

Travel between Canada and other countries, January 2017

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Gain in US travellers to Canada by car

US travellers made 2.0 million trips to Canada in January, up 3.6% from December and the highest number for the month since 2007. Trips to Canada by car, which account for two-thirds of all trips by American residents, rose 4.8%, offsetting a 5.1% decline in December. Both Manitoba (+21.9%) and Saskatchewan (+11.6%) saw increases in US travellers in January, after declines in December that may have been related to severe weather conditions.

Increase in travellers from overseas countries

Travel to Canada by residents of overseas countries (countries other than the United States) reached a record high 559,000 trips in January, up 1.3% from December and 15.0% higher than January 2016. The 10 largest overseas travel markets saw increases in the number of travellers to Canada compared with the same month a year earlier. The largest gains were from the United Kingdom (+12,800) and China (+10,200).

Canadian travel to the US rises

Canadians made 3.6 million trips to the United States in January, up 7.2% from the previous month and the highest level in more than a year. Growth in January was mainly attributable to increases in both same-day car trips (+8.2%) and overnight car trips (+9.8%).

Canadian travel overseas reaches record high for January

Canadian residents made 1.0 million trips to overseas countries in January, down 0.7% from December. However, this was still a 3.4% increase over the same month in 2016 and the highest figure for the month of January since 1972.

Note to readers

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

Seasonally adjusted data for January 2012 to December 2016 have been revised. Not seasonally adjusted data from April to September for 2016 have also been revised.

Overseas countries refer to countries other than the United States.

A **Canadian resident traveller** is a Canadian resident who has travelled outside 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

	January 2016 ^r	December 2016 ^r	January 2017 ^p	December 2016 to January 2017
	thousands			% change ¹
Canadian trips abroad²	4,421	4,369	4,601	5.3
To the United States	3,436	3,342	3,582	7.2
To other countries	985	1,027	1,019	-0.7
Same-day car trips to the United States	1,822	1,708	1,847	8.2
Total trips, one or more nights	2,570	2,632	2,724	3.5
United States ³	1,584	1,606	1,705	6.1
Car	874	849	932	9.8
Plane	628	677	689	1.9
Other modes of transportation	83	80	83	3.6
Other countries	985	1,027	1,019	-0.7
Travel to Canada²	2,438	2,509	2,586	3.1
From the United States	1,952	1,957	2,027	3.6
From other countries	486	552	559	1.3
Same-day car trips from the United States	708	670	683	2.0
Total trips, one or more nights	1,589	1,685	1,747	3.7
United States ³	1,116	1,146	1,203	4.9
Car	654	641	691	7.7
Plane	351	386	396	2.4
Other modes of transportation	111	119	117	-1.8
Other countries ⁴	473	538	544	1.0
Travel to Canada: Top overseas markets,⁵ by country of origin⁶				
United Kingdom	61	73	74	1.2
China	48	56	58	4.8
France	45	48	48	-1.5
Australia	26	32	33	3.0
Japan	22	26	32	21.5
Germany	30	33	31	-6.8
Mexico	18	31	28	-9.3
South Korea	18	21	24	14.6
India	17	21	21	-0.5
Hong Kong	13	15	13	-13.6
Netherlands	11	10	12	14.6
Switzerland	11	11	11	-4.3

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

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