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OTHER RELEASES

Travel between Canada and other countries December 2001

Travel to and from Canada increased for the second consecutive month, and for the second time since August, according to preliminary data on international travel. Travel by overseas visitors and overnight travel by US visitors to Canada grew most strongly compared with November.

An estimated 3.8 million travellers arrived in Canada in December, up 5.1% from November. The number of trips by residents of overseas countries jumped most sharply, 11.3%. The number of American travellers rose 4.5%. (Unless otherwise specified, the data are seasonally adjusted.)

Canadians made 3.2 million international trips in December, up 2.8% from November. Canadian travel to the United States rose 2.4%, and travel to overseas nations climbed 5.9%. Travel by Canadians to overseas nations showed its first increase since the record high of 423,000 posted in July 2001. These data cover both same-day and overnight trips.

Americans took 1.4 million overnight trips to Canada, up 8.4% from November. Both overnight car trips (+9.9%) and plane trips (+9.2%) jumped significantly. Overnight car trips have actually returned to pre-September 11 levels; they are up 6.9% compared with August.

For their part, Canadians took 998,000 overnight trips south of the border, down 0.5%. A 4.0% drop in Canadian overnight air travel to the United States is one of the main factors behind this decrease. Post-September 11 effects, combined with a weak Canadian dollar and the economic slowdown, may also explain this decline. Overnight car travel to the United States rose a slight 0.6%.

Americans took 1.9 million same-day car trips to Canada in December, up 4.7% from November — the

second consecutive monthly rise and the second increase since August. Canadians made 1.7 million such trips to the United States, up 3.1% from November — again the second consecutive monthly rise and the second increase since August.

Canadians took 374,000 overnight trips to overseas countries in December, up 5.9% from November. In the same period, the number of trips by overseas residents to Canada rose for the second consecutive month, jumping a significant 9.8%. Overnight travel by overseas residents has returned to pre-September 11 levels, up 0.2% from August.

The majority of Canada's top 12 overseas markets showed significant increases in same-day and overnight trips to Canada in December. Taiwan gained most (+108.1%), followed by Israel (+38.7%), Japan (+33.4%), and South Korea (+25.4%). The only nations showing decreases were Germany (-1.2%) and France (-0.5%). In December, 7 of Canada's top 12 overseas markets returned to pre-September 11 levels, showing volume increases ranging from 1.7% to 38.3% compared with August.

Available on CANSIM: tables 427-0001 to 427-0006.

The December 2001 issue of *International travel, advance information*, Vol. 17, no. 12 (66-001-PIE, \$6/\$55) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Travel between Canada and other countries

	November 2001 ^r	December 2001 ^p	November to December 2001	August ^r to December 2001	December 2001 ^p	December 2000 to December 2001
	Seasonally adjusted				Unadjusted	
	'000		% change		'000	% change
Canadian trips abroad¹	3,078	3,163	2.8	-17.1	2,677	-15.4
to the United States	2,724	2,789	2.4	-18.2	2,375	-16.0
to other countries	354	374	5.9	-7.8	302	-9.8
Same-day car trips to the United States	1,696	1,748	3.1	-20.0	1,601	-16.8
Total trips, one or more nights	1,356	1,372	1.2	-12.6	1,029	-11.8
United States ²	1,003	998	-0.5	-14.3	727	-12.6
Car	608	611	0.6	-6.2	396	4.7
Plane	307	295	-4.0	-27.2	286	-28.8
Other modes of transport	88	91	4.1	-14.1	46	-13.5
Other countries ³	354	374	5.9	-7.8	302	-9.8
Travel to Canada¹	3,580	3,763	5.1	-9.9	2,799	-7.9
from the United States	3,265	3,413	4.5	-10.9	2,558	-7.5
from other countries	315	350	11.3	1.8	241	-12.1
Same-day car trips from the United States	1,850	1,938	4.7	-15.0	1,596	-12.2
Total trips, one or more nights	1,556	1,691	8.7	0.8	1,122	0.1
United States ²	1,252	1,357	8.4	0.9	886	3.8
Car	837	921	9.9	6.9	577	12.7
Plane	280	306	9.2	-7.1	259	-6.6
Other modes of transport	135	131	-2.6	-15.8	50	-21.7
Other countries ³	304	334	9.8	0.2	236	-11.9
Most important overseas markets⁴						
United Kingdom	69	70	0.8	-7.1	53	-13.0
Japan	25	34	33.4	-8.8	20	-19.8
Germany	30	30	-1.2	3.7	14	-7.4
France	29	29	-0.5	1.7	18	-12.5
South Korea	11	14	25.4	9.6	9	11.2
Australia	12	14	16.4	2.5	14	-13.9
Mexico	11	13	19.2	-2.5	10	-1.7
Netherlands	9	11	13.9	13.4	6	-14.9
Hong Kong	9	10	11.3	-4.2	8	-12.5
Taiwan	4	9	108.1	-10.5	5	-25.2
Switzerland	8	9	14.9	12.4	6	3.2
Israel	6	8	38.7	38.3	5	6.9

^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 methods.

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

⁴ Includes same-day trips and trips of one or more nights.

Consumer price index: erratum January 2002

Some of the data for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) were reported incorrectly in the February 14 issue of *The Daily*.

The overall Canada CPI for January is not affected and remains at 116.2, up 0.3% from December 2001 and up 1.3% from January 2001.

A technical problem that occurred during processing excluded some natural gas price data for Edmonton and Alberta from calculations for the CPI. The data for Calgary were not affected, and indexes for provinces other than Alberta were also not impacted.

The following tables highlight the major changes. The corrected numbers appear in bold with the previously published numbers in parentheses beside them. Note that the shelter, energy and goods indexes have changed at the Canada level.

