

6.2 Canadian Direct Investment Abroad

The stock of direct investment abroad by Canadians increased by 4.9 percent to \$99 billion in 1992. As shown in Table 11, the growth in Canadian direct investment abroad slowed considerably in 1992, registering the lowest rate of increase since 1982. Over the eighties, the average annual growth in Canadian direct investment abroad averaged 14.7 percent. For the first three years in the nineties, average annual growth has declined dramatically to 7 percent. Compared with earlier decades, the growth in the eighties was consistent with the average annual growth in Canadian direct investment abroad in the seventies of 14.7 percent and outpaced growth in the sixties and fifties of 8.5 and 9.8 percent respectively.

Table 10
Canadian Direct Investment Abroad,
Selected Years

Year	Canadian Direct Investment Abroad (\$ Billions)	Annual Percentage Change (%)
1930	0.4	—
1945	0.7	—
1950	1.0	11.1
1960	2.5	8.7
1970	6.2	19.2
1980	27.0	31.7
1981	33.8	25.2
1982	35.6	5.3
1983	39.9	12.1
1984	47.4	18.8
1985	54.1	14.1
1986	58.5	8.1
1987	66.8	14.1
1988	72.1	7.9
1989	80.8	12.1
1990	87.9	8.8
1991	94.4	7.4
1992	99.0	4.9

Source: Statistics Canada