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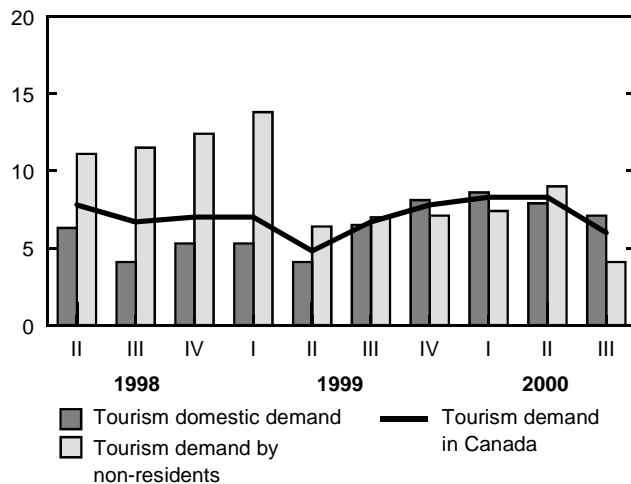
Third quarter 2000

Tourism spending in Canada increased 6.0% in the third quarter of 2000 compared with the third quarter of 1999, as declining foreign travel was more than offset by higher fuel costs.

Canadians and foreign visitors spent \$19.5 billion in Canada between July and September; foreigners accounted for just over one-third of the total. Spending on fuel has increased for six straight quarters.

Non-resident demand slows down

year-to-year % change, unadjusted data



Canadians spent \$12.6 billion travelling in Canada, up 7.1% from the third quarter of 1999, while foreign travellers spent \$7.0 billion, up 4.1%, the lowest rate of increase in two years. The number of incoming overnight travellers was down 1.7%.

The overall 6.0% increase in tourism spending between July and September was slightly less than the average increase of 7.6% for the previous four quarters. On a year-to-date basis, total tourism spending increased 7.2% in the first nine months of 2000 compared with the same period of 1999.

Foreign tourists spent 15.5% more on fuel in the third quarter of 2000 than they did in the same three months of 1999. Among the other categories of foreign spending, the highest increases were for air transport (+7.0%) and accommodation (+5.2%).

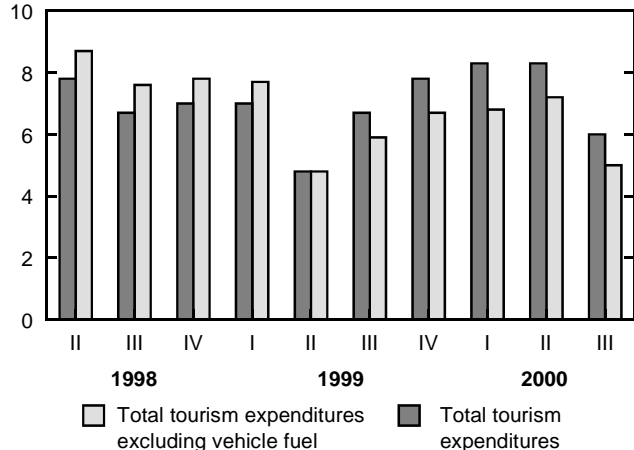
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Canadian tourists spent 17.3% more on fuel and 13.2% more on air transport. Spending on accommodation, food and beverages and other tourism commodities all increased by between 3.6% and 4.5%.

Impact of fuel expenditure on total tourism expenditures

year-to-year % change, unadjusted data



Spending adjusted for seasonality and inflation

When adjustments for seasonality and inflation are taken into account, spending on tourism in Canada was unchanged in the third quarter compared with the second quarter. On a quarter-to-quarter basis, this continues a slowdown that began in the fourth quarter of 1999.

Transportation spending increased at an annualized rate of 1.9% from the second quarter to the third, while spending on accommodation declined 3.3% and spending on food and beverages fell 2.0%.

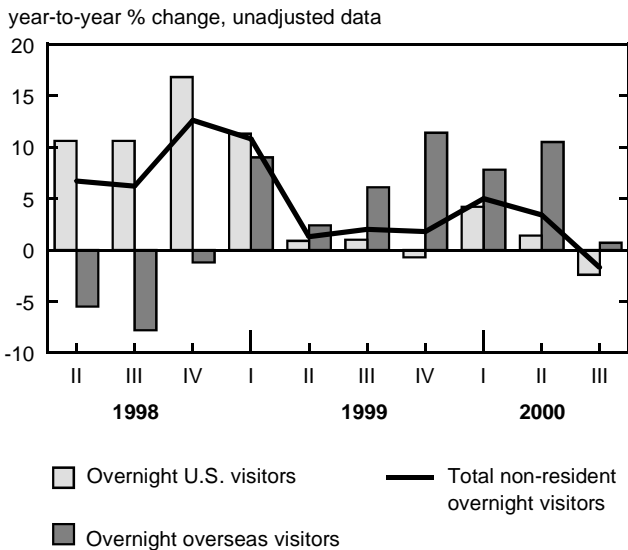
Spending by Canadians rose at an annualized rate of 1.4% in the third quarter compared with the second, but spending by non-residents declined 3.6%.

