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Statistical Tables

Table 1
International trips to Canada¹

	December			January to December		
	2019	2020	% change	2019	2020	% change
	number			number		
Trips by non-residents	2,191,785	154,246	-93.0	32,429,771	5,068,350	-84.4
United States Residents	1,697,726	113,887	-93.3	24,957,652	3,990,560	-84.0
Automobile	1,215,682	92,245	-92.4	16,748,583	3,029,259	-81.9
Same Day	643,004	63,352	-90.1	8,288,058	1,889,788	-77.2
One or more nights	572,678	28,893	-95.0	8,460,525	1,139,471	-86.5
Plane	412,596	20,743	-95.0	5,637,552	815,904	-85.5
Bus	41,530	315	-99.2	853,710	93,493	-89.0
Train, boat and other methods	27,918	584	-97.9	1,717,807	51,904	-97.0
All other countries residents	494,059	40,359	-91.8	7,472,119	1,077,790	-85.6
Direct	357,992	33,855	-90.5	4,879,754	788,167	-83.8
Via the United States ²	136,067	6,504	-95.2	2,592,365	289,623	-88.8
Trips by residents of Canada	4,376,787	379,325	-91.3	56,157,406	14,605,347	-74.0
Returning from the United States	3,383,473	271,069	-92.0	43,813,863	10,443,310	-76.2
Automobile	2,442,218	207,064	-91.5	32,392,103	7,397,756	-77.2
Same day	1,732,203	177,221	-89.8	21,461,224	5,253,081	-75.5
One or more nights	710,015	29,843	-95.8	10,930,879	2,144,675	-80.4
Plane	853,109	62,463	-92.7	10,038,727	2,855,504	-71.6
Bus	70,217	353	-99.5	843,833	133,518	-84.2
Train, boat and other methods	17,929	1,189	-93.4	539,200	56,532	-89.5
Returning from other countries	993,314	108,256	-89.1	12,343,543	4,162,037	-66.3
Direct	937,676	102,901	-89.0	11,520,145	3,880,469	-66.3
Via the United States ²	55,638	5,355	-90.4	823,398	281,568	-65.8
Total	6,568,572	533,571	-91.9	88,587,177	19,673,697	-77.8

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

2. 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 month**

		December												Canada
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	
United States	2019	85	2	2,620	9,290	165,291	461,980	13,890	4,999	53,158	268,404	1,597	2	981,318
	2020	8	0	6	868	7,629	25,044	763	389	3,622	9,199	544	1	48,073
	% change	-90.6	-100.0	-99.8	-90.7	-95.4	-94.6	-94.5	-92.2	-93.2	-96.6	-65.9	-50.0	-95.1
Automobile	2019	...	...	0	9,181	98,951	278,769	8,414	3,672	6,208	165,947	1,536	...	572,678
	2020	...	...	0	865	4,752	15,886	479	385	1,227	4,762	537	...	28,893
	% change	...	...	...	-90.6	-95.2	-94.3	-94.3	-89.5	-80.2	-97.1	-65.0	...	-95.0
Non-automobile ¹	2019	85	2	2,620	109	66,340	183,211	5,476	1,327	46,950	102,457	61	2	408,640
	2020	8	0	6	3	2,877	9,158	284	4	2,395	4,437	7	1	19,180
	% change	-90.6	-100.0	-99.8	-97.2	-95.7	-95.0	-94.8	-99.7	-94.9	-95.7	-88.5	-50.0	-95.3
Other countries ²	2019	936	0	1,121	278	92,058	214,701	1,390	219	20,290	147,454	47	29	478,523
	2020	394	0	40	45	8,246	21,047	345	10	1,793	7,439	0	16	39,375
	% change	-57.9	...	-96.4	-83.8	-91.0	-90.2	-75.2	-95.4	-91.2	-95.0	-100.0	-44.8	-91.8
Total	2019	1,021	2	3,741	9,568	257,349	676,681	15,280	5,218	73,448	415,858	1,644	31	1,459,841
	2020	402	0	46	913	15,875	46,091	1,108	399	5,415	16,638	544	17	87,448
	% change	-60.6	-100.0	-98.8	-90.5	-93.8	-93.2	-92.7	-92.4	-92.6	-96.0	-66.9	-45.2	-94.0

