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Statistical Tables

Table 1
International trips to Canada^{1,2}

	May			January to May		
	2018	2019	% change	2018	2019	% change
	number			number		
Trips by non-residents³	2,611,707	2,809,751	7.6	9,281,062	9,684,679	4.3
United States Residents	2,015,515	2,137,884	6.1	7,281,467	7,496,039	2.9
Automobile	1,323,120	1,388,134	4.9	4,983,810	5,123,300	2.8
Same Day	667,735	703,354	5.3	2,787,030	2,839,753	1.9
One or more nights	655,385	684,780	4.5	2,196,780	2,283,547	3.9
Plane	442,218	470,055	6.3	1,750,151	1,832,731	4.7
Bus	88,177	88,131	-0.1	294,604	258,663	-12.2
Train, boat and other methods	162,000	191,564	18.2	252,902	281,345	11.2
All other countries residents	596,192	671,867	12.7	1,999,595	2,188,640	9.5
Direct	391,422	419,043	7.1	1,407,173	1,467,869	4.3
Via the United States ⁴	204,770	252,824	23.5	592,422	720,771	21.7
Trips by residents of Canada³	4,850,987	4,713,931	-2.8	23,960,838	23,455,314	-2.1
Returning from the United States	3,929,861	3,742,595	-4.8	18,080,624	17,443,512	-3.5
Automobile	3,007,984	2,786,495	-7.4	13,111,797	12,234,145	-6.7
Same day	2,097,160	1,914,023	-8.7	9,040,776	8,321,130	-8.0
One or more nights	910,824	872,472	-4.2	4,071,021	3,913,015	-3.9
Plane	774,033	805,734	4.1	4,495,099	4,748,185	5.6
Bus	87,455	87,416	0.0	332,966	321,801	-3.4
Train, boat and other methods	60,389	62,950	4.2	140,762	139,381	-1.0
Returning from other countries	921,126	971,336	5.5	5,880,214	6,011,802	2.2
Direct	844,277	894,957	6.0	5,384,138	5,398,678	0.3
Via the United States ⁴	76,849	76,379	-0.6	496,076	613,124	23.6
Total³	7,462,694	7,523,682	0.8	33,241,900	33,139,993	-0.3

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3. Excludes immigrants, former residents, military personnel, diplomats and crews.

4. Entries and re-entries through or by way of the United States.

Source: Reports of entries and re-entries from offices of the Canada Border Services Agency.

Table 2
Trips of one or more nights by non-residents to Canada, by province of entry, current month¹

		May												
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	Canada
United States	2018	877	4	10,271	20,527	160,237	562,927	18,885	6,890	54,333	341,195	18,483	6	1,194,635
	2019	335	13	10,753	22,045	168,831	602,740	21,404	7,554	57,281	361,547	17,625	9	1,270,137
	% change	-61.8	225.0	4.7	7.4	5.4	7.1	13.3	9.6	5.4	6.0	-4.6	50.0	6.3
Automobile	2018	...	...	2	16,033	87,214	360,119	13,564	5,341	12,259	153,614	7,239	...	655,385
	2019	...	...	0	16,578	88,220	378,922	14,641	5,849	12,440	161,182	6,948	...	684,780
	% change	...	...	-100.0	3.4	1.2	5.2	7.9	9.5	1.5	4.9	-4.0	...	4.5
Non-automobile ²	2018	877	4	10,269	4,494	73,023	202,808	5,321	1,549	42,074	187,581	11,244	6	539,250
	2019	335	13	10,753	5,467	80,611	223,818	6,763	1,705	44,841	200,365	10,677	9	585,357
	% change	-61.8	225.0	4.7	21.7	10.4	10.4	27.1	10.1	6.6	6.8	-5.0	50.0	8.6
Other countries ³	2018	2,871	0	6,021	724	97,984	227,954	907	164	27,922	213,524	955	52	579,078
	2019	2,026	1	4,364	1,060	106,833	270,314	1,416	268	27,209	224,182	732	38	638,443
	% change	-29.4	...	-27.5	46.4	9.0	18.6	56.1	63.4	-2.6	5.0	-23.4	-26.9	10.3
Total	2018	3,748	4	16,292	21,251	258,221	790,881	19,792	7,054	82,255	554,719	19,438	58	1,773,713
	2019	2,361	14	15,117	23,105	275,664	873,054	22,820	7,822	84,490	585,729	18,357	47	1,908,580
	% change	-37.0	250.0	-7.2	8.7	6.8	10.4	15.3	10.9	2.7	5.6	-5.6	-19.0	7.6

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3. Excludes entries by land same day via the United States.