Spending on fuel by all tourists declined 5.5% in the third quarter compared with the second.

Strong growth in travel from United Kingdom

The total number of travellers from overseas was unchanged from the third quarter of 1999. However, total overnight travellers declined 1.7%. A strong 8.3% increase in the number of travellers coming from the United Kingdom nearly offset declines from other European countries, and travellers from South Korea and Australia outpaced declines from other Asia/Pacific countries.

Lower demand from United States and other countries



The number of travellers from the United States declined 2.6% from the third quarter of 1999; the numbers of both same-day and overnight travellers fell.

Large year-over-year increases of Canadians travelling to countries other than the United States in the second quarter (+10.2%) and third quarter (+12.6%) offset a slight decline in the number visiting the United States in the third quarter (-0.7%). The overall result was only a marginal increase of 0.2%.

Further slowdowns in the number of same-day and overnight travellers going to the United States in the third quarter may have reflected continuing weakness in the value of the Canadian dollar compared with its U.S. counterpart.

Strong growth continues in employment generated by tourism

Employment generated by tourism reached 571,500 full- and part-time jobs in the third quarter, 5.3% more than in the third quarter of 1999. Increases were widespread across all industries. Recreation and entertainment generated the highest growth, 9.2%. Employment in air transportation grew 8.4%, and in accommodation, 6.7%.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, employment growth rose 4.1% (at annual rates) from the second quarter, mostly as a result of growth in transportation (+6.2%).

This growth outpaced overall business sector employment (+0.4%), the reverse relationship of the last quarter, when tourism employment grew 0.5% and business sector employment rose 4.5%.

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The third quarter 2000 issue of the *National tourism indicators* (13-009-XPB, free) is now available. To order, contact the Client Services Officer (613-951-3810; fax: 613-951-3618; iead-info-dcrd@statcan.ca), Income and Expenditure Accounts Division. The electronic version of the publication (13-009-XIB, free) can be downloaded from Statistics Canada's Web site (www.statcan.ca). On the *Products and services* page, choose *Free publications*.

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Tourism expenditures

	Third quarter 1999	Fourth quarter 1999	First quarter 2000	Second quarter 2000	Third quarter 2000	Third quarter 1999 to third quarter 2000
	\$ millions current, unadjusted					% change
Tourism expenditures						
Tourism demand in Canada	18,441	10,019	10,359	13,087	19,548	6.0
Tourism exports	6,716	2,529	2,212	4,341	6,992	4.1
Tourism domestic demand	11,725	7,490	8,147	8,746	12,556	7.1
Transportation						
Tourism demand in Canada	6,697	4,475	4,603	5,385	7,375	10.1
Tourism exports	1,765	622	547	1,137	1,869	5.9
Tourism domestic demand	4,932	3,853	4,056	4,248	5,506	11.6
Accommodation						
Tourism demand in Canada	2,858	1,252	1,229	1,947	2,987	4.5
Tourism exports	1,487	530	532	1,052	1,564	5.2
Tourism domestic demand	1,371	722	697	895	1,423	3.8
Food and beverage services						
Tourism demand in Canada	3,127	1,532	1,487	2,127	3,217	2.9
Tourism exports	1,501	633	526	962	1,532	2.1
Tourism domestic demand	1,626	899	961	1,165	1,685	3.6
Other tourism commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	1,829	883	1,234	1,286	1,909	4.4
Tourism exports	625	231	201	409	651	4.2
Tourism domestic demand	1,204	652	1,033	877	1,258	4.5
Other commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	3,930	1,877	1,806	2,342	4,060	3.3
Tourism exports	1,338	513	406	781	1,376	2.8
Tourism domestic demand	2,592	1,364	1,400	1,561	2,684	3.5