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

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

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

		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	2019	17,710	247	151,744	387,339	2,073,595	7,011,142	231,320	88,601	801,953	4,137,333	102,475	1,083	15,004,542
	2020	1,067	4	3,864	22,400	319,323	856,108	34,946	12,870	117,653	538,946	21,574	34	1,928,789
	% change	-94.0	-98.4	-97.5	-94.2	-84.6	-87.8	-84.9	-85.5	-85.3	-87.0	-78.9	-96.9	-87.1
Automobile	2019	...	...	0	266,781	1,157,746	4,559,242	152,344	65,958	165,923	2,004,788	87,743	...	8,460,525
	2020	...	...	0	21,889	190,242	515,273	23,309	10,706	24,714	331,986	21,352	...	1,139,471
	% change	...	...	...	-91.8	-83.6	-88.7	-84.7	-83.8	-85.1	-83.4	-75.7	...	-86.5
Non-automobile ¹	2019	17,710	247	151,744	120,558	915,849	2,451,900	78,976	22,643	636,030	2,132,545	14,732	1,083	6,544,017
	2020	1,067	4	3,864	511	129,081	340,835	11,637	2,164	92,939	206,960	222	34	789,318
	% change	-94.0	-98.4	-97.5	-99.6	-85.9	-86.1	-85.3	-90.4	-85.4	-90.3	-98.5	-96.9	-87.9
Other countries ²	2019	45,040	27	62,113	35,110	1,317,342	3,093,527	18,739	3,243	320,544	2,224,602	17,282	3,295	7,140,864
	2020	7,356	15	3,302	1,276	204,484	463,856	5,334	448	41,720	302,908	107	290	1,031,096
	% change	-83.7	-44.4	-94.7	-96.4	-84.5	-85.0	-71.5	-86.2	-87.0	-86.4	-99.4	-91.2	-85.6
Total	2019	62,750	274	213,857	422,449	3,390,937	10,104,669	250,059	91,844	1,122,497	6,361,935	119,757	4,378	22,145,406
	2020	8,423	19	7,166	23,676	523,807	1,319,964	40,280	13,318	159,373	841,854	21,681	324	2,959,885
	% change	-86.6	-93.1	-96.6	-94.4	-84.6	-86.9	-83.9	-85.5	-85.8	-86.8	-81.9	-92.6	-86.6

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

	December			January to December		
	2019	2020	% change	2019	2020	% change
	number			number		
Europe, total	175,692	14,947	-91.5	3,176,793	391,050	-87.7
Belgium	3,849	333	-91.3	78,430	8,100	-89.7
Denmark	2,325	151	-93.5	41,457	5,515	-86.7
France	42,592	3,253	-92.4	679,715	97,923	-85.6
Germany	15,624	1,516	-90.3	433,728	41,335	-90.5
Greece	1,045	84	-92.0	13,332	1,997	-85.0
Italy	6,660	361	-94.6	144,117	12,372	-91.4
Netherlands	6,725	758	-88.7	141,344	19,100	-86.5
Portugal	2,966	257	-91.3	36,490	6,518	-82.1
Spain	4,881	336	-93.1	99,516	9,670	-90.3
Sweden	3,857	309	-92.0	48,295	7,708	-84.0
Switzerland	7,401	735	-90.1	125,450	14,347	-88.6
United Kingdom	53,107	4,159	-92.2	908,999	101,185	-88.9
Other Europe	24,660	2,695	-89.1	425,920	65,280	-84.7
Africa, Total	15,134	3,058	-79.8	187,458	34,819	-81.4
Asia, Total	161,935	15,555	-90.4	2,530,649	379,875	-85.0
China	41,247	1,613	-96.1	748,607	100,905	-86.5
Hong Kong	15,016	954	-93.6	177,982	32,591	-81.7
India	25,230	5,484	-78.3	353,779	66,301	-81.3
Israel	3,715	270	-92.7	70,890	7,977	-88.7
Japan	15,181	498	-96.7	260,374	31,626	-87.9
Korea, South	16,414	743	-95.5	266,767	33,859	-87.3
Malaysia	897	61	-93.2	11,602	884	-92.4
Philippines	8,109	1,215	-85.0	101,821	18,645	-81.7
Singapore	5,269	121	-97.7	43,217	3,514	-91.9
Taiwan	6,654	285	-95.7	129,792	19,325	-85.1
Other Asia	24,203	4,311	-82.2	365,818	64,248	-82.4
North America, Central America and Caribbean, total	71,995	4,170	-94.2	786,603	158,839	-79.8
Jamaica	3,730	460	-87.7	50,218	14,284	-71.6
Mexico	47,300	2,004	-95.8	509,855	101,081	-80.2
Trinidad and Tobago	4,073	93	-97.7	36,530	4,240	-88.4
Other North America, Central America and Caribbean	16,892	1,613	-90.5	190,000	39,234	-79.4
South America, total	27,568	2,264	-91.8	340,967	51,003	-85.0
Brazil	15,474	718	-95.4	187,998	26,867	-85.7
Other South America	12,094	1,546	-87.2	152,969	24,136	-84.2
Oceania and other islands, total	41,735	365	-99.1	449,649	62,204	-86.2
Australia	35,607	219	-99.4	373,390	50,018	-86.6
New Zealand	5,536	53	-99.0	69,872	9,498	-86.4
Other Oceania and other Ocean Island	630	98	-84.4	6,985	2,804	-59.9
Total	494,059	40,359	-91.8	7,472,119	1,077,790	-85.6

