INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

CUSTOMS ENTRIES TO BC AND CANADA



September-2024

Year-to-Date

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	Visitor Arrivals	% change 2023	** 2019	Visitor Arrivals	% chang 2023	e** 2019	Visitor Arrivals	% change 2023	e** 2019	Visitor Arrivals	% chango 2023	e** 2019
Total U.S.A	643,961	0.8%	8.3%	2,198,468	1.1%	-4.2%	5,416,269	8.1%	4.5%	18,568,250	10.3%	-6.9%
U.S.A. Overnight*	293,184	-3.3%		1,243,319	-2.3%		2,859,234	6.5%		11,095,991	9.4%	
U.S.A. Same Day*	350,777	4.5%		955,149	5.9%		2,557,035	10.0%		7,472,259	11.7%	
Total Asia/Pacific***	112,132	9.5%	-29.0%	224,580	5.5%	-30.3%	846,921	15.8%	-26.8%	1,802,723	18.9%	-23.3%
Australia	26,450	14.1%	-13.0%	38,418	12.5%	-18.4%	177,956	6.8%	-12.8%	253,618	7.7%	-16.8%
China	17,923	28.1%	-56.9%	33,338	31.1%	-63.0%	130,328	40.9%	-55.4%	244,647	51.5%	-60.5%
India	9,590	-5.4%	-7.2%	30,106	-11.9%	0.0%	105,300	8.3%	-1.7%	381,221	10.3%	31.6%
Japan	9,922	18.5%	-38.0%	18,084	19.6%	-42.5%	68,725	26.0%	-40.2%	117,177	29.6%	-42.4%
Korea, South	9,923	18.7%	-27.3%	19,962	114.5%	-39.0%	64,786	13.3%	-33.9%	129,490	13.6%	- 41.0%
Total Europe***	67,371	8.5%	-19.2%	344,615	5.6%	-14.9%	443,732	7.1%	-21.9%	2,315,729	6.9%	-14.7%
France	3,004	7.4%	-42.1%	71,465	-2.1%	-12.7%	24,857	6.5%	-32.4%	506,954	4.8%	-8.0%
Germany	12,144	-0.3%	-22.5%	51,707	5.6%	-17.6%	82,310	5.1%	-23.6%	290,186	6.9%	-20.6%
Netherlands	3,924	10.2%	-25.1%	14,383	5.9%	-16.5%	27,427	6.6%	-30.1%	104,524	9.1%	-11.2%
United Kingdom	30,000	18.6%	-9.4%	112,396	17.6%	-6.7%	181,991	12.3%	-13.5%	687,642	8.0%	-8.8%
Mexico***	12,037	-24.0%	-10.8%	30,473	-34.5%	-33.3%	131,678	-17.4%	0.2%	344,626	-24.3%	-13.9%
Total International Overnight*** (Excludes U.S.A Same Day)	493,230	0.4%	-24.7%	1,927,009	-1.4%	-14.0%	4,342,759	7.4%	-19.3%	16,227,504	9.1%	-11.0%

^{*} 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.

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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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^{**} 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.