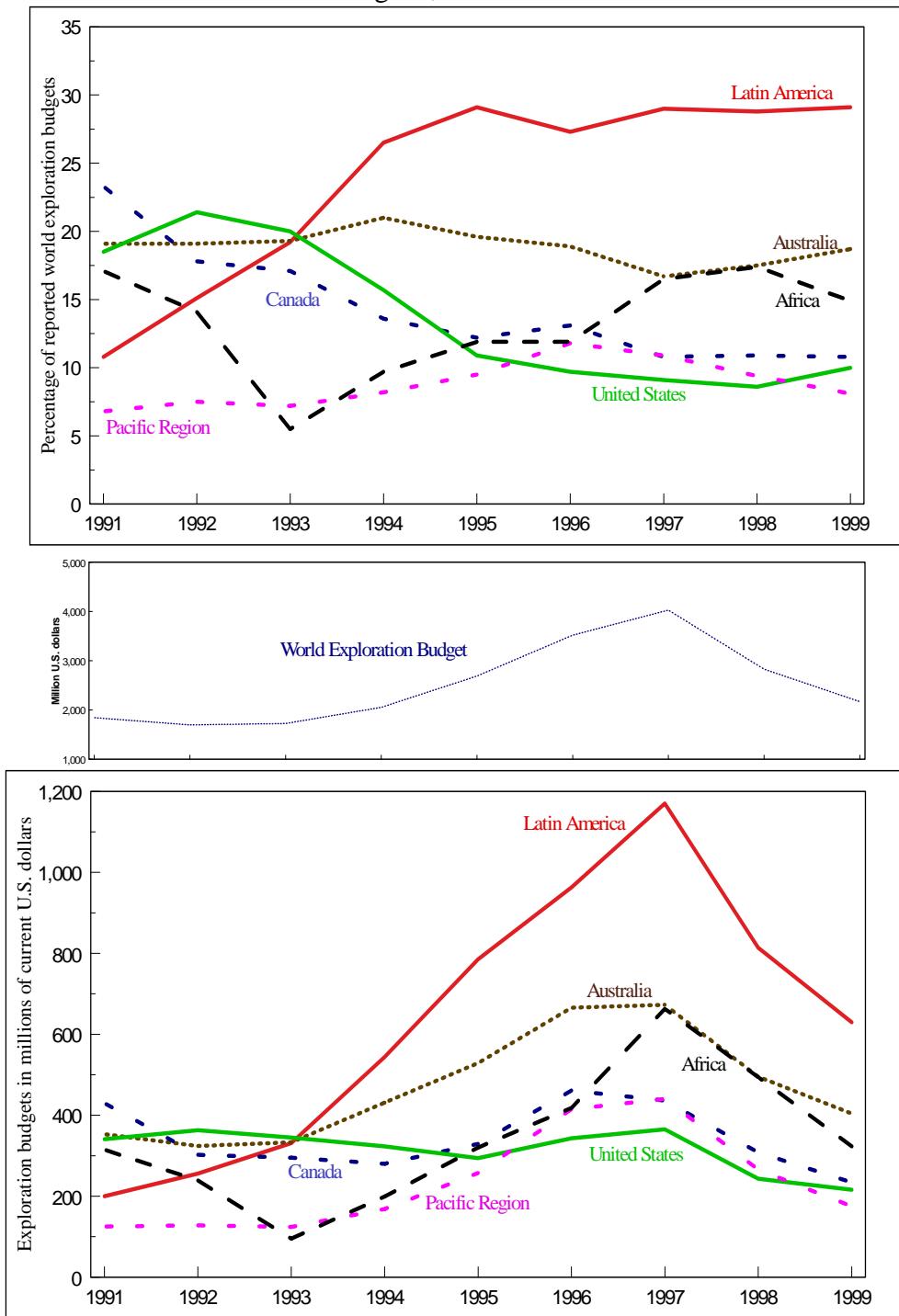


Figure 2.--Trends in reported exploration budgets for nonfuel mineral targets in selected regions, 1991-1999.



Data Source: Metals Economics Group, survey results of 153 companies in 1991, 161 companies in 1992, 137 in 1993, 151 in 1994, 154 in 1995, 223 in 1996, 279 in 1997, 182 in 1998, and 132 in 1999.