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Table 3
Trips of one or more nights by non-residents to Canada, by province of entry, year to date¹

		January to May												
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	Canada
United States	2018	2,080	8	20,027	45,560	596,417	1,896,020	62,930	18,871	191,807	1,147,335	27,009	28	4,008,092
	2019	664	19	19,534	47,284	636,780	1,955,585	70,153	21,288	206,389	1,210,123	26,230	19	4,194,068
	% change	-68.1	137.5	-2.5	3.8	6.8	3.1	11.5	12.8	7.6	5.5	-2.9	-32.1	4.6
Automobile	2018	...	...	2	39,932	326,745	1,089,623	43,811	13,691	29,478	637,879	15,619	...	2,196,780
	2019	...	...	0	40,243	339,451	1,141,102	45,178	15,931	30,835	655,863	14,944	...	2,283,547
	% change	...	...	-100.0	0.8	3.9	4.7	3.1	16.4	4.6	2.8	-4.3	...	3.9
Non-automobile ²	2018	2,080	8	20,025	5,628	269,672	806,397	19,119	5,180	162,329	509,456	11,390	28	1,811,312
	2019	664	19	19,534	7,041	297,329	814,483	24,975	5,357	175,554	554,260	11,286	19	1,910,521
	% change	-68.1	137.5	-2.5	25.1	10.3	1.0	30.6	3.4	8.1	8.8	-0.9	-32.1	5.5
Other countries ³	2018	8,720	11	14,099	1,034	334,701	839,879	2,649	791	93,877	667,488	1,316	173	1,964,738
	2019	6,891	12	10,340	2,157	365,921	922,987	4,966	955	90,875	691,610	1,163	215	2,098,092
	% change	-21.0	9.1	-26.7	108.6	9.3	9.9	87.5	20.7	-3.2	3.6	-11.6	24.3	6.8
Total	2018	10,800	19	34,126	46,594	931,118	2,735,899	65,579	19,662	285,684	1,814,823	28,325	201	5,972,830
	2019	7,555	31	29,874	49,441	1,002,701	2,878,572	75,119	22,243	297,264	1,901,733	27,393	234	6,292,160
	% change	-30.0	63.2	-12.5	6.1	7.7	5.2	14.5	13.1	4.1	4.8	-3.3	16.4	5.3

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Table 4
Trips by residents of countries other than the United States to Canada¹

	May			January to May		
	2018	2019	% change	2018	2019	% change
	number			number		
Europe, Total	239,391	272,898	14.0	788,967	844,338	7.0
Belgium	5,157	6,475	25.6	18,815	20,053	6.6
Denmark	2,879	2,954	2.6	14,615	11,936	-18.3
France	45,607	50,287	10.3	166,985	183,534	9.9
Germany	37,718	37,847	0.3	104,827	100,205	-4.4
Greece	1,167	1,222	4.7	4,170	4,217	1.1
Italy	8,313	9,571	15.1	28,156	30,771	9.3
Netherlands	13,924	13,841	-0.6	36,969	37,537	1.5
Portugal	2,300	3,402	47.9	8,253	11,021	33.5
Spain	6,177	6,128	-0.8	20,546	21,134	2.9
Sweden	3,590	3,859	7.5	17,384	15,774	-9.3
Switzerland	9,065	9,592	5.8	30,977	33,602	8.5
United Kingdom	70,656	86,423	22.3	223,385	246,486	10.3
Other Europe	32,838	41,297	25.8	113,885	128,068	12.5
Africa, Total	11,781	14,879	26.3	41,190	50,975	23.8
Asia, Total	219,691	237,659	8.2	731,653	786,825	7.5
China	63,095	62,156	-1.5	234,694	241,634	3.0
Hong Kong	13,886	15,875	14.3	48,727	56,217	15.4
India	38,541	49,295	27.9	98,803	123,033	24.5
Israel	5,274	4,793	-9.1	18,280	18,963	3.7
Japan	18,123	18,061	-0.3	81,364	79,902	-1.8
Korea, South	25,296	20,456	-19.1	80,531	66,961	-16.9
Malaysia	1,593	1,632	2.4	3,114	3,251	4.4
Philippines	10,639	13,356	25.5	28,221	36,157	28.1
Singapore	5,107	5,310	4.0	10,868	11,817	8.7
Taiwan	12,210	11,325	-7.2	42,898	40,294	-6.1
Other Asia	25,927	35,400	36.5	84,153	108,596	29.0
North America, Central America and Caribbean, Total	48,162	65,381	35.8	190,780	256,238	34.3
Jamaica	2,768	4,320	56.1	10,452	16,212	55.1
Mexico	31,639	42,166	33.3	128,706	173,056	34.5
Trinidad and Tobago	1,637	2,639	61.2	5,721	8,933	56.1
Other North America, Central America and Caribbean	12,118	16,256	34.1	45,901	58,037	26.4
South America, Total	29,407	30,511	3.8	117,437	111,847	-4.8
Brazil	16,685	16,309	-2.3	67,735	64,643	-4.6
Other South America	12,722	14,202	11.6	49,702	47,204	-5.0
Oceania and other islands, Total	47,760	50,539	5.8	129,568	138,417	6.8
Australia	41,221	43,094	4.5	110,484	116,778	5.7
New Zealand	5,971	6,874	15.1	17,298	19,644	13.6
Other Oceania and other Ocean Island	670	614	-8.4	2,044	2,220	8.6
Total	596,192	671,867	12.7	1,999,595	2,188,640	9.5

