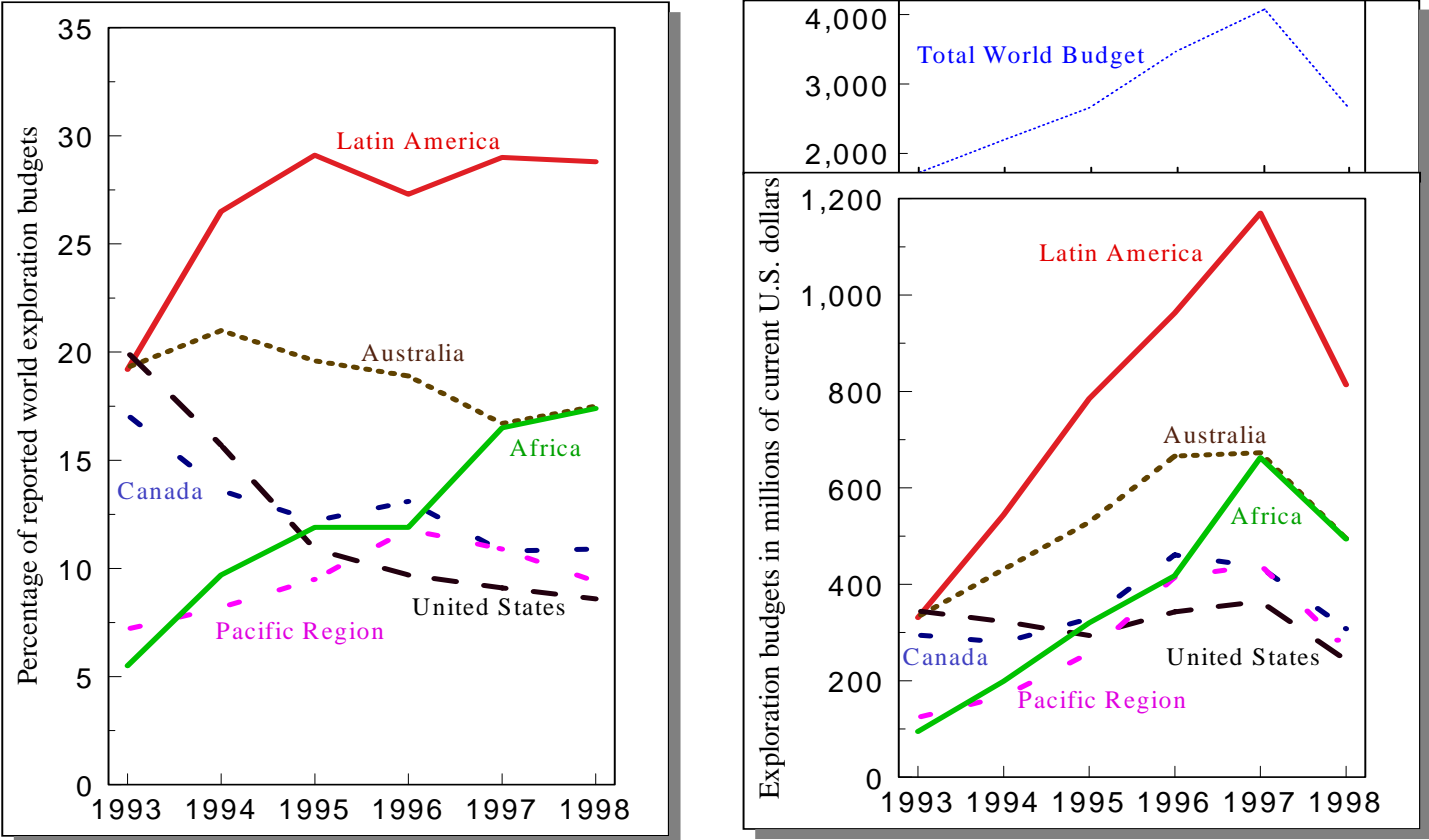


Figure 2.--Trends in reported exploration budgets for nonfuel-mineral targets in selected regions, 1993-1998.



Source: Metals Economics Group, survey results of 137 companies in 1993, 151 in 1994, 154 in 1995, 223 in 1996, 279 in 1997, and 182 in 1998.