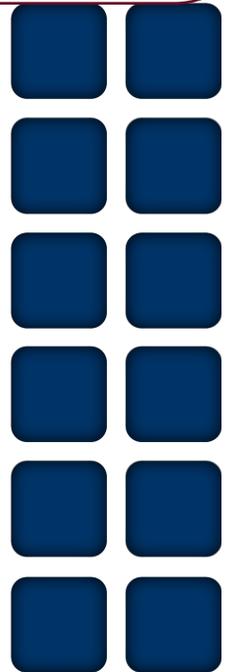
**American Dream Environmental Index™ (ADEVI)** is up by 6.17% in December to 72.31. This is a new all-time high for the ADEVI, and it is primarily the result of increased scores among those who consider themselves to be of a “conservative” political ideology.

### Extra Insights from the December ADCI

This month we asked a few extra questions with the ADCI survey related to our new President-elect and economic prosperity. Here are a few insights:

- ◆ Perhaps surprising some, millennials are reportedly the best savers with 43% of the youngest generation saying they save more than 10% of their income. All other generations averaged 28%
- ◆ 86% of conservatives believe Trump will be good for the US economy in 2017. 23% of liberals also feel the same way. Those of a moderate political ideology are almost perfectly split at 50%.

If you have questions, comments or a good idea for an extra question we should ask on our survey, please contact us at [adci@xavier.edu](mailto:adci@xavier.edu)



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