

TABLE 5

World trade in services by category, 1990-96
(Billion dollars and percentage)

	Value	Share		Annual percentage change			
	1996	1990	1996	1993	1994	1995	1996
Exports							
All services	1,260	100.0	100.0	1	9	14	5
Transportation	315	28.2	25.0	0	10	13	2
Travel	415	32.5	32.9	1	8	14	6
Commercial services	530	39.4	42.1	1	10	15	7
Imports							
All services	1,265	100.0	100.0	1	9	15	5
Transportation	375	31.7	29.7	0	10	15	1
Travel	390	31.3	30.8	-2	8	14	4
Commercial services	500	37.0	39.5	4	8	16	8

Source: WTO Annual Report 1997

In 1995, the US held the largest share of world exports of services in all three categories as well as in transportation imports whereas Germany led as largest importer in commercial services and more recently in travel. Canada's world shares in all three categories of exports and imports of services decreased between 1985 and 1995, including the dynamic commercial service sector.⁹¹ In 1995, Canada was the 13th largest exporter of commercial services and 12th in travel. Since Canada did not figure in the top 15 largest exporters and importers of transportation services, Canada's fifteen overall position for services exports can be attributed to the lower position of the transportation sector.

⁹¹ WTO annual report (1997)