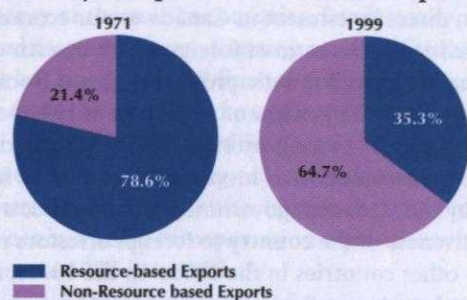


Figure 3
Commodity Composition of Canada's Exports

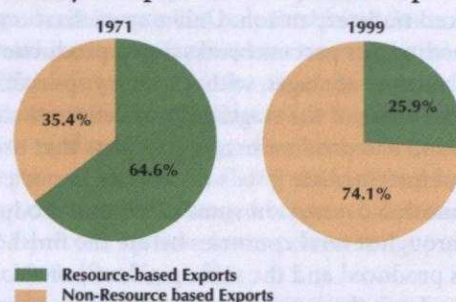


Sources: DFAIT, Statistics Canada

themselves a place as one of our top 10 import sources, namely Mexico, China, Chinese Taipei (Taiwan) and South Korea.

With respect to both exports and imports, Canada has had a long standing relationship with the United States, Japan, the United Kingdom, Germany, France and Italy, our G-7 partners. Our bilateral trade relationship with the United States is by far the most important one. While geographic proximity

Commodity Composition of Canada's Imports



appears to be the most visible factor in this relationship, policy measures such as the Auto Pact in 1965, the FTA in 1989 and NAFTA in 1994 have also played an important role. Recent high and sustained economic growth in both countries, especially the decade long expansion in the United States, has contributed in a major way to the growth of the two-way flow of products and services.

Table 1 Canada's Top Merchandise Export Destination and Import Sources, 1960 – 1999 (customs basis)

Top Ten Export Destinations (number beside the country name is share to total, in percent)

1960		1970		1980		1990		1999	
U.S.	56.4	U.S.	64.8	U.S.	63.3	U.S.	74.9	U.S.	87.1
U.K.	17.2	U.K.	8.9	Japan	5.7	Japan	5.5	Japan	2.4
Japan	3.3	Japan	4.8	U.K.	4.3	U.K.	2.4	U.K.	1.3
W.Germany	3.1	W.Germany	2.3	Germany	2.2	Germany	1.6	China	0.7
Australia	1.9	Netherlands	1.7	Netherlands	1.9	China	1.2	Germany	0.7
France	1.4	Australia	1.2	France	1.3	Netherlands	1.1	South Korea	0.6
Belgium and Luxembourg	1.3	Belgium and Luxembourg	1.1	Italy	1.3	South Korea	1.0	France	0.5
Italy	1.3	Italy	1.1	Belgium and Luxembourg	1.3	France	0.9	Mexico	0.5
Netherlands	1.2	Norway	1.1	Brazil	1.3	Belgium	0.8	Netherlands	0.4
Norway	1.1	France	0.9	China	1.2	Italy	0.8	Italy	0.4

Top Ten Import Sources (number beside the country name is share to total, in percent)

1960		1970		1980		1990		1999	
U.S.	67.3	U.S.	71.1	U.S.	68.5	U.S.	64.5	U.S.	67.2
U.K.	10.7	U.K.	5.3	Japan	4.2	Japan	7.0	Japan	4.7
Venezuela	3.6	Japan	4.2	Saudi Arabia	3.8	U.K.	3.6	Mexico	3.0
W. Germany	2.3	W. Germany	2.7	Venezuela	3.2	Germany	2.8	China	2.8
Japan	2.0	Venezuela	2.4	U.K.	2.8	France	1.8	U.K.	2.6
France	0.9	France	1.1	Germany	2.2	South Korea	1.7	Germany	2.2
Italy	0.8	Australia	1.1	France	1.2	Taiwan	1.6	France	1.7
Belgium and Luxembourg	0.8	Italy	1.0	Italy	0.9	Italy	1.4	Taiwan	1.4
Saudi Arabia	0.7	Sweden	0.8	Taiwan	0.8	Mexico	1.3	Italy	1.1
Jamaica	0.7	Switzerland	0.6	Hong Kong	0.8	Norway	1.2	South Korea	1.1

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