

While the geographic distribution of FDI in Canada remained relatively stable over the past decade, with the United States dominating, there have been noticeable changes in the pattern of Canadian investment abroad. Canadians diversified their investment, making more investment in many parts of the world than in the traditional U.S. market. Between 1990 and 2006, the share of the United States in total Canadian investment abroad declined from 61.0% to 42.8%, while the corresponding shares for the “rest of the world” – mainly developing countries – increased from 17.1% to 28.7% over the same period (see Table 3.6).

**Table 3.6: Canada’s International Investment Position by Region**

<b>The Position of Foreign Direct Investment in Canada</b>				
	<b>1990</b>		<b>2006</b>	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
All countries	130,932		448,858	
United States	84,089	64.2	273,705	61.0
European Union	31,524	24.1	118,365	26.4
Japan	5,222	4.0	11,309	2.5
ROW	10,098	7.7	45,479	10.1
<b>The Position of Canadian Direct Investment Abroad</b>				
	<b>1990</b>		<b>2006</b>	
	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>%</b>
All countries	98,402		523,260	
United States	60,049	61.0	223,623	42.8
European Union	20,625	21.0	144,446	27.6
Japan	917	0.9	4,919	0.9
ROW	16,811	17.1	150,272	28.7

Source: Statistics Canada, “Canada’s International Investment Position.”