

BC Business Summit (BC Economy in Context)

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	800	209	227	152	212
We need to make major changes in BC to assure that we are economically competitive.					
Strongly Agree	64%	59%	65%	62%	68%
Somewhat Agree	26%	27%	27%	29%	23%
Somewhat Disagree	7%	10%	6%	5%	5%
Strongly Disagree	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%
(DK/NS)	1%	1%	1%	0	2%
Strongly/ somewhat agree	90%	86%	92%	91%	91%
Strongly/ somewhat disagree	9%	13%	7%	9%	7%

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We need to make major changes in BC to assure that we are economically competitive.													
Strongly Agree	64%	57%	71%	64%	67%	62%	66%	61%	60%	61%	65%	69%	65%
Somewhat Agree	26%	38%	19%	23%	19%	28%	28%	23%	32%	34%	24%	21%	22%
Somewhat Disagree	7%	5%	6%	10%	5%	5%	5%	11%	5%	1%	8%	7%	11%
Strongly Disagree	2%	-	2%	2%	6%	3%	1%	4%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%
(DK/NS)	1%	-	1%	1%	3%	2%	0	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	-
Strongly/ somewhat agree	90%	95%	91%	87%	86%	90%	94%	84%	92%	96%	89%	90%	87%
Strongly/ somewhat disagree	9%	5%	8%	12%	11%	8%	6%	15%	8%	2%	10%	10%	13%

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Base: All respondents					
Weighted	800	194	252	145	209
	800	209	227	152	212
Unweighted					
Strongly Agree	53%	50%	47%	56%	61%
Somewhat Agree	27%	27%	28%	29%	26%
Somewhat Disagree	14%	15%	18%	11%	9%
Strongly Disagree	4%	5%	6%	2%	3%
(DK/NS)	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%
Strongly/ somewhat agree	81%	77%	75%	86%	87%
Strongly/ somewhat disagree	18%	20%	24%	13%	11%

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Strongly Agree	53%	44%	55%	55%	62%	50%	56%	51%	55%	50%	53%	51%	55%
Somewhat Agree	27%	32%	28%	26%	21%	29%	24%	30%	28%	25%	32%	31%	26%
Somewhat Disagree	14%	18%	14%	13%	8%	12%	15%	13%	9%	18%	14%	13%	15%
Strongly Disagree	4%	3%	3%	3%	6%	6%	3%	4%	5%	5%	1%	5%	3%
(DK/NS)	2%	2%	-	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	-	1%
Strongly/ somewhat agree	81%	76%	83%	82%	83%	80%	81%	81%	83%	75%	84%	82%	81%
Strongly/ somewhat disagree	18%	22%	17%	17%	14%	18%	18%	17%	14%	23%	15%	18%	18%

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5. And, what things does BC have that would make it Canada's best economy? BC has all the things necessary to have Canada's best economy.

		REGION			
	Total	Vancouver/ Burnaby	Rest of Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Rest of BC
Base: Agree with this statement					
Weighted	644	150	189	124	182
Unweighted	650	162	169	135	184
BC has all the things necessary to have Canada's best economy.					
Natural Resources (unsp)	19%	21%	19%	24%	15%
Fisheries	1%	-	1%	3%	1%
Forestry/ lumber	11%	11%	8%	8%	16%
Oil/ Gas	2%	-	0	1%	5%
Mining	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%
Other natural resources (spec)	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%
Population (unsp)	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%
Large/ growing population	1%	2%	2%	-	1%
Educated/ skilled population	10%	13%	11%	11%	5%
Tourism	11%	11%	8%	17%	11%
Other human resources (spec)	1%	1%	-	1%	1%
Good geographic location	12%	12%	14%	9%	10%
Good climate	6%	3%	7%	5%	6%
Other geographic climate (spec)	0	1%	-	-	1%
Resources (unsp)	4%	5%	3%	6%	4%
Technology	3%	6%	5%	1%	1%
Good transportation	1%	1%	1%	-	1%
Everything	1%	1%	1%	-	2%
Other	5%	5%	6%	3%	6%
Nothing	1%	-	2%	-	-
(DK/NS)	5%	2%	6%	6%	6%

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6. And, what things does BC have that would make it Canada's best economy? BC has all the things necessary to have Canada's best economy.

