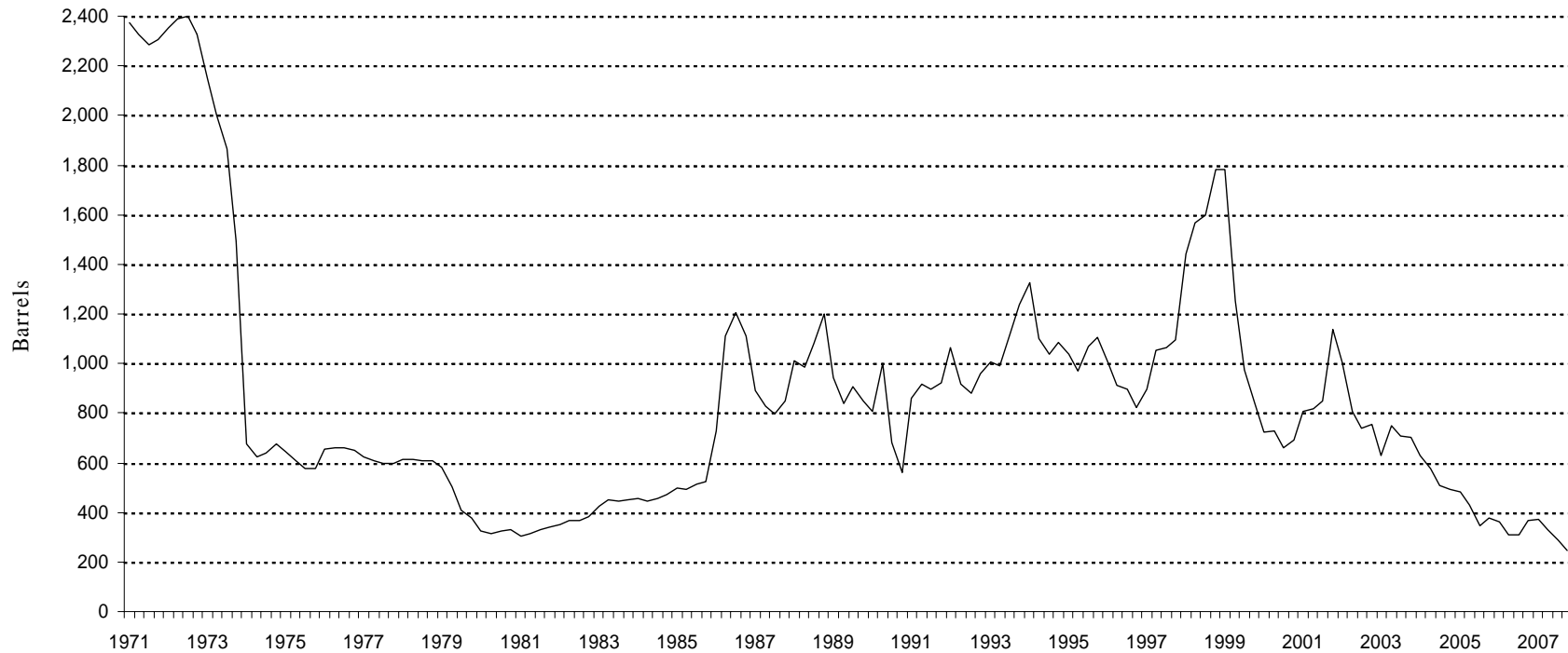


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Figure 1: Price of a Car in Barrels of Oil, 1971-2007



Source: C.D. Howe Institute, based on data from the US Department of Energy, the Bank of Canada, Statistics Canada, and Ford Canada.



