
Introduction

Introduction for December 2010 WEE Survey

The online Western Economic Expectations (WEE) survey solicits views on the future economic performance of the western provinces and the country from a pool of about 1,800 economists and financial analysts who are closest to the working details of the Western Canadian economy.

The survey covers people who use economics in their work, in universities and colleges, industry associations, economic development agencies, the private sector and the public service across Western Canada.

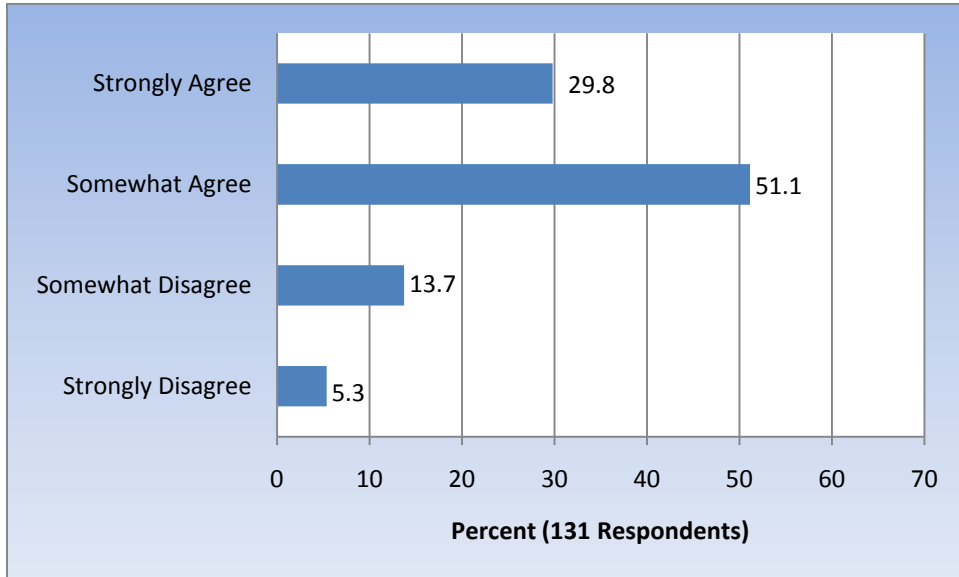
The survey is conducted through a partnership between Alberta's two premier economic and policy research centres, the Canada West Foundation in Calgary and the Western Centre for Economic Research at the University of Alberta's School of Business in Edmonton. It is the only survey that solicits economic views from people in all four western provinces.

This is the third survey in the WEE series, previous surveys being administered electronically in the fall of 2009 and the winter of 2010.

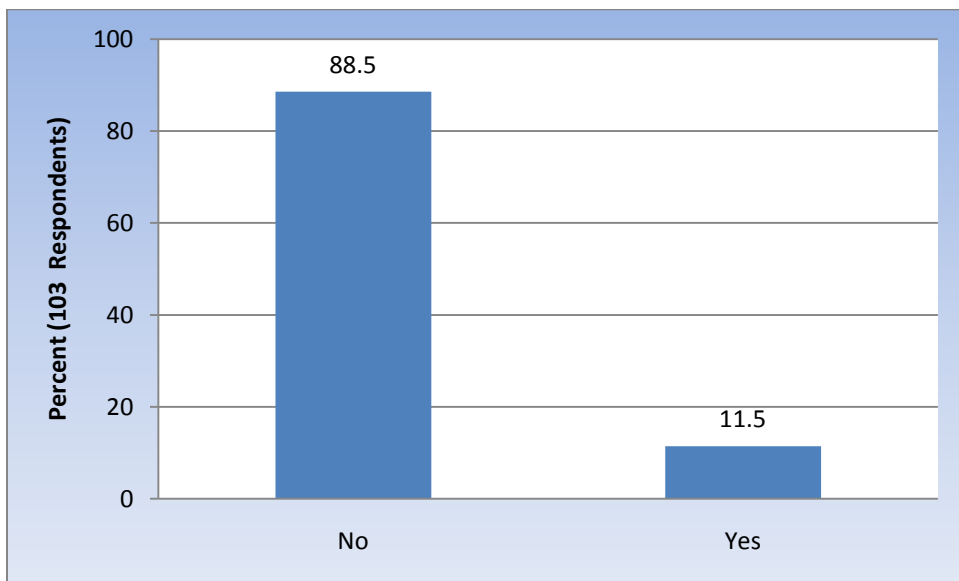
Results

In this installment, from a survey undertaken from October 14 to November 23 2010, 137 out of over 1,800 potential respondents completed the survey, providing the lowest response rate to date of about 7.5%. Provincially, 32 (23.4%) responses are from British Columbia, 73 (53.3%) are from Alberta, 19 (13.9%) are from Saskatchewan, and 13 (9.5%) are from Manitoba. The bulk of respondents, over 80%, reside in Western Canadian cities.

Q: Is it realistic for Canada to become a global leader in renewable energy production?



Q: Is it realistic for Canada to expect to be free from the use of carbon-based fuels (oil, gas and coal) 30 years from now?



Q: I am in favour of nuclear power generation in my province.

