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Statistical Tables

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

		September		Januar		
	2018	2019		2018	2019	
	nun	nber	% change	numb	er	% change
Trips by non-residents ³	3,101,010	3,145,532	1.4	25,048,661	26,032,344	3.9
United States Residents	2,319,196	2,298,700	-0.9	19,508,685	19,963,398	2.3
Automobile	1,462,467	1,406,559	-3.8	12,953,260	13,247,520	2.3
Same Day	746,758	730,144	-2.2	6,295,337	6,371,493	1.2
One or more nights	715,709	676,415	-5.5	6,657,923	6,876,027	3.3
Plane	512,183	534,797	4.4	4,295,361	4,440,768	3.4
Bus	91,681	83,126	-9.3	769,414	707,410	-8.1
Train, boat and other methods	252,865	274,218	8.4	1,490,650	1,567,700	5.2
All other countries residents	781,814	846,832	8.3	5,539,976	6,068,946	9.5
Direct	529,841	538,902	1.7	3,825,940	3,936,943	2.9
Via the United States⁴	251,973	307,930	22.2	1,714,036	2,132,003	24.4
Trips by residents of Canada ³	4,497,527	4,511,563	0.3	43,702,408	43,347,333	-0.8
Returning from the United States	3,629,642	3,633,730	0.1	34,252,415	33,630,910	-1.8
Automobile	2,802,604	2,772,407	-1.1	25,996,507	25,059,210	-3.6
Same day	1,848,515	1,804,922	-2.4	17,152,556	16,282,455	-5.1
One or more nights	954,089	967,485	1.4	8,843,951	8,776,755	-0.8
Plane	687,699	707,125	2.8	7,188,970	7,487,600	4.2
Bus	69,755	74,017	6.1	621,935	623,306	0.2
Train, boat and other methods	69,584	80,181	15.2	445,003	460,794	3.5
Returning from other countries	867,885	877,833	1.1	9,449,993	9,716,423	2.8
Direct	805,833	821,701	2.0	8,688,878	8,958,094	3.1
Via the United States⁴	62,052	56,132	-9.5	761,115	758,329	-0.4
Total ³	7,598,537	7,657,095	0.8	68,751,069	69,379,677	0.9

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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.

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

			September											
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	Canada
United States	2018	2,632	70	43,252	48,956	174,290	604,332	19,791	9,715	73,832	367,934	18,859	3	1,363,666
	2019	5,950	34	36,275	64,506	175,702	596,393	18,396	9,458	82,089	366,815	18,171	11	1,373,800
	% change	126.1	-51.4	-16.1	31.8	8.0	-1.3	-7.0	-2.6	11.2	-0.3	-3.6	266.7	0.7
Automobile	2018			3,120	30,335	85,366	386,602	12,957	6,185	15,068	162,244	13,832		715,709
	2019			0	30,218	78,589	367,737	11,483	6,153	15,534	153,259	13,442		676,415
	% change			-100.0	-0.4	-7.9	-4.9	-11.4	-0.5	3.1	-5.5	-2.8		-5.5
Non-automobile ²	2018	2,632	70	40,132	18,621	88,924	217,730	6,834	3,530	58,764	205,690	5,027	3	647,957
	2019	5,950	34	36,275	34,288	97,113	228,656	6,913	3,305	66,555	213,556	4,729	11	697,385
	% change	126.1	-51.4	-9.6	84.1	9.2	5.0	1.2	-6.4	13.3	3.8	-5.9	266.7	7.6
Other countries ³	2018	9,911	0	25,016	6,912	139,878	286,936	1,665	275	32,897	256,824	3,236	559	764,109
	2019	15,429	12	12,287	10,496	150,553	323,887	1,707	325	36,279	256,773	2,809	296	810,853
	% change	55.7		-50.9	51.9	7.6	12.9	2.5	18.2	10.3	0.0	-13.2	-47.0	6.1
Total	2018	12,543	70	68,268	55,868	314,168	891,268	21,456	9,990	106,729	624,758	22,095	562	2,127,775
	2019	21,379	46	48,562	75,002	326,255	920,280	20,103	9,783	118,368	623,588	20,980	307	2,184,653
	% change	70.4	-34.3	-28.9	34.2	3.8	3.3	-6.3	-2.1	10.9	-0.2	-5.0	-45.4	2.7