Tourism expenditures

	1998	1999	1998 to 1999	Second quarter 2000	Third quarter 2000	Second quarter to third quarter 2000
	\$ millions current		% change	\$ millions current (seasonally adjusted)		% change (annual rates)
Tourism expenditures						
Tourism demand in Canada	47,049	50,112	6.5	13,292	13,431	4.2
Tourism exports	14,189	15,288	7.7	4,007	4,000	-0.7
Tourism domestic demand	32,860	34,824	6.0	9,285	9,431	6.4
Transportation						
Tourism demand in Canada	18,510	20,084	8.5	5,506	5,624	8.9
Tourism exports	3,613	3,919	8.5	1,053	1,055	0.8
Tourism domestic demand	14,897	16,165	8.5	4,453	4,569	10.8
Accommodation						
Tourism demand in Canada	6,720	7,060	5.1	1,853	1,853	0.0
Tourism exports	3,159	3,424	8.4	912	904	-3.5
Tourism domestic demand	3,561	3,636	2.1	941	949	3.4
Food and beverage services						
Tourism demand in Canada	7,716	8,103	5.0	2,092	2,097	1.0
Tourism exports	3,290	3,541	7.6	904	902	-0.9
Tourism domestic demand	4,426	4,562	3.1	1,188	1,195	2.4
Other tourism commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	4,800	5,073	5.7	1,318	1,326	2.5
Tourism exports	1,321	1,424	7.8	370	368	-2.1
Tourism domestic demand	3,479	3,649	4.9	948	958	4.3
Other commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	9,303	9,792	5.3	2,523	2,531	1.3
Tourism exports	2,806	2,980	6.2	768	771	1.6
Tourism domestic demand	6,497	6,812	4.8	1,755	1,760	1.1
	\$ millions 1992		% change	\$ millions 1992 (seasonally adjusted)		% change (annual rates)
Tourism expenditures						
Tourism demand in Canada	41,626	42,969	3.2	11,010	11,006	-0.1
Tourism exports	12,668	13,309	5.1	3,402	3,371	-3.6
Tourism domestic demand	28,958	29,660	2.4	7,608	7,635	1.4
Transportation						
Tourism demand in Canada	16,285	16,898	3.8	4,385	4,406	1.9
Tourism exports	3,362	3,570	6.2	937	931	-2.5
Tourism domestic demand	12,923	13,328	3.1	3,448	3,475	3.2
Accommodation						
Tourism demand in Canada	5,681	5,706	0.4	1,435	1,423	-3.3
Tourism exports	2,660	2,757	3.6	705	693	-6.6
Tourism domestic demand	3,021	2,949	-2.4	730	730	0.0
Food and beverage services						
Tourism demand in Canada	7,015	7,216	2.9	1,823	1,814	-2.0
Tourism exports	2,981	3,142	5.4	785	777	-4.0
Tourism domestic demand	4,034	4,074	1.0	1,038	1,037	-0.4
Other tourism commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	4,157	4,277	2.9	1,087	1,084	-1.1
Tourism exports	1,121	1,168	4.2	295	292	-4.0
Tourism domestic demand	3,036	3,109	2.4	792	792	0.0
Other commodities						
Tourism demand in Canada	8,488	8,872	4.5	2,280	2,279	-0.2
Tourism exports	2,544	2,672	5.0	680	678	-1.2
Tourism domestic demand	5,944	6,200	4.3	1,600	1,601	0.3

OTHER RELEASES

Steel primary forms

Week ending December 30, 2000 (preliminary)

Steel primary forms production for the week ending December 30 totalled 213 368 metric tonnes, up 5.9% from 201 412 tonnes a week earlier and down 39.6% from 352 999 tonnes in the same week of 1999. The year-to-date total at the end of the reference week was 16 550 518 tonnes, a 2.1% increase compared with 16 217 874 tonnes produced in the same period in 1999.

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Asphalt roofing

November 2000

Production of asphalt shingles totalled 3 139 257 metric bundles in November, a 20.4% decrease from 3 941 719 metric bundles produced in November 1999.

Year-to-date production was 38 486 518 metric bundles, a 7.6% decrease from 41 648 701 metric bundles produced during the same period in 1999.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 32 and 122 (series 27).

The November 2000 issue of *Asphalt roofing* (45-001-XIB, \$5/\$47) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Steel pipe and tubing

November 2000

Steel pipe and tubing production totalled 228 890 metric tonnes in November, a 4.7% decrease from 240 179 tonnes in November 1999.

Year-to-date production to the end of November was 2 463 219 tonnes, up 8.0% from 2 280 017 tonnes during the same period of 1999.

Available on CANSIM: matrix 35.

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Cement

November 2000

Manufacturers shipped 1 121 021 metric tonnes of cement in November, down 1.7% from 1 140 729 tonnes (revised) in November 1999, and down 18.7% from 1 379 163 tonnes in October.

From January to November, shipments totalled 11 950 359 tonnes, up 1.4% from 11 788 940 tonnes (revised) during the same period in 1999.

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Air charter statistics

First quarter 2000

More than 1.7 million passengers travelled on domestic and international air charter flights in the first quarter of 2000, up 6% from the first quarter of 1999.

Domestic charter passengers increased by 11% in the first quarter; just over 270,000 passengers travelled on charter flights within Canada.

The number of international charter passengers reached 1.5 million, up 5% compared with the first quarter of 1999.

More detailed information will appear in the January 2001 issue of *Aviation service bulletin* (51-004-XIB, \$8/\$82). A print-on-demand service is also available. See *How to order products* or browse the on-line catalogue on Statistics Canada's Web site (www.statcan.ca). On the home page, choose *Products and services*.

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