

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

CUSTOMS ENTRIES TO BC AND CANADA



	May-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	568,618	53.7%		1,831,912	64.6%		1,804,069			6,038,637		
U.S.A. Overnight*	279,729	42.3%		1,055,319	50.4%		1,060,998			3,554,827		
U.S.A. Same Day*	288,889	66.7%		776,593	89.0%		743,071			2,483,810		
Total Asia/Pacific***	89,559	143.9%	-36.2%	219,330	157.1%	-24.1%	290,822	179.6%	-36.3%	583,543	157.6%	-36.1%
Japan	3,819	85.3%	-58.1%	7,303	148.5%	-60.8%	19,626	224.8%	-58.9%	31,209	293.9%	-61.1%
Taiwan	4,223	273.4%	-49.7%	5,911	263.1%	-48.2%	15,311	491.8%	-51.0%	21,062	374.9%	-49.4%
Hong Kong	6,080	176.4%	-31.9%	10,193	199.6%	-32.0%	22,283	303.8%	-32.6%	35,668	316.7%	-33.0%
Australia	22,680	199.9%	-26.7%	31,245	203.5%	-29.0%	71,331	212.7%	-14.5%	93,838	221.1%	-19.7%
China	11,597	257.9%	-59.6%	19,389	269.0%	-68.8%	38,124	282.5%	-66.8%	60,841	255.1%	-74.8%
New Zealand	4,006	138.3%	-20.1%	5,296	163.0%	-24.0%	14,490	275.1%	1.5%	17,789	291.8%	-9.0%
India	13,410	67.5%	-24.1%	82,171	162.1%	63.9%	37,628	78.3%	-11.9%	156,967	112.4%	26.2%
Total Europe***	47,436	23.0%	-31.4%	219,158	33.6%	-21.4%	124,795	30.6%	-26.0%	700,570	59.0%	-19.5%
United Kingdom	19,275	16.2%	-29.4%	66,460	27.8%	-21.4%	53,671	23.5%	-20.4%	208,696	54.7%	-13.8%
Germany	10,117	37.4%	-28.7%	30,718	53.4%	-20.3%	21,146	38.4%	-28.0%	81,033	69.5%	-20.0%
Netherlands	3,843	32.1%	-28.0%	11,502	30.5%	-16.9%	7,698	44.3%	-24.9%	29,164	48.1%	-21.8%
Austria	829	62.9%	-7.3%	2,823	51.2%	-20.0%	1,969	56.9%	-23.7%	8,832	74.0%	-22.8%
Switzerland	1,810	55.2%	-32.4%	7,661	48.0%	-19.7%	4,068	36.0%	-34.4%	25,111	70.6%	-24.7%
France	1,977	-6.2%	-33.5%	45,395	24.2%	-8.2%	7,145	36.6%	-25.9%	163,385	56.9%	-10.2%
Italy	991	19.5%	-34.6%	6,819	52.9%	-32.4%	2,904	23.0%	-42.7%	22,582	87.4%	-29.0%
Brazil***	1,482	70.0%	-49.5%	9,978	42.6%	-38.5%	4,382	88.2%	-66.9%	38,269	82.7%	-41.3%
Mexico***	17,288	75.4%	34.0%	48,090	73.1%	18.3%	77,435	106.7%	31.6%	211,454	100.6%	25.4%
Total International Overnight*** (Excludes U.S.A Same Day)	439,677	54.1%	-28.6%	1,600,588	57.4%	-17.9%	1,571,285	91.7%	-19.2%	5,258,422	90.8%	-17.6%

* 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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