

However, the recovery in Canada's share in total EU imports (from non-member countries) in 2000 followed a period of declining market shares to 1.8 percent in 1998-1999 from 2.4 percent in 1989-1990. The market share of the United States, the EU's largest supplier, recovered during 1998-1999 but fell back to below 20 percent in 2000. China's market presence continued to expand rapidly. By contrast, the market shares of Japan and Switzerland dropped steadily through the 1990s.

East Asian Economies

Exports to most of Canada's major markets in East Asia fell in 2001 after having staged a marked rebound in 2000 from the financial and economic crisis of 1997-1998. Table 6 summarizes developments in Canada's merchandise exports to these East Asian markets.

Table 6: Canada's Merchandise Exports to East Asian Economies (\$ billions), 1989-2001

Economies	1989-1992	1993-1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Japan	7.93	10.38	11.17	8.64	8.5	9.2	8.1
South Korea	1.63	2.38	3.03	1.82	2.0	2.3	2.0
People's Republic of China	1.78	2.62	2.41	2.50	2.7	3.7	4.2
Hong Kong	0.85	1.25	1.75	1.43	1.1	1.5	1.2
Taiwan	0.95	1.35	1.62	1.18	1.1	1.2	1.0
Indonesia	0.35	0.64	0.80	0.55	0.5	0.7	0.5
Malaysia	0.25	0.41	0.70	0.48	0.4	0.4	0.3
Philippines	0.21	0.25	0.43	0.26	0.3	0.4	0.3
Singapore	0.35	0.45	0.55	0.42	0.38	0.37	0.37
Thailand	0.39	0.48	0.47	0.30	0.3	0.4	0.4
Nine Major East Asian economies	6.76	9.83	11.76	8.95	8.9	10.9	10.3
Total East Asia	14.70	20.21	22.92	17.58	17.3	20.0	18.4

Source: Statistics Canada, *Canadian International Merchandise Trade 2001*. Catalogue no. 65-001-XPB, December 2001. Customs basis.

The decline in Canada's exports to East Asia in 2001 was sharper than that of Canada's overall merchandise exports. As a result, the share of these nine East Asian economies in Canada's exports fell to 4.6 percent in 2001 (Table 7), despite notable gains in Canadian exports to China and Singapore.

Table 7: East Asian Economies' Share of Canada's Merchandise Exports (percent) 1989-2001

Economies	Average 1989-1992	Average 1993-1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Japan	5.32	4.36	3.75	2.71	2.39	2.23	2.02
South Korea	1.10	1.00	1.02	0.57	0.56	0.55	0.49
People's Republic of China	1.19	1.10	0.81	0.78	0.75	0.89	1.04
Hong Kong	0.57	0.52	0.59	0.45	0.31	0.36	0.29
Taiwan	0.64	0.57	0.54	0.37	0.32	0.28	0.25
Indonesia	0.24	0.26	0.27	0.17	0.15	0.17	0.17
Malaysia	0.17	0.17	0.23	0.15	0.12	0.10	0.08
Philippines	0.14	0.11	0.14	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.09
Singapore	0.23	0.19	0.18	0.13	0.11	0.09	0.09
Thailand	0.26	0.20	0.16	0.10	0.08	0.09	0.11
Nine East Asian economies	4.54	4.09	3.94	2.81	2.49	2.63	2.56
Total East Asia	9.89	8.46	7.69	5.52	4.88	4.85	4.58

Source: Statistics Canada, *Canadian International Merchandise Trade 2001*. Catalogue no. 65-001-XPB, December 2001