

The view that Canada imports more than it exports was more strongly held in Manitoba and Saskatchewan (60%) and in Quebec (58%), compared to respondents living in Atlantic Canada (56%), Ontario (55%), Alberta (54%) or British Columbia (53%). Residents of British Columbia were much more likely than other respondents to state that Canada exports more than it imports (35%, compared to 22% nationally). University graduates and higher income earners were generally less likely than other respondents to state that, overall, Canada imports more than it exports.

While respondents were more likely to state that exports exceed imports across each of various trading partners listed, the view that Canada imports more than it exports was much more strongly held with respect to trade with Japan (76%) compared to trade with the U.S. (54%) or western Europe (41%). Of the four trading partners listed, respondents were less likely to state that imports exceed exports to Mexico (36%). The view that Canadian exports exceed what it imports was highest with respect to Mexico (29%), followed by the U.S. (25%) and western Europe (19%). Very few respondents felt that our exports to Japan exceeded the imports (8%) [figure 6]

Figure 6
Current Situation For International Trade

