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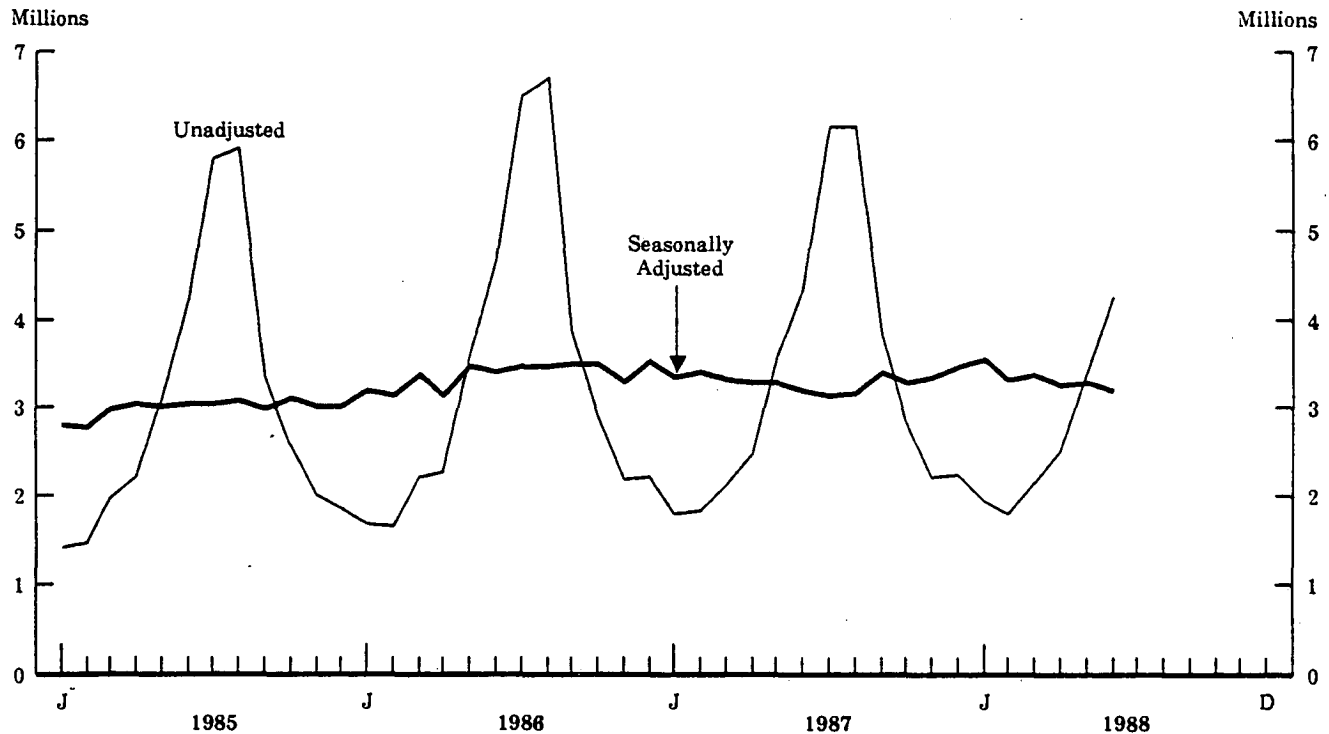


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Total Trips to Canada by Non-residents, 1985-1988



Travel Between Canada and Other Countries

June 1988

Seasonally Adjusted Data

Total Travel

- On a seasonally adjusted basis, the June volume of foreign travel to Canada decreased by 10.3% from January 1988, to 3,175,800. It represented the lowest number since August 1987.
- Total trips to Canada by United States residents decreased by 11.1% from January 1988 to 2,938,200 in June 1988. This level was the lowest since August 1987 and the declining trend appears to persist.
- Trips by overseas residents to Canada reached 237,600 – a slight increase of 0.6% from the January 1988 level. During the Winter Olympics in February, overseas visits had reached a record level of 286,200. Overall, the trend appears to be upward.

