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Statistical Tables

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

	December			January to December		
	2018	2019	% change	2018	2019	% change
	number			number		
Trips by non-residents³	2,145,219	2,191,767	2.2	31,274,284	32,443,785	3.7
United States Residents	1,672,242	1,697,726	1.5	24,412,440	24,979,486	2.3
Automobile	1,217,977	1,215,682	-0.2	16,370,420	16,748,583	2.3
Same Day	653,211	643,004	-1.6	8,187,317	8,288,058	1.2
One or more nights	564,766	572,678	1.4	8,183,103	8,460,525	3.4
Plane	389,275	412,596	6.0	5,471,720	5,635,965	3.0
Bus	36,802	41,530	12.8	918,636	853,710	-7.1
Train, boat and other methods	28,188	27,918	-1.0	1,651,664	1,741,228	5.4
All other countries residents	472,977	494,041	4.5	6,861,844	7,464,299	8.8
Direct	329,647	357,992	8.6	4,702,691	4,879,085	3.8
Via the United States ⁴	143,330	136,049	-5.1	2,159,153	2,585,214	19.7
Trips by residents of Canada³	4,284,283	4,376,787	2.2	56,340,014	56,148,606	-0.3
Returning from the United States	3,329,676	3,383,473	1.6	44,374,878	43,805,673	-1.3
Automobile	2,452,095	2,442,218	-0.4	33,407,531	32,392,103	-3.0
Same day	1,804,647	1,732,203	-4.0	22,460,268	21,461,224	-4.4
One or more nights	647,448	710,015	9.7	10,947,263	10,930,879	-0.1
Plane	808,470	853,109	5.5	9,634,508	10,038,727	4.2
Bus	51,824	70,217	35.5	815,743	843,833	3.4
Train, boat and other methods	17,287	17,929	3.7	517,096	531,010	2.7
Returning from other countries	954,607	993,314	4.1	11,965,136	12,342,933	3.2
Direct	882,146	937,676	6.3	11,001,501	11,430,698	3.9
Via the United States ⁴	72,461	55,638	-23.2	963,635	912,235	-5.3
Total³	6,429,502	6,568,554	2.2	87,614,298	88,592,391	1.1

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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**

		December												Canada
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	
United States	2018	94	0	2,943	9,186	160,418	437,750	13,964	4,636	50,171	263,308	1,728	0	944,198
	2019	85	2	2,620	9,290	165,291	462,830	13,890	4,999	53,158	262,664	1,597	2	976,428
	% change	-9.6	...	-11.0	1.1	3.0	5.7	-0.5	7.8	6.0	-0.2	-7.6	...	3.4
Automobile	2018	...	...	0	9,022	98,756	269,342	8,926	3,230	6,607	167,178	1,705	...	564,766
	2019	...	...	0	9,181	98,951	278,769	8,414	3,672	6,208	165,947	1,536	...	572,678
	% change	...	...	...	1.8	0.2	3.5	-5.7	13.7	-6.0	-0.7	-9.9	...	1.4
Non-automobile ²	2018	94	0	2,943	164	61,662	168,408	5,038	1,406	43,564	96,130	23	0	379,432
	2019	85	2	2,620	109	66,340	184,061	5,476	1,327	46,950	96,717	61	2	403,750
	% change	-9.6	...	-11.0	-33.5	7.6	9.3	8.7	-5.6	7.8	0.6	165.2	...	6.4
Other countries ³	2018	1,198	0	2,218	254	88,140	205,129	1,239	253	21,770	138,197	62	0	458,460
	2019	936	0	1,121	278	92,052	214,686	1,390	219	20,290	147,452	47	29	478,500
	% change	-21.9	...	-49.5	9.4	4.4	4.7	12.2	-13.4	-6.8	6.7	-24.2	...	4.4
Total	2018	1,292	0	5,161	9,440	248,558	642,879	15,203	4,889	71,941	401,505	1,790	0	1,402,658
	2019	1,021	2	3,741	9,568	257,343	677,516	15,280	5,218	73,448	410,116	1,644	31	1,454,928
	% change	-21.0	...	-27.5	1.4	3.5	5.4	0.5	6.7	2.1	2.1	-8.2	...	3.7

