

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

CUSTOMS ENTRIES TO BC AND CANADA



February-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	332,503	15.8%	10.5%	1,127,588	19.3%	-2.7%	591,926	7.8%	-4.8%	2,038,209	12.5%	-11.3%
U.S.A. Overnight*	208,880	9.7%		659,347	14.8%		362,347	3.9%		1,164,975	10.7%	
U.S.A. Same Day*	123,623	27.6%		468,241	26.3%		229,579	14.4%		873,234	15.0%	
Total Asia/Pacific***	62,725	46.0%	-16.7%	117,874	59.5%	-15.6%	120,725	19.9%	-25.9%	225,789	35.7%	-25.7%
Japan	5,698	49.4%	-48.2%	8,244	43.5%	-48.0%	9,053	32.3%	-45.9%	13,520	32.0%	-46.9%
Taiwan	3,612	86.3%	-41.8%	4,547	78.9%	-43.5%	5,917	5.1%	-52.7%	8,959	10.4%	-44.9%
Hong Kong	5,103	75.5%	-23.0%	7,481	70.8%	-25.4%	8,019	5.3%	-33.4%	13,140	10.1%	-29.3%
Australia	10,415	2.4%	1.1%	13,105	5.5%	-4.2%	27,463	-8.5%	-14.9%	34,690	-5.5%	-17.2%
China	13,088	115.5%	-42.7%	21,888	151.6%	-52.7%	22,842	89.1%	-54.2%	38,987	106.9%	-62.0%
New Zealand	2,479	-0.5%	32.9%	2,741	-1.5%	14.4%	6,143	-4.1%	14.7%	7,061	-4.1%	2.4%
India	7,378	43.2%	67.1%	21,497	41.3%	63.9%	13,298	33.3%	57.1%	38,361	36.9%	41.3%
Total Europe***	20,619	16.0%	-9.5%	129,546	10.9%	-5.3%	35,600	10.7%	-14.2%	222,993	9.2%	-12.6%
United Kingdom	10,002	17.2%	8.3%	33,826	6.0%	-2.8%	16,472	12.1%	0.6%	59,164	5.9%	-6.2%
Germany	2,560	16.5%	-19.9%	13,372	14.3%	-0.9%	4,565	10.4%	-22.0%	22,573	9.7%	-10.9%
Netherlands	786	8.0%	-26.2%	4,227	13.5%	-15.0%	1,440	8.4%	-25.8%	7,700	8.8%	-19.9%
Austria	262	-1.9%	-18.9%	1,421	-7.0%	-21.0%	456	-7.9%	-27.3%	2,612	-7.5%	-25.8%
Switzerland	516	-5.3%	-35.4%	4,316	-0.9%	-26.0%	928	-0.9%	-36.9%	7,557	2.7%	-31.0%
France	1,350	12.1%	-16.9%	39,940	11.6%	7.9%	2,308	6.3%	-17.3%	62,404	10.1%	-2.5%
Italy	530	33.5%	-27.0%	3,604	16.8%	-8.9%	972	15.0%	-34.0%	7,374	12.5%	-11.0%
Brazil***	756	36.0%	-65.2%	6,443	18.7%	-40.7%	2,022	39.9%	-62.5%	13,551	14.1%	-46.0%
Mexico***	17,878	31.6%	77.6%	44,419	31.7%	79.7%	33,662	27.3%	65.2%	84,057	28.4%	61.0%
Total International Overnight*** (Excludes U.S.A Same Day)	313,621	17.4%	3.8%	991,467	19.4%	1.5%	559,509	9.0%	-8.0%	1,775,840	14.6%	-7.0%

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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.