

4a. A number of commentators have said that Canada is in a recession. I'm going to read you some of the reasons given for the recession, and I'd like you to tell me which one you feel is most responsible for the recession...

b. And which reason is the second most responsible...

TOTAL MENTION

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		British Columbia	Alberta	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic
Base=All respondents	(1509)	(170)	(143)	(124)	(535)	(399)	(138)
Free trade agreement with U.S.	39	37	35	46	45	28	41
Failure of businesses to anticipate problems	18	19	21	15	19	19	13
The GST	39	40	30	40	36	41	45
A high Canadian dollar	10	8	5	8	10	13	12
High interest rates	8	4	9	9	9	8	8
Global economic conditions	24	28	37	23	24	17	26
Economic slowdown in the U.S.	12	15	13	8	12	12	7
The federal deficit	16	15	24	13	13	22	11
Low productivity of Canadian businesses	13	10	14	7	10	22	6
High wages of Canadian workers	15	15	10	16	18	11	15
Other	4	3	1	6	3	4	5
(DK/NS)	0	1		1	0	0	2