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Travel between Canada and other countries Year 2000 and December 2000

Foreign travel to Canada grew for the eighth consecutive year in 2000, largely the result of more trips taken from overseas nations, particularly Asia and the United Kingdom.

Almost 19.6 million people travelled to Canada for at least one night during 2000, up 0.7% from 1999. Americans accounted for about three-quarters of this total, and overseas travellers the remainder. (All year-over-year data are seasonally unadjusted).

About 15.1 million Americans made overnight trips to Canada in 2000, down 0.4%. However, travel by overseas residents increased 4.9% to 4.4 million, breaking the previous record set in 1996. Travel from the United Kingdom, Canada's largest overseas market, jumped 10.9% to a record high of 914,000 in 2000. Although the Asian market expanded 6.8% to 1.4 million, travel levels remained below the 1.5 million recorded in 1996 prior to the Asian crisis.

Travel from South Korea rose 37.2% to 149,000 in 2000, the largest percentage increase among Canada's top 12 overseas markets. About 180,000 travellers arrived from Australia, up 11.4%, and 147,000 came from Mexico, a 10.6% increase. However, travel from Italy declined 2.8%, as well as from France (-2.5%) and Germany (-2.1%). About 540,000 people came from Japan, down 1.9%.

For their part, Canadians made 19.1 million overnight trips abroad in 2000, up 4.1% from 1999. About 14.6 million were to U.S. destinations, up 3.5%. During the year, the number of overnight trips by Canadians to overseas destinations reached a record 4.5 million, up 6.2%, breaking the previous record set in 1999.

Same-day cross-border car trips by Americans dipped 2.5% to 26.6 million in 2000, while the number of such trips by Canadians remained unchanged at 27.1 million. Over 2000, the value of the Canadian dollar averaged US\$0.67, unchanged from 1999.

In December, foreigners took just over 4.0 million trips to Canada, up 0.7% from November. Canadians took 3.7 million trips to foreign countries, a drop of 4.8% from November. (These monthly data are seasonally adjusted and cover both same-day and overnight trips).

Americans travelled for at least one night to Canada on 1.3 million occasions in December, up 1.3% from November. The number of Canadians making overnight trips south of the border fell 4.1% to 1.2 million.

Travel between Canada and other countries

	Nov. 2000 ^r	Dec. 2000 ^p	Nov. to Dec. 2000	Dec. 2000 ^p	Dec. 1999 to Dec. 2000	2000	1999 to 2000
	seasonally adjusted			unadjusted			
	'000		% change	'000	% change	'000	% change
Canadian trips abroad¹	3,849	3,664	-4.8	3,164	-5.0	47,182	1.6
Same-day car trips to the United States	2,174	2,106	-3.1	1,924	-8.3	27,105	0.0
Total trips, one or more nights	1,599	1,560	-2.4	1,162	0.2	19,109	4.1
United States ²	1,215	1,166	-4.1	827	-5.0	14,594	3.5
Car	660	636	-3.6	378	-4.1	7,967	1.3
Plane	443	420	-5.3	396	-6.6	5,300	7.1
Other modes							
of transport	112	110	-1.9	53	0.4	1,327	3.2
Other countries ³	384	394	2.7	335	16.2	4,516	6.2
Travel to Canada¹	4,014	4,040	0.7	3,038	-0.4	48,638	-0.9
Same-day car trips from the United States	2,172	2,151	-1.0	1,817	-2.6	26,646	-2.5
Total trips, one or more nights	1,643	1,662	1.2	1,117	4.0	19,553	0.7
United States ²	1,260	1,276	1.3	849	1.4	15,114	-0.4
Car	783	802	2.5	512	4.2	9,457	-1.6
Plane	326	320	-1.8	273	-3.9	3,836	2.0
Other modes							
of transport	151	154	2.0	65	3.0	1,821	0.6
Other countries ³	383	386	0.8	268	13.3	4,438	4.9
Most important overseas markets							
United Kingdom	77	79	1.7	61	33.3	914	10.9
Japan	50	46	-7.8	25	13.9	540	-1.9
France	37	34	-7.6	20	-5.3	417	-2.5
Germany	35	34	-3.3	15	-4.6	417	-2.1
Australia	16	17	9.5	16	38.5	180	11.4
Mexico	12	14	15.2	10	24.3	147	10.6
Hong Kong	11	13	13.4	10	12.2	145	1.6
South Korea	12	13	7.7	8	14.7	149	37.2
Taiwan	14	13	-7.9	7	-14.8	166	3.5
Netherlands	11	13	20.6	6	19.0	132	6.5
Italy	10	10	0.1	6	-8.0	126	-2.8
Switzerland	9	9	-4.2	5	-6.8	107	3.2

