

# The Daily

Statistics Canada

**Wednesday, July 18, 2012**

Released at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time

---

## Releases

---

Travel between Canada and other countries, May 2012	2
Job vacancies, three-month average ending in April 2012 (preliminary data)	5
Health Reports, July 2012	6
General Social Survey on Families, 2011	7

---

<b>New products and studies</b>	<b>8</b>
---------------------------------	----------

---



---

## Releases

---

### Travel between Canada and other countries, May 2012

Travel both into and out of Canada declined in May compared with April, particularly for Canadians travelling to the United States.

Canadian residents made 5.3 million trips abroad in May, down 1.7% from April. Most of these trips, 4.5 million, were to the United States, a 1.9% decrease.

Overnight travel by Canadians to the United States fell 1.5% to 1.8 million trips in May. Overnight plane travel decreased 1.9% to 620,000 trips, while overnight car travel also fell 1.5% to 1.1 million trips.

Travel by Canadians to overseas countries declined 0.2% to 795,000 trips.

In the opposite direction, travel by residents from abroad to Canada fell 0.6% in May to 2.1 million trips.

Travel from the United States was down 0.5%, while travel from overseas countries declined 0.8%.

Same-day car travel by US residents to Canada increased 1.8% to 673,000 trips, while travel of one or more nights declined 2.2% to 989,000 trips.

Residents of countries other than the United States made 378,000 trips to Canada in May, down 0.8% from April. About 24,000 of those trips were made by residents of China, a 3.4% increase. Travel from China has grown so strongly that it has overtaken Australia as the fourth-largest overseas market for Canada behind the United Kingdom, France and Germany. In the first five months of 2012, residents of China made 115,200 trips to Canada, a 22.9% increase from the same period in 2011, the strongest rate of growth in the top 10 markets.

#### **Note to readers**

*Monthly data are seasonally adjusted.*

**Table 1**  
**Travel between Canada and other countries – Seasonally adjusted**

	May 2011 <sup>r</sup>	April 2012 <sup>r</sup>	May 2012 <sup>p</sup>	April to May 2012
	thousands			% change <sup>1</sup>
<b>Canadian trips abroad<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>5,155</b>	<b>5,361</b>	<b>5,272</b>	<b>-1.7</b>
To the United States	4,384	4,564	4,477	-1.9
To other countries	772	797	795	-0.2
Same-day car trips to the United States	2,571	2,705	2,652	-2.0
Total trips, one or more nights	2,543	2,615	2,586	-1.1
United States <sup>3</sup>	1,771	1,819	1,791	-1.5
Car	1,045	1,082	1,066	-1.5
Plane	624	633	620	-1.9
Other modes of transportation	102	104	104	0.7
Other countries <sup>4</sup>	772	797	795	-0.2
<b>Travel to Canada<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>2,139</b>	<b>2,127</b>	<b>-0.6</b>
From the United States	1,697	1,758	1,748	-0.5
From other countries	380	382	378	-0.8
Same-day car trips from the United States	647	661	673	1.8
Total trips, one or more nights	1,346	1,384	1,359	-1.8
United States <sup>3</sup>	975	1,011	989	-2.2
Car	553	584	575	-1.5
Plane	306	310	301	-2.8
Other modes of transportation	115	117	113	-3.9
Other countries <sup>4</sup>	371	373	370	-0.7
<b>Travel to Canada: Top overseas markets, by country of origin<sup>5</sup></b>				
United Kingdom	62	56	57	1.7
France	39	41	40	-3.8
Germany	26	26	26	-0.1
China	20	23	24	3.4
Australia	22	21	21	1.1
Japan	18	18	19	5.8
India	11	14	13	-0.8
Mexico	11	12	12	5.5
South Korea	14	11	12	8.7
Hong Kong	11	10	10	-2.3
Switzerland	9	9	9	1.1
Netherlands	9	9	8	-6.1

<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.

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

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

The May 2012 issue of *International Travel: Advance Information*, Vol. 28, no. 5 (66-001-P, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, contact Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; 613-951-8116; [infostats@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:infostats@statcan.gc.ca)).

To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Riley Brockington (613-951-2995; [riley.brockington@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:riley.brockington@statcan.gc.ca)), Tourism and the Centre for Education Statistics Division.

---

## Job vacancies, three-month average ending in April 2012 (preliminary data)

There was an average of 252,000 job vacancies in the three-month period ending in April, an increase of 17,000 from the same period in 2011. For every job vacancy, there were 5.6 unemployed people, down from 6.3 in April 2011.

