

individual country destinations shown in Table 4-2, the growth of Canada's merchandise exports was the strongest with respect to the Netherlands (40.2 per cent), Mexico (30.3 per cent) and the U.K. (22.8 per cent), respectively. The latter overtook Japan as Canada's second largest single country export destination. Canada's exports to China rose only by 7.9 per cent in 2006. However, there has been redistribution in shares of major export markets over 2002-2005. Figure 4-9 reveals that, among the top-five destinations, the market share has increased for all markets, except for the U.S. and Japan. While the U.S. share decreased by 5.5 per cent, Japan's

share remained stable. The U.K. share more than doubled whereas the shares of China and all other countries advanced by 70 per cent and 41.8 per cent, respectively.

With respect to merchandise imports, the U.S., although still dominant, accounted for 54.9 per cent of Canadian merchandise imports in 2006. China and Mexico followed at 8.7 per cent and 4.0 per cent, respectively. Algeria was a newcomer among Canada's top-ten suppliers largely as a result of increased imports of mineral fuel and oil. In terms of growth, imports from Algeria (18.8 per cent), China (16.8 per cent) and Mexico (9.6 per cent)

**TABLE 4-2:**  
Canada's merchandise exports and imports by area

Canada's merchandise export by area (\$ billion and %)				
Country	2005	2006	Share in 2006	% Change 2006/2005
World	436.2	440.2	100.0	0.9
U.S.	365.8	359.3	81.6	-1.8
U.K.	8.3	10.1	2.3	22.8
Japan	9.2	9.4	2.1	2.7
China	7.1	7.7	1.7	7.9
Mexico	3.4	4.4	1.0	30.3
Germany	3.2	3.9	0.9	19.8
Korea	2.8	3.3	0.7	15.8
Netherlands	2.2	3.1	0.7	40.2
France	2.5	2.9	0.7	13.8
Belgium	2.3	2.4	0.5	4.7
Memorandum				
EU-25	24.8	28.8	6.6	16.3
Canada's merchandise imports by area (\$ billion and %)				
Country	2005	2006	Share in 2006	% Change 2006/2005
World	380.8	396.5	100.0	4.1
U.S.	215.2	217.6	54.9	1.1
China	29.5	34.5	8.7	16.8
Mexico	14.6	16.0	4.0	9.6
Japan	14.8	15.3	3.9	3.7
Germany	10.3	11.1	2.8	8.4
U.K.	10.4	10.8	2.7	4.0
Korea, South	5.4	5.8	1.5	7.2
Norway	6.1	5.4	1.4	-10.2
France	5.0	5.2	1.3	3.7
Algeria	4.2	5.0	1.3	18.8
Memorandum				
EU-25	45.6	48.9	12.3	7.2

Source: Statistics Canada