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Table 5
Trips of one or more nights by residents returning to Canada, by province of re-entry, current month^{1,2}

		May												
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	Canada
United States	2018	1,734	5	9,314	30,964	266,529	828,263	53,738	14,795	148,438	438,285	4,059	20	1,796,144
	2019	419	18	8,625	26,451	260,155	795,429	51,039	12,520	126,197	411,879	4,210	8	1,696,950
	% change	-75.8	260.0	-7.4	-14.6	-2.4	-4.0	-5.0	-15.4	-15.0	-6.0	3.7	-60.0	-5.5
Automobile	2018	...	...	7	28,026	135,068	421,761	41,407	11,726	30,845	238,054	3,930	...	910,824
	2019	...	...	0	24,223	131,312	409,773	39,592	10,585	27,159	225,741	4,087	...	872,472
	% change	...	...	-100.0	-13.6	-2.8	-2.8	-4.4	-9.7	-12.0	-5.2	4.0	...	-4.2
Non-automobile ³	2018	1,734	5	9,307	2,938	131,461	406,502	12,331	3,069	117,593	200,231	129	20	885,320
	2019	419	18	8,625	2,228	128,843	385,656	11,447	1,935	99,038	186,138	123	8	824,478
	% change	-75.8	260.0	-7.3	-24.2	-2.0	-5.1	-7.2	-37.0	-15.8	-7.0	-4.7	-60.0	-6.9
Other countries	2018	6,177	353	15,871	4,913	190,957	477,072	1,350	256	67,373	156,787	13	4	921,126
	2019	3,610	359	15,591	4,578	199,303	494,833	1,604	273	82,811	168,369	0	5	971,336
	% change	-41.6	1.7	-1.8	-6.8	4.4	3.7	18.8	6.6	22.9	7.4	-100.0	25.0	5.5
Total	2018	7,911	358	25,185	35,877	457,486	1,305,335	55,088	15,051	215,811	595,072	4,072	24	2,717,270
	2019	4,029	377	24,216	31,029	459,458	1,290,262	52,643	12,793	209,008	580,248	4,210	13	2,668,286
	% change	-49.1	5.3	-3.8	-13.5	0.4	-1.2	-4.4	-15.0	-3.2	-2.5	3.4	-45.8	-1.8

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Table 6
Trips of one or more nights by residents returning to Canada, by province of re-entry, year to date^{1,2}

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United States	2018	5,554	767	59,631	117,004	1,266,700	4,178,641	277,219	101,422	858,295	1,992,902	7,827	66	8,866,028
	2019	4,576	72	58,815	104,791	1,256,375	3,953,271	258,428	97,448	720,141	1,896,336	8,079	34	8,358,366
	% change	-17.6	-90.6	-1.4	-10.4	-0.8	-5.4	-6.8	-3.9	-16.1	-4.8	3.2	-48.5	-5.7
Automobile	2018	...	...	7	105,234	555,343	1,992,594	191,618	56,416	155,943	1,006,375	7,491	...	4,071,021
	2019	...	...	0	95,914	556,632	1,920,726	170,629	61,030	148,478	951,857	7,749	...	3,913,015
	% change	...	...	-100.0	-8.9	0.2	-3.6	-11.0	8.2	-4.8	-5.4	3.4	...	-3.9
Non-automobile ³	2018	5,554	767	59,624	11,770	711,357	2,186,047	85,601	45,006	702,352	986,527	336	66	4,795,007
	2019	4,576	72	58,815	8,877	699,743	2,032,545	87,799	36,418	571,663	944,479	330	34	4,445,351
	% change	-17.6	-90.6	-1.4	-24.6	-1.6	-7.0	2.6	-19.1	-18.6	-4.3	-1.8	-48.5	-7.3
Other countries	2018	17,002	1,807	78,014	29,519	1,313,202	2,856,665	81,148	57,956	539,227	905,626	13	35	5,880,214
	2019	11,768	2,328	79,944	30,996	1,376,321	2,807,236	83,184	56,158	612,093	951,647	0	127	6,011,802
	% change	-30.8	28.8	2.5	5.0	4.8	-1.7	2.5	-3.1	13.5	5.1	-100.0	262.9	2.2
Total	2018	22,556	2,574	137,645	146,523	2,579,902	7,035,306	358,367	159,378	1,397,522	2,898,528	7,840	101	14,746,242
	2019	16,344	2,400	138,759	135,787	2,632,696	6,760,507	341,612	153,606	1,332,234	2,847,983	8,079	161	14,370,168
	% change	-27.5	-6.8	0.8	-7.3	2.0	-3.9	-4.7	-3.6	-4.7	-1.7	3.0	59.4	-2.6

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