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## **Travel between Canada and other countries**

### **December 2011**

Canadian residents made 5.1 million trips outside the country in December, a 1.5% increase from November. It was the first time since March 1994 that monthly travel abroad surpassed 5 million trips.

Almost half of those trips abroad in December involved same-day car travel to the United States. Canadians made 2.5 million same-day car trips to the United States, a 4.2% increase and the highest monthly level since May 1998.

In total, travel by Canadian residents to the United States rose 2.2%. The increase in same-day car travel to the United States offset a 0.6% decline in trips of one or more nights. This decline was mainly the result of a 1.3% decrease in overnight travel by plane.

Travel from Canada to countries other than the United States fell 2.3% from November to 761,000 trips.

In the opposite direction, travel to Canada by residents from abroad rose 0.6% in December to just over 2.0 million trips. This was the result of increases from both the United States and overseas countries.

Travel from the United States increased 0.5% to over 1.6 million trips. The main factor was a 2.0% increase in same-day car trips by American residents to Canada, to 599,000 trips, the highest monthly level in 2011.

The increase in same-day car travel offset a 0.4% decline in overnight travel by United States residents to

Canada. The main factor of the decline was a 3.8% decrease in trips of one or more nights made by plane to 283,000 trips.

Travel by overseas residents to Canada rose 1.3% to 389,000 trips, the highest level since September 2008.

Travel from 8 of Canada's top 12 overseas markets rose in December. Travel from India increased 12.5% to 15,000, the highest level from India since record-keeping began in 1972. Travel from the Netherlands declined 7.7%, the largest decrease.

**Note:** Monthly data are seasonally adjusted.

**Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 427-0001 to 427-0006.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5005.**

The December 2011 issue of *International Travel, Advance Information*, Vol. 27, no. 12 (66-001-P, free) is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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## Travel between Canada and other countries – Seasonally adjusted

	December 2010 <sup>r</sup>	November 2011 <sup>r</sup>	December 2011 <sup>p</sup>	November to December 2011
	thousands			% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>Canadian trips abroad<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>4,807</b>	<b>4,990</b>	<b>5,065</b>	<b>1.5</b>
To the United States	4,057	4,211	4,304	2.2
To other countries	750	779	761	-2.3
Same-day car trips to the United States	2,317	2,396	2,498	4.2
Total trips, one or more nights	2,447	2,555	2,528	-1.1
United States <sup>3</sup>	1,696	1,776	1,766	-0.6
Car	1,013	1,053	1,045	-0.7
Plane	586	621	612	-1.3
Other modes of transportation	97	103	109	5.7
Other countries <sup>4</sup>	750	779	761	-2.3
<b>Travel to Canada<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2,017</b>	<b>2,026</b>	<b>2,039</b>	<b>0.6</b>
From the United States	1,649	1,642	1,650	0.5
From other countries	368	384	389	1.3
Same-day car trips from the United States	600	587	599	2.0
Total trips, one or more nights	1,327	1,345	1,345	0.1
United States <sup>3</sup>	968	969	966	-0.4
Car	564	556	561	0.8
Plane	286	295	283	-3.8
Other modes of transportation	117	118	122	3.1
Other countries <sup>4</sup>	360	375	379	1.1
<b>Travel to Canada: Top overseas markets, by country of origin<sup>5</sup></b>				
United Kingdom	55	58	59	1.9
France	38	39	40	1.8
Germany	27	29	28	-4.4
China	18	22	23	4.4
Australia	22	20	20	2.1
Japan	20	18	20	10.4
India	13	13	15	12.5
Mexico	11	13	13	-2.5
South Korea	14	14	13	-7.5
Hong Kong	11	10	11	5.3
Switzerland	8	9	10	5.2
Netherlands	8	9	9	-7.7

<sup>r</sup> revised

<sup>p</sup> preliminary

1. Percentage change is based on unrounded data.

2. 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.

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

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

5. Includes same-day and overnight trips.

## Livestock estimates

As of January 1, 2012

As of January 1, Canadian farmers had just over 12.5 million cattle on their farms, up 0.5% from January 1, 2011. This was the first year-over-year increase in seven years.

Hog producers reported 12.0 million hogs, up 1.1% from January 1, 2011, while the number of sheep rose 2.0% to 828,600 head.

The increase in the Canadian cattle herd follows six consecutive years of declining inventories. The cattle herd, however, was 16.1% lower than the peak level on January 1, 2005.

Cattle inventories edged up overall as prices increased during the year. The number of beef cows on Canadian farms, however, fell 1.0% to 4.2 million

head, continuing a downward trend that started in January 2006.

This decline was mitigated somewhat by a 4.3% increase in the number of beef heifers held for breeding, to 554,300 head. The increase in replacement heifers suggests producers are beginning to replenish their herds with younger cows.

Canadian farmers had about 1.4 million dairy cows and heifers on their farms, roughly unchanged from January 1, 2011.

As of January 1, 2012, 95,105 farms reported cattle and calves, down 1.4% from January 1, 2011, and down 4.3% from the same date in 2010. Beef farms, by far the largest component, accounted for 85% of the number of farms with cattle in Canada.

In 2011, cattle and calf slaughter declined 7.5% from 2010 to 3.5 million head. Slaughter fell in

all provinces except Newfoundland and Labrador and British Columbia. Cattle and calf exports declined 35.2% from 1.1 million head in 2010 to 689,300 head in 2011.

