

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

CUSTOMS ENTRIES TO BC AND CANADA



	December-2023						Year-to-Date					
	BC		Canada		BC		Canada		BC		Canada	
	Visitor Arrivals	% change** 2022 2019	Visitor Arrivals	% change** 2022 2019	Visitor Arrivals	% change** 2022 2019	Visitor Arrivals	% change** 2022 2019	Visitor Arrivals	% change** 2022 2019	Visitor Arrivals	% change** 2022 2019
Total U.S.A	415,279	26.5%	1,524,595	24.9%	6,116,553	21,203,944						
U.S.A. Overnight*	264,830	18.5%	947,494	18.1%	3,335,192	12,782,948						
U.S.A. Same Day*	150,449	43.7%	577,101	37.7%	2,781,361	8,420,996						
Total Asia/Pacific***	77,562	14.6%	-23.2%	145,089	24.9%	-27.0%	928,343	91.8%	-33.7%	1,938,878	93.9%	-32.9%
Japan	5,451	27.8%	-45.4%	8,806	36.7%	-42.0%	71,613	116.2%	-50.8%	120,627	126.7%	-53.7%
Taiwan	2,443	2.8%	-52.9%	3,361	7.0%	-49.5%	50,104	184.3%	-47.6%	72,416	178.2%	-44.2%
Hong Kong	6,251	-11.4%	-31.6%	9,744	-5.0%	-35.1%	68,726	95.8%	-35.1%	119,835	113.4%	-32.7%
Australia	22,984	-0.6%	-6.7%	30,819	-0.9%	-13.4%	208,686	68.4%	-15.5%	295,343	72.9%	-20.9%
China	10,668	78.3%	-44.6%	18,868	94.7%	-54.3%	122,883	174.5%	-64.5%	225,143	205.3%	-69.9%
New Zealand	4,465	1.2%	9.7%	5,409	-1.9%	-2.3%	47,362	99.6%	-4.6%	62,243	100.7%	-10.9%
India	6,561	48.9%	-0.5%	19,770	53.2%	-21.6%	118,783	73.6%	-4.4%	415,245	77.6%	17.4%
Total Europe***	22,178	22.8%	-17.7%	179,063	19.7%	-1.5%	479,674	18.6%	-25.0%	2,686,418	26.9%	-18.2%
United Kingdom	10,543	17.1%	-13.1%	56,750	26.5%	6.9%	188,720	13.8%	-21.0%	786,845	23.6%	-13.4%
Germany	2,523	28.7%	-23.8%	14,557	9.2%	-6.8%	88,299	14.6%	-25.6%	324,176	20.9%	-25.3%
Netherlands	911	32.2%	-17.2%	6,240	11.8%	-7.2%	29,157	28.8%	-31.9%	115,199	25.1%	-18.5%
Austria	249	12.2%	-22.4%	1,852	9.7%	-8.0%	7,597	31.4%	-26.1%	33,056	31.8%	-21.6%
Switzerland	623	49.0%	-36.9%	7,003	11.4%	-5.4%	21,722	36.2%	-24.8%	104,097	35.1%	-17.0%
France	1,534	24.5%	-18.2%	46,949	23.6%	10.2%	28,214	27.5%	-32.2%	618,014	30.3%	-9.1%
Italy	645	23.1%	-12.7%	5,432	6.2%	-18.4%	12,956	20.9%	-31.0%	95,627	40.1%	-33.6%
Brazil***	1,484	31.8%	-55.2%	12,586	24.9%	-18.7%	16,019	49.1%	-58.5%	145,418	69.1%	-22.6%
Mexico***	25,264	36.1%	58.4%	69,319	40.8%	46.6%	206,775	59.2%	26.9%	595,537	59.2%	16.8%
Total International Overnight*** (Excludes U.S.A Same Day)	395,203	19.3%	-5.7%	1,416,864	21.1%	-4.0%	5,013,767	47.2%	-22.0%	18,788,540	44.0%	-16.4%

* 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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