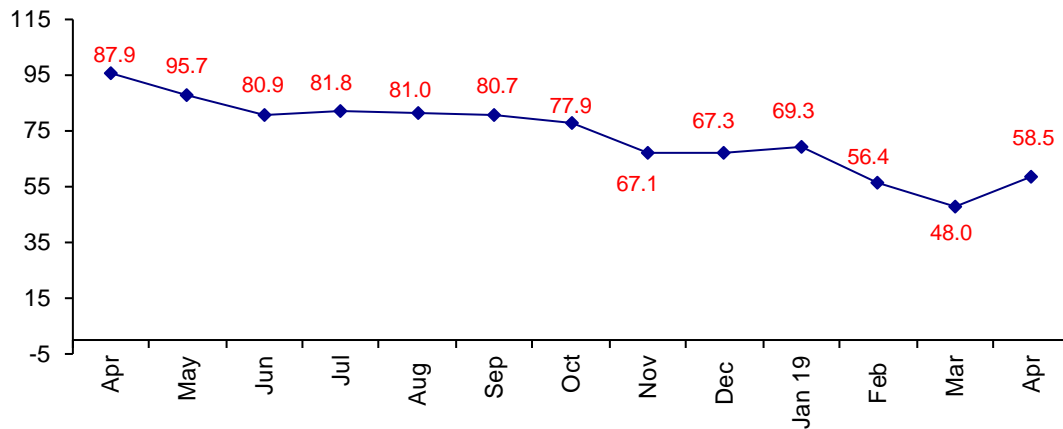


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## The U.S. Economy Remains Strong Europe and Japan Remain Negative

The April Confidence Index is 58.5 up from March at 48.0.

**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)?"

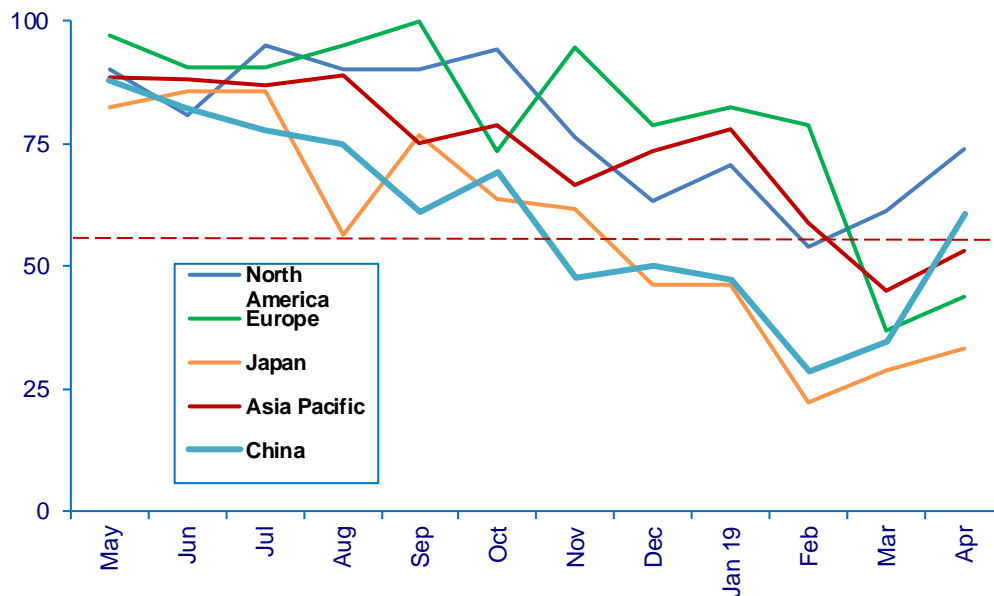
### Present Situation Index – 54.8

	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	76.5	63.2	70.8	53.8	61.1	73.7	+	↑
Europe	94.7	78.9	82.6	78.6	36.8	43.8	-	↑
Japan	61.5	46.2	46.2	22.2	28.6	33.3	-	↑
Asia	66.7	73.3	77.8	58.8	45.0	53.3	+	↑
China	47.6	50.0	47.1	28.6	34.8	60.7	+	↑
<b>World</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>63.8</b>	<b>67.4</b>	<b>50.7</b>	<b>41.5</b>	<b>54.8</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>↑</b>
<b>Confidence</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>		
<b>Trend</b>		↓	↑	↓	↓	↑		

All regions rose in confidence, although Europe and Japan still have negative confidence level.

### Present Situation Index

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## 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 – 62.1

Region	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Confidence Level	Confidence Trend
North America	64.3	68.8	72.2	62.5	60.0	69.6	+	↑
Europe	81.3	75.0	78.9	62.5	50.0	44.4	-	↓
Japan	54.5	66.7	66.7	57.1	53.3	58.3	+	↑
Asia	72.2	81.3	75.0	70.6	58.8	73.7	+	↑
China	47.1	61.5	60.0	52.9	50.0	60.9	+	↑
<b>World</b>	<b>64.5</b>	<b>71.2</b>	<b>71.4</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>54.1</b>	<b>62.1</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>↑</b>
<b>Confidence</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>+</b>		
<b>Trend</b>		↓	↑	↓	↓	↑		

Europe is the only region negative and dropped in confidence.

### Future Expectations Index

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