

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

CUSTOMS ENTRIES TO BC AND CANADA



April-2024

Year-to-Date

	BC			Canada			BC			Canada		
	Visitor Arrivals	% change**		Visitor Arrivals	% change**		Visitor Arrivals	% change**		Visitor Arrivals	% change**	
		2023	2019		2023	2019		2023	2019		2023	2019
Total U.S.A	394,256	8.4%	1.0%	1,476,081	13.5%	-7.1%	1,360,238	10.1%	-3.1%	4,850,346	15.3%	-9.3%
U.S.A. Overnight*	232,946	4.2%		879,875	12.9%		833,298	6.7%		2,845,101	13.8%	
U.S.A. Same Day*	161,310	15.0%		596,206	14.3%		526,940	16.0%		2,005,245	17.5%	
Total Asia/Pacific***	63,241	17.3%	-25.9%	141,955	30.3%	-21.8%	240,505	19.5%	-23.9%	485,893	33.4%	-22.1%
Japan	4,634	35.3%	-51.9%	9,121	61.2%	-48.6%	20,635	30.5%	-46.7%	32,781	37.1%	-46.8%
Taiwan	2,897	2.1%	-41.5%	4,337	19.1%	-36.8%	11,518	3.9%	-49.6%	16,965	12.0%	-43.8%
Hong Kong	4,115	-9.8%	-42.3%	7,092	-0.9%	-39.6%	17,160	5.9%	-28.9%	28,173	10.6%	-26.4%
Australia	11,199	6.2%	-6.8%	16,101	9.1%	-12.4%	47,926	-1.5%	-8.6%	63,386	1.3%	-12.9%
China	10,357	36.7%	-49.4%	19,042	59.0%	-55.1%	42,322	59.5%	-50.9%	74,454	79.6%	-58.5%
New Zealand	2,901	26.8%	19.6%	3,679	24.8%	3.3%	10,918	4.1%	17.9%	13,085	4.7%	4.0%
India	9,925	25.6%	-3.7%	35,341	32.9%	24.6%	31,476	30.0%	25.5%	101,805	36.1%	37.0%
Total Europe***	27,848	12.7%	-17.0%	179,226	11.2%	-10.2%	85,973	11.1%	-13.5%	538,420	11.8%	-9.0%
United Kingdom	10,894	4.3%	-22.2%	53,999	4.4%	-6.4%	38,063	10.7%	-5.1%	153,678	8.0%	-2.4%
Germany	4,800	26.8%	-10.4%	18,574	14.3%	-12.9%	12,699	15.1%	-16.5%	57,062	13.4%	-8.9%
Netherlands	1,939	12.4%	0.9%	8,139	21.1%	-1.8%	4,139	7.4%	-15.9%	19,847	12.4%	-15.4%
Austria	362	30.2%	-34.3%	1,938	17.0%	-20.1%	1,118	-1.9%	-33.6%	6,370	6.0%	-19.5%
Switzerland	931	25.5%	-21.8%	6,561	5.8%	-12.4%	2,410	6.7%	-31.7%	19,035	9.1%	-20.0%
France	2,146	15.4%	-11.2%	44,674	18.8%	11.3%	5,524	6.9%	-17.1%	134,699	14.2%	1.6%
Italy	904	48.2%	-16.6%	6,510	21.2%	-22.7%	2,351	22.9%	-33.8%	18,173	15.3%	-16.3%
Brazil***	895	-0.6%	-65.6%	7,216	9.6%	-39.8%	3,680	26.9%	-64.3%	34,343	21.4%	-29.8%
Mexico***	10,526	-42.2%	-28.9%	32,441	-41.9%	-31.0%	60,646	0.8%	32.1%	152,561	-6.6%	19.2%
Total International Overnight*** (Excludes U.S.A Same Day)	338,805	4.6%	-9.4%	1,290,568	12.0%	-6.5%	1,235,062	9.1%	-7.1%	4,213,547	15.2%	-4.9%

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Note: Customs entries include international visitors who cross Canada Customs in British Columbia. These figures do not account for all visitors to BC, as domestic visitors are excluded as well as international visitors who cross Canada Customs outside BC, yet still travel to BC. Likewise, customs entries include visitors that cross Canada Customs in BC, but who continue on to other provinces.

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* In April 2022, Statistics Canada changed the mode of transport classification for international ferry ports to align with UNWTO standards. In addition, due to advances in data collection via the E63-1 form at water ports, trip lengths of ferry/cruise passengers are no longer comparable to previous years. As a result of these methodology changes, year-over-year comparisons for U.S.A Same Day and Overnight visitation are not provided.

** There are large variations in percent changes between 2024, 2023, and 2019 International Visitor Arrivals. Please note, a percent change is amplified when an increase or decrease is seen on smaller values and should be interpreted with caution.

*** This publication includes overseas arrivals for all durations, including Same Day and Overnight. Due to Covid-19, Statistics Canada is not producing Overnight arrivals data for countries other than the U.S.A. at this time. Please note that prior to Covid-19 adjustments, Destination BC published data for Overnight visitors only.