^r Revised figures.

^p Preliminary figures.

¹ Totals exceed the sum of same-day car trips and total trips, one or more nights because they include all of the same-day trips.

² Estimates for the United States include counts of cars and buses, and estimated numbers for planes, trains, boats and other modes.

³ Figures for other countries exclude same-day entries, by land only, via the United States.

Canadians took 420,000 trips to the United States by plane in December, down 5.3% from November, the largest month-to-month percentage decrease for air travel since January 2000. In December, Americans took 320,000 trips by plane to this side of the border, a

drop of 1.8%. Americans made 2.5% more overnight trips by car to Canada in December, the fifth consecutive monthly increase. Canadians, however, took 3.6% fewer overnight auto trips to the United States.

Same-day cross-border car traffic by Canadians fell 3.1% to 2.1 million in December, the lowest monthly volume recorded over the past decade. The number of car excursions by Americans dipped 1.0% to 2.2 million.

Canadians made 394,000 trips to overseas destinations in December, 2.7% more than the previous (revised) record high of 391,000 in October. Overseas residents took 386,000 overnight trips to Canada, 0.8% more than in November.

Travellers from 7 of Canada's top 12 overseas markets took more trips to Canada in December. The Netherlands led with growth of 20.6%, followed by Mexico (+15.2%) and Hong Kong (+13.4%).

Available on CANSIM: matrices 2661-2698, 5780-6049 and 8200-8329.

The December 2000 issue of *International travel, advance information* (66-001-PIB, \$6/\$55) is now available. See *How to order products*.

To obtain data, contact Pearl Bellefeuille (613-951-1674; fax: 613-951-2909; pearl.bellefeuille@statcan.ca). For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Laurie McDougall (613-951-6766; fax: 613-951-2909; laurie.mcdougall@statcan.ca), Tourism Statistics Program. ■

Fruit and vegetable production

1999 (revised) and 2000 (preliminary)

The most recent area, production and value data for fruits and vegetables for 2000 and 1999 (revised) are now available.

Available on CANSIM: matrices 1371, 1372, 1375-1380, 1383-1389, 1392, 1393, 1395, 1399, 1401-1405, 5614 and 5615.

The February 2001 issue of *Fruit and vegetable production* (22-003-XIB, \$23/\$46), will be available in February. It is published twice a year in June and February. A print-on-demand service is also available at a different price. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Bill Parsons (613-951-8727), Agriculture Division. ■

NEW PRODUCTS

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Infomat — A weekly review, February 16, 2001
Catalogue number 11-002-XPE (\$4/\$145).

Metal mines, 1998
Catalogue number 26-223-XIB
 (Free).

International travel, advance information,
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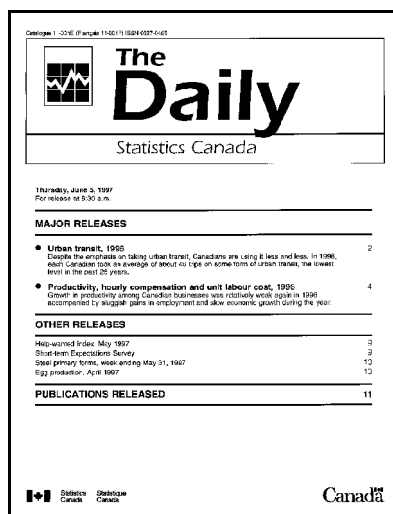
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21	Employment Insurance	December 2000
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