

British Chambers of Commerce Poll December 2007

Thinking about all the things that may affect the economy – such as changes in salaries and wages, the level of interest rates and tax, the rates of inflation and unemployment, and the strength of the pound – how do you think the British economy will fare over the next year:

For the country as a whole	Very well	1%
	Quite well	34%
	Quite badly	58%
	Very badly	7%
For your business	Very well	6%
	Quite well	61%
	Quite badly	30%
	Very badly	3%

How do you think the following will fare over the next year compared to 2007?

The British economy	Much better than 2007	1%
	Slightly better than 2007	7%
	The same as 2007	18%
	Slightly worse than 2007	58%
	Much worse than 2007	17%
The world economy	Much better than 2007	1%
	Slightly better than 2007	8%
	The same as 2007	17%
	Slightly worse than 2007	61%
	Much worse than 2007	13%

In a year from now, do you expect prices generally to have gone up, to have gone down or to have remained the same?

Gone up significantly	31%
Gone up slightly	55%
Remained the same	10%
Gone down slightly	3%
Gone down significantly	0%

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Thinking about the impact that rising prices would have on your business, how concerned are you about rising prices?

Extremely concerned	22%
Quite concerned	58%
Not really concerned	20%
Not concerned at all	1%

How big a problem do you expect the exchange rate to be for the operation and growth of your business in 2008?

A very big problem	10%
A slight problem	31%
Not really a problem	38%
Not a problem at all	21%

If Britain's economy were to face significant problems in the months or years ahead, who would you most trust to deal with it in the best interests of Britain, David Cameron & the Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne, or Gordon Brown & the new Chancellor of the Exchequer Alastair Darling?

Brown & Darling	19%
Cameron & Osborne	41%
Neither	30%
Don't know	9%

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Would you say that you have more or less confidence in the government's ability to manage the economy now, as compared to the beginning of 2007?

Much more confidence	1%
A little more confidence	2%
No difference	23%
A little less confidence	31%
Much less confidence	43%

What impact, if any, do you think the credit crunch will have on the ability of your business to borrow in 2008?

It will be much more difficult to borrow	21%
It will be slightly more difficult to borrow	40%
It won't have any impact	39%
