

But what are views of the net benefit to one's home province compared to others? The second wave of this study confirms a central finding in the first. Canadians continue to believe that their own province will do better under a free trade agreement than the country as a whole. But the optimism about provincial impacts appears to be abating somewhat. Newfoundland, British Columbia and Alberta residents are less positive in their net assessments, while still well above the national average. By contrast, Metro Toronto residents are becoming more persuaded that Ontario will gain in the event of free trade. The following table portrays perceptions of benefits or losses to the provinces if trade barriers against Canada-U.S. goods and services are removed.

Table 9

BENEFIT/LOSS TO THE PROVINCES OF THE REMOVAL OF TRADE BARRIERS

<u>PROVINCE</u>	<u>BENEFIT MORE %</u>	<u>ABOUT THE SAME %</u>	<u>BENEFIT LESS %</u>	<u>NET CHANGE FROM APRIL 1986</u>
British Columbia	64	19	17	-13
Alberta	61	21	16	-16
Saskatchewan	47	27	19	+2
Manitoba	33	37	27	-7
Balance Ontario	46	26	28	+12
Metropolitan Toronto	52	23	24	+7
Quebec	42	31	26	-6
New Brunswick	55	17	28	-9
Nova Scotia	52	28	19	-3
Prince Edward Island	51	22	24	+7
Newfoundland	55	23	23	+12
National Average	50	26	23	-6

Note: Percentages for the first three columns sum horizontally and may not sum to 100% due to rounding and exclusion of "no opinion." The Net Change column provides data on the change since April 1986 based on a measure of those saying province would "benefit more" minus those saying "less."