Air fares, 2014

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Total air fares, domestic and international combined, averaged \$243.70 in 2014, down 2.1% from 2013, reversing the upward trend recorded the previous year.

This decrease was mainly a result of year-over-year declines in every quarter, with the most notable in the first and second guarters.

The average domestic fare was \$184.90, down 3.1% from a year earlier, while the average international fare fell 2.2% to \$315.50.

Average domestic fares declined in all 10 selected Canadian cities of enplanement compared with 2013. Decreases ranged from 1.0% in Edmonton to 7.4% in Saskatoon.

Toronto (\$208.80) remained the city with the highest average domestic fare among the major cities since 2002. Vancouver (\$201.20) and Winnipeg (\$190.70) also reported average domestic air fares above the national average.

Note to readers

Average air fares are calculated for each flight stage. When the passenger boards the aircraft at one airport and departs the aircraft at another airport, this is considered a flight stage. Average air fares are base fares and they do not include the Goods and Services Tax, air transportation taxes or user fees such as airport improvement fees or fuel surcharges.

The Fare Basis Survey covers Air Canada (including Air Canada rouge beginning in July 2013), Jazz, Air Canada's Canadian regional code-share partners, Air Transat and WestJet.

Table 1
Average domestic air fares for 10 major Canadian cities

	2013	2014	2013 to 2014
	dollars		% change
Canada	190.80	184.90	-3.1
Calgary	181.30	178.00	-1.8
Edmonton	181.90	180.10	-1.0
Halifax	185.80	176.30	-5.1
Montréal	181.70	175.50	-3.4
Ottawa	178.60	170.50	-4.5
Regina	179.30	170.30	-5.0
Saskatoon	180.40	167.10	-7.4
Toronto	214.40	208.80	-2.6
Vancouver	204.40	201.20	-1.6
Winnipeg	201.30	190.70	-5.3

Note(s)

The air carriers included are the Canadian Level I carriers operating scheduled services (Air Canada, including Air Canada rouge beginning in July 2013; Jazz; Air Canada's Canadian regional code-share partners; Air Transat and WestJet).

All estimates shown above have a coefficient of variation of less than 10% and can be considered reliable from a sampling point of view.

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Quarterly summary tables are also available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Summary tables*.

Air fare data are now available in "Air Fares, Canadian Air Carriers, Level I," as part of the service bulletin *Aviation*, 2014, Vol. 47, no. 19 (51-004-X), from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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