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Statistical Tables

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

	February			January to February		
	2019	2020	% change	2019	2020	% change
	number			number		
Trips by non-residents³	1,494,480	1,595,707	6.8	2,986,694	3,163,024	5.9
United States Residents	1,158,358	1,281,300	10.6	2,298,524	2,482,990	8.0
Automobile	805,902	932,270	15.7	1,612,513	1,799,488	11.6
Same Day	459,416	525,123	14.3	956,245	1,047,875	9.6
One or more nights	346,486	407,147	17.5	656,268	751,613	14.5
Plane	298,744	294,559	-1.4	580,122	577,582	-0.4
Bus	39,675	37,815	-4.7	78,803	74,996	-4.8
Train, boat and other methods	14,037	16,656	18.7	27,086	30,924	14.2
All other countries residents	336,122	314,407	-6.5	688,170	680,034	-1.2
Direct	243,855	231,874	-4.9	489,018	493,372	0.9
Via the United States ⁴	92,267	82,533	-10.5	199,152	186,662	-6.3
Trips by residents of Canada³	4,001,703	4,289,711	7.2	8,358,077	8,720,606	4.3
Returning from the United States	2,836,843	3,073,031	8.3	5,872,277	6,142,866	4.6
Automobile	1,869,144	2,079,991	11.3	3,932,507	4,145,633	5.4
Same day	1,359,950	1,504,735	10.6	2,795,773	2,948,150	5.5
One or more nights	509,194	575,256	13.0	1,136,734	1,197,483	5.3
Plane	905,637	928,622	2.5	1,810,393	1,865,488	3.0
Bus	48,808	51,138	4.8	101,146	104,626	3.4
Train, boat and other methods	13,254	13,280	0.2	28,231	27,119	-3.9
Returning from other countries	1,164,860	1,216,680	4.4	2,485,800	2,577,740	3.7
Direct	1,083,765	1,136,655	4.9	2,301,715	2,407,897	4.6
Via the United States ⁴	81,095	80,025	-1.3	184,085	169,843	-7.7
Total³	5,496,183	5,885,418	7.1	11,344,771	11,883,630	4.7

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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**

		February												Canada
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	
United States	2019	97	0	1,680	5,425	119,627	273,758	11,236	2,765	34,599	190,104	1,182	3	640,476
	2020	80	1	1,497	6,096	128,591	297,856	11,807	2,841	38,108	209,686	1,341	3	697,907
	% change	-17.5	...	-10.9	12.4	7.5	8.8	5.1	2.7	10.1	10.3	13.5	0.0	9.0
Automobile	2019	...	...	0	5,209	68,348	150,498	6,514	1,969	3,058	109,721	1,169	...	346,486
	2020	...	...	0	5,909	79,747	174,115	7,381	2,011	3,840	132,821	1,323	...	407,147
	% change	...	...	...	13.4	16.7	15.7	13.3	2.1	25.6	21.1	13.2	...	17.5
Non-automobile ²	2019	97	0	1,680	216	51,279	123,260	4,722	796	31,541	80,383	13	3	293,990
	2020	80	1	1,497	187	48,844	123,741	4,426	830	34,268	76,865	18	3	290,760
	% change	-17.5	...	-10.9	-13.4	-4.7	0.4	-6.3	4.3	8.6	-4.4	38.5	0.0	-1.1
Other countries ³	2019	1,150	0	1,485	198	63,700	132,419	725	161	15,977	109,100	77	33	325,025
	2020	1,200	1	776	206	69,726	124,839	997	114	14,887	90,473	30	19	303,268
	% change	4.3	...	-47.7	4.0	9.5	-5.7	37.5	-29.2	-6.8	-17.1	-61.0	-42.4	-6.7
Total	2019	1,247	0	3,165	5,623	183,327	406,177	11,961	2,926	50,576	299,204	1,259	36	965,501
	2020	1,280	2	2,273	6,302	198,317	422,695	12,804	2,955	52,995	300,159	1,371	22	1,001,175
	% change	2.6	...	-28.2	12.1	8.2	4.1	7.0	1.0	4.8	0.3	8.9	-38.9	3.7

