PEq5

National economy over past year

Universe

All persons

Description

PEq5 asks respondents their opinion regarding the state of the nation’s economy over the previous year.

Comparability

There was a slight change in wording in the interviewer instructions between 2008 and 2009-2010. Response categories are comparable across years.

Question to respondent

Would you say that over the past year, the nation's economy has gotten better, stayed the same, or gotten worse?

Instructions to interviewer

2008: Probe to see whether they feel the change was much or somewhat.

2009-2010: Probe to determine the best choice: much or somewhat.