

Travel between Canada and other countries, September 2016

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Residents of overseas countries made 541,000 trips to Canada in September, up 1.1% from August and 13.5% higher than the same month a year earlier. This figure was the highest for a month of September since modern recordkeeping began in 1972.

Travel by Canadian residents to overseas countries also reached a new high with 1.0 million trips in September, up 0.5% from August.

United States residents made 2.0 million trips to Canada in September, an increase of 2.0% from August.

Canadian residents made 3.5 million trips to the United States in September, up 1.2% compared with the previous month.

Note to readers

Monthly data are seasonally adjusted. For information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

Seasonally adjusted data from June to August 2016 have been revised.

Overseas countries refer to countries other than the United States.

A **Canadian resident traveller** is a Canadian resident who has travelled outside of Canada for a period of less than 12 months.

A **non-resident traveller** is a resident of a country other than Canada who is travelling to Canada for a period of less than 12 months.



Table 1
Travel between Canada and other countries – Seasonally adjusted

	September 2015 ^r	August 2016 ^r	September 2016 ^p	August to September 2016
	thousands			% change ¹
Canadian trips abroad²	4,416	4,489	4,536	1.0
To the United States	3,463	3,464	3,506	1.2
To other countries	953	1,025	1,030	0.5
Same-day car trips to the United States	1,785	1,826	1,815	-0.6
Total trips, one or more nights	2,603	2,638	2,693	2.1
United States ³	1,650	1,613	1,663	3.1
Car	918	875	913	4.3
Plane	644	664	667	0.5
Other modes of transportation	88	74	83	13.0
Other countries	953	1,025	1,030	0.5
Travel to Canada²	2,342	2,498	2,544	1.8
From the United States	1,865	1,963	2,003	2.0
From other countries	477	536	541	1.1
Same-day car trips from the United States	657	684	691	0.9
Total trips, one or more nights	1,528	1,659	1,687	1.7
United States ³	1,068	1,137	1,160	2.0
Car	639	659	659	0.0
Plane	322	376	388	3.4
Other modes of transportation	106	103	112	9.4
Other countries ⁴	460	522	527	1.0
Travel to Canada: Top overseas markets,⁵ by country of origin⁶				
United Kingdom	62	80	75	-6.3
China	48	52	56	6.4
France	44	47	46	-2.7
Germany	29	31	31	0.4
Australia	26	30	30	-1.0
Japan	26	29	27	-7.7
South Korea	17	23	26	11.7
Mexico	18	19	21	8.7
India	17	19	20	3.7
Hong Kong	13	13	14	4.1
Italy	11	13	12	-3.5
Netherlands	10	13	12	-9.1

^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 of transportation.

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

5. Overseas markets refer to countries other than the United States.

6. Includes same-day and overnight trips.

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Available in CANSIM: tables [427-0001](#) to [427-0006](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5005](#).

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