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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 February												Canada
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	
United States	2019	512	0	3,367	9,855	207,700	530,621	20,829	5,279	66,836	373,665	2,549	3	1,221,216
	2020	538	1	3,067	11,576	228,340	579,724	21,238	5,516	74,067	389,575	2,442	11	1,316,095
	% change	5.1	...	-8.9	17.5	9.9	9.3	2.0	4.5	10.8	4.3	-4.2	266.7	7.8
Automobile	2019	...	...	0	9,480	114,003	289,304	12,001	3,568	6,458	218,941	2,513	...	656,268
	2020	...	...	0	11,246	135,185	335,525	13,026	3,868	7,569	242,773	2,421	...	751,613
	% change	...	...	...	18.6	18.6	16.0	8.5	8.4	17.2	10.9	-3.7	...	14.5
Non-automobile ²	2019	512	0	3,367	375	93,697	241,317	8,828	1,711	60,378	154,724	36	3	564,948
	2020	538	1	3,067	330	93,155	244,199	8,212	1,648	66,498	146,802	21	11	564,482
	% change	5.1	...	-8.9	-12.0	-0.6	1.2	-7.0	-3.7	10.1	-5.1	-41.7	266.7	-0.1
Other countries ³	2019	2,181	0	2,982	368	121,481	277,392	1,552	280	30,265	228,360	145	73	665,079
	2020	2,068	1	1,615	446	129,379	275,630	1,975	268	28,695	214,801	60	50	654,988
	% change	-5.2	...	-45.8	21.2	6.5	-0.6	27.3	-4.3	-5.2	-5.9	-58.6	-31.5	-1.5
Total	2019	2,693	0	6,349	10,223	329,181	808,013	22,381	5,559	97,101	602,025	2,694	76	1,886,295
	2020	2,606	2	4,682	12,022	357,719	855,354	23,213	5,784	102,762	604,376	2,502	61	1,971,083
	% change	-3.2	...	-26.3	17.6	8.7	5.9	3.7	4.0	5.8	0.4	-7.1	-19.7	4.5

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

	February			January to February		
	2019	2020	% change	2019	2020	% change
	number			number		
Europe, total	132,415	140,804	6.3	245,507	254,652	3.7
Belgium	2,922	2,973	1.7	5,830	5,495	-5.7
Denmark	2,346	2,134	-9.0	4,152	3,947	-4.9
France	37,001	41,619	12.5	63,974	69,226	8.2
Germany	13,489	13,558	0.5	25,329	24,536	-3.1
Greece	550	558	1.5	1,197	1,043	-12.9
Italy	3,957	3,986	0.7	8,284	8,661	4.6
Netherlands	4,974	5,846	17.5	9,617	10,579	10.0
Portugal	1,326	1,483	11.8	2,732	3,157	15.6
Spain	2,777	2,790	0.5	5,962	6,529	9.5
Sweden	3,099	2,825	-8.8	5,836	5,593	-4.2
Switzerland	5,831	5,203	-10.8	10,947	9,384	-14.3
United Kingdom	34,803	36,776	5.7	63,066	66,176	4.9
Other Europe	19,340	21,053	8.9	38,581	40,326	4.5
Africa, Total	6,506	7,484	15.0	14,813	16,284	9.9
Asia, Total	127,016	92,086	-27.5	262,440	239,349	-8.8
China	46,231	18,208	-60.6	102,617	78,816	-23.2
Hong Kong	10,034	8,484	-15.4	18,579	21,648	16.5
India	13,119	13,413	2.2	27,144	27,452	1.1
Israel	2,631	2,348	-10.8	5,306	4,664	-12.1
Japan	15,863	14,458	-8.9	25,468	24,412	-4.1
Korea, South	12,993	10,843	-16.5	27,632	25,958	-6.1
Malaysia	344	201	-41.6	610	449	-26.4
Philippines	3,667	3,890	6.1	7,992	8,114	1.5
Singapore	1,461	1,065	-27.1	2,806	2,469	-12.0
Taiwan	8,046	5,827	-27.6	16,265	15,613	-4.0
Other Asia	12,627	13,349	5.7	28,021	29,754	6.2
North America, Central America and Caribbean, total	35,850	39,262	9.5	75,791	83,383	10.0
Jamaica	1,606	1,768	10.1	3,586	4,046	12.8
Mexico	24,720	26,874	8.7	52,204	57,364	9.9
Trinidad and Tobago	1,023	1,231	20.3	2,298	2,717	18.2
Other North America, Central America and Caribbean	8,501	9,389	10.4	17,703	19,256	8.8
South America, total	17,945	16,733	-6.8	40,169	35,974	-10.4
Brazil	10,859	8,916	-17.9	25,085	20,224	-19.4
Other South America	7,086	7,817	10.3	15,084	15,750	4.4
Oceania and other islands, total	16,390	18,038	10.1	49,450	50,392	1.9
Australia	13,674	14,826	8.4	41,877	42,248	0.9
New Zealand	2,397	2,976	24.2	6,895	7,611	10.4
Other Oceania and other Ocean Island	355	264	-25.6	755	591	-21.7
Total	336,122	314,407	-6.5	688,170	680,034	-1.2

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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}**

		February												Canada
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	
United States	2019	378	1	9,670	10,646	173,059	643,537	44,154	20,224	124,361	305,158	565	2	1,331,755
	2020	321	26	10,058	11,209	188,751	691,656	51,051	18,788	155,463	321,559	407	4	1,449,293
	% change	-15.1	2,500.0	4.0	5.3	9.1	7.5	15.6	-7.1	25.0	5.4	-28.0	100.0	8.8
Automobile	2019	...	...	0	9,290	54,026	258,919	24,127	11,450	18,651	132,271	460	...	509,194
	2020	...	...	0	10,317	58,902	295,384	28,465	10,342	21,190	150,260	396	...	575,256
	% change	...	...	...	11.1	9.0	14.1	18.0	-9.7	13.6	13.6	-13.9	...	13.0
Non-automobile ³	2019	378	1	9,670	1,356	119,033	384,618	20,027	8,774	105,710	172,887	105	2	822,561
	2020	321	26	10,058	892	129,849	396,272	22,586	8,446	134,273	171,299	11	4	874,037
	% change	-15.1	2,500.0	4.0	-34.2	9.1	3.0	12.8	-3.7	27.0	-0.9	-89.5	100.0	6.3
Other countries	2019	449	358	12,438	4,336	255,126	545,194	24,553	17,723	133,732	170,950	0	1	1,164,860
	2020	99	325	13,269	5,350	281,796	587,184	28,248	16,872	108,330	175,203	0	4	1,216,680
	% change	-78.0	-9.2	6.7	23.4	10.5	7.7	15.0	-4.8	-19.0	2.5	...	300.0	4.4
Total	2019	827	359	22,108	14,982	428,185	1,188,731	68,707	37,947	258,093	476,108	565	3	2,496,615
	2020	420	351	23,327	16,559	470,547	1,278,840	79,299	35,660	263,793	496,762	407	8	2,665,973
	% change	-49.2	-2.2	5.5	10.5	9.9	7.6	15.4	-6.0	2.2	4.3	-28.0	166.7	6.8

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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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		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	
United States	2019	768	1	16,293	21,023	405,700	1,324,840	89,978	36,787	252,855	631,236	1,158	5	2,780,644
	2020	529	26	17,046	22,242	430,699	1,412,181	96,482	35,051	304,369	629,889	749	7	2,949,270
	% change	-31.1	2,500.0	4.6	5.8	6.2	6.6	7.2	-4.7	20.4	-0.2	-35.3	40.0	6.1
Automobile	2019	...	...	0	19,408	152,912	566,311	50,854	20,213	40,861	285,181	994	...	1,136,734
	2020	...	...	0	20,934	156,820	612,634	54,774	19,052	42,306	290,257	706	...	1,197,483
	% change	...	...	...	7.9	2.6	8.2	7.7	-5.7	3.5	1.8	-29.0	...	5.3
Non-automobile ³	2019	768	1	16,293	1,615	252,788	758,529	39,124	16,574	211,994	346,055	164	5	1,643,910
	2020	529	26	17,046	1,308	273,879	799,547	41,708	15,999	262,063	339,632	43	7	1,751,787
	% change	-31.1	2,500.0	4.6	-19.0	8.3	5.4	6.6	-3.5	23.6	-1.9	-73.8	40.0	6.6
Other countries	2019	1,056	358	18,230	4,336	576,153	1,166,083	47,746	34,768	266,584	370,485	0	1	2,485,800
	2020	194	325	18,691	5,350	631,099	1,236,875	53,774	33,721	218,126	379,579	0	6	2,577,740
	% change	-81.6	-9.2	2.5	23.4	9.5	6.1	12.6	-3.0	-18.2	2.5	...	500.0	3.7
Total	2019	1,824	359	34,523	25,359	981,853	2,490,923	137,724	71,555	519,439	1,001,721	1,158	6	5,266,444
	2020	723	351	35,737	27,592	1,061,798	2,649,056	150,256	68,772	522,495	1,009,468	749	13	5,527,010
	% change	-60.4	-2.2	3.5	8.8	8.1	6.3	9.1	-3.9	0.6	0.8	-35.3	116.7	4.9

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