

Table 4 Alberta Exports by Industry, 1995 to 1999

	(\$ millions)					Percent Change 1998-1999
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	
Primary Agriculture	2,877.7	3,399.1	3,272.8	2,941.9	2,392.2	-18.7%
Total Mining	15,016.2	18,037.4	19,107.2	16,074.9	18,727.2	16.5%
Oil, Gas, Sulphur	14,167.7	17,469.7	18,536.6	15,524.3	18,128.4	16.8%
Other	848.5	567.7	570.6	550.6	598.8	8.7%
Manufacturing	8,697.2	9,793.3	10,681.9	11,407.5	12,748.3	11.8%
Chemicals and Chemical Products	2,988.7	2,809.7	2,781.4	2,384.0	2,555.0	7.2%
Clothing and Textiles	25.1	24.2	32.0	34.8	32.4	-6.8%
Electrical/Electronic Equipment	872.3	1,227.1	1,240.5	1,623.7	2,081.4	28.2%
Fabricated Metal Products	147.4	180.2	187.5	217.9	241.1	10.6%
Food, Feed, Beverages	1,119.7	1,295.5	1,593.3	1,761.5	1,994.6	13.2%
Furniture and Allied Products	115.2	192.0	254.6	300.9	338.8	12.6%
Machinery (excl. Electric/Transport)	375.0	526.8	586.3	873.3	614.5	-29.6%
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	54.2	66.5	85.3	98.9	135.5	37.0%
Paper and Allied Products	1,422.8	1,019.2	1,302.8	1,449.9	1,565.8	8.0%
Plastics	70.7	94.5	123.5	139.9	175.0	25.1%
Primary Metal Products	372.8	556.5	599.7	502.0	444.4	-11.5%
Refined Petroleum and Coal Products	306.9	461.7	393.9	327.9	416.3	26.9%
Transportation Equipment	124.4	170.8	157.9	224.8	377.6	67.9%
Wood Products	486.2	904.4	1,017.6	1,112.0	1,436.0	29.1%
Other	215.7	264.1	325.6	356.0	340.1	-4.5%
Other Exports	293.4	468.6	419.7	558.4	653.3	17.0%
Total Goods Exports	26,884.4	31,698.4	33,481.6	30,982.8	34,521.0	11.4%
Tourism	907.1	1,098.0	969.7	1,197.2	1,306.3	9.1%
Other Services (estimates)	1,579.8	1,829.3	1,951.6	2,110.0	2,265.7	7.4%
Total Services Exports (estimates)	2,486.9	2,927.3	2,921.3	3,307.2	3,572.0	8.0%
Total Exports	29,371.3	34,625.7	36,402.9	34,290.0	38,093.0	11.1%

Source: Alberta International Trade Review, 1999

■ In November 2000, the Alberta government released a study (www.gov.ab.ca/acn/200011/10019.html) on non-tariff barriers faced by Alberta exporters. Customs regulations in particular are seen as a major problem for many firms. Specific problems cited include overwhelming amounts of paperwork and unclear rules. Exporters also encounter problems in determining technical regulations and standards.

■ Alberta International and Intergovernmental Relations, working with the Western Centre for Economic Research at the University of Alberta, has attempted to identify the most significant barriers to Alberta's exports of agricultural, resource, and industrial goods (www.bus.ualberta.ca/CIBS-WCER/WCER/wcer.htm see Bulletins 61 and 62 for the detailed results). Despite successive rounds of multilateral negotiations, a number of products exported by Alberta continue to face high tariffs and significant non-tariff barriers to trade in key markets.