

Canadian data, which revealed that the business services declined along with goods from 1990 to 1992 while non-business services remained stable.

TABLE 1

SHARE OF BUSINESS AND NON-BUSINESS SERVICES ACTIVITIES⁶⁵
(1992 billion CANS)

	1987	1992	1997
Business sector services	253.6 (68%)	282.2 (69%)	319.1 (72%)
Non-business sector services	117.8 (32%)	128.0 (31%)	125.6 (28%)
Total services industries	371.4 (100%)	410.2 (100%)	444.7 (100%)

Source: Statistics Canada #15-001

In order to assess the services industries growing the fastest in the Canadian economy, we calculated the average annual growth rate between 1987-1997, and for 1997. The results (Table 2) indicate that the computer and related services sector grew more rapidly at 16.4% annually, followed by other business services with 8.6%, and telecommunication carriers with 7.6% between 1987-1997. This pattern was also seen in 1997. Computer and related services remained the fastest growing sector with 18% followed by other business services with 11.5%. The overall trend in recent years is thus one of rapid growth in business oriented services.

TABLE 2

FASTEST GROWING SERVICE SECTOR IN CANADA
1987-1997 (%)

	Avg. annual growth 87-97	Annual change 1997
Computer and related services	16.4%	18.0%
Other business services industries	8,6%	11,5%
Telecommunication carriers	7,6%	9,6%
Pipeline transport	7,4%	1,0%
Motion picture/ audio	7,3%	10,8%

Source: Statistics Canada # 15-001

⁶⁵ Here "business sector services" do not refer to the breakdowns than those used for trade transactions.