

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

CUSTOMS ENTRIES TO BC AND CANADA



March-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 | 322,457 | | | 1,094,111 | | | 871,743 | | | 2,905,915 | | |
| U.S.A. Overnight* | 209,166 | | | 668,044 | | | 557,810 | | | 1,720,409 | | |
| U.S.A. Same Day* | 113,291 | | | 426,067 | | | 313,933 | | | 1,185,506 | | |
| Total Asia/Pacific*** | 46,676 | 165.6% | -31.1% | 88,869 | 128.2% | -35.9% | 147,334 | 248.1% | -36.1% | 255,229 | 191.1% | -42.3% |
| Japan | 5,538 | 503.9% | -55.1% | 8,006 | 587.8% | -56.5% | 12,382 | 456.7% | -57.4% | 18,248 | 568.2% | -58.4% |
| Taiwan | 2,622 | 626.3% | -51.3% | 3,394 | 344.2% | -51.9% | 8,250 | 879.8% | -53.9% | 11,511 | 534.6% | -50.6% |
| Hong Kong | 4,024 | 241.0% | -18.7% | 6,387 | 257.8% | -19.9% | 11,639 | 453.7% | -31.5% | 18,318 | 465.5% | -31.0% |
| Australia | 8,095 | 136.1% | -0.8% | 11,135 | 157.7% | -11.2% | 38,103 | 272.4% | -5.8% | 47,841 | 291.5% | -12.1% |
| China | 6,866 | 303.9% | -56.5% | 10,632 | 229.7% | -69.1% | 18,948 | 300.6% | -71.1% | 29,475 | 241.3% | -78.5% |
| New Zealand | 1,790 | 191.1% | 20.9% | 2,184 | 213.8% | 2.5% | 8,197 | 823.1% | 19.9% | 9,544 | 786.2% | 5.8% |
| India | 6,339 | 96.8% | 0.5% | 20,186 | 76.8% | 7.4% | 16,315 | 109.4% | 10.5% | 48,199 | 93.7% | 4.9% |
| Total Europe*** | 20,499 | 32.4% | -15.9% | 115,955 | 68.6% | -15.3% | 52,647 | 51.7% | -20.1% | 320,223 | 108.2% | -18.3% |
| United Kingdom | 9,261 | 21.1% | -4.9% | 34,600 | 59.8% | -5.8% | 23,949 | 39.4% | -8.3% | 90,494 | 100.0% | -9.3% |
| Germany | 3,109 | 50.6% | -22.2% | 13,492 | 88.1% | -15.8% | 7,244 | 57.0% | -26.4% | 34,060 | 117.3% | -17.6% |
| Netherlands | 802 | 47.7% | -24.0% | 3,864 | 56.7% | -30.4% | 2,130 | 81.4% | -28.9% | 10,939 | 103.1% | -27.9% |
| Austria | 367 | 82.6% | -27.6% | 1,528 | 102.1% | -22.4% | 862 | 74.8% | -24.0% | 4,353 | 136.2% | -20.7% |
| Switzerland | 580 | 24.2% | -32.9% | 3,896 | 90.5% | -27.4% | 1,516 | 40.2% | -35.1% | 11,251 | 138.0% | -31.0% |
| France | 1,137 | 56.8% | -22.1% | 23,719 | 62.7% | -16.7% | 3,308 | 105.5% | -22.2% | 80,395 | 104.8% | -13.0% |
| Italy | 458 | 13.6% | -53.9% | 3,839 | 98.7% | -23.5% | 1,303 | 42.9% | -47.2% | 10,393 | 145.3% | -21.9% |
| Brazil*** | 555 | 60.9% | -76.0% | 9,837 | 196.7% | -17.1% | 2,000 | 127.8% | -74.0% | 21,710 | 152.9% | -41.2% |
| Mexico*** | 15,487 | 124.1% | 44.1% | 42,037 | 98.7% | 45.9% | 41,930 | 141.0% | 34.7% | 107,505 | 133.3% | 32.7% |
| Total International Overnight*** (Excludes U.S.A Same Day) | 294,410 | 104.8% | -15.2% | 956,242 | 100.7% | -16.4% | 807,816 | 144.7% | -15.4% | 2,505,519 | 147.7% | -17.9% |

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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 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.