

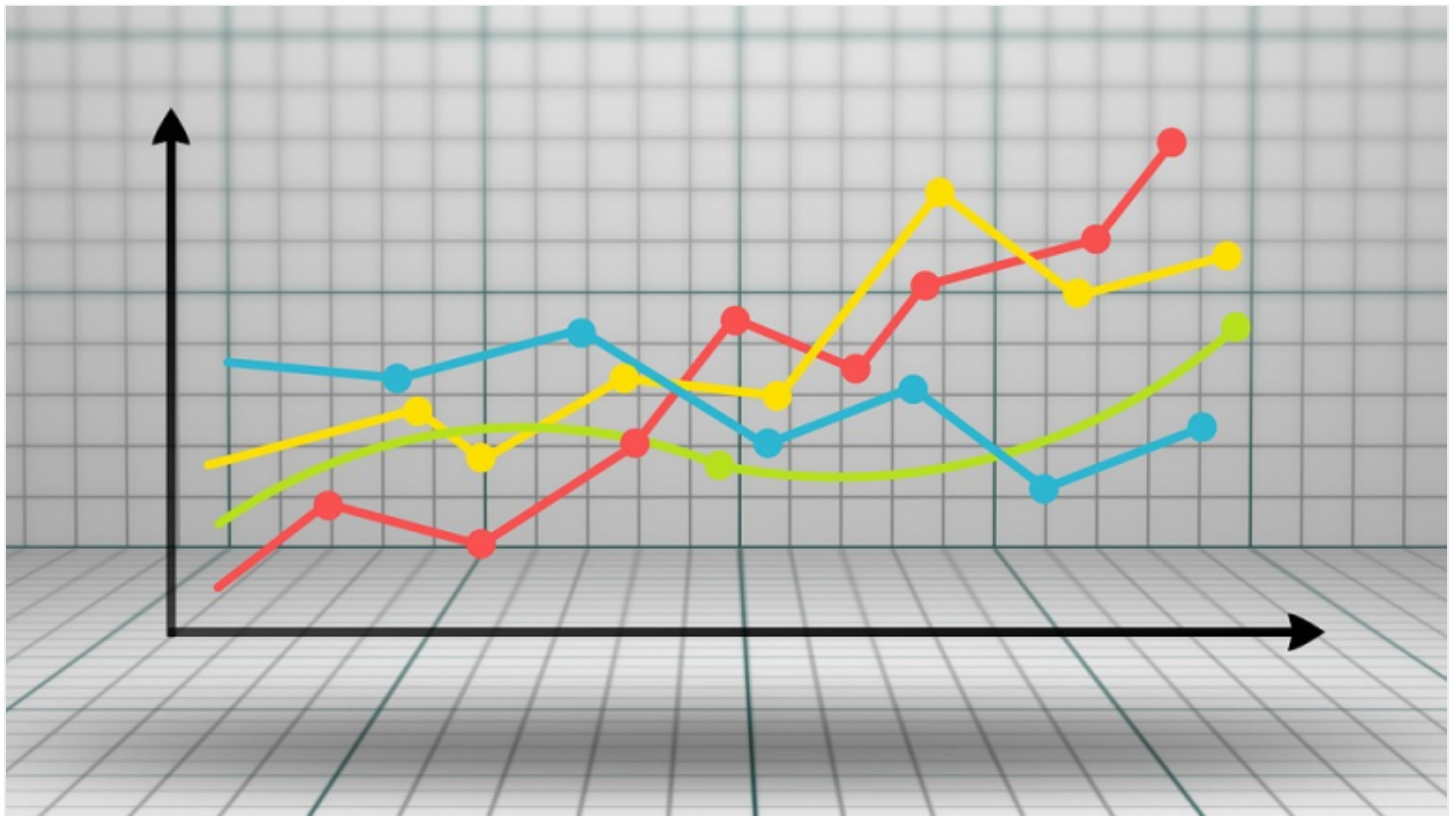
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The percentage of US retail investors expressing confidence that public company auditors are effective in their investor protection roles has climbed to 83%, according to the 2019 [Main Street Investor Survey](#). The annual Center for Audit Quality (CAQ) poll captures the views of US retail investors with at least \$10,000 invested in the capital markets through retirement plans or direct holdings.

“Healthy investor confidence is critical at all levels, from the biggest asset managers to people saving in their 401(k),” said CAQ Executive Director Julie Bell Lindsay. “Our

survey shows that retail investors in the US have healthy and consistent levels of

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down two points from 2018.

- 78% of US investors express confidence in audited financial statements, up three points from 2018.
- 47% of US investors have confidence in capital markets outside the US, down significantly from a level of 56% in 2018.

“We hope these survey results inspire and motivate public company auditors and others throughout the US capital market system to fortify the foundation of trust and confidence that is so important for our capital markets,” added Lindsay.

Conducted online, the *Main Street Investor Survey* has 1,000 respondents and a margin of error of +/- 3%.

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