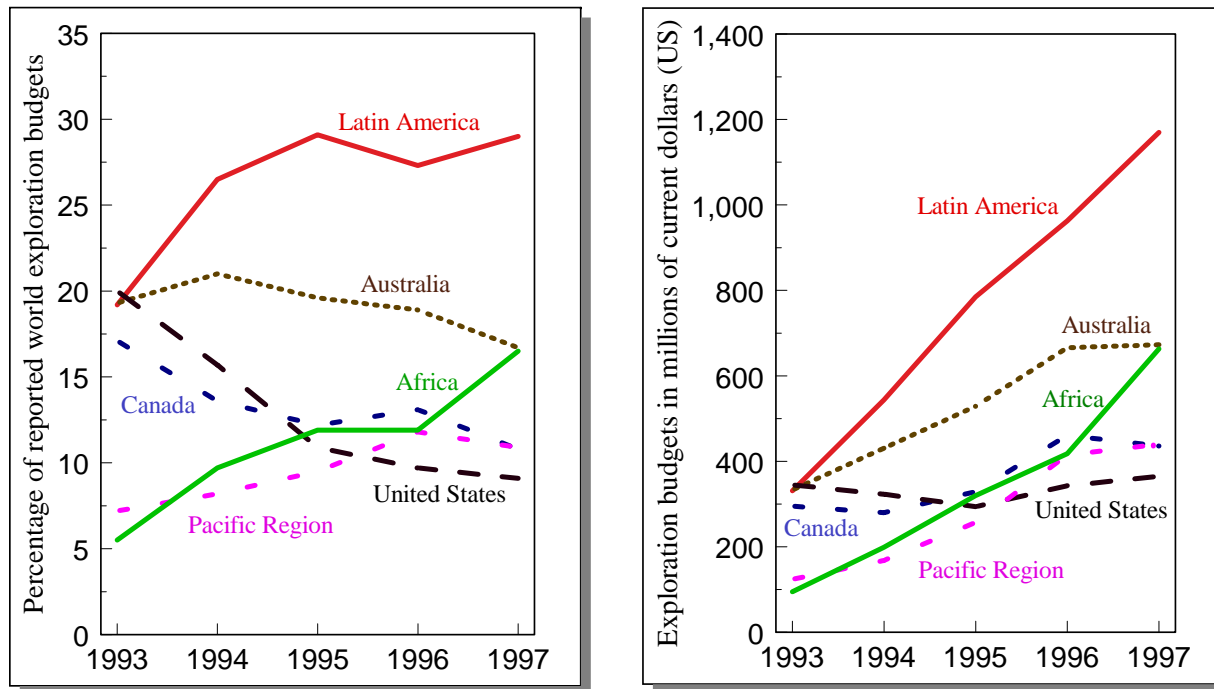


Figure 2.--Trends in reported exploration budgets for selected regions for nonfuel, nonferrous minerals 1993-1997.



Source: Metals Economics Group, survey results of 137 companies in 1993, 151 in 1994, 154 in 1995, 223 in 1996, and 279 in 1997.