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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 September											
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	Canada
United States	2018	9,624	255	131,550	268,970	1,547,556	5,521,663	178,722	64,445	618,824	3,204,981	147,064	86	11,693,740
	2019	12,631	213	110,023	314,196	1,618,305	5,698,989	187,277	69,366	657,822	3,312,456	160,537	61	12,141,876
	% change	31.2	-16.5	-16.4	16.8	4.6	3.2	4.8	7.6	6.3	3.4	9.2	-29.1	3.8
Automobile	2018			16,664	216,597	875,511	3,593,215	124,867	48,119	144,136	1,556,104	82,710		6,657,923
	2019			0	230,481	904,842	3,730,956	126,393	52,987	148,205	1,603,192	78,971		6,876,027
	% change			-100.0	6.4	3.4	3.8	1.2	10.1	2.8	3.0	-4.5		3.3
Non-automobile ²	2018	9,624	255	114,886	52,373	672,045	1,928,448	53,855	16,326	474,688	1,648,877	64,354	86	5,035,817
	2019	12,631	213	110,023	83,715	713,463	1,968,033	60,884	16,379	509,617	1,709,264	81,566	61	5,265,849
	% change	31.2	-16.5	-4.2	59.8	6.2	2.1	13.1	0.3	7.4	3.7	26.7	-29.1	4.6
Other countries ³	2018	39,295	25	77,754	14,226	971,317	2,179,360	11,643	1,961	270,651	1,824,837	19,606	2,090	5,412,765
	2019	37,727	25	50,149	21,663	1,054,489	2,455,305	15,216	2,634	273,657	1,873,687	16,817	2,978	5,804,347
	% change	-4.0	0.0	-35.5	52.3	8.6	12.7	30.7	34.3	1.1	2.7	-14.2	42.5	7.2
Total	2018	48,919	280	209,304	283,196	2,518,873	7,701,023	190,365	66,406	889,475	5,029,818	166,670	2,176	17,106,505
	2019	50,358	238	160,172	335,859	2,672,794	8,154,294	202,493	72,000	931,479	5,186,143	177,354	3,039	17,946,223
	% change	2.9	-15.0	-23.5	18.6	6.1	5.9	6.4	8.4	4.7	3.1	6.4	39.7	4.9

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

		September			January to September			
	2018	2019		2018	2019			
		number	% change	number		% change		
Europe, total	358,590	393,779	9.8	2,392,086	2,625,524	9.8		
Belgium	8,685	9,902	14.0	62,246	67,329	8.2		
Denmark	3,911	3,935	0.6	36,875	33,739	-8.5		
France	72,251	83,274	15.3	490,989	555,749	13.2		
Germany	67,537	60,659	-10.2	353,121	357,155	1.1		
Greece	1,228	1,417	15.4	9,961	10,089	1.3		
Italy	11,167	13,457	20.5	104,650	113,271	8.2		
Netherlands	15,762	17,422	10.5	119,234	118,064	-1.0		
Portugal	3,682	3,976	8.0	23,752	29,045	22.3		
Spain	11,268	10,875	-3.5	80,639	82,629	2.5		
Sweden	4,229	4,279	1.2	38,944	38,280	-1.7		
Switzerland	14,387	13,592	-5.5	103,124	105,248	2.1		
United Kingdom	102,814	122,488	19.1	666,626	765,623	14.9		
Other Europe	41,669	48,503	16.4	301,925	349,303	15.7		
Africa, Total	16,368	20,088	22.7	124,956	151,742	21.4		
Asia, Total	262,589	272,103	3.6	1,907,087	2,025,227	6.2		
China	97,179	91,968	-5.4	613,410	621,968	1.4		
Hong Kong	15,538	19,242	23.8	125,651	150,821	20.0		
India	28,728	29,898	4.1	245,366	286,879	16.9		
Israel	8,462	7,017	-17.1	56,320	54,809	-2.7		
Japan	30,706	31,419	2.3	204,737	201,850	-1.4		
Korea, South	25,294	26,065	3.0	204,727	179,847	-12.2		
Malaysia	1,726	1,562	-9.5	10,319	9,471	-8.2		
Philippines	8,322	10,894	30.9	65,182	83,882	28.7		
Singapore	3,563	3,916	9.9	28,755	32,160	11.8		
Taiwan	14,662	15,717	7.2	102,293	99,000	-3.2		
Other Asia	28,409	34,405	21.1	250,327	304,540	21.7		
North America, Central America and Caribbean, total	58,000	71,891	24.0	487,904	631,555	29.4		
Jamaica	2,816	4,305	52.9	27,458	42,846	56.0		
Mexico	37,546	46,691	24.4	318,373	408,956	28.5		
Trinidad and Tobago	2,589	3,042	17.5	20,802	29,246	40.6		
Other North America, Central America and Caribbean	15,049	17,853	18.6	121,271	150,507	24.1		
South America, total	33,720	33,691	-0.1	275,969	269,904	-2.2		
Brazil	19,198	18,438	-4.0	153,498	146,594	-4.5		
Other South America	14,522	15,253	5.0	122,471	123,310	0.7		
Oceania and other islands, total	52,547	55,280	5.2	351,974	364,994	3.7		
Australia	44,655	46,151	3.4	292,918	301,229	2.8		
New Zealand	7,133	8,498	19.1	53,780	58,689	9.1		
Other Oceania and other Ocean Island	895	695	-22.3	6,110	5,561	-9.0		
Total	781,814	846,832	8.3	5,539,976	6,068,946	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}

