

Over the last two years, the BC Liberals have made a number of changes in British Columbia that impact on small business. Overall, do you feel the provincial government is moving in the right direction or wrong direction with respect to these changes?

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly right direction	104 26%	56 23%	48 31%	64 28%	40 24%
Somewhat right direction	206 52%	128 52%	78 51%	119 51%	87 52%
Somewhat wrong direction	40 10%	30 12%	10 7%	22 9%	18 11%
Strongly wrong direction	36 9%	24 10%	12 8%	22 9%	14 8%
(DK/NS)	14 4%	9 4%	5 3%	5 2%	9 5%
Summary					
Top2box (Right direction)	310 78%	184 74%	126 82%	183 79%	127 76%
Low2box (Wrong direction)	76 19%	54 22%	22 14%	44 19%	32 19%

As you may know, the BC Liberals were elected to govern BC in May of 2001. Based upon what you've seen so far, generally speaking, would you say you approve or disapprove of the overall performance of the BC Liberal government?

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly approve	109 27%	53 21%	56 37%	67 29%	42 25%
Somewhat approve	148 37%	93 38%	55 36%	82 35%	66 39%
Somewhat disapprove	59 15%	38 15%	21 14%	38 16%	21 13%
Strongly disapprove	73 18%	58 23%	15 10%	41 18%	32 19%
(DK/NS)	11 3%	5 2%	6 4%	4 2%	7 4%
Summary					
Top2box (Approve)	257 64%	146 59%	111 73%	149 64%	108 64%
Low2box (Disapprove)	132 33%	96 39%	36 24%	79 34%	53 32%

Thinking of Gordon Campbell, would you say you generally approve or disapprove of the way he [she] has performed as Premier of British Columbia?

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly approve	86 22%	45 18%	41 27%	53 23%	33 20%
Somewhat approve	162 41%	89 36%	73 48%	89 38%	73 43%
Somewhat disapprove	62 16%	44 18%	18 12%	36 16%	26 15%
Strongly disapprove	89 22%	69 28%	20 13%	53 23%	36 21%
(DK/NS)	1 0	0 -	1 1%	1 0	0 -
Summary					
Top2box (Approve)	248 62%	134 54%	114 75%	142 61%	106 63%
Low2box (Disapprove)	151 38%	113 46%	38 25%	89 38%	62 37%

Thinking of Joy MacPhail, would you say you generally approve or disapprove of the way he [she] has performed as Leader of the NDP?

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly approve	26 7%	19 8%	7 5%	18 8%	8 5%
Somewhat approve	135 34%	82 33%	53 35%	83 36%	52 31%
Somewhat disapprove	78 20%	48 19%	30 20%	40 17%	38 23%
Strongly disapprove	112 28%	63 26%	49 32%	73 31%	39 23%
(DK/NS)	49 12%	35 14%	14 9%	18 8%	31 18%
Summary					
Top2box (Approve)	161 40%	101 41%	60 39%	101 44%	60 36%
Low2box (Disapprove)	190 48%	111 45%	79 52%	113 49%	77 46%

And do you approve or disapprove of the job the BC Liberal government has been doing in terms of Creating a good climate for business and investment in BC?

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly approve	95 24%	52 21%	43 28%	56 24%	39 23%
Somewhat approve	173 43%	102 41%	71 46%	98 42%	75 45%
Somewhat disapprove	70 18%	49 20%	21 14%	45 19%	25 15%
Strongly disapprove	52 13%	37 15%	15 10%	28 12%	24 14%
(DK/NS)	10 3%	7 3%	3 2%	5 2%	5 3%
Summary					
Top2box (Approve)	268 67%	154 62%	114 75%	154 66%	114 68%
Low2box (Disapprove)	122 31%	86 35%	36 24%	73 31%	49 29%

And do you approve or disapprove of the job the BC Liberal government has been doing in terms of Changes to the labour environment and labour code?

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly approve	131 33%	67 27%	64 42%	84 36%	47 28%
Somewhat approve	125 31%	72 29%	53 35%	71 31%	54 32%
Somewhat disapprove	45 11%	32 13%	13 8%	21 9%	24 14%
Strongly disapprove	52 13%	39 16%	13 8%	30 13%	22 13%
(DK/NS)	47 12%	37 15%	10 7%	26 11%	21 13%
Summary					
Top2box (Approve)	256 64%	139 56%	117 76%	155 67%	101 60%
Low2box (Disapprove)	97 24%	71 29%	26 17%	51 22%	46 27%

And do you approve or disapprove of the job the BC Liberal government has been doing in terms of Balancing taxes, social spending and debt reduction?

