

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

CUSTOMS ENTRIES TO BC AND CANADA



May-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	656,972	15.5%	13.4%	2,072,414	13.1%	-2.9%	2,017,210	11.8%	1.7%	6,922,760	14.6%	-7.5%
U.S.A. Overnight*	320,802	14.7%		1,187,726	12.6%		1,154,100	8.8%		4,032,827	13.5%	
U.S.A. Same Day*	336,170	16.4%		884,688	13.9%		863,110	16.2%		2,889,933	16.4%	
Total Asia/Pacific***	115,784	29.3%	-17.5%	257,330	17.3%	-11.0%	356,289	22.5%	-21.9%	743,223	27.4%	-18.6%
Japan	5,739	50.3%	-37.0%	10,091	38.2%	-45.9%	26,374	34.4%	-44.8%	42,872	37.4%	-46.6%
Taiwan	6,999	65.7%	-16.6%	9,985	68.9%	-12.5%	18,517	20.9%	-40.7%	26,950	28.0%	-35.2%
Hong Kong	7,172	18.0%	-19.7%	12,418	21.8%	-17.1%	24,332	9.2%	-26.4%	40,591	13.8%	-23.8%
Australia	26,929	18.7%	-13.0%	36,425	16.6%	-17.2%	74,855	4.9%	-10.2%	99,811	6.4%	-14.5%
China	15,512	33.8%	-46.0%	28,324	46.1%	-54.4%	57,834	51.7%	-49.6%	102,778	68.9%	-57.4%
New Zealand	5,240	30.8%	4.5%	6,681	26.2%	-4.2%	16,158	11.5%	13.2%	19,766	11.1%	1.1%
India	17,071	27.3%	-3.3%	77,605	-5.6%	54.8%	48,547	29.0%	13.6%	179,410	14.3%	44.2%
Total Europe***	57,695	21.6%	-16.6%	249,982	14.1%	-10.3%	143,668	15.1%	-14.8%	788,402	12.5%	-9.4%
United Kingdom	24,451	26.9%	-10.5%	77,845	17.2%	-7.9%	62,514	16.5%	-7.3%	231,523	10.9%	-4.3%
Germany	11,648	15.1%	-17.9%	34,847	13.4%	-9.6%	24,347	15.1%	-17.2%	91,909	13.4%	-9.2%
Netherlands	4,327	12.6%	-18.9%	13,317	15.8%	-3.8%	8,466	10.0%	-17.4%	33,164	13.7%	-11.1%
Austria	706	-14.8%	-21.0%	3,006	6.5%	-14.8%	1,824	-7.4%	-29.3%	9,376	6.2%	-18.1%
Switzerland	1,933	6.8%	-27.8%	8,276	8.0%	-13.2%	4,343	6.8%	-30.0%	27,311	8.8%	-18.1%
France	3,121	57.9%	4.9%	51,505	13.5%	4.2%	8,645	21.0%	-10.3%	186,204	14.0%	2.3%
Italy	1,230	24.1%	-18.8%	8,288	21.5%	-17.8%	3,581	23.3%	-29.3%	26,461	17.2%	-16.8%
Brazil***	1,855	25.2%	-36.8%	11,276	13.0%	-30.5%	5,535	26.3%	-58.2%	45,619	19.2%	-30.0%
Mexico***	12,624	-27.0%	-2.2%	32,586	-32.2%	-19.8%	73,270	-5.4%	24.6%	185,147	-12.4%	9.8%
Total International Overnight*** (Excludes U.S.A Same Day)	515,073	17.1%	-16.4%	1,803,276	12.7%	-7.5%	1,750,135	11.4%	-10.0%	6,016,823	14.4%	-5.7%

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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.