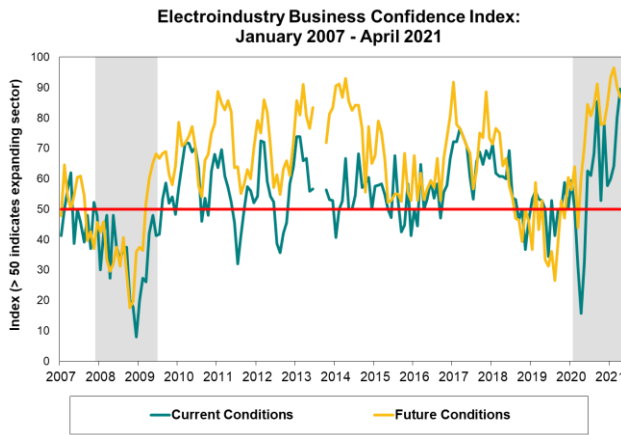


Current component sets record high

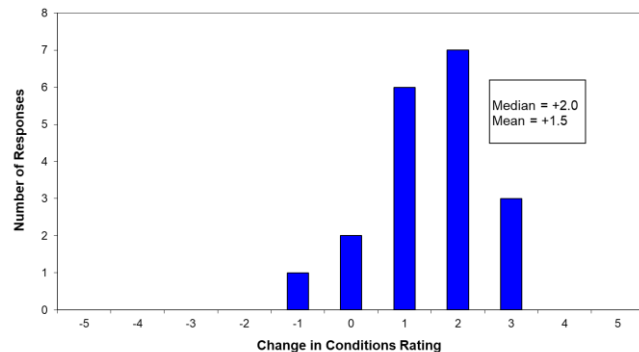


Mirroring reports of a broadly surging manufacturing sector, the current conditions component reached its all-time most expansive reading in April, hitting 89.5 points. The nearly 10-point increase from the previous month resulted in part from a drop in the share of participants who reported unchanged conditions, with additional impetus from having no respondents indicate worse conditions in April. Although the quantitative score was undoubtedly upbeat, comments suggested that some categories remained sluggish, while others faced supply constraints in trying to keep

up with demand.

The median reported magnitude of change in current electroindustry business conditions leaped one whole point to +2.0 in April. The mean magnitude measure also increased, but less dramatically as a more normal distribution of responses emerged and saw the average move from +1.0 to +1.5 in the most recent survey month. *Panelists are asked to report the magnitude of change on a scale ranging from -5 (deteriorated significantly) through 0 (unchanged) to +5 (improved significantly).*

EBCI Current Conditions Magnitude: April 2021



Following a three-month stretch during which none of the panelists indicated expectations for worse conditions in the near future, a slight tick-up in that category helped pull down the topline reading marginally from 90.0 previously to 86.8 in April. As the potential for rising inflation gained traction recently, a similar concern has crept into the commentary provided by panel members. However, on the whole, EBCI respondents appeared to be expecting continued improvements as pent-up demand is released and projects that were previously put on hold move forward.

SURVEY RESULTS:

	Current Conditions (Compared to Previous Month)		Conditions Six Months From Now (Compared to Current Conditions)	
EBCI	89.5	▲	86.8	▼
% Better	79%	▲	79%	▼
% Worse	0%	▼	5%	▲
% Unchanged	21%	▼	16%	▼

Number of Respondents =19

Values reflect the percentage of respondents expecting "Better" conditions, plus one-half of the percentage of respondents expecting "Unchanged" conditions.

A score of 50 or higher suggests conditions appropriate to expansion of the electroindustry sector.

Please note that survey responses were collected from the period of April 12-23, 2021.

EBCI METHODOLOGY:

The EBCI indexes are based on the results of a monthly survey of senior managers at NEMA member companies and are designed to gauge the business environment of the electroindustry in North America (defined here as the United States and Canada).

The survey contains the following questions:

1. How would you rate current economic conditions in North America, as they affect your business, compared to the previous month?
 - a. Using the following scale, please describe the magnitude of change in economic conditions in North America this month compared to economic conditions last month? [Scale structured as follows: 5 (improved significantly), 4, 3, 2, 1, 0 (stayed the same), -1, -2, -3, -4, -5 (deteriorated significantly)]
2. How do you expect economic conditions in North America, as they affect your business, to have changed six months from now?

Respondents are asked to indicate whether conditions are better, worse or unchanged. The survey also provides space for respondents to comment on current conditions. These comments are included below the table containing the index levels.

The index value is the percentage of respondents expecting "Better" conditions, plus one-half of the percentage of respondents expecting "Unchanged" conditions, which follows the methodology used by the Institute for Supply Management (ISM; formerly the National Association of Purchasing Management) in the construction of their manufacturing index.