

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

CUSTOMS ENTRIES TO BC AND CANADA



October-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
Total U.S.A	383,327	20.3%		1,628,185	17.2%		5,394,404			18,459,673		
U.S.A. Overnight*	202,920	12.7%		977,929	15.8%		2,888,903			11,122,021		
U.S.A. Same Day*	180,407	30.0%		650,256	19.5%		2,505,501			7,337,652		
Total Asia/Pacific***	70,372	62.0%	-16.7%	171,591	67.4%	-19.7%	801,729	111.2%	-35.5%	1,687,917	108.1%	-34.1%
Japan	6,796	139.5%	-49.7%	13,688	167.6%	-52.3%	61,323	137.6%	-52.2%	104,112	147.9%	-55.2%
Taiwan	4,380	138.8%	-50.7%	7,340	155.3%	-46.4%	45,729	238.9%	-45.9%	66,199	223.9%	-42.8%
Hong Kong	4,783	27.4%	-19.6%	9,344	51.2%	-25.6%	59,127	141.2%	-36.1%	104,039	157.5%	-32.8%
Australia	10,832	33.4%	13.7%	17,112	35.1%	-12.3%	177,381	89.6%	-17.0%	252,678	95.2%	-22.1%
China	11,264	84.6%	-48.4%	29,373	188.4%	-50.1%	103,763	204.8%	-67.0%	190,807	239.1%	-71.8%
New Zealand	2,521	54.6%	12.9%	3,610	55.6%	1.6%	41,102	132.5%	-6.7%	54,423	132.5%	-12.5%
India	8,239	11.7%	50.7%	28,438	23.4%	28.6%	105,443	78.6%	-6.4%	374,094	82.9%	20.0%
Total Europe***	28,510	27.6%	-0.3%	230,112	17.5%	-11.3%	442,706	18.1%	-25.8%	2,397,089	28.3%	-19.4%
United Kingdom	10,319	16.9%	-4.7%	63,533	11.4%	-5.2%	172,322	13.0%	-22.1%	700,083	24.0%	-14.8%
Germany	5,299	42.6%	-0.3%	26,349	27.0%	-34.0%	83,621	13.8%	-26.0%	297,927	21.8%	-26.5%
Netherlands	1,750	43.9%	6.8%	8,800	19.2%	-21.3%	27,470	29.0%	-32.8%	104,594	26.3%	-18.9%
Austria	398	9.6%	-15.5%	2,738	22.9%	-6.3%	7,166	33.6%	-26.2%	29,647	35.3%	-22.3%
Switzerland	1,011	45.7%	-5.7%	8,493	22.6%	0.3%	20,641	35.1%	-24.7%	93,273	39.0%	-18.1%
France	2,232	43.4%	18.3%	63,293	16.6%	2.9%	25,570	27.5%	-33.9%	547,169	31.9%	-10.7%
Italy	904	47.5%	9.2%	8,162	39.7%	-13.6%	11,737	20.0%	-32.4%	85,355	44.3%	-35.3%
Brazil***	1,181	62.0%	-42.6%	10,358	41.8%	-32.6%	13,871	49.2%	-58.7%	120,524	81.1%	-25.9%
Mexico***	11,776	51.0%	52.1%	38,060	26.3%	8.6%	171,120	66.0%	22.9%	493,240	65.9%	13.3%
Total International Overnight*** (Excludes U.S.A Same Day)	318,179	24.1%	-7.5%	1,487,752	22.8%	-10.4%	4,360,125	52.5%	-23.9%	16,357,860	48.3%	-17.8%

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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 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.