Some special aggregate indexes also changed as a result of these corrections, notably: energy; goods; non-durable goods; all-items excluding food; and all-items excluding alcoholic beverages and tobacco products.

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We deeply regret any inconvenience this error may have caused our users.

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For a complete list of data that have changed, contact Client Services (1-866-230-2248). For more

Consumer Price Index and its major components (1992=100)

	January 2002	December 2001	January 2001	December 2001 to January 2002	January 2001 to January 2002
Unadjusted					
				% change	
All-items	116.2	115.9	114.7	0.3	1.3
Food	120.0	118.6	114.7	1.2	4.6
Shelter	113.0 (112.7)	112.6	111.0	0.4 (0.1)	1.8 (1.5)
Household operations and furnishings	112.9	113.0	110.5	-0.1	2.2
Clothing and footwear	102.3	103.7	104.8	-1.4	-2.4
Transportation	126.9	126.0	131.2	0.7	-3.3
Health and personal care	114.3	114.5	113.1	-0.2	1.1
Recreation, education and reading	122.3	122.9	121.4	-0.5	0.7
Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products	112.2	111.9	99.2	0.3	13.1
All-items (1986=100)	148.9				
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar expressed in cents, compared to 1992	86.1	86.3	87.2		
Special aggregates					
Goods	112.8 (112.6)	112.3	112.3	0.4 (0.3)	0.4 (0.3)
Services	120.2	120.0	117.5	0.2	2.3
All-items excluding food and energy	114.7	114.8	112.8	-0.1	1.7
Energy	121.8 (120.8)	119.1	130.9	2.3 (1.4)	-7.0 (-7.7)
All-items excluding the eight most volatile components ¹	117.8	117.7	115.7	0.1	1.8

¹ Excluded from the all-items CPI are the following eight volatile components, as defined by the Bank of Canada: fruit, fruit preparations and nuts; vegetables and vegetable preparations; mortgage interest cost; natural gas; fuel oil and other fuel; gasoline; inter-city transportation; and tobacco products and smokers' supplies. The Bank of Canada further adjusts this series to obtain their measure of core inflation, which also excludes the effect of changes in indirect taxes. For data and information on core inflation, please consult the Bank of Canada Web site: (<http://www.bankofcanada.ca/inflation>).

Consumer Price Index by province, Whitehorse and Yellowknife (1992=100)

	January 2002	December 2001	January 2001	December 2001 to January 2002	January 2001 to January 2002
Unadjusted					
				% change	
Newfoundland and Labrador	113.8	113.4	114.0	0.4	-0.2
Prince Edward Island	113.4	113.8	114.1	-0.4	-0.6
Nova Scotia	115.8	115.7	115.3	0.1	0.4
New Brunswick	114.7	114.3	113.4	0.3	1.1
Quebec	113.3	113.1	111.7	0.2	1.4
Ontario	117.3	117.3	115.9	0.0	1.2
Manitoba	120.6	120.1	119.1	0.4	1.3
Saskatchewan	120.9	120.3	118.3	0.5	2.2
Alberta	120.1 (119.1)	118.5	116.0	1.4 (0.5)	3.5 (2.7)
British Columbia	115.4	114.8	114.5	0.5	0.8
Whitehorse	115.2	115.2	115.9	0.0	-0.6
Yellowknife	113.8	113.1	112.1	0.6	1.5

Consumer Price Index and selected sub-groups, Edmonton, Alberta (1992=100)

	January 2002	December 2001	January 2001	December 2001 to January 2002	January 2001 to January 2002
				% change	
All-items	118.4 (118.2)	117.5	113.6	0.8 (0.6)	4.2 (4.0)
Shelter	120.1 (119.3)	117.0	104.7	2.6 (2.0)	14.7 (13.9)
Rented accommodation	117.8	117.5	113.1	0.3	4.2
Owned accommodation	108.7	108.7	108.8	0.0	-0.1
Water, fuel and electricity	167.6 (162.3)	147.8	71.9	13.4 (9.8)	133.1 (125.7)
All-items (1986=100)	149.9 (149.6)				

Pulpwood and wood residue statistics December 2001

Pulpwood receipts in December totalled 2 707 644 cubic metres, down 21.5% from 3 448 701 cubic metres in December 2000. Wood residue receipts fell 8.9% to 5 352 236 cubic metres in December 2000. Consumption of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 8 273 605 cubic metres, down 12.6% from 9 468 939 cubic metres in December 2000.

The closing inventory of pulpwood and wood residue fell 7.1% in December to 12 185 539 cubic metres from 13 122 494 cubic metres in December 2000. Year-to-date consumption to the end of December of pulpwood and wood residue totalled 111 808 184 cubic

metres, down 4.7% from 117 355 029 cubic metres in the same period of 2000.

Data for 2000 have been revised.

Available on CANSIM: table 303-0008.

The December 2001 issue of *Pulpwood and wood residue statistics*, Vol. 44, no. 12 (25-001-XIB, \$6/\$55) is now available. See *How to order products*.

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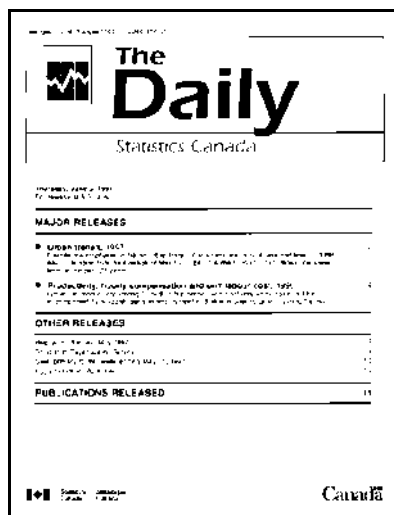
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