As of January 1, 2012, there were 6,820 hog farms in Canada, down 2.5% from the same date in 2011. These farms reported 1.3 million sows and gilts, down 0.1% from January 1, 2011, and down 1.3% from the same date in 2010.

Domestic hog slaughter was down 0.1% in 2011 from 2010 to 21.3 million head. Hog slaughter in the fourth quarter of 2011 was up 2.4% from the same quarter in 2010.

Canada exported 5.8 million hogs in 2011, up 1.3% from 2010. This was 8.4% less than the exports in 2009 and 41.8% below the peak in 2007.

Sheep producers increased their herds in 2011 as prices remained strong. The breeding herd increased as the number of ewes rose 0.6% and the number of replacement lambs went up 4.1%. The number of market lambs increased 4.9%.

**Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 003-0004, 003-0031, 003-0032, 003-0083, 003-0085, 003-0087 to 003-0089, 003-0092 to 003-0094, 003-0098 and 003-0099.**

**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers, including related surveys, 3460 and 3465.**

The reports *Cattle Statistics*, 2012, Vol. 11, no. 1 (23-012-X, free), *Hog Statistics*, fourth quarter 2011, Vol. 11, no. 1 (23-010-X, free), and *Sheep Statistics*, 2012, Vol. 11, no. 1 (23-011-X, free), are now available online. From the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*, choose *All subjects* then *Agriculture*.

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## Cattle inventories

	January 1, 2011	July 1, 2011	January 1, 2012	July 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012	January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012
	thousands of head			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>12,457.0</b>	<b>13,870.0</b>	<b>12,515.0</b>	<b>-9.8</b>	<b>0.5</b>
East	3,247.0	3,340.0	3,215.0	-3.7	-1.0
Atlantic	242.1	239.3	240.7	0.6	-0.6
Quebec	1,280.0	1,330.0	1,260.0	-5.3	-1.6
Ontario	1,724.9	1,770.7	1,714.3	-3.2	-0.6
West	9,210.0	10,530.0	9,300.0	-11.7	1.0
Manitoba	1,160.0	1,305.0	1,165.0	-10.7	0.4
Saskatchewan	2,580.0	3,060.0	2,600.0	-15.0	0.8
Alberta	4,950.0	5,515.0	4,995.0	-9.4	0.9
British Columbia	520.0	650.0	540.0	-16.9	3.8

## Hog inventories

	January 1, 2011 <sup>r</sup>	October 1, 2011 <sup>r</sup>	January 1, 2012	October 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012	January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012
	thousands of head			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>11,895.0</b>	<b>11,975.0</b>	<b>12,020.0</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>
East	6,931.0	6,902.0	6,901.0	0.0	-0.4
Atlantic	132.4	123.9	130.2	5.1	-1.7
Quebec	3,900.0	3,930.0	3,920.0	-0.3	0.5
Ontario	2,898.6	2,848.1	2,850.8	0.1	-1.6
West	4,964.0	5,073.0	5,119.0	0.9	3.1
Manitoba	2,620.0	2,620.0	2,630.0	0.4	0.4
Saskatchewan	775.0	855.0	895.0	4.7	15.5
Alberta	1,490.0	1,510.0	1,505.0	-0.3	1.0
British Columbia	79.0	88.0	89.0	1.1	12.7

<sup>r</sup> revised

## Sheep inventories

	January 1, 2011 <sup>r</sup>	July 1, 2011	January 1, 2012	July 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012	January 1, 2011 to January 1, 2012
	thousands of head			% change	
<b>Canada</b>	<b>812.5</b>	<b>1,070.3</b>	<b>828.6</b>	<b>-22.6</b>	<b>2.0</b>
East	492.0	646.3	501.6	-22.4	2.0
Atlantic	34.0	46.8	35.6	-23.9	4.7
Quebec	226.0	273.5	230.0	-15.9	1.8
Ontario	232.0	326.0	236.0	-27.6	1.7
West	320.5	424.0	327.0	-22.9	2.0
Manitoba	53.0	70.0	56.0	-20.0	5.7
Saskatchewan	90.0	114.5	90.0	-21.4	0.0
Alberta	133.0	183.0	136.0	-25.7	2.3
British Columbia	44.5	56.5	45.0	-20.4	1.1

<sup>r</sup> revised

## Stocks of frozen eggs and poultry meats and edible dried egg products

February 1, 2012 (preliminary)

Data on stocks of frozen eggs and poultry meats and edible dried egg products in storage as of February 1 are now available.

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December 2011

Data on cement are now available for December.

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## Wool disposition and farm value 2010

The quantity, price and farm value of purchased wool and wool used on farms are now available for 2010 by province and for Canada.

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**Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 3435.**

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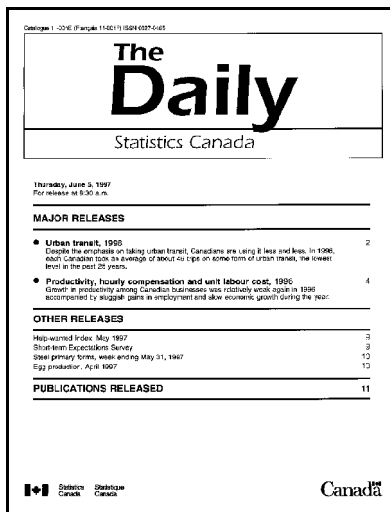
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