

# INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

CUSTOMS ENTRIES TO BC AND CANADA



## August-2023

## Year-to-Date

	BC			Canada			BC			Canada		
	Visitor Arrivals	% change**		Visitor Arrivals	% change**		Visitor Arrivals	% change**		Visitor Arrivals	% change**	
		2022	2019		2022	2019		2022	2019		2022	2019
<b>Total U.S.A</b>	<b>831,105</b>	<b>37.0%</b>		<b>2,834,744</b>	<b>44.0%</b>		<b>4,372,218</b>			<b>14,656,570</b>		
U.S.A. Overnight*	430,348	32.6%		1,734,475	32.5%		2,382,698			8,871,215		
U.S.A. Same Day*	400,757	42.2%		1,100,269	66.8%		1,989,520			5,785,355		
<b>Total Asia/Pacific***</b>	<b>97,068</b>	<b>72.7%</b>	<b>-44.1%</b>	<b>199,676</b>	<b>85.3%</b>	<b>-46.0%</b>	<b>628,943</b>	<b>125.3%</b>	<b>-37.1%</b>	<b>1,303,537</b>	<b>119.7%</b>	<b>-35.7%</b>
Japan	10,662	89.7%	-51.9%	17,866	101.1%	-55.5%	46,152	139.7%	-53.3%	75,299	159.3%	-56.3%
Taiwan	4,994	109.1%	-45.0%	7,606	117.7%	-38.3%	35,008	260.7%	-45.4%	49,214	238.3%	-42.8%
Hong Kong	6,038	62.6%	-47.6%	12,099	84.8%	-39.1%	48,115	184.7%	-36.1%	83,189	194.9%	-33.0%
Australia	23,321	47.2%	-19.9%	36,676	67.0%	-19.7%	143,372	103.9%	-17.5%	201,429	112.2%	-21.8%
China	13,107	174.5%	-71.9%	23,527	223.6%	-77.6%	78,511	236.8%	-68.7%	136,012	248.7%	-74.3%
New Zealand	5,640	84.0%	-6.3%	8,044	92.5%	-9.9%	32,793	143.4%	-7.7%	43,265	146.9%	-13.6%
India	11,168	95.7%	-22.7%	30,145	61.1%	-28.2%	87,069	99.1%	-10.1%	311,496	99.6%	20.0%
<b>Total Europe***</b>	<b>80,795</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>-28.7%</b>	<b>408,310</b>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>-23.3%</b>	<b>352,100</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>-27.3%</b>	<b>1,840,502</b>	<b>31.3%</b>	<b>-20.3%</b>
United Kingdom	28,778	6.5%	-24.8%	122,702	22.2%	-12.4%	136,710	13.0%	-22.9%	540,972	28.4%	-14.7%
Germany	17,176	3.3%	-28.8%	53,024	-7.7%	-26.5%	66,142	12.3%	-28.1%	222,596	21.4%	-26.4%
Netherlands	4,427	17.6%	-39.4%	16,362	21.6%	-20.3%	22,158	28.3%	-34.9%	82,211	27.1%	-18.2%
Austria	1,528	42.7%	-21.4%	5,170	30.4%	-24.0%	5,970	42.2%	-24.2%	23,291	40.7%	-22.2%
Switzerland	3,656	19.9%	-30.6%	12,456	23.1%	-27.7%	17,039	29.2%	-25.8%	73,006	41.3%	-20.5%
France	5,387	26.4%	-40.9%	93,982	26.7%	-20.2%	20,540	24.6%	-35.0%	410,881	37.6%	-12.4%
Italy	3,184	9.7%	-32.0%	21,180	29.0%	-44.4%	9,361	13.3%	-34.0%	67,048	44.5%	-37.7%
Brazil***	1,983	30.6%	-54.1%	12,948	38.5%	-35.4%	10,565	48.7%	-61.9%	80,502	58.9%	-37.5%
Mexico***	22,033	51.3%	22.3%	72,727	82.1%	33.4%	143,504	72.5%	21.6%	408,627	77.2%	15.2%
<b>Total International Overnight*** (Excludes U.S.A Same Day)</b>	<b>638,868</b>	<b>34.8%</b>	<b>-33.5%</b>	<b>2,505,443</b>	<b>35.0%</b>	<b>-26.0%</b>	<b>3,550,499</b>	<b>59.5%</b>	<b>-24.9%</b>	<b>12,914,924</b>	<b>55.1%</b>	<b>-19.3%</b>

\* 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 2023, 2022, 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.

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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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