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Table 1

Estimated Number of International Travellers Entering or Returning to Canada

Type of transportation	September			January-September		
	2005	2006	Change 2006	2005	2006	Change 2006
			%			%
Number of trips by non-residents¹						
United States residents	2,892,131	2,648,309	-8.4	25,555,612	23,343,090	-8.7
Automobile	2,101,682	1,914,876	-8.9	19,636,156	17,719,112	-9.8
Same day	1,296,859	1,135,726	-12.4	12,325,778	10,858,094	-11.9
One or more nights	804,823	779,150	-3.2	7,310,378	6,861,018	-6.1
Plane	408,225	394,837	-3.3	3,389,097	3,310,080	-2.3
Bus	116,667	101,067	-13.4	1,022,499	882,458	-13.7
Train, boat and other methods	265,557	237,529	-10.6	1,507,860	1,431,440	-5.1
All other countries residents	543,956	533,936	-1.8	3,670,424	3,680,023	0.3
Direct	339,999	351,989	3.5	2,404,531	2,466,102	2.6
Via the United States ²	203,957	181,947	-10.8	1,265,893	1,213,921	-4.1
Total non-residents	3,436,087	3,182,245	-7.4	29,226,036	27,023,113	-7.5
Number of trips by residents of Canada¹						
Returning from the United States	3,153,288	3,327,268	5.5	29,000,519	30,802,076	6.2
Automobile	2,637,285	2,768,565	5.0	23,711,521	25,166,724	6.1
Same day	1,895,510	1,957,476	3.3	16,732,963	17,678,818	5.7
One or more nights	741,775	811,089	9.3	6,978,558	7,487,906	7.3
Plane	358,220	389,138	8.6	3,924,134	4,211,045	7.3
Bus	84,067	98,167	16.8	840,652	907,333	7.9
Train, boat and other methods	73,716	71,398	-3.1	524,212	516,974	-1.4
Returning from all other countries	437,582	485,587	11.0	5,019,666	5,365,344	6.9
Direct	390,220	432,009	10.7	4,309,034	4,601,833	6.8
Via the United States ²	47,362	53,578	13.1	710,632	763,511	7.4
Total residents	3,590,870	3,812,855	6.2	34,020,185	36,167,420	6.3
Total ¹	7,026,957	6,995,100	-0.5	63,246,221	63,190,533	-0.1

1. Excludes immigrants, former residents, military personnel, diplomats and crews.

2. Travellers entering or re-entering through or by way of the United States.

Source: Reports of entries and re-entries from offices of the Canada Border Services Agency.

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Table 2

Estimated Number of One or More Nights Trips to Canada, by Non-residents, by Province of Entry

Categories of travellers	N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	Canada
September												
United States												
Automobile												
2005	...	...	6,180	30,417	86,140	472,123	15,744	5,598	14,366	161,269	12,986	804,823
2006	...	...	5,777	30,067	86,402	451,648	16,329	5,389	14,170	157,850	11,518	779,150
Per cent	...	...	-6.5	-1.2	0.3	-4.3	3.7	-3.7	-1.4	-2.1	-11.3	-3.2
Non-automobile												
2005	3,598	421	55,134	10,884	78,381	214,773	6,998	4,204	42,999	187,836	8,567	613,795
2006	6,051	485	29,853	16,069	76,576	197,085	7,366	4,008	39,979	186,550	10,371	574,393
Per cent	68.2	15.2	-45.9	47.6	-2.3	-8.2	5.3	-4.7	-7.0	-0.7	21.1	-6.4
Sub-Total												
2005	3,598	421	61,314	41,301	164,521	686,896	22,742	9,802	57,365	349,105	21,553	1,418,618
2006	6,051	485	35,630	46,136	162,978	648,733	23,695	9,397	54,149	344,400	21,889	1,353,543
Per cent	68.2	15.2	-41.9	11.7	-0.9	-5.6	4.2	-4.1	-5.6	-1.3	1.6	-4.6
Other countries ¹												
2005	9,153	236	10,207	4,115	94,050	208,536	1,119	270	35,885	164,409	3,416	531,396
2006	8,147	165	10,061	3,428	93,545	209,216	1,351	216	30,191	162,019	2,805	521,144
Per cent	-11.0	-30.1	-1.4	-16.7	-0.5	0.3	20.7	-20.0	-15.9	-1.5	-17.9	-1.9
Total												
2005	12,751	657	71,521	45,416	258,571	895,432	23,861	10,072	93,250	513,514	24,969	1,950,014
2006	14,198	650	45,691	49,564	256,523	857,949	25,046	9,613	84,340	506,419	24,694	1,874,687
Per cent	11.3	-1.1	-36.1	9.1	-0.8	-4.2	5.0	-4.6	-9.6	-1.4	-1.1	-3.9
January-September												
United States												
Automobile												
2005	...	...	37,550	248,558	845,410	4,240,351	148,925	45,269	140,384	1,506,344	97,587	7,310,378
2006	...	...	32,321	232,805	795,755	3,961,901	139,215	40,800	128,236	1,446,597	83,388	6,861,018
Per cent	...	...	-13.9	-6.3	-5.9	-6.6	-6.5	-9.9	-8.7	-4.0	-14.6	-6.1
Non-automobile												
2005	13,030	2,201	172,198	74,465	666,437	1,762,536	70,091	26,722	367,851	1,387,281	71,314	4,614,126
2006	16,434	2,519	122,717	76,192	641,855	1,681,885	67,940	25,441	351,694	1,348,652	82,815	4,418,144
Per cent	26.1	14.4	-28.7	2.3	-3.7	-4.6	-3.1	-4.8	-4.4	-2.8	16.1	-4.2
Sub-Total												
2005	13,030	2,201	209,748	323,023	1,511,847	6,002,887	219,016	71,991	508,235	2,893,625	168,901	11,924,504
2006	16,434	2,519	155,038	308,997	1,437,610	5,643,786	207,155	66,241	479,930	2,795,249	166,203	11,279,162
Per cent	26.1	14.4	-26.1	-4.3	-4.9	-6.0	-5.4	-8.0	-5.6	-3.4	-1.6	-5.4
Other countries ¹												
2005	39,912	691	39,606	10,355	601,157	1,390,767	9,153	1,972	247,529	1,199,855	24,208	3,565,205
2006	40,759	638	40,083	8,698	612,827	1,421,420	9,250	1,680	238,971	1,195,014	19,835	3,589,175
Per cent	2.1	-7.7	1.2	-16.0	1.9	2.2	1.1	-14.8	-3.5	-0.4	-18.1	0.7
Total												
2005	52,942	2,892	249,354	333,378	2,113,004	7,393,654	228,169	73,963	755,764	4,093,480	193,109	15,489,709
2006	57,193	3,157	195,121	317,695	2,050,437	7,065,206	216,405	67,921	718,901	3,990,263	186,038	14,868,337
Per cent	8.0	9.2	-21.7	-4.7	-3.0	-4.4	-5.2	-8.2	-4.9	-2.5	-3.7	-4.0