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Table 5**Trips of one or more nights by residents returning to Canada, by province of re-entry, current month**

		December												Canada
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	
United States	2019	564	0	6,394	17,082	216,902	750,316	40,703	14,052	143,601	346,822	428	0	1,536,864
	2020	2	0	3	742	15,791	43,112	1,283	696	11,842	11,415	30	2	84,918
	% change	-99.6	...	-100.0	-95.7	-92.7	-94.3	-96.8	-95.0	-91.8	-96.7	-93.0	...	-94.5
Automobile	2019	...	...	0	15,614	98,048	363,856	26,845	9,411	17,101	178,737	403	...	710,015
	2020	...	...	0	735	6,408	15,981	741	655	1,877	3,419	27	...	29,843
	% change	...	...	...	-95.3	-93.5	-95.6	-97.2	-93.0	-89.0	-98.1	-93.3	...	-95.8
Non-automobile ¹	2019	564	0	6,394	1,468	118,854	386,460	13,858	4,641	126,500	168,085	25	0	826,849
	2020	2	0	3	7	9,383	27,131	542	41	9,965	7,996	3	2	55,075
	% change	-99.6	...	-100.0	-99.5	-92.1	-93.0	-96.1	-99.1	-92.1	-95.2	-88.0	...	-93.3
Other countries	2019	319	0	1,243	0	223,137	493,817	10,330	8,136	89,144	167,188	0	0	993,314
	2020	3	0	0	0	30,956	54,869	49	0	8,314	14,045	0	20	108,256
	% change	-99.1	...	-100.0	...	-86.1	-88.9	-99.5	-100.0	-90.7	-91.6	...	...	-89.1
Total	2019	883	0	7,637	17,082	440,039	1,244,133	51,033	22,188	232,745	514,010	428	0	2,530,178
	2020	5	0	3	742	46,747	97,981	1,332	696	20,156	25,460	30	22	193,174
	% change	-99.4	...	-100.0	-95.7	-89.4	-92.1	-97.4	-96.9	-91.3	-95.0	-93.0	...	-92.4

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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**

		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	2019	9,036	95	104,967	327,085	3,449,160	9,503,769	648,258	216,116	1,687,906	4,725,624	47,915	137	20,720,068
	2020	1,421	60	28,504	60,709	751,568	2,340,535	144,891	61,754	492,983	924,566	1,875	22	4,808,888
	% change	-84.3	-36.8	-72.8	-81.4	-78.2	-75.4	-77.6	-71.4	-70.8	-80.4	-96.1	-83.9	-76.8
Automobile	2019	...	...	0	301,382	1,952,427	4,986,669	481,999	156,292	366,377	2,648,081	37,652	...	10,930,879
	2020	...	...	0	58,418	324,549	1,111,930	86,095	39,323	104,582	418,021	1,757	...	2,144,675
	% change	...	...	...	-80.6	-83.4	-77.7	-82.1	-74.8	-71.5	-84.2	-95.3	...	-80.4
Non-automobile ¹	2019	9,036	95	104,967	25,703	1,496,733	4,517,100	166,259	59,824	1,321,529	2,077,543	10,263	137	9,789,189
	2020	1,421	60	28,504	2,291	427,019	1,228,605	58,796	22,431	388,401	506,545	118	22	2,664,213
	% change	-84.3	-36.8	-72.8	-91.1	-71.5	-72.8	-64.6	-62.5	-70.6	-75.6	-98.9	-83.9	-72.8
Other countries	2019	19,903	2,328	118,954	30,917	3,002,055	6,014,961	103,907	69,553	1,017,917	1,961,682	256	1,110	12,343,543
	2020	1,462	850	34,533	13,301	1,050,461	1,983,579	73,961	45,013	326,638	632,181	0	58	4,162,037
	% change	-92.7	-63.5	-71.0	-57.0	-65.0	-67.0	-28.8	-35.3	-67.9	-67.8	-100.0	-94.8	-66.3
Total	2019	28,939	2,423	223,921	358,002	6,451,215	15,518,730	752,165	285,669	2,705,823	6,687,306	48,171	1,247	33,063,611
	2020	2,883	910	63,037	74,010	1,802,029	4,324,114	218,852	106,767	819,621	1,556,747	1,875	80	8,970,925
	% change	-90.0	-62.4	-71.8	-79.3	-72.1	-72.1	-70.9	-62.6	-69.7	-76.7	-96.1	-93.6	-72.9

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