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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 December												Canada
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	
United States	2018	13,013	294	172,383	329,951	1,991,314	6,837,897	221,723	82,456	755,112	3,879,608	156,513	89	14,440,353
	2019	16,536	247	150,278	387,339	2,076,891	7,090,278	231,320	88,601	801,953	3,980,733	169,777	92	14,994,045
	% change	27.1	-16.0	-12.8	17.4	4.3	3.7	4.3	7.5	6.2	2.6	8.5	3.4	3.8
Automobile	2018	...	...	17,139	251,604	1,119,790	4,376,477	151,690	60,126	162,513	1,951,658	92,106	...	8,183,103
	2019	...	...	0	266,781	1,157,746	4,559,242	152,344	65,958	165,923	2,004,788	87,743	...	8,460,525
	% change	...	...	-100.0	6.0	3.4	4.2	0.4	9.7	2.1	2.7	-4.7	...	3.4
Non-automobile ²	2018	13,013	294	155,244	78,347	871,524	2,461,420	70,033	22,330	592,599	1,927,950	64,407	89	6,257,250
	2019	16,536	247	150,278	120,558	919,145	2,531,036	78,976	22,643	636,030	1,975,945	82,034	92	6,533,520
	% change	27.1	-16.0	-3.2	53.9	5.5	2.8	12.8	1.4	7.3	2.5	27.4	3.4	4.4
Other countries ³	2018	45,771	27	91,378	20,165	1,227,604	2,769,420	14,863	2,623	321,256	2,178,227	19,985	2,181	6,693,500
	2019	44,575	27	61,687	35,110	1,317,367	3,093,406	18,739	3,243	320,544	2,233,019	17,125	3,052	7,147,894
	% change	-2.6	0.0	-32.5	74.1	7.3	11.7	26.1	23.6	-0.2	2.5	-14.3	39.9	6.8
Total	2018	58,784	321	263,761	350,116	3,218,918	9,607,317	236,586	85,079	1,076,368	6,057,835	176,498	2,270	21,133,853
	2019	61,111	274	211,965	422,449	3,394,258	10,183,684	250,059	91,844	1,122,497	6,213,752	186,902	3,144	22,141,939
	% change	4.0	-14.6	-19.6	20.7	5.4	6.0	5.7	8.0	4.3	2.6	5.9	38.5	4.8

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

	December			January to December		
	2018	2019	% change	2018	2019	% change
	number			number		
Europe, total	171,636	176,314	2.7	2,911,659	3,177,778	9.1
Belgium	3,541	3,854	8.8	73,576	78,938	7.3
Denmark	2,312	2,332	0.9	44,696	40,958	-8.4
France	41,659	42,660	2.4	611,369	684,620	12.0
Germany	14,912	15,541	4.2	416,681	425,952	2.2
Greece	1,092	1,049	-3.9	12,915	13,105	1.5
Italy	5,683	6,569	15.6	124,498	134,638	8.1
Netherlands	6,113	6,779	10.9	140,016	141,946	1.4
Portugal	2,764	2,969	7.4	30,652	36,924	20.5
Spain	3,821	4,828	26.4	93,504	96,642	3.4
Sweden	3,746	3,852	2.8	49,248	48,459	-1.6
Switzerland	8,143	7,457	-8.4	125,450	125,428	0.0
United Kingdom	53,827	53,770	-0.1	813,620	922,189	13.3
Other Europe	24,023	24,654	2.6	375,434	427,979	14.0
Africa, Total	14,229	15,293	7.5	160,072	191,155	19.4
Asia, Total	148,102	160,009	8.0	2,370,607	2,503,191	5.6
China	43,325	40,880	-5.6	757,205	753,568	-0.5
Hong Kong	12,846	15,672	22.0	156,815	188,163	20.0
India	18,967	24,835	30.9	296,851	350,403	18.0
Israel	3,087	3,681	19.2	68,053	68,768	1.1
Japan	15,240	15,337	0.6	260,755	259,861	-0.3
Korea, South	13,127	14,886	13.4	253,236	224,252	-11.4
Malaysia	474	876	84.8	11,810	11,414	-3.4
Philippines	7,045	8,237	16.9	83,655	105,357	25.9
Singapore	4,292	5,047	17.6	37,870	42,265	11.6
Taiwan	6,742	6,551	-2.8	132,287	127,458	-3.7
Other Asia	22,957	24,007	4.6	312,070	371,682	19.1
North America, Central America and Caribbean, total	66,103	72,451	9.6	636,830	803,223	26.1
Jamaica	3,282	3,757	14.5	34,669	51,744	49.3
Mexico	42,280	47,564	12.5	413,218	519,756	25.8
Trinidad and Tobago	3,984	4,117	3.3	28,335	37,805	33.4
Other North America, Central America and Caribbean	16,557	17,013	2.8	160,608	193,918	20.7
South America, total	28,739	27,383	-4.7	347,229	340,513	-1.9
Brazil	17,387	15,387	-11.5	196,966	187,340	-4.9
Other South America	11,352	11,996	5.7	150,263	153,173	1.9
Oceania and other islands, total	44,168	42,591	-3.6	435,447	448,439	3.0
Australia	38,362	36,309	-5.4	363,817	371,599	2.1
New Zealand	5,092	5,678	11.5	64,722	70,245	8.5
Other Oceania and other Ocean Island	789	643	-18.5	7,981	7,206	-9.7
Total	472,977	494,041	4.5	6,861,844	7,464,299	8.8

