

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...

FIRST MENTION

	TOTAL	REGION					
		British Columbia	Alberta	Prairies	Ontario	Quebec	Atlantic
Base=All respondents	(1509)	(170)	(143)	(124)	(535)	(399)	(138)
MOST RESPONSIBLE							
Free trade agreement with U.S.	23	22	17	30	28	15	25
Failure of businesses to anticipate problems	9	9	7	8	8	12	6
The GST	19	21	16	17	16	20	25
A high Canadian dollar	4	3	3	2	4	5	4
High interest rates	4	1	5	5	4	4	1
Global economic conditions	15	15	22	16	14	11	19
Economic slowdown in the U.S	5	9	4	3	5	6	4
The federal deficit	9	7	15	6	8	11	4
Low productivity of Canadian businesses	5	2	6	2	3	9	4
High wages of Canadian workers	7	8	5	9	8	6	5
Other	1	3		2	1	1	1
(DK/NS)	0	1		1	0	0	2

Source: Angus Reid Group  
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