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Note to readers

Cargo data

This survey collects data on passengers enplaned and deplaned and cargo loaded and unloaded at Canadian airports.

With each release, data for the previous reference year may be revised.

With this release, air cargo data is now included for:

1. Regional and local scheduled carriers and,
2. Domestic charter dedicated cargo flights (domestic courier cargo and domestic entity cargo flights).

These new sources of air cargo data are also included in the revised 2023 reference year data.

Passenger flights which carry cargo on them are classified as passenger flights. The cargo carried on these passenger flights is defined as belly-hold cargo. The belly-hold cargo data are included with the pure cargo data in table 23-10-0254-01.

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Highlights

In 2024, the number of passengers enplaned and deplaned at Canadian airports increased 4.0% from 2023 to 156.7 million. This was just under the 2019 level (96.2%), prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Passenger traffic at Canada’s four largest airports was up in 2024—Toronto/Lester B. Pearson International (+4.3%), Vancouver International (+3.8%), Montréal/Pierre Elliott Trudeau International (+5.7%), and Calgary International (+2.5%). Nevertheless, this was a marked slowdown from the double-digit increases at these airports in 2023.

Please consult the [Aviation Data Visualization Hub](#) to further explore airport activity statistics in an interactive format.

International and transborder traffic soars

The airline industry saw continued growth in travel demand in 2024, despite some ongoing challenges including inflationary pressure, pilot shortages, aircraft delivery delays, geopolitical tensions and wildfires across Canada.

As part of this increasing demand for air travel over the year, airports saw much faster growth in transborder (Canada-United States) and other international passenger numbers than for domestic air travel.

New or re-started routes, in addition to increased carrier capacity helped drive transborder (+10.4%) and other international (+8.1%) passenger growth in 2024. Domestic passenger volumes remained essentially unchanged year over year in 2024 (+0.1%).

Table 1
Passenger and cargo data

	2023	2024	Change 2023 to 2024
	number		percent
Enplaned and Deplaned Passengers			
Domestic Segments	85,823,452	85,925,153	0.1
Transborder Segments	28,801,198	31,806,161	10.4
Other International Segments	36,077,276	38,990,871	8.1
Total	150,701,926	156,722,185	4.0
Loaded/Unloaded Cargo (tonnes)	1,502,474	1,578,894	5.1

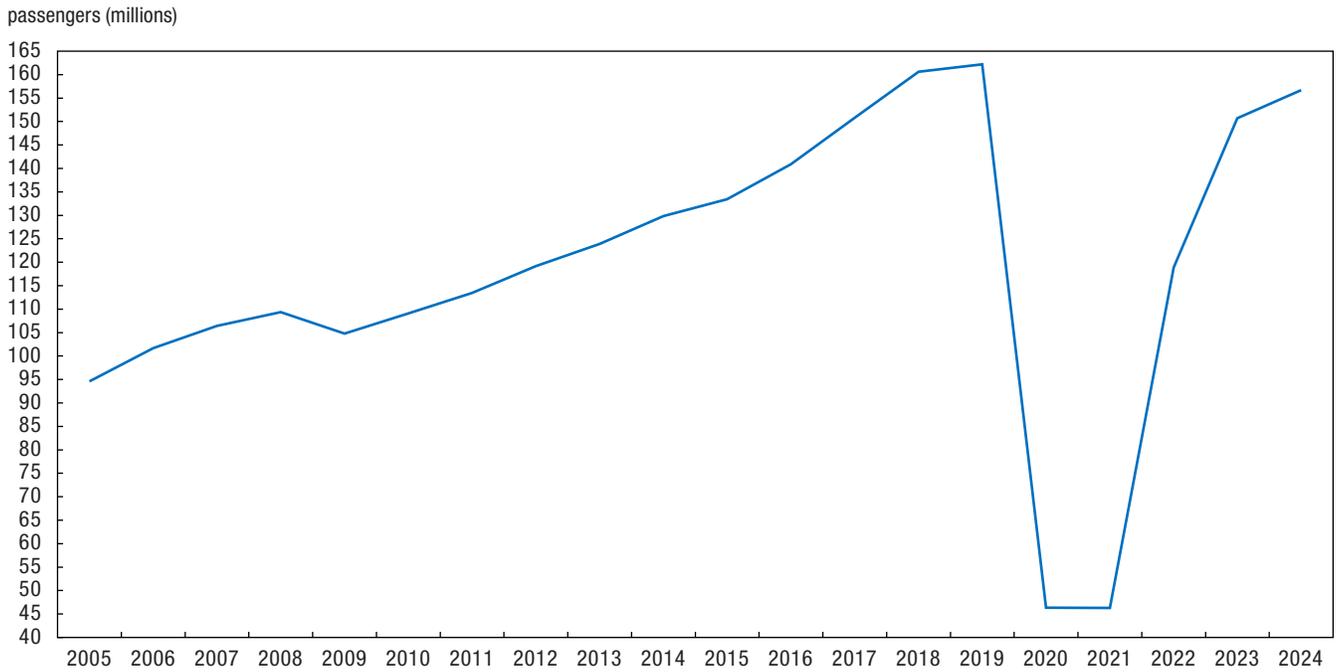
Source: Tables 23-10-0253-01 and 23-10-0254-01

Cargo makes a soft landing

Following the pandemic surge in package delivery, Canada’s air cargo sector saw continued growth in 2024, with the total amount of cargo loaded and unloaded at Canadian airports rising by 5.1% from 2023. Factors contributing to growth in Canada’s air cargo sector were an increase in [e-commerce activity](#) and route expansions by Canadian carriers.