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Working Age Population

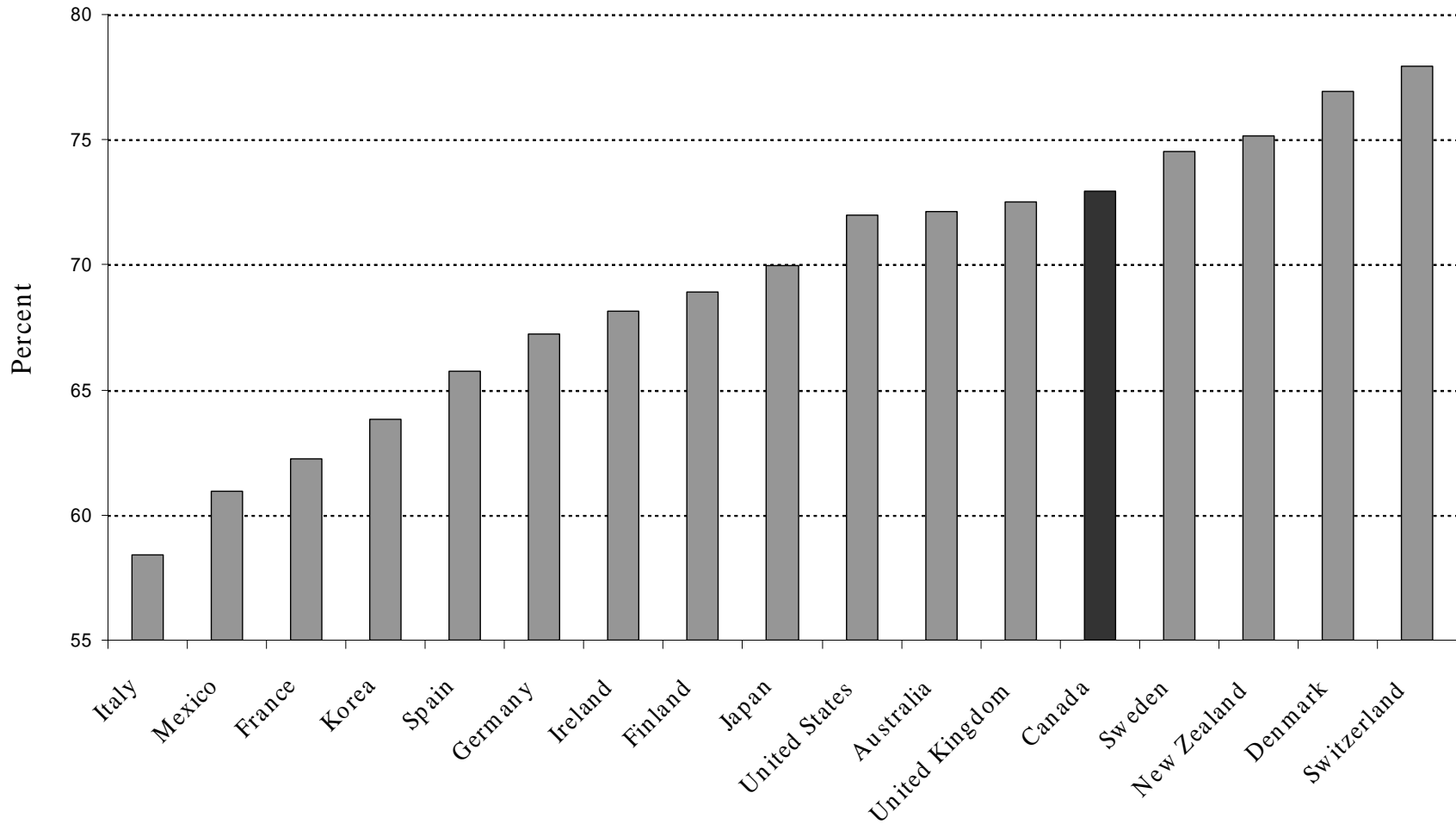


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Per