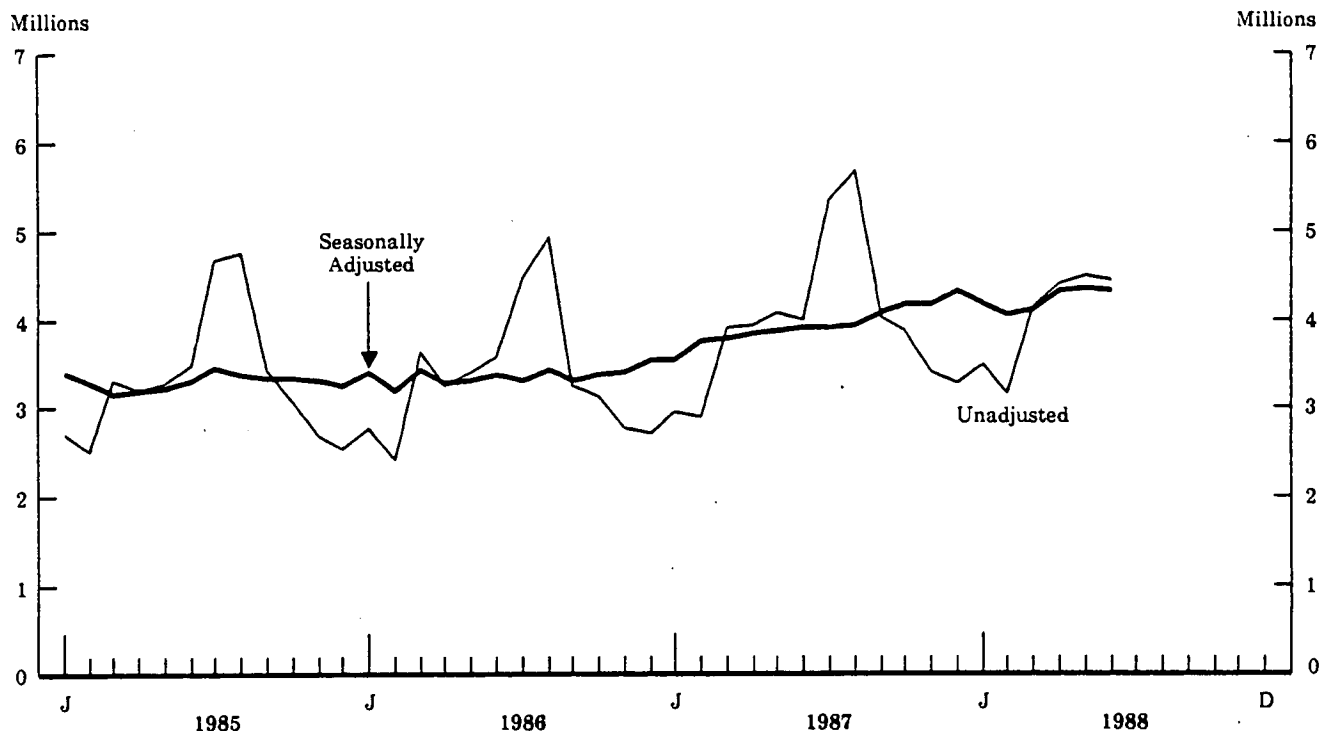
- Total international trips by Canadian residents in June, at 4,297,100 were 3.1% above the previous January figure.
- Trips by Canadian residents returning from the United States numbered 4,077,900 or 3.7% higher than in January 1988.
- Trips to overseas countries decreased by 6.2% between January and June, to 219,100 – the lowest level since September 1987.

Note to Users

The objective of seasonal adjustment is to reveal the underlying trend-cyclical movement in a time series. "Total trips" have an MCD (months of cyclical dominance) of four, which means that within that four-month period, the month-to-month comparisons would be dominated by erratic movements. Comparing the most recent seasonally adjusted estimate with the estimate four months earlier will

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Total Trips Abroad by Canadian Residents, 1985-1988



yield a good indication of changes in the short-term trend. However, because of the impact of the Winter Olympics held in February, comparisons this month will be made between June and January 1988. Seasonally adjusted data on overnight travel will be available at a later date.

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Total Travel

- Total trips to Canada by United States residents decreased by 2.5% from June 1987 to 3,873,100.
- Total trips to Canada by residents of countries other than the United States increased by 8.6% from last year to 366,400 during the same month.
- Total international trips to all foreign destinations by Canadian residents numbered 4,439,200 - 11.1% above June 1987.

Overnight Travel

- Preliminary estimates indicate that non-resident trips of one or more nights to Canada, at

1,859,400 in June 1988, were 1.9% above those in June 1987, but were still below the record level set in June 1986 (during Expo 86). In the first six months of 1988, these volumes were up 2.9% over the same period in 1987.

- The number of overnight visits by Canadian residents returning from trips abroad reached 1,157,200 - 9.9% above the record level witnessed in June 1987.

The accompanying graphs show traveller entries and re-entries, both seasonally and not seasonally adjusted, for the period 1985 to 1988.

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For special tabulations and more detailed information on this release, contact Paul L. Paradis (613-951-8933), International Travel Section, Education, Culture and Tourism Division.

Data Availability Announcement

Domestic and International Shipping

1987 (Revised preliminary statistics)

The incorporation of supplementary data has altered the order of leading Canadian ports in terms of cargo tonnage handled in 1987. The cargo tonnage (in thousand tonnes) for the top 10 Canadian ports for 1987, with the percentage change from 1986 in parentheses is as follows:

• Vancouver	63 219	(10.5)
• Port-Cartier	22 999	(18.9)
• Montreal/Contrecoeur	21 449	(0.8)
• Sept-Iles/Pte.-Noire	19 622	(-13.2)
• Thunder Bay	19 355	(9.4)

• Quebec/Levis	18 261	(51.5)
• Halifax	15 081	(11.8)
• Prince Rupert	13 772	(30.2)
• Saint John	12 955	(8.5)
• Hamilton	10 938	(5.0)
• Other Ports	143 826	(9.8)
• Canada Total	361 477	(10.3)

For more detailed information, contact Gaston Levesque (613-951-8698) or Andrea Mathieson (613-951-8697), Marine Transport Unit, Transportation Division.

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