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Base: Agree with this statement													
Weighted	644	205	136	133	169	167	299	176	149	94	116	84	143
Unweighted	650	148	165	159	177	170	296	181	129	93	125	90	150
BC has all the things necessary to have Canada's best economy.													
Natural Resources (unsp)	19%	20%	19%	24%	15%	9%	24%	21%	14%	12%	23%	24%	27%
Fisheries	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	-	1%
Forestry/ lumber	11%	12%	11%	9%	11%	17%	12%	3%	14%	14%	11%	12%	4%
Oil/ Gas	2%	1%	1%	3%	4%	3%	1%	2%	3%	4%	2%	-	2%
Mining	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	5%	1%	1%	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%
Other natural resources (spec)	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	4%	1%	1%
Population (unsp)	2%	0	3%	5%	2%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%	-	4%	2%
Large/ growing population	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	-	-	1%	2%
Educated/ skilled population	10%	8%	10%	11%	11%	9%	9%	13%	8%	10%	10%	6%	15%
Tourism	11%	13%	10%	7%	14%	14%	9%	14%	13%	10%	10%	13%	10%
Other human resources (spec)	1%	1%	-	-	2%	2%	1%	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%
Good geographic location	12%	12%	17%	11%	7%	8%	11%	16%	6%	12%	16%	13%	12%
Good climate	6%	2%	4%	6%	11%	6%	6%	5%	4%	8%	5%	7%	3%
Other geographic climate (spec)	0	1%	1%	-	-	-	0	1%	-	-	2%	-	-
Resources (unsp)	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	3%	5%	6%	3%	4%	4%
Technology	3%	5%	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	7%	0	5%	2%	5%	5%
Good transportation	1%	2%	-	2%	-	2%	1%	-	1%	3%	-	-	1%
Everything	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	2%	0	-	2%	1%	1%	-	-
Other	5%	8%	6%	2%	4%	2%	6%	7%	6%	3%	5%	3%	7%
Nothing	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	2%	0	-	1%	-	-	2%	1%
(DK/NS)	5%	8%	4%	2%	5%	11%	3%	2%	12%	5%	3%	1%	1%

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7. Now, you said in a previous question that you felt that BC's economy was on the wrong track, but now you agree that we have all the things necessary to have Canada's best economy, so, what in your view is causing us to be on the wrong track? BC has all the things necessary to have Canada's best economy.

		REGION			
	Total	Vancouver/ Burnaby	Rest of Lower Mainland	Vancouver Island	Rest of BC
Base: Agree with this statement - BC is on the wrong track					
Weighted	428	85	137	83	123
Unweighted	437	96	124	93	124
BC has all the things necessary to have Canada's best economy.					
Government (unsp)	15%	14%	15%	7%	19%
Government spending	8%	9%	8%	11%	7%
Lack of leadership/ lack of direction	10%	8%	12%	12%	8%
Government is anti-business/ doesn't help business	10%	11%	7%	10%	12%
Government is socialist/ communist	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%
The current government/ NDP government	15%	14%	15%	14%	17%
How the government manages natural resources	7%	3%	3%	17%	8%
Government policies/ mismanagement	4%	8%	3%	6%	3%
Other government (spec)	4%	6%	5%	1%	2%
Taxes (unsp)	4%	5%	6%	2%	3%
Taxes are too high	7%	9%	9%	6%	4%
Businesses are overtaxed	2%	3%	4%	-	1%
The way taxes are spent	2%	1%	-	3%	3%
Other taxes (spec)	1%	-	1%	-	3%
Other	6%	7%	5%	6%	8%
(DK/NS)	2%	1%	5%	3%	-