Worker, 2006

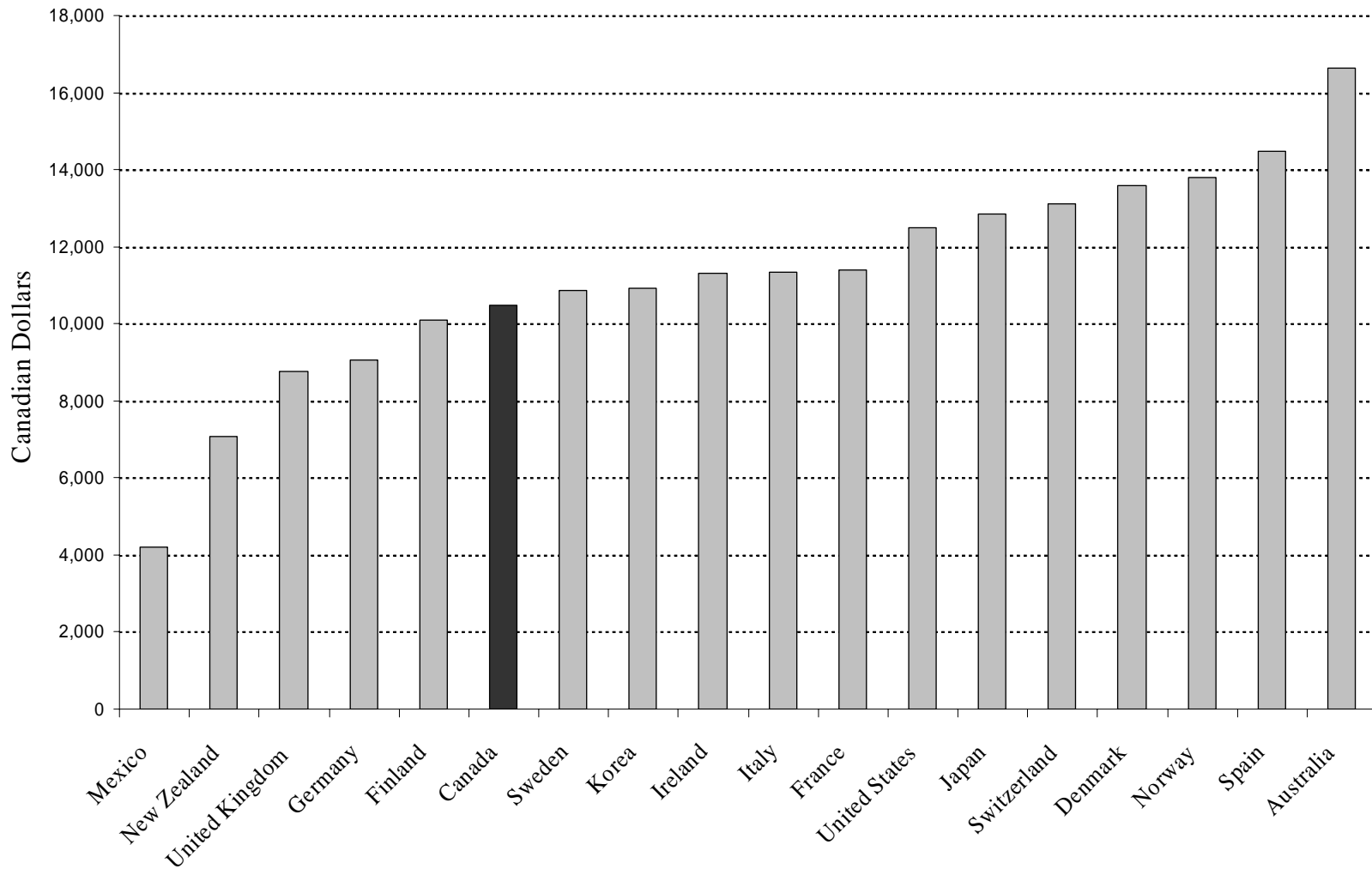


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Average Annual Growth Rate, 1995-2006

