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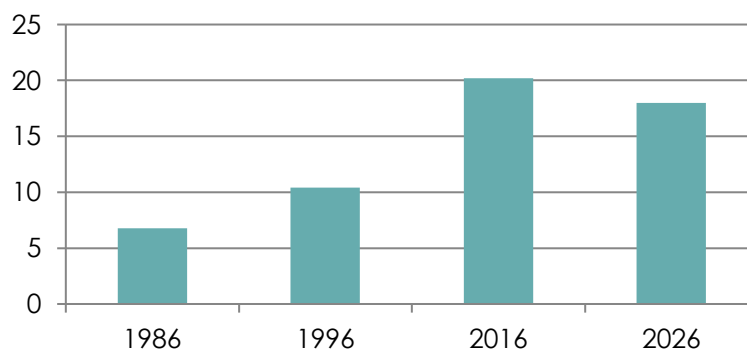
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The bar chart below shows US seafood imports for 1986, 1996 and 2016, and the forecast for 2026. The pie chart shows the geographical structure of these imports in 2016.

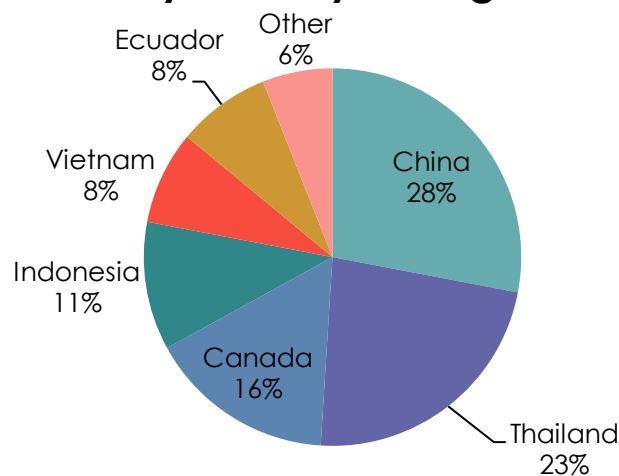
Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

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## US seafood imports (in billion U.S. dollars)



## US seafood imports in 2016, by country of origin



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The graphs provide information on the volume of seafood imports in the United States between the years 1986 and 2016 with a prediction for 2026 and illustrate from which countries the seafood was imported in 2016.

Overall, seafood imports tripled over that twenty-year period, with the top three countries controlling more than two-thirds of the market in the United States. In the future, however, import levels are forecast to shrink.

The US seafood imports increased from about \$6 billion in 1986 to over \$10 billion in 1996. Over the following ten years, that amount doubled and crossed the \$20 billion mark in 2016. Despite the past growth, it is predicted that the trend will change and in 2026 the United States will receive approximately \$2 billion fewer seafood products from abroad than it did in 2016.

In regard to the geographical split of imports, the three countries that dominated the market in 2016 were China, Thailand, and Canada, which respectively imported 28 per cent, 23 per cent, and 16 per cent of the seafood. The imports from other countries – including Indonesia, Vietnam, and Ecuador – constituted one-third of the total annual seafood imports.

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