

# INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

CUSTOMS ENTRIES TO BC AND CANADA



## September-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
<b>Total U.S.A</b>	<b>638,859</b>	<b>35.2%</b>		<b>2,174,625</b>	<b>39.4%</b>		<b>5,011,077</b>			<b>16,831,195</b>		
U.S.A. Overnight*	303,285	21.1%		1,272,584	24.8%		2,685,983			10,143,799		
U.S.A. Same Day*	335,574	51.1%		902,041	66.8%		2,325,094			6,687,396		
<b>Total Asia/Pacific***</b>	<b>102,414</b>	<b>79.5%</b>	<b>-35.2%</b>	<b>212,773</b>	<b>84.6%</b>	<b>-33.9%</b>	<b>731,357</b>	<b>117.6%</b>	<b>-36.8%</b>	<b>1,516,310</b>	<b>114.0%</b>	<b>-35.5%</b>
Japan	8,375	125.4%	-47.7%	15,125	92.6%	-51.9%	54,527	137.4%	-52.5%	90,424	145.1%	-55.6%
Taiwan	6,341	224.7%	-45.2%	9,645	219.7%	-39.4%	41,349	254.7%	-45.3%	58,859	235.1%	-42.3%
Hong Kong	6,229	61.2%	-44.7%	11,506	91.4%	-37.0%	54,344	161.7%	-37.2%	94,695	176.7%	-33.5%
Australia	23,177	53.1%	-23.8%	34,124	56.4%	-27.5%	166,549	94.9%	-18.4%	235,553	101.7%	-22.7%
China	13,988	202.1%	-66.3%	25,422	259.2%	-71.8%	92,499	231.0%	-68.4%	161,434	250.3%	-73.9%
New Zealand	5,788	125.1%	-8.3%	7,545	112.1%	-11.8%	38,581	140.4%	-7.8%	50,810	141.0%	-13.4%
India	10,135	27.9%	-1.9%	34,160	34.3%	13.5%	97,204	88.2%	-9.3%	345,656	90.4%	19.3%
<b>Total Europe***</b>	<b>62,096</b>	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>-25.5%</b>	<b>326,452</b>	<b>20.6%</b>	<b>-19.4%</b>	<b>414,196</b>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>-27.1%</b>	<b>2,166,954</b>	<b>29.6%</b>	<b>-20.2%</b>
United Kingdom	25,293	11.6%	-23.6%	95,561	11.0%	-20.7%	162,003	12.8%	-23.0%	636,533	25.5%	-15.6%
Germany	12,180	12.1%	-22.2%	48,982	20.7%	-21.9%	78,322	12.3%	-27.3%	271,578	21.3%	-25.6%
Netherlands	3,562	26.9%	-32.0%	13,583	27.0%	-21.2%	25,720	28.1%	-34.5%	95,794	27.0%	-18.7%
Austria	798	-0.6%	-41.4%	3,618	15.9%	-31.5%	6,768	35.3%	-26.7%	26,909	36.7%	-23.6%
Switzerland	2,591	84.4%	-22.9%	11,774	38.8%	-13.1%	19,630	34.6%	-25.4%	84,780	40.9%	-19.6%
France	2,798	38.8%	-46.1%	72,995	18.3%	-10.9%	23,338	26.2%	-36.5%	483,876	34.3%	-12.2%
Italy	1,472	62.1%	-37.2%	10,144	46.5%	-31.9%	10,833	18.2%	-34.5%	77,192	44.8%	-37.0%
Brazil***	2,125	45.3%	-44.4%	29,664	245.5%	60.2%	12,690	48.1%	-59.8%	110,166	85.9%	-25.2%
Mexico***	15,840	30.7%	17.4%	46,553	27.3%	1.9%	159,344	67.2%	21.2%	455,180	70.4%	13.7%
<b>Total International Overnight*** (Excludes U.S.A Same Day)</b>	<b>491,447</b>	<b>30.8%</b>	<b>-25.0%</b>	<b>1,954,852</b>	<b>31.3%</b>	<b>-12.7%</b>	<b>4,041,946</b>	<b>55.3%</b>	<b>-24.9%</b>	<b>14,869,776</b>	<b>51.5%</b>	<b>-18.4%</b>

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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.