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly approve	106 27%	56 23%	50 33%	61 26%	45 27%
Somewhat approve	151 38%	90 36%	61 40%	87 38%	64 38%
Somewhat disapprove	67 17%	48 19%	19 12%	38 16%	29 17%
Strongly disapprove	65 16%	47 19%	18 12%	40 17%	25 15%
(DK/NS)	11 3%	6 2%	5 3%	6 3%	5 3%
Summary					
Top2box (Approve)	257 64%	146 59%	111 73%	148 64%	109 65%
Low2box (Disapprove)	132 33%	95 38%	37 24%	78 34%	54 32%

And do you approve or disapprove of the job the BC Liberal government has been doing in terms of Changes to small business tax levels in British Columbia?

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly approve	83 21%	43 17%	40 26%	52 22%	31 18%
Somewhat approve	171 43%	92 37%	79 52%	102 44%	69 41%
Somewhat disapprove	69 17%	48 19%	21 14%	34 15%	35 21%
Strongly disapprove	41 10%	37 15%	4 3%	22 9%	19 11%
(DK/NS)	36 9%	27 11%	9 6%	22 9%	14 8%
Summary					
Top2box (Approve)	254 64%	135 55%	119 78%	154 66%	100 60%
Low2box (Disapprove)	110 28%	85 34%	25 16%	56 24%	54 32%

And do you approve or disapprove of the job the BC Liberal government has been doing in terms of Changes to personal income tax levels in British Columbia?

		Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
	Total	1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly approve	102 26%	51 21%	51 33%	65 28%	37 22%
Somewhat approve	138 35%	82 33%	56 37%	81 35%	57 34%
Somewhat disapprove	80 20%	60 24%	20 13%	42 18%	38 23%
Strongly disapprove	54 14%	36 15%	18 12%	34 15%	20 12%
(DK/NS)	26 7%	18 7%	8 5%	10 4%	16 10%
Summary					
Top2box (Approve)	240 60%	133 54%	107 70%	146 63%	94 56%
Low2box (Disapprove)	134 34%	96 39%	38 25%	76 33%	58 35%

And do you approve or disapprove of the job the BC Liberal government has been doing in terms of Ensuring BC's education system is doing a good job of preparing students for today's workforce?

		Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
	Total	1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly approve	64 16%	38 15%	26 17%	42 18%	22 13%
Somewhat approve	127 32%	70 28%	57 37%	76 33%	51 30%
Somewhat disapprove	82 21%	54 22%	28 18%	50 22%	32 19%
Strongly disapprove	102 26%	70 28%	32 21%	50 22%	52 31%
(DK/NS)	25 6%	15 6%	10 7%	14 6%	11 7%
Summary					
Top2box (Approve)	191 48%	108 44%	83 54%	118 51%	73 43%
Low2box (Disapprove)	184 46%	124 50%	60 39%	100 43%	84 50%

And do you approve or disapprove of the job the BC Liberal government has been doing in terms of Ensuring BC's healthcare system is a strength in attracting workers to the province?

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly approve	64 16%	39 16%	25 16%	37 16%	27 16%
Somewhat approve	117 29%	60 24%	57 37%	73 31%	44 26%
Somewhat disapprove	96 24%	65 26%	31 20%	60 26%	36 21%
Strongly disapprove	111 28%	77 31%	34 22%	58 25%	53 32%
(DK/NS)	12 3%	6 2%	6 4%	4 2%	8 5%
Summary					
Top2box (Approve)	181 45%	99 40%	82 54%	110 47%	71 42%
Low2box (Disapprove)	207 52%	142 57%	65 42%	118 51%	89 53%

Overall, do you think the business climate in British Columbia is now in better shape, worse shape, or about the same shape as when the Liberals were first elected?

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Better shape	177 44%	95 38%	82 54%	110 47%	67 40%
Worse shape	71 18%	54 22%	17 11%	34 15%	37 22%
About the same shape	148 37%	95 38%	53 35%	86 37%	62 37%
(DK/NS)	4 1%	3 1%	1 1%	2 1%	2 1%

And two years from now, do you think the business climate in British Columbia will be in better shape, worse shape or about the same shape as today?

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Better shape	262 66%	144 58%	118 77%	149 64%	113 67%
Worse shape	36 9%	29 12%	7 5%	24 10%	12 7%
About the same shape	89 22%	68 28%	21 14%	50 22%	39 23%
(DK/NS)	13 3%	6 2%	7 5%	9 4%	4 2%

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. The actions taken by the BC Liberals may seem harsh, but they are necessary if British Columbia is to prosper in the future..

		Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
	Total	1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly agree	209 52%	120 49%	89 58%	129 56%	80 48%
Somewhat agree	114 29%	71 29%	43 28%	56 24%	58 35%
Somewhat disagree	40 10%	26 11%	14 9%	26 11%	14 8%
Strongly disagree	36 9%	29 12%	7 5%	20 9%	16 10%
(DK/NS)	1 0	1 0	0 -	1 0	0 -
Summary					
Top2box (Agree)	323 81%	191 77%	132 86%	185 80%	138 82%
Low2box (Disagree)	76 19%	55 22%	21 14%	46 20%	30 18%

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. The business community has been too quiet in letting public sector unions and other special interest groups dominate the public debate..

		Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
	Total	1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly agree	215 54%	120 49%	95 62%	129 56%	86 51%
Somewhat agree	104 26%	65 26%	39 25%	57 25%	47 28%
Somewhat disagree	48 12%	35 14%	13 8%	26 11%	22 13%
Strongly disagree	28 7%	24 10%	4 3%	17 7%	11 7%
(DK/NS)	5 1%	3 1%	2 1%	3 1%	2 1%
Summary					
Top2box (Agree)	319 80%	185 75%	134 88%	186 80%	133 79%
Low2box (Disagree)	76 19%	59 24%	17 11%	43 19%	33 20%

Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with the following statements. The business community needs to be more vocal in its support for the actions of the provincial government..

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Strongly agree	202 51%	115 47%	87 57%	123 53%	79 47%
Somewhat agree	130 33%	82 33%	48 31%	63 27%	67 40%
Somewhat disagree	38 10%	24 10%	14 9%	24 10%	14 8%
Strongly disagree	21 5%	19 8%	2 1%	14 6%	7 4%
(DK/NS)	9 2%	7 3%	2 1%	8 3%	1 1%
Summary					
Top2box (Agree)	332 83%	197 80%	135 88%	186 80%	146 87%
Low2box (Disagree)	59 15%	43 17%	16 10%	38 16%	21 13%

Thinking of the issues presently confronting British Columbia, which ONE do you feel, as a small business owner, should receive the greatest attention from BC's leaders? [TOTAL MENTION]

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Taxes	159 40%	102 41%	57 37%	96 41%	63 38%
Economy	90 23%	52 21%	38 25%	56 24%	34 20%
Healthcare	59 15%	35 14%	24 16%	36 16%	23 14%
Support for business	37 9%	25 10%	12 8%	21 9%	16 10%
Forestry / Logging	34 9%	25 10%	9 6%	18 8%	16 10%
Education	28 7%	17 7%	11 7%	12 5%	16 10%
Transportation / Gasoline	28 7%	18 7%	10 7%	11 5%	17 10%
Jobs / Job creation	28 7%	15 6%	13 8%	14 6%	14 8%
Government / Politicians / Scandals	27 7%	22 9%	5 3%	17 7%	10 6%
Olympics	27 7%	11 4%	16 10%	23 10%	4 2%
Deficit / Budget	26 7%	15 6%	11 7%	14 6%	12 7%
Trade issues	15 4%	6 2%	9 6%	5 2%	10 6%
Unemployment / Losing jobs	12 3%	8 3%	4 3%	7 3%	5 3%
Social Services	12 3%	7 3%	5 3%	5 2%	7 4%
Labour issues/ strikes	11 3%	9 4%	2 1%	5 2%	6 4%
Environment	9 2%	7 3%	2 1%	5 2%	4 2%
Natural resources	5 1%	4 2%	1 1%	2 1%	3 2%
Infrastructure	4 1%	0 -	4 3%	3 1%	1 1%
Crime	2 1%	2 1%	0 -	2 1%	0 -
Native issues / Aboriginal land claims / Nisga'a	2 1%	2 1%	0 -	2 1%	0 -
Ferries	1 0	1 0	0 -	1 0	0 -
Housing	1 0	1 0	0 -	1 0	0 -
Other	34 9%	18 7%	16 10%	14 6%	20 12%
None	23 6%	12 5%	11 7%	16 7%	7 4%
(DK/NS)	21 5%	16 6%	5 3%	14 6%	7 4%

In their recent Throne Speech, the provincial government set out a number of different priorities for the upcoming Legislative session. Which of the following priorities do you think will have the most positive impact on small businesses like yours?

	Total	Number of Paid Employees		Lower Mainland	
		1-4	5-49	Yes	No
Base: All respondents	400	247	153	232	168
Recognition and reconciliation with First Nations communities and people, by advancing treaty negotiations and providing new levels of economic opportunity	20	12	8	13	7
Opening up every region to better transportation infrastructure and freer movement of goods, services and people	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%
Putting our forestry industry on a sound, sustainable and competitive footing	72	44	28	51	21
A BC Heartlands Economic Strategy that will open new opportunities for economic growth through coordinated planning in transportation, energy, forestry, tourism and new technologies	18%	18%	18%	22%	13%
(DK/NS)	121	71	50	63	58
	30%	29%	33%	27%	35%
	177	114	63	99	78
	44%	46%	41%	43%	46%
	10	6	4	6	4
	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%