

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

CUSTOMS ENTRIES TO BC AND CANADA



March-2024

Year-to-Date

	BC			Canada			BC			Canada		
	Visitor Arrivals	% change** 2023 2019		Visitor Arrivals	% change** 2023 2019		Visitor Arrivals	% change** 2023 2019		Visitor Arrivals	% change** 2023 2019	
Total U.S.A	374,056	16.0%	-4.4%	1,336,056	22.1%	-8.3%	965,982	10.8%	-4.6%	3,374,265	16.1%	-10.2%
U.S.A. Overnight*	238,005	13.8%		800,251	19.8%		600,352	7.6%		1,965,226	14.2%	
U.S.A. Same Day*	136,051	20.1%		535,805	25.8%		365,630	16.5%		1,409,039	18.9%	
Total Asia/Pacific***	56,539	21.1%	-16.6%	118,149	32.9%	-14.8%	177,264	20.3%	-23.2%	343,938	34.8%	-22.3%
Japan	6,948	25.5%	-43.6%	10,140	26.7%	-44.9%	16,001	29.2%	-44.9%	23,660	29.7%	-46.1%
Taiwan	2,704	3.1%	-49.8%	3,669	8.1%	-48.0%	8,621	4.5%	-51.8%	12,628	9.7%	-45.9%
Hong Kong	5,026	24.9%	1.5%	7,941	24.3%	-0.4%	13,045	12.1%	-23.2%	21,081	15.1%	-20.6%
Australia	9,264	14.4%	13.5%	12,595	13.1%	0.4%	36,727	-3.6%	-9.2%	47,285	-1.2%	-13.1%
China	9,123	32.9%	-42.2%	16,425	54.5%	-52.3%	31,965	68.7%	-51.3%	55,412	88.0%	-59.6%
New Zealand	1,874	4.7%	26.5%	2,345	7.4%	10.1%	8,017	-2.2%	17.3%	9,406	-1.4%	4.2%
India	8,253	30.2%	30.8%	28,103	39.2%	49.5%	21,551	32.1%	45.9%	66,464	37.9%	44.7%
Total Europe***	22,525	9.9%	-7.6%	136,201	17.5%	-0.6%	58,125	10.4%	-11.7%	359,194	12.2%	-8.4%
United Kingdom	10,697	15.5%	9.9%	40,515	17.1%	10.3%	27,169	13.4%	4.0%	99,679	10.1%	-0.1%
Germany	3,334	7.2%	-16.6%	15,915	18.0%	-0.6%	7,899	9.0%	-19.8%	38,488	13.0%	-6.9%
Netherlands	760	-5.2%	-28.0%	4,008	3.7%	-27.8%	2,200	3.3%	-26.6%	11,708	7.0%	-22.8%
Austria	300	-18.3%	-40.8%	1,820	19.1%	-7.6%	756	-12.3%	-33.3%	4,432	1.8%	-19.2%
Switzerland	551	-5.0%	-36.3%	4,917	26.2%	-8.4%	1,479	-2.4%	-36.7%	12,474	10.9%	-23.5%
France	1,070	-5.9%	-26.7%	27,621	16.5%	-2.9%	3,378	2.1%	-20.5%	90,025	12.0%	-2.6%
Italy	475	3.7%	-52.2%	4,289	11.7%	-14.5%	1,447	11.1%	-41.3%	11,663	12.2%	-12.3%
Brazil***	763	37.5%	-67.1%	13,576	38.0%	14.5%	2,785	39.3%	-63.8%	27,127	25.0%	-26.6%
Mexico***	16,458	6.3%	53.2%	36,063	-14.2%	25.2%	50,120	19.5%	61.0%	120,120	11.7%	48.3%
Total International Overnight*** (Excludes U.S.A Same Day)	336,748	14.4%	-3.0%	1,147,139	20.0%	0.3%	896,257	10.9%	-6.2%	2,922,979	16.7%	-4.3%

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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.