			September											
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	Canada
United States	2018	1,756	1	7,080	31,471	295,185	781,997	58,051	15,948	128,956	414,996	4,287	43	1,739,771
	2019	802	0	8,108	29,916	300,879	758,580	58,479	15,316	127,377	412,980	4,221	22	1,716,680
	% change	-54.3	-100.0	14.5	-4.9	1.9	-3.0	0.7	-4.0	-1.2	-0.5	-1.5	-48.8	-1.3
Automobile	2018			474	27,466	191,849	400,192	47,071	12,929	29,923	240,032	4,153		954,089
	2019			0	25,441	196,758	413,451	47,147	12,569	29,044	238,994	4,081		967,485
	% change			-100.0	-7.4	2.6	3.3	0.2	-2.8	-2.9	-0.4	-1.7		1.4
Non-automobile ³	2018	1,756	1	6,606	4,005	103,336	381,805	10,980	3,019	99,033	174,964	134	43	785,682
	2019	802	0	8,108	4,475	104,121	345,129	11,332	2,747	98,333	173,986	140	22	749,195
	% change	-54.3	-100.0	22.7	11.7	8.0	-9.6	3.2	-9.0	-0.7	-0.6	4.5	-48.8	-4.6
Other countries	2018	7,563	0	11,844	0	217,186	445,550	1,143	157	45,751	138,575	56	60	867,885
	2019	1,436	0	6,804	0	236,881	444,918	1,361	240	48,902	137,011	70	210	877,833
	% change	-81.0		-42.6		9.1	-0.1	19.1	52.9	6.9	-1.1	25.0	250.0	1.1
Total	2018	9,319	1	18,924	31,471	512,371	1,227,547	59,194	16,105	174,707	553,571	4,343	103	2,607,656
	2019	2,238	0	14,912	29,916	537,760	1,203,498	59,840	15,556	176,279	549,991	4,291	232	2,594,513
	% change	-76.0	-100.0	-21.2	-4.9	5.0	-2.0	1.1	-3.4	0.9	-0.6	-1.2	125.2	-0.5

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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}

			January to September											
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	Canada
United States	2018	10,931	780	83,399	271,341	2,778,406	7,614,733	538,402	178,782	1,408,487	3,835,745	37,011	206	16,758,223
	2019	7,124	92	82,541	258,434	2,787,391	7,277,029	521,237	174,017	1,246,794	3,703,246	36,712	101	16,094,718
	% change	-34.8	-88.2	-1.0	-4.8	0.3	-4.4	-3.2	-2.7	-11.5	-3.5	-0.8	-51.0	-4.0
Automobile	2018			2,907	245,982	1,623,441	3,904,164	409,951	121,927	320,582	2,180,574	34,423		8,843,951
	2019			0	239,714	1,643,541	3,893,071	395,815	128,046	314,065	2,127,833	34,670		8,776,755
	% change			-100.0	-2.5	1.2	-0.3	-3.4	5.0	-2.0	-2.4	0.7		-0.8
Non-automobile ³	2018	10,931	780	80,492	25,359	1,154,965	3,710,569	128,451	56,855	1,087,905	1,655,171	2,588	206	7,914,272
	2019	7,124	92	82,541	18,720	1,143,850	3,383,958	125,422	45,971	932,729	1,575,413	2,042	101	7,317,963
	% change	-34.8	-88.2	2.5	-26.2	-1.0	-8.8	-2.4	-19.1	-14.3	-4.8	-21.1	-51.0	-7.5
Other countries	2018	46,690	1,807	126,497	29,519	2,257,260	4,650,903	86,179	58,634	734,044	1,457,475	195	790	9,449,993
	2019	19,034	2,328	110,654	30,659	2,403,818	4,685,173	88,821	56,934	805,996	1,511,986	256	764	9,716,423
	% change	-59.2	28.8	-12.5	3.9	6.5	0.7	3.1	-2.9	9.8	3.7	31.3	-3.3	2.8
Total	2018 2019 % change	57,621 26,158 -54.6	2,587 2,420 -6.5	209,896 193,195 -8.0	300,860 289,093 -3.9		12,265,636 11,962,202 -2,5	,	,		5,293,220 5,215,232 -1.5	37,206 36,968 -0.6	996 865 -13.2	26,208,216 25,811,141 -1,5

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