In 2024, domestic cargo increased 5.9% from 2023 to 802 000 tonnes. International cargo grew 8.2% to 534 000 tonnes while transborder cargo fell 3.5% to 243 000 tonnes.

Chart 1
Total enplaned/deplaned passengers



Source: Table 23-10-0253-01; publication 51-203-X.

Looking ahead

In 2024, over 31.8 million passengers enplaned and deplaned at Canadian airports on flights to and from the United States, up 10.4% from 2023 but 1.2% below 2019. However, data from 2025 on [monthly screened passengers at the eight largest Canadian airports](#) indicate that transborder screened passenger volumes have fallen every month, on a year-over-year basis, since February.

Services offered by carriers

Scheduled Services

ABX Air	Central Mountain Air	McMurray Aviation
Aer Lingus	China Airlines	Mesa Airlines
Aeromexico	China Eastern Airlines	Mississippi Airways
Air Algerie	China Southern Airlines	Morningstar Air Express Inc.
Air Canada	Condor Flugdienst	Neos Air
Air Canada Express	Copa Airlines	North Star Air
Air Canada Rouge	CorilAir	Northway Aviation
Air China	Corsair International	Northwestern Air Lease
Air Creebec	Delta Air Lines	Northwright Air
Air France	Discover Airlines	Omni Air International
Air India	Edelweiss Air	Pacific Coastal Airlines
Air Inuit	EgyptAir	Pakistan International
Air New Zealand	Emirates Airlines	Pascan Aviation
Air North	Endeavor Air	Philippine Airlines
Air St Pierre	Envoy Air	Piedmont Airlines
Air Tindi Ltd.	Ethiopian Airlines	PLAY
Air Transat	Etihad Airways	Porter Airlines
Air Wisconsin	EVA Air	Porter Airlines Canada
Aklak Air	FedEx	Propair
Alaska Airlines	Fiji Airways	Provincial Airlines
All Nippon Airways	Flair Airlines	PSA Airlines
American Airlines	GoJet Airlines	Qantas Airways
Amik Aviation	Griffing Flying Service	Qatar Airways
Arajjet	Gulf Island Seaplanes	Republic Airways
Austrian Airlines	Hainan Airlines	Royal Air Maroc
Avianca	Harbour Air	Royal Jordanian
Avianca Costa Rica	Horizon Air	SATA Internacional
Bearskin Airlines	Icelandair	Saudi Arabian Airlines
BermudAir	Iskwew Air	SC Aviation
Biman Bangladesh Airlines	Japan Airlines	Scandinavian Airlines
British Airways	Jazz Air Inc.	Sichuan Airlines
Calm Air	JDR Pacific Ventures	Sky West Airlines
Canada Jetlines	JetBlue Airways	Skyjet Aviation Canada
Canadian North	Kenmore Air	Skylink Express
Cargojet	KF Aerospace	Summit Air Ltd.
Cargolux	KLM Royal Dutch Airlines	Sun Country Airlines
Caribbean Airlines	Korean Air	Sunwing Airlines
Carson Air	LOT Polish Airlines	Swiss International Air Lines
Castle Aviation	Lufthansa German Airlines	TAP Air Portugal
Cathay Pacific Airways	Lynx Air	Thunder Airlines

Tofino Air	United Airlines	WestJet Encore
Transwest Air	United Parcel Service	Wilderness Seaplanes
Tunisair	Wasaya Airways	Xiamen Airlines
Turkish Airlines	WestJet	Zipair

Major Charter Services

Acass Canada	Elite Jets	Novajet
ACM Air Charter	EVAS Air	Oak Air Ltd.
Air Alsie	Execaire	Omni Air International
Air Canada	ExecuJet Aviation	Pacific Coastal Airlines
Air Canada Rouge	FAI Aviation	Pal Aerospace
Air Inuit	Fast Air Ltd.	Pascan Aviation
Air North	Flair	Pentastar Aviation
Air St Pierre	Flexjet	Pivot Airlines
Air Tindi	Flightexec	Porter Airlines
AirNet II	Gestair	Porter Airlines Canada
Alaska Airlines	Global Aviation	Priester Aviation
Alerion Aviation	Goodjet	Prime Jet
American Air Services	Gulf & Caribbean Cargo	Red Wing Aviation
Ameristar Air Cargo	Haute Aviation	Saturn Aviation
Anderson Air	Hop-a-jet	SC Aviation
Antonov Company	Houston JetDirect	Skyservice Business Aviation
Atlas Air	IFL Group	Solairus Aviation
Aurora Jet Partners	Image Air Charter	Starlink Aviation
Aviation Consultants	Jazz Aviation	Summit Air
Bearskin Airlines	Jet Access Aviation	Sun Country Airlines
Borajet Airlines	Jet Concierge Club	Sunwest Aviation
Bruceland Air	Jet Linx	Sunwing Airlines
Buffalo Airways	JetSelect Aviation	TAG Aviation
Canada Jetlines	Jetstream Aviation	United Airlines
Canadian North	Kalitta Air	USA Jet Airlines
Chantilly Air	Kenn Borek Air	VIH ExecuJet
Chartright Air	London Air Services	Vista Global
Chrono Aviation	Lynden Air Cargo	VistaJet (Malta)
Chrono Jet	McNeely Charter Service Inc.	Wasaya Airways
Cirrus Aviation Services	Mira Vista Aviation	Western Air
Clay Lacy Aviation	NetJets	WestJet
Delta Air Lines	Nolinor Aviation	WestJet Encore
EFC Aviation	North Cariboo Air	XOJet

Factors which may have influenced the data

For additional contextual information on events affecting air travel, including summaries of selected Canadian economic events, as well as international and financial market developments by calendar month, check out the [Canadian Economic News](#).