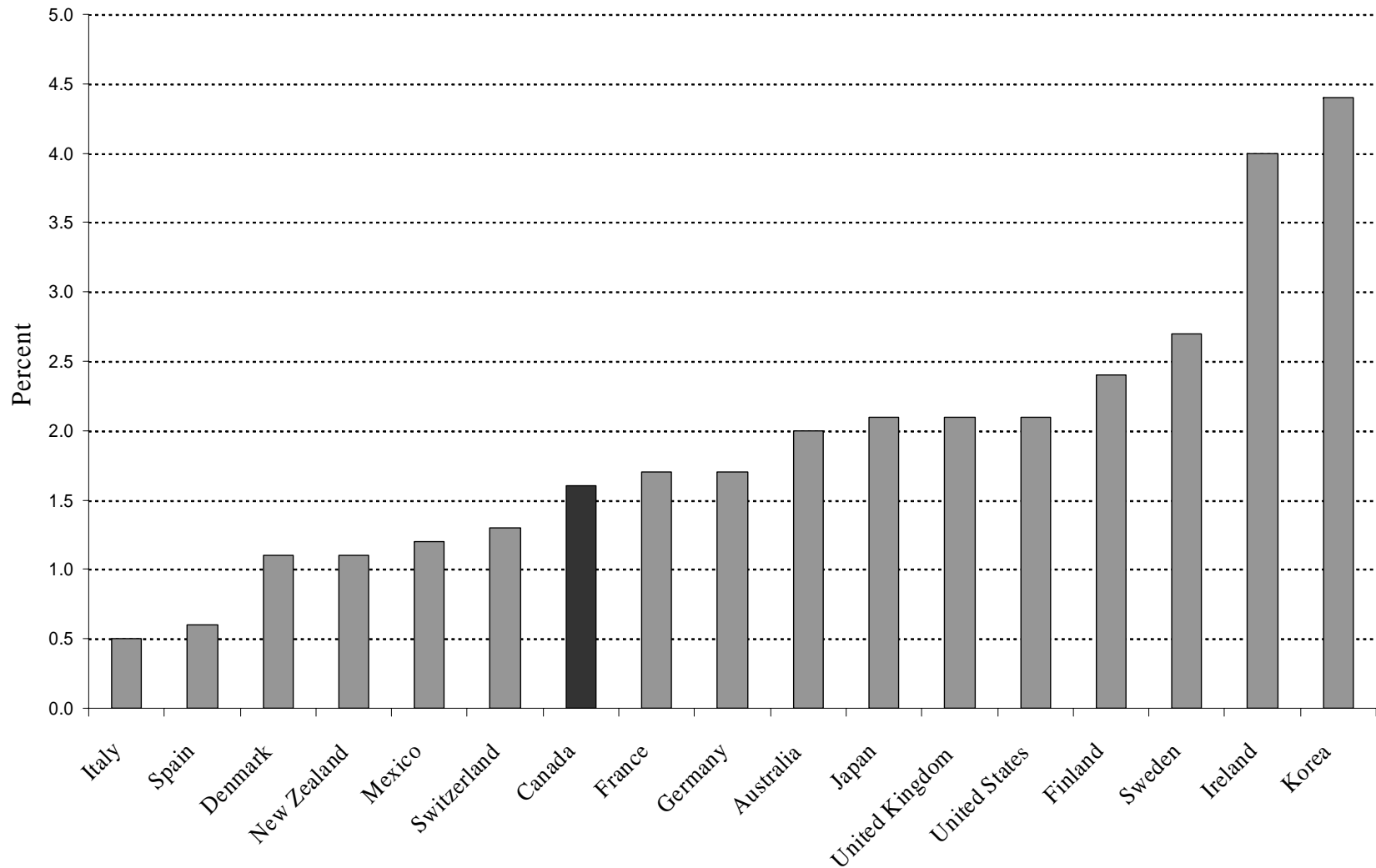


Figure 5: Multi Factor Productivity Growth
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