

volume of imports by 4.8 per cent (versus 13.6 per cent in 1988). As a result, Canada's surplus on merchandise trade declined \$3.3 billion to \$3 billion in 1989. The Canadian share of world exports remained steady at approximately 4 per cent.

Table 2.1 shows Canada's trade for 1989 by main geographical areas. Overall, Canada's U.S. and non-U.S. trade showed similar growth rates. There was little change in Canada's dependence on U.S. markets. The United States remains Canada's principal

**TABLE 2.1  
CANADA'S  
PRINCIPAL  
TRADING  
REGIONS  
MERCHANDISE  
EXPORTS,  
IMPORTS  
AND TRADE  
BALANCES**

Merchandise Trade With:	(Customs basis) C\$ millions					
	Yr-Over-Yr Per cent		Yr-Over-Yr Per cent		Trade	Trade
	Exports 1989	Change 1989/88	Imports 1989	Change 1989/88	Balance 1988	Balance 1989
<b>World</b>	138 339	0.6	135 033	2.9	6 379	3 306
<b>United States</b>	101 411	1.1	88 017	2.3	14 301	13 394
<b>Europe</b>	14 766	3.4	18 581	(4.7)	(5 228)	(3 815)
Western Europe	13 814	7.3	18 013	(4.6)	(6 016)	(4 199)
of which EC (12)	11 827	7.1	14 915	(7.1)	(5 016)	(3 088)
Eastern Europe and U.S.S.R.	952	(32.0)	568	(7.3)	788	384
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	16 856	(3.9)	19 614	4.9	(1 156)	(2 758)
Asia	15 538	(5.7)	18 758	5.5	(1 312)	(3 220)
of which Japan and China	8 850	1.2	9 571	3.2	(522)	(721)
Pacific	1 145	(56.1)	1 182	23.8	1 651	(37)
	1 318	23.4	856	(6.4)	153	462
<b>Latin America</b>	2 743	(11.9)	5 200	14.7	(1 421)	(2 457)
South America	1 182	(21.2)	2 494	8.7	(794)	(1 312)
Central America & Caribbean	1 561	(3.2)	2 706	20.9	(627)	(1 145)
<b>Africa-Middle East</b>	2 520	11.5	1 911	37.9	875	609
Middle East	1 586	35.6	779	64.3	696	807
Africa	934	(14.4)	1 132	24.1	179	(198)

Source: Statistics Canada, Exports-Merchandise Trade, Imports-Merchandise Trade.