The decline in this ratio of unemployment to job vacancies was a result of both the increase in job vacancies and a decline in the number of unemployed people.

The national job vacancy rate was 1.8% in the three-month period ending in April, up slightly from 1.7% a year earlier.

Job vacancy data tables are not currently available on CANSIM, but can be obtained by contacting Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre.

### **Note to readers**

*All data are based on three-month moving averages. For example, data for April are based on an average of the data from February, March and April.*

*Data on job vacancies are not seasonally adjusted and should only be compared on a year-over-year basis. Given this is a new data series, trends are not yet available; therefore, data should be interpreted with caution.*

### **Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 2612.**

The next job vacancies release will be on August 20.

For more information or to obtain data, contact Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; 613-951-8116; [infostats@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:infostats@statcan.gc.ca)).

To enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Jason Gilmore (613-951-7118; [jason.gilmore@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:jason.gilmore@statcan.gc.ca)), Labour Statistics Division.

---

## Health Reports, July 2012

The July 2012 online issue of *Health Reports* contains three articles.

The first article, "Informal caregiving for seniors" is based on data from the 2008/2009 Canadian Community Health Survey – Healthy Aging, and examines the characteristics of people aged 45 or older who reported caring for a senior. It also describes the nature of the care provided and the positive and negative aspects of caregiving.

For more information on this article, contact Annie Turner (613-951-4365; [annie.turner@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:annie.turner@statcan.gc.ca)), Social and Aboriginal Statistics Division.

The second article, "Area-based methods to calculate hospitalization rates for the foreign-born population in Canada, 2005/2006" describes an area-based method of calculating standardized, comparable hospitalization rates for areas with varying concentrations of foreign-born people, at national and subnational levels. Data from the 2006 Census were appended to the 2005/2006 Hospital Morbidity Database using postal codes.

For more information on this article, contact Gisèle Carrière (604-666-5907; [gisele.carriere@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:gisele.carriere@statcan.gc.ca)), Health Analysis Division.

The third article, "Mortality rates among children and teenagers living in Inuit Nunangat, 1994 to 2008" uses a geographic approach to examine disparities in mortality between 1- to 19-year-old residents of Inuit Nunangat and the rest of Canada from 1994 to 2008. The Vital Statistics Database and population estimates were used to calculate age-standardized mortality rates by cause of death in five-year intervals around the 1996 and 2006 Census years.

For more information on this article, contact Paul Peters (613-951-0616; [paul.a.peters@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:paul.a.peters@statcan.gc.ca)), Health Analysis Division.

The July 2012 online issue of *Health Reports*, Vol. 23, no. 3 (82-003-X, free), is now available from the *Key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

For more information, contact Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; 613-951-8116; [infostats@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:infostats@statcan.gc.ca)).

For information about *Health Reports*, contact Janice Felman (613-951-6446; [janice.felman@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:janice.felman@statcan.gc.ca)), Health Analysis Division.

---

## General Social Survey on Families, 2011

Data from the 2011 General Social Survey on Families are now available.

### **Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 4501.**

A second release on the General Social Survey on Families will be available in fall 2012. It will comprise selected tables and an article on stepfamilies.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Statistics Canada's National Contact Centre (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; 613-951-8116; [infostats@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:infostats@statcan.gc.ca)) or the Media Hotline (613-951-4636; [mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca](mailto:mediahotline@statcan.gc.ca)).

---

## New products and studies

---

### New products

**International Travel: Advance Information**, May 2012, Vol. 28, no. 5  
Catalogue number 66-001-P (HTML, free | PDF, free)

**Health Reports**, Vol. 23, no. 3  
Catalogue number 82-003-X (HTML, free | PDF, free)

### New studies

Area-based methods to calculate hospitalization rates for the foreign-born population in Canada, 2005/2006  
**Health Reports**

Mortality rates among children and teenagers living in Inuit Nunangat, 1994 to 2008  
**Health Reports**

Informal caregiving for seniors  
**Health Reports**



### Statistics Canada's official release bulletin

Catalogue 11-001-X.

Published each working day by the Communications Division, Statistics Canada, 10G, R.H. Coats Building, 100 Tunney's Pasture Driveway, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0T6.

To access or subscribe to *The Daily* on the Internet, visit our website at <http://www.statcan.gc.ca>.

Published by authority of the Minister responsible for Statistics Canada. © Minister of Industry, 2012. All rights reserved. Use of this publication is governed by the [Statistics Canada Open Licence Agreement](#):

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/reference/copyright-droit-auteur-eng.htm>