1. Excludes entries by land same day via the United States.
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Table 3

Estimated Number of Trips to Canada, by Residents of Countries Other Than the United States

Country of residence	September			January-September		
	2005	2006	Change 2006 %	2005	2006	Change 2006 %
Europe, total	305,407	299,134	-2.1	1,967,451	1,931,275	-1.8
Belgium	5,965	5,767	-3.3	36,332	37,991	4.6
Denmark	2,797	2,815	0.6	22,443	23,674	5.5
France	51,102	51,411	0.6	297,050	303,168	2.1
Germany	50,843	46,304	-8.9	287,489	265,923	-7.5
Greece	1,564	1,045	-33.2	11,052	10,435	-5.6
Italy	9,165	9,180	0.2	81,833	76,964	-5.9
Netherlands, The	14,934	14,536	-2.7	104,406	104,037	-0.4
Portugal	1,881	2,240	19.1	15,951	16,895	5.9
Spain	5,346	6,571	22.9	44,500	49,486	11.2
Sweden	3,111	3,124	0.4	26,211	24,880	-5.1
Switzerland	12,580	11,717	-6.9	83,478	78,529	-5.9
United Kingdom	116,966	115,521	-1.2	758,951	726,192	-4.3
Other Europe	29,153	28,903	-0.9	197,755	213,101	7.8
Africa, total	8,417	8,974	6.6	57,525	67,691	17.7
Asia, total	150,605	145,140	-3.6	1,043,394	1,057,203	1.3
China	13,417	19,065	42.1	89,795	113,864	26.8
Hong Kong	10,144	9,749	-3.9	93,486	91,186	-2.5
India	8,706	8,592	-1.3	66,760	72,972	9.3
Israel	9,199	7,729	-16.0	66,820	62,754	-6.1
Japan	60,617	51,074	-15.7	339,688	316,247	-6.9
Malaysia	1,157	1,136	-1.8	8,008	8,883	10.9
Philippines	5,258	5,278	0.4	34,329	39,650	15.5
Singapore	2,496	2,041	-18.2	19,627	18,355	-6.5
South Korea	17,799	20,530	15.3	156,432	161,490	3.2
Taiwan	10,749	9,498	-11.6	78,791	76,806	-2.5
Other Asia	11,063	10,448	-5.6	89,658	94,996	6.0
North America, Central America and Caribbean, total	32,929	34,627	5.2	289,294	308,142	6.5
Jamaica	2,072	2,275	9.8	17,692	20,169	14.0
Mexico	17,797	18,895	6.2	160,810	174,556	8.5
Trinidad and Tobago	2,305	2,268	-1.6	17,966	20,099	11.9
Other North America, Central America and Caribbean	10,755	11,189	4.0	92,826	93,318	0.5
South America, total	15,112	15,385	1.8	103,392	110,960	7.3
Brazil	7,049	6,850	-2.8	48,749	50,760	4.1
Other South America	8,063	8,535	5.9	54,643	60,200	10.2
Oceania and other Ocean Islands, total	31,486	30,676	-2.6	209,368	204,752	-2.2
Australia	26,189	25,531	-2.5	173,027	169,413	-2.1
New Zealand	4,967	4,778	-3.8	33,859	32,931	-2.7
Other Oceania	330	367	11.2	2,482	2,408	-3.0
Total non-resident travellers, countries other than the United States	543,956	533,936	-1.8	3,670,424	3,680,023	0.3

