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Travel between Canada and other countries January 2003

Travel to Canada declined 2.9% in January, the first monthly decline since June 2002. Canadian travel to the United States and overseas countries declined 0.3% in January from December. (Unless otherwise specified, these data are seasonally adjusted).

In January, the number of travellers from the United States fell 3.1% to an estimated 3.4 million, the result of a decrease in both same-day and overnight trips to Canada. Although the number of overnight trips by Americans declined 1.7% from December to less than 1.4 million, January still had the second highest monthly numbers on record. Overnight plane travel by Americans fell 5.2% to 308,000. Same-day car trips dropped 4.1% to 1.9 million trips, and overnight car trips decreased 1.1% to 924,000.

The number of overseas travellers to Canada also decreased (-0.6%) to 358,000. Eight of Canada's top 12 overseas markets, however, showed increases in same-day and overnight trips to Canada in January. Hong Kong had the highest monthly increase (+16.4%), followed by Germany (+4.7%) and China (+4.2%). Australia, the Netherlands, Mexico, South Korea and the United Kingdom also posted increases. Japan recorded the largest monthly loss (-9.7%).

Canadians made more than 3.4 million trips abroad in January. Of these, 3.0 million were to the United

States, down 0.3% from December. Canadians also made 424,000 trips to overseas countries, a marginal decline (-0.2%) from December's record-setting figure.

Canadians took about 1.1 million overnight trips south of the border, down 4.1% from December. Although overnight travel by plane rose 0.5% to 352,000, overnight travel by car dropped 6.6% to 646,000. Canadians also made more than 1.8 million same-day car trips to the United States in January, up 1.1% from December and the highest monthly figure since January 2002.

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

Information on methods and data quality available in the Integrated Meta Data Base: survey number 5005.

The January 2003 issue of *International travel, advance information*, Vol. 19, no. 1 (66-001-PIE, \$6/\$55), is now available. See *How to order products*.

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Travel between Canada and other countries

	December 2002 ^r	January 2003 ^p	December 2002 to January 2003	January 2003	January 2002 to January 2003
	Seasonally adjusted			Unadjusted	
•	'000		% change	'000	% change
Canadian trips abroad ¹ To the United States To other countries	3,438 3,013 425	3,429 3,005 424	-0.3 -0.3 -0.2	3,070 2,488 581	5.2 2.6 17.9
Same-day car trips to the United States	1,810	1,831	1.1	1,546	1.4
Total trips, one or more nights United States ² Car Plane Other modes of transport Other countries ³	1,564 1,139 692 350 97 425	1,517 1,093 646 352 95 424	-3.0 -4.1 -6.6 0.5 -2.7 -0.2	1,445 864 415 405 43 581	9.7 4.8 1.2 9.1 1.9 17.9
Travel to Canada ¹ From the United States From other countries	3,901 3,540 361	3,788 3,430 358	-2.9 -3.1 -0.6	2,391 2,205 186	1.9 1.2 11.6
Same-day car trips from the United States	2,022	1,939	-4.1	1,462	-2.4
Total trips, one or more nights United States ² Car Plane Other modes of transport Other countries ³	1,751 1,403 935 325 144 347	1,728 1,380 924 308 147 348	-1.3 -1.7 -1.1 -5.2 2.5 0.3	834 652 411 197 44 182	7.8 6.8 10.5 0.1 5.6 11.6
Most important overseas markets ⁴ United Kingdom Japan Germany France Australia Mexico South Korea Hong Kong Netherlands Italy China Taiwan	70 42 28 28 16 16 15 10 10 10	71 38 29 28 16 16 15 12 10 10	0.9 -9.7 -4.7 -1.0 3.3 1.9 1.8 16.4 2.8 -0.1 4.2 -1.1	37 16 10 16 14 7 11 8 4 4 6 5	12.2 10.4 10.6 11.9 35.3 36.7 9.4 38.9 17.1 28.1 4.1

r Revised figures.

Stocks of frozen poultry meat

March 1, 2003 (preliminary)

Stocks of frozen poultry meat in cold storage on March 1 totalled 54 754 metric tonnes, down 15.2% from March 1, 2002.

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Crushing statistics

February 2003

Oilseed processors crushed 185 914 metric tonnes of canola in February, according to the monthly survey of crushing plants. Oil production totalled 76 629 tonnes, and meal production amounted to 116 310 tonnes.

^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.

Includes same-day and one or more night trips.

Available on CANSIM: table 001-0005.

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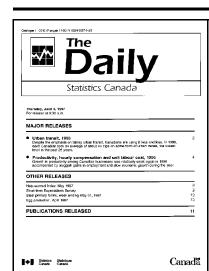
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