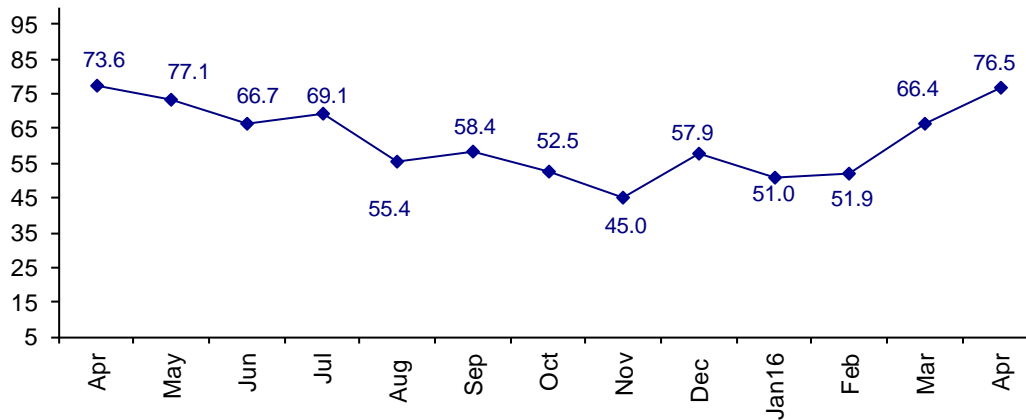


## Connector Confidence Rises In April

The April Connector Confidence Index is 76.5 up from March at 66.4.

### World Connector Confidence Index (WCCI) >50.0 = Positive



The **World Connector Confidence Index (WCCI)** is the average of all responses for “present situation,” and “future expectations.”

## Present Business Expectations

Industry personnel were asked, "What is your appraisal of current business conditions (positive, negative, neutral)?"

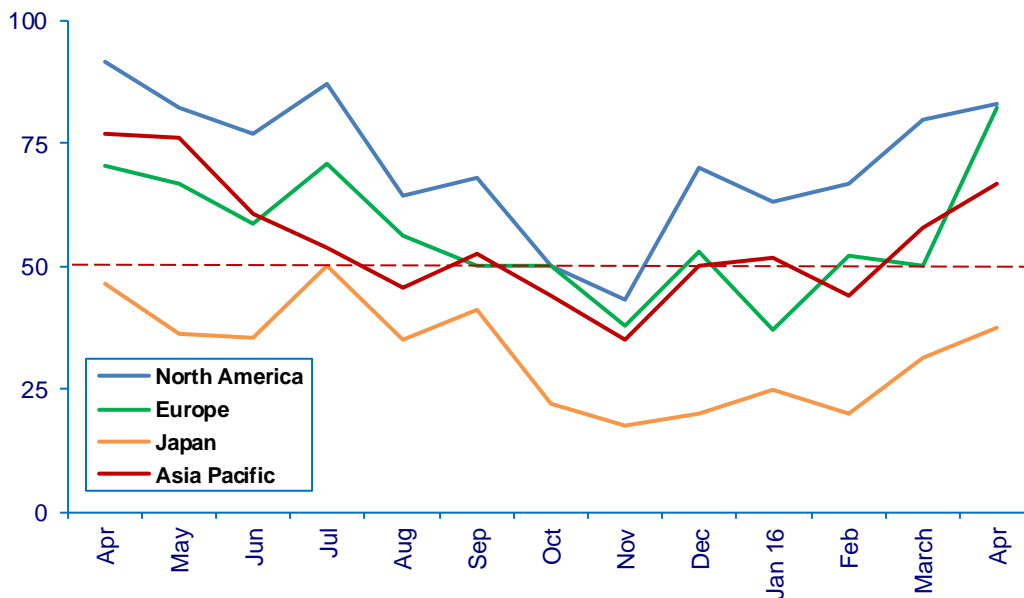
### Present Situation Index – 71.0

Region	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	50.0	43.4	70.0	63.2	66.7	80.0	83.3	+	↑
Europe	50.0	38.1	52.9	37.0	52.2	50.0	82.4	+	↑
Japan	22.2	17.6	20.0	25.0	20.0	31.3	37.5	-	↑
Asia	44.0	35.0	50.0	51.7	44.0	64.7	66.7	+	↑
<b>World</b>	<b>43.0</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>45.1</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>71.0</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>↑</b>
<b>Confidence</b>		-	+	-	-	+	+		
<b>Trend</b>		↓	↑	↓	↑	↑	↑		

All regions are up in confidence; Europe is sharply up from March in current business conditions. Japan is still negative, but moved up again in April.

### Present Situation Index

>50.0 = Positive



## Future Expectations

Industry personnel were asked, "What is your expectation of future business conditions six months from now (positive, negative, or neutral)?"

### Future Expectations Index – 81.3

Region	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	72.0	60.9	69.0	62.1	81.8	85.7	85.7	+	Same
Europe	70.4	65.2	68.0	61.5	52.0	76.2	88.2	+	↑
Japan	38.5	27.8	38.5	35.3	35.0	52.9	62.5	+	↑
Asia	57.1	58.3	60.0	58.6	59.3	76.2	77.8	+	↑
<b>World</b>	<b>62.8</b>	<b>54.5</b>	<b>62.2</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>81.3</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>↑</b>
<b>Confidence</b>		+	+	+	+	+	+		
<b>Trend</b>		↓	↑	↓	↑	↑	↑		

All regions are up in future expectations, except North America which stayed the same as March. Japan moved up again in April.

### Future Expectations Index

(>50.0 = Positive)

