

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR ARRIVALS

CUSTOMS ENTRIES TO BC AND CANADA



December-2024

Year-to-Date

	BC			Canada			BC			Canada		
	Visitor Arrivals	% change**	2019	Visitor Arrivals	% change**	2019	Visitor Arrivals	% change**	2019	Visitor Arrivals	% change**	2019
Total U.S.A	500,646	20.6%	17.3%	1,685,491	10.6%	-0.7%	6,644,833	8.6%	5.2%	23,463,413	10.7%	-6.0%
U.S.A. Overnight*	329,989	24.6%		1,068,969	12.8%		3,588,467	7.6%		14,082,775	10.2%	
U.S.A. Same Day*	170,657	13.4%		616,522	6.8%		3,056,366	9.9%		9,380,638	11.4%	
Total Asia/Pacific***	78,158	0.8%	-22.6%	145,506	0.3%	-26.8%	1,040,385	12.1%	-25.7%	2,218,896	14.4%	-23.2%
Australia	21,135	-8.0%	-14.2%	30,153	-2.2%	-15.3%	218,903	4.9%	-11.3%	314,452	6.5%	-15.8%
China	10,482	-1.7%	-45.6%	19,886	5.4%	-51.8%	161,637	31.5%	-53.4%	314,981	39.9%	-57.9%
India	4,538	-30.8%	-31.2%	16,447	-16.8%	-34.8%	122,448	3.1%	-1.5%	440,092	6.0%	24.4%
Japan	6,927	27.1%	-30.7%	11,114	26.2%	-26.8%	88,825	24.0%	-39.0%	151,021	25.2%	-42.0%
Korea, South	5,961	17.3%	-31.1%	10,567	34.5%	-35.6%	79,711	10.5%	-33.3%	165,594	14.0%	-37.9%
Total Europe***	26,716	20.5%	-0.8%	186,781	4.3%	2.8%	512,995	6.9%	-19.8%	2,843,432	5.8%	-13.4%
France	1,722	12.3%	-8.2%	48,051	2.3%	12.8%	29,653	5.1%	-28.8%	641,509	3.8%	-5.6%
Germany	3,102	22.9%	-6.3%	16,586	13.9%	6.2%	92,951	5.3%	-21.7%	345,534	6.6%	-20.3%
Netherlands	1,156	26.9%	5.1%	6,807	9.1%	1.2%	30,834	5.8%	-27.9%	124,446	8.0%	-12.0%
United Kingdom	12,877	22.1%	6.1%	59,050	4.1%	11.2%	211,074	11.8%	-11.7%	842,384	7.1%	-7.3%
Mexico***	17,332	-31.4%	8.7%	41,241	-40.5%	-12.8%	164,707	-20.3%	1.1%	431,247	-27.6%	-15.4%
Total International Overnight*** (Excludes U.S.A Same Day)	456,941	15.6%	9.1%	1,515,539	7.0%	2.7%	5,379,615	7.3%	-16.3%	20,437,514	8.8%	-9.1%

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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 2024, 2023, 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.