

Travel between Canada and other countries, October 2012

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Canadian travel to destinations abroad decreased in October, while travel to Canada from abroad was unchanged.

Canadian residents took 5.4 million trips to the United States and overseas countries combined, down 1.9% from September.

Most of these trips, 4.6 million, were to the United States, a 2.1% decrease.

Same-day car trips by Canadians to the United States fell 2.8% to 2.7 million trips.

Overnight travel to the United States declined 1.0% to 1.9 million trips. Overnight plane travel increased 0.3% to 647,000 trips, while overnight car travel fell 1.8% to 1.2 million trips.

Canadians made 805,000 trips to overseas countries in October, down 0.4% from the record high of 808,000 trips set in September.

In the opposite direction, US and overseas residents made 2.1 million trips to Canada in October, unchanged from the previous month.

American residents made 1.7 million trips to Canada, down 0.5%, while travel by overseas residents increased 2.6% to 382,000 trips.

Same-day car trips by Americans to Canada fell 0.7% to 617,000 trips.

The number of overnight plane trips from the United States fell 1.0%, to 292,000, while overnight car trips rose 0.4% to 577,000.

Residents of countries other than the United States made 382,000 trips to Canada in October, up 2.6% from September.

In October, 7 of the top 12 overseas markets to Canada posted increases in travel to Canada. The United Kingdom remained the top overseas market, followed by France and Germany.

Travel from South Korea (+20.6%) and China (+6.6%) recorded the strongest gains, while travel from Hong Kong (-8.2%) recorded the largest decrease.

Note to readers

Monthly data are seasonally adjusted. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see *Seasonal adjustment and identifying economic trends*.



Table 1
Travel between Canada and other countries – Seasonally adjusted

	October 2011 ^r	September 2012 ^r	October 2012 ^p	September to October 2012
	thousands			% change ¹
Canadian trips abroad²	5,216	5,553	5,449	-1.9
To the United States	4,449	4,745	4,644	-2.1
To other countries	767	808	805	-0.4
Same-day car trips to the United States	2,645	2,755	2,677	-2.8
Total trips, one or more nights	2,533	2,752	2,729	-0.8
United States ³	1,766	1,944	1,924	-1.0
Car	1,044	1,189	1,168	-1.8
Plane	624	645	647	0.3
Other modes of transportation	98	110	109	-0.4
Other countries ⁴	767	808	805	-0.4
Travel to Canada²	2,116	2,085	2,085	0.0
From the United States	1,737	1,712	1,703	-0.5
From other countries	379	373	382	2.6
Same-day car trips from the United States	656	621	617	-0.7
Total trips, one or more nights	1,335	1,346	1,354	0.6
United States ³	964	987	985	-0.2
Car	568	575	577	0.4
Plane	281	295	292	-1.0
Other modes of transportation	115	117	115	-1.2
Other countries ⁴	370	359	369	2.8
Travel to Canada: Top overseas markets, by country of origin⁵				
United Kingdom	57	54	55	2.8
France	39	37	38	3.3
Germany	28	26	26	-0.5
China	22	24	25	6.6
Australia	22	24	23	-4.8
Japan	18	20	20	0.6
South Korea	12	13	15	20.6
Mexico	12	12	12	4.7
India	12	13	12	-3.1
Hong Kong	10	11	10	-8.2
Switzerland	10	9	9	-0.8
Netherlands	9	8	9	3.1

^r revised

^p preliminary

1. Percentage change is based on unrounded data.

2. Totals exceed the sum of "same-day car trips" and "total trips, one or more nights" because they include all of the same-day trips.

3. Data for the United States include counts of cars and buses, and data for planes, trains, boats and other methods.

4. Figures for other countries exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

5. Includes same-day and overnight trips.

Available without charge in CANSIM: tables 427-0001 to 427-0006.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5005.

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