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Base: Agree with this statement - BC is on the wrong track													
Weighted	428	120	100	97	110	113	205	107	94	61	79	58	97
Unweighted	437	85	121	116	114	116	208	110	82	60	86	62	103
BC has all the things necessary to have Canada's best economy.													
Government (unsp)	15%	11%	11%	15%	22%	13%	16%	14%	12%	11%	21%	14%	14%
Government spending	8%	6%	11%	8%	9%	11%	8%	7%	5%	5%	14%	13%	6%
Lack of leadership/ lack of direction	10%	7%	13%	7%	13%	8%	11%	11%	15%	18%	7%	4%	7%
Government is anti-business/ doesn't help business	10%	7%	10%	9%	12%	7%	11%	10%	4%	11%	11%	12%	10%
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How the government manages natural resources	7%	14%	4%	5%	5%	8%	7%	7%	16%	5%	4%	2%	8%
Government policies/ mismanagement	4%	4%	3%	6%	5%	2%	4%	8%	6%	1%	4%	2%	5%
Other government (spec)	4%	5%	6%	2%	2%	1%	4%	7%	2%	9%	1%	4%	5%
Taxes (unsp)	4%	8%	3%	4%	1%	5%	3%	6%	3%	1%	8%	5%	6%
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The way taxes are spent	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%
Other taxes (spec)	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	3%	1%	-	3%	-	-	3%	-
Other	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	9%	6%	5%	11%	5%	3%	8%	6%
(DK/NS)	2%	4%	2%	-	2%	6%	1%	-	-	10%	2%	2%	-

9. Now, I'm going to read you some statements about economic and social issues in BC. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree. Unless we make some major changes to how we do things in BC, our best days will be behind us.

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Base: All respondents					
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Strongly Agree	51%	52%	52%	49%	49%
Somewhat Agree	27%	22%	29%	27%	29%
Somewhat Disagree	12%	12%	12%	14%	12%
Strongly Disagree	9%	13%	7%	9%	9%
(DK/NS)	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
Strongly/ somewhat agree	77%	73%	80%	76%	78%
Strongly/ somewhat disagree	22%	25%	19%	23%	21%

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Somewhat Agree	27%	32%	28%	19%	24%	27%	29%	21%	35%	29%	20%	22%	21%
Somewhat Disagree	12%	14%	13%	13%	10%	12%	11%	16%	13%	16%	15%	10%	8%
Strongly Disagree	9%	7%	6%	12%	12%	8%	8%	12%	9%	6%	12%	8%	11%
(DK/NS)	1%	2%	0	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	-	1%	-	1%
Strongly/ somewhat agree	77%	77%	81%	73%	77%	77%	80%	71%	74%	78%	73%	83%	79%
Strongly/ somewhat disagree	22%	21%	18%	26%	22%	20%	19%	28%	22%	22%	26%	17%	19%

11. Now, I'm going to read you some statements about economic and social issues in BC. For each one, I'd like you to tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or strongly disagree. BC has fallen behind regions like Ontario and Alberta in terms of its economic competitiveness.

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Strongly Agree	56%	52%	61%	51%	57%
Somewhat Agree	26%	24%	25%	32%	25%
Somewhat Disagree	11%	14%	10%	8%	10%
Strongly Disagree	4%	6%	2%	3%	5%
(DK/NS)	4%	4%	2%	7%	4%
Strongly/ somewhat agree	82%	76%	86%	83%	82%
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Somewhat Disagree	11%	16%	8%	9%	8%	11%	7%	16%	12%	10%	13%	9%	10%
Strongly Disagree	4%	2%	4%	6%	5%	3%	3%	5%	4%	2%	6%	3%	5%
(DK/NS)	4%	6%	2%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	5%	2%	-	3%
Strongly/ somewhat agree	82%	77%	86%	82%	84%	82%	85%	76%	81%	82%	79%	88%	82%
Strongly/ somewhat disagree	14%	17%	12%	14%	12%	14%	11%	21%	16%	13%	19%	12%	15%

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Somewhat Agree	27%	30%	26%	26%	24%
Somewhat Disagree	22%	20%	21%	32%	20%
Strongly Disagree	11%	13%	8%	9%	16%
(DK/NS)	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%
Strongly/ somewhat agree	64%	65%	69%	56%	63%
Strongly/ somewhat disagree	34%	33%	28%	41%	36%

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Somewhat Agree	27%	28%	31%	27%	21%	25%	28%	26%	26%	28%	29%	27%	25%
Somewhat Disagree	22%	28%	19%	23%	18%	19%	26%	20%	25%	26%	20%	20%	19%
Strongly Disagree	11%	12%	7%	12%	13%	13%	9%	14%	13%	9%	13%	11%	12%
(DK/NS)	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%
Strongly/ somewhat agree	64%	57%	72%	64%	67%	67%	62%	64%	61%	61%	64%	68%	67%
Strongly/ somewhat disagree	34%	40%	26%	35%	31%	32%	35%	34%	37%	35%	33%	31%	32%