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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}**

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		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	
United States	2018	479	0	7,204	14,667	189,379	741,050	39,438	16,995	143,081	347,079	333	0	1,499,705
	2019	564	0	6,394	17,082	216,902	750,600	40,703	14,052	143,601	346,343	428	0	1,536,669
	% change	17.7	...	-11.2	16.5	14.5	1.3	3.2	-17.3	0.4	-0.2	28.5	...	2.5
Automobile	2018	...	...	0	13,396	83,510	329,442	24,351	8,297	16,770	171,361	321	...	647,448
	2019	...	...	0	15,614	98,048	363,856	26,845	9,411	17,101	178,737	403	...	710,015
	% change	...	...	...	16.6	17.4	10.4	10.2	13.4	2.0	4.3	25.5	...	9.7
Non-automobile ³	2018	479	0	7,204	1,271	105,869	411,608	15,087	8,698	126,311	175,718	12	0	852,257
	2019	564	0	6,394	1,468	118,854	386,744	13,858	4,641	126,500	167,606	25	0	826,654
	% change	17.7	...	-11.2	15.5	12.3	-6.0	-8.1	-46.6	0.1	-4.6	108.3	...	-3.0
Other countries	2018	638	0	2,166	0	203,353	466,769	11,292	10,538	104,504	155,347	0	0	954,607
	2019	319	0	1,243	0	223,137	493,817	10,330	8,136	89,144	167,188	0	0	993,314
	% change	-50.0	...	-42.6	...	9.7	5.8	-8.5	-22.8	-14.7	7.6	...	...	4.1
Total	2018	1,117	0	9,370	14,667	392,732	1,207,819	50,730	27,533	247,585	502,426	333	0	2,454,312
	2019	883	0	7,637	17,082	440,039	1,244,417	51,033	22,188	232,745	513,531	428	0	2,529,983
	% change	-20.9	...	-18.5	16.5	12.0	3.0	0.6	-19.4	-6.0	2.2	28.5	...	3.1

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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	12,968	782	104,395	337,663	3,404,195	9,912,854	667,883	227,845	1,855,544	4,910,757	39,965	301	21,475,152
	2019	9,036	95	103,819	326,813	3,449,160	9,511,013	648,258	216,116	1,687,908	4,731,217	39,750	137	20,723,322
	% change	-30.3	-87.9	-0.6	-3.2	1.3	-4.1	-2.9	-5.1	-9.0	-3.7	-0.5	-54.5	-3.5
Automobile	2018	...	...	3,081	304,892	1,917,594	4,955,341	498,419	148,596	374,843	2,707,194	37,303	...	10,947,263
	2019	...	...	0	301,382	1,952,427	4,986,669	481,999	156,292	366,377	2,648,081	37,652	...	10,930,879
	% change	...	...	-100.0	-1.2	1.8	0.6	-3.3	5.2	-2.3	-2.2	0.9	...	-0.1
Non-automobile ³	2018	12,968	782	101,314	32,771	1,486,601	4,957,513	169,464	79,249	1,480,701	2,203,563	2,662	301	10,527,889
	2019	9,036	95	103,819	25,431	1,496,733	4,524,344	166,259	59,824	1,321,531	2,083,136	2,098	137	9,792,443
	% change	-30.3	-87.9	2.5	-22.4	0.7	-8.7	-1.9	-24.5	-10.7	-5.5	-21.2	-54.5	-7.0
Other countries	2018	52,235	1,807	141,212	29,520	2,805,086	5,904,382	102,845	73,288	969,331	1,884,374	196	860	11,965,136
	2019	19,903	2,328	118,710	30,917	3,002,055	6,014,811	103,907	69,553	1,017,893	1,961,682	256	918	12,342,933
	% change	-61.9	28.8	-15.9	4.7	7.0	1.9	1.0	-5.1	5.0	4.1	30.6	6.7	3.2
Total	2018	65,203	2,589	245,607	367,183	6,209,281	15,817,236	770,728	301,133	2,824,875	6,795,131	40,161	1,161	33,440,288
	2019	28,939	2,423	222,529	357,730	6,451,215	15,525,824	752,165	285,669	2,705,801	6,692,899	40,006	1,055	33,066,255
	% change	-55.6	-6.4	-9.4	-2.6	3.9	-1.8	-2.4	-5.1	-4.2	-1.5	-0.4	-9.1	-1.1

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