

Overnight Customs Entries to B.C. & Canada

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	December 2012		Year-to-Date	
	B.C.	Canada	B.C.	Canada
Total U.S.A.	297,478	1,365,536	4,552,296	20,719,183
% change*	-3.6%	-2.4%	-0.6%	0.9%
U.S.A. Overnight	184,297	749,428	2,842,533	11,853,981
% change*	1.8%	1.5%	0.9%	2.2%
U.S.A. Same Day	113,181	616,108	1,709,763	8,865,202
% change*	-11.2%	-6.8%	-3.0%	-0.9%
Total Asia/Pacific Overnight	62,049	117,103	837,517	1,611,969
% change*	3.9%	5.9%	3.9%	4.1%
Japan	6,990	12,977	112,457	226,215
% change*	-2.8%	3.4%	6.7%	7.2%
Taiwan	1,836	2,666	36,390	53,175
% change*	18.4%	18.1%	-6.4%	-7.8%
Hong Kong	6,251	9,737	75,096	120,022
% change*	-4.7%	1.4%	-0.3%	-2.5%
Australia	15,475	23,327	167,121	258,115
% change*	12.2%	10.2%	6.2%	6.5%
South Korea	6,401	10,496	84,841	139,999
% change*	-8.6%	3.2%	-10.2%	-7.3%
China	10,208	19,036	161,047	288,279
% change*	11.3%	14.6%	18.2%	18.3%
New Zealand	2,652	3,365	34,215	45,703
% change*	-5.6%	-6.0%	8.1%	7.1%
India	2,832	10,022	46,565	146,652
% change*	-1.3%	-3.1%	7.2%	5.3%
South East Asia ¹	6,581	10,481	79,992	122,662
% change*	4.5%	5.9%	-1.6%	0.3%
Total Europe Overnight	21,127	136,400	437,876	2,234,106
% change*	-8.2%	-0.5%	-2.5%	-2.5%
United Kingdom	11,425	45,122	193,673	653,921
% change*	-11.8%	-3.9%	-2.2%	-3.8%
Germany	2,498	13,478	76,366	311,692
% change*	-2.8%	-2.0%	-3.5%	-1.3%
Netherlands	923	4,822	27,946	100,644
% change*	-3.4%	0.7%	-4.0%	-4.9%
Austria	218	1,548	6,758	35,646
% change*	7.4%	-4.3%	-13.1%	-3.5%
Switzerland	746	6,002	22,975	109,951
% change*	-4.7%	-4.3%	5.8%	-0.7%
France	877	28,648	22,568	455,300
% change*	-15.7%	0.0%	-5.2%	-0.8%
Italy	603	5,542	13,054	93,127
% change*	8.5%	13.1%	-2.6%	-5.2%
Nordic Europe ²	1,182	8,252	21,985	117,210
% change*	1.7%	6.3%	1.5%	-1.2%
Brazil	856	9,145	14,329	93,570
% change*	-8.5%	0.1%	16.0%	6.4%
Mexico	4,299	10,678	60,070	141,921
% change*	-9.2%	-1.1%	7.3%	7.3%
Total International Overnight (Includes USA Overnight)	274,433	1,054,031	4,219,669	16,311,044
% change*	1.1%	1.7%	1.2%	1.8%

All percentage comparisons versus same period in 2011.

Source: Statistics Canada; Prepared by Tourism British Columbia, Research, Planning and Evaluation

Note: Customs entries include international visitors who cross Canada Customs in British Columbia. These figures do not account for all visitors to BC since 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.

¹South East Asia includes Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand

²Nordic Europe includes Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden