

# INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

## OVERNIGHT CUSTOMS ENTRIES TO BC AND CANADA



## September 2018

## Year-to-Date

All Travel Modes	BC <sup>1</sup>	% change*	Canada <sup>1</sup>	% change*	BC <sup>1</sup>	% change*	Canada <sup>1</sup>	% change*
<b>Total U.S.A.</b>	<b>599,402</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>2,311,507</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>	<b>4,958,566</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>19,462,204</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>U.S.A. Overnight</b>	<b>365,443</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>1,357,181</b>	<b>-6.5%</b>	<b>3,111,428</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>11,600,128</b>	<b>0.7%</b>
<b>U.S.A. Same Day</b>	<b>233,959</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>954,326</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>1,847,138</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>7,862,076</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>
<b>Total Asia/Pacific Overnight</b>	<b>158,460</b>	<b>11.0%</b>	<b>299,680</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>1,115,006</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>2,150,909</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
<b>Total Europe Overnight</b>	<b>76,736</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>349,416</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>523,771</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>2,331,225</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>
<b>Total International Overnight</b> (Includes U.S.A. Overnight)	<b>621,794</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>2,108,989</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>	<b>4,935,259</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>16,934,686</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
Via Air <sup>2</sup>	BC <sup>1</sup>	% change <sup>3</sup>	Canada <sup>1</sup>	% change <sup>3</sup>	BC <sup>1</sup>	% change <sup>3</sup>	Canada <sup>1</sup>	% change <sup>3</sup>
<b>U.S.A. Overnight via Air</b>	<b>97,391</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>	<b>426,456</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>	<b>858,698</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>858,698</b>	<b>0.4%</b>
<b>Overseas via Air (including Mexico)</b>	<b>195,032</b>	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>618,212</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>1,438,157</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>4,601,218</b>	<b>0.2%</b>
Mexico via Air	9,484	67.8%	30,768	22.9%	90,913	38.1%	247,369	22.1%
<b>Asia/Pacific via Air</b>	<b>125,785</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>249,278</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>902,728</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>1,571,866</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
China via Air	43,706	30.9%	80,904	18.0%	262,976	5.7%	465,753	1.6%
Australia via Air	17,517	-11.1%	27,223	-8.9%	142,554	-8.1%	158,547	-8.0%
Japan via Air	13,548	-10.9%	27,080	-16.9%	92,967	-18.7%	143,764	-22.5%
South Korea via Air	10,163	16.5%	18,991	-1.7%	69,344	-6.6%	111,967	-11.0%
India via Air	6,426	113.4%	21,953	16.0%	58,951	99.4%	170,170	15.2%
<b>Europe via Air</b>	<b>53,732</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>279,349</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>392,655</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>1,778,967</b>	<b>2.4%</b>
United Kingdom via Air	20,808	5.5%	76,672	-0.6%	149,179	2.7%	506,217	0.4%
Germany via Air	12,207	19.2%	42,594	9.2%	78,078	9.1%	244,080	6.8%
<b>Total International Air Arrivals</b> (Includes U.S.A. Overnight via Air)	<b>292,423</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>1,044,668</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>2,296,855</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>5,459,916</b>	<b>0.2%</b>

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\*All percentage comparisons versus same period in 2017.

Source: Statistics Canada; prepared by Destination British Columbia, Research and Analytics.

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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1. 2018 data from major airports (including YVR) is from the new automated Primary Inspection Kiosks (PIK), data for 2017 is modelled; use caution when interpreting year over year changes.
2. There have been significant changes in how country of residence data is collected and established for non-US visitors entering Canada by land starting in August 2018. Statistics Canada advises caution in using this data for comparison with previous months or years as shifts in land arrivals may have impacted total arrivals for some markets. As a result, Destination BC is currently publishing country of origin details for arrivals via air only.
3. In the year-over-year comparison, the September 2018 air arrival data based on PIK is compared against partly modelled data for 2017 where e311 custom declaration cards were replaced by PIK.