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Table 4

Estimated Number of One or More Nights Trips by Residents Returning to Canada, by Province of Re-entry

Categories of travellers	N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	Canada
September												
United States												
Automobile												
2005	...	...	1,306	30,142	140,902	335,550	43,261	8,804	20,379	159,163	2,268	741,775
2006	...	...	1,011	35,665	147,900	360,798	49,137	10,463	23,807	180,251	2,057	811,089
Per cent	...	...	-22.6	18.3	5.0	7.5	13.6	18.8	16.8	13.2	-9.3	9.3
Non-automobile												
2005	296	88	4,679	7,547	75,895	228,850	10,004	3,127	43,953	97,157	1,067	472,663
2006	439	140	4,949	6,740	78,848	226,741	11,187	3,286	60,854	111,259	678	505,121
Per cent	48.3	59.1	5.8	-10.7	3.9	-0.9	11.8	5.1	38.5	14.5	-36.5	6.9
Sub-Total												
2005	296	88	5,985	37,689	216,797	564,400	53,265	11,931	64,332	256,320	3,335	1,214,438
2006	439	140	5,960	42,405	226,748	587,539	60,324	13,749	84,661	291,510	2,735	1,316,210
Per cent	48.3	59.1	-0.4	12.5	4.6	4.1	13.3	15.2	31.6	13.7	-18.0	8.4
Other countries												
2005	3,761	9	2,024	41	90,390	236,829	789	216	18,427	85,030	66	437,582
2006	4,801	0	4,929	39	105,000	256,019	1,097	216	26,756	86,666	64	485,587
Per cent	27.7	-100.0	143.5	-4.9	16.2	8.1	39.0	0.0	45.2	1.9	-3.0	11.0
Total												
2005	4,057	97	8,009	37,730	307,187	801,229	54,054	12,147	82,759	341,350	3,401	1,652,020
2006	5,240	140	10,889	42,444	331,748	843,558	61,421	13,965	111,417	378,176	2,799	1,801,797
Per cent	29.2	44.3	36.0	12.5	8.0	5.3	13.6	15.0	34.6	10.8	-17.7	9.1
January-September												
United States												
Automobile												
2005	...	...	8,141	261,874	1,365,807	3,280,840	365,364	86,314	213,553	1,369,325	27,340	6,978,558
2006	...	...	6,268	290,378	1,427,374	3,494,955	415,671	101,281	234,466	1,492,038	25,475	7,487,906
Per cent	...	...	-23.0	10.9	4.5	6.5	13.8	17.3	9.8	9.0	-6.8	7.3
Non-automobile												
2005	2,752	301	53,154	52,623	795,080	2,356,285	113,780	37,699	500,628	902,035	9,689	4,824,026
2006	3,969	496	52,365	53,208	854,802	2,389,304	118,506	36,156	606,334	988,858	7,821	5,111,819
Per cent	44.2	64.8	-1.5	1.1	7.5	1.4	4.2	-4.1	21.1	9.6	-19.3	6.0
Sub-Total												
2005	2,752	301	61,295	314,497	2,160,887	5,637,125	479,144	124,013	714,181	2,271,360	37,029	11,802,584
2006	3,969	496	58,633	343,586	2,282,176	5,884,259	534,177	137,437	840,800	2,480,896	33,296	12,599,725
Per cent	44.2	64.8	-4.3	9.2	5.6	4.4	11.5	10.8	17.7	9.2	-10.1	6.8
Other countries												
2005	41,525	10	72,204	5,887	1,104,848	2,505,553	63,746	27,098	321,741	876,528	526	5,019,666
2006	41,818	15	81,402	6,958	1,190,761	2,684,351	58,008	26,643	359,435	915,443	510	5,365,344
Per cent	0.7	50.0	12.7	18.2	7.8	7.1	-9.0	-1.7	11.7	4.4	-3.0	6.9
Total												
2005	44,277	311	133,499	320,384	3,265,735	8,142,678	542,890	151,111	1,035,922	3,147,888	37,555	16,822,250
2006	45,787	511	140,035	350,544	3,472,937	8,568,610	592,185	164,080	1,200,235	3,396,339	33,806	17,965,069
Per cent	3.4	64.3	4.9	9.4	6.3	5.2	9.1	8.6	15.9	7.9	-10.0	6.8

... figures not applicable.