

Travel between Canada and other countries, April 2023

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Highlights

In April, the number of non-resident visitors to Canada and returning Canadian residents accounted for 81.4% of the level observed in April 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Residents of overseas countries took 373,200 trips to Canada in April 2023, and US residents took 1.3 million trips. At the same time, Canadian residents returned from 4.1 million trips abroad.

To further explore current and historical data in an interactive format, please visit the [Frontier Counts: Interactive Dashboard](#).

Overseas visitors to Canada

In April, 373,200 overseas residents arrived in Canada, up 54.4% from 241,700 in April 2022 and reaching over three-quarters (77.4%) of the number of overseas arrivals during the same month in 2019, before the pandemic.

Over two-fifths (161,200) of overseas visitors arrived from Europe in April 2023, up 31.3% from 122,800 in April 2022 and reaching four-fifths (80.8%) of the number of visits by European residents in April 2019 (199,500).

The number of overseas visitors from Asia was 90,900 in April 2023, which was twice as many as that in April 2022 (45,100), but represented just over half (57.0%) of the number of such visitors in April 2019 (159,300).

US-resident trips to Canada

In April 2023, US residents took 1.3 million trips to Canada, up 71.2% from the 759,600 trips taken in April 2022 and reaching more than four-fifths (81.9%) of the number of trips taken during the same month in 2019. Total arrivals by land (967,700) in April 2023 increased 73.3% from April 2022 (558,500).

In April 2023, of arrivals by land from the US, 927,900 were by automobile, 25,500 by bus, 5,000 by train and 8,800 were pedestrian trips. Just over half (51.9%) of arrivals by automobile were same-day returns.

Canadian-resident trips to the United States

In April, Canadian residents returned from 3.2 million trips to the United States, increasing 53.4% from the number of trips taken in April 2022 (2.1 million), and reaching 83.7% of the level from the same month in 2019.

Of the total return trips by Canadian residents in April 2023, 2.0 million were by automobile, and three-fifths (60.9%) of these trips took place in the same day.

The number of return trips by air was 1.1 million, which was 82.5% higher than the 611,500 such trips recorded in April 2022 and 13.2% higher than the same month in 2019. This was the eighth consecutive month that the number of return trips by air exceeded pre-pandemic levels.

Canadian residents travelling overseas

In April 2023, there were 875,900 return trips taken by Canadian residents overseas, up 23.6% from the same month in 2022 (708,700). By way of comparison, 1.2 million such trips were taken in April 2019, before the pandemic.



Table 1
Travel between Canada and other countries – Not seasonally adjusted

	April 2022	March 2023	April 2023	April 2022 to April 2023
	thousands			% change ¹
International trips to Canada	3,793	5,708	5,744	51.4
Trips to Canada by international visitors	1,001	1,382	1,674	67.2
US residents entering Canada ²	760	1,094	1,301	71.2
Air	178	275	290	63.0
Automobile ^{3,4}	543	779	928	71.0
Same-day	250	410	481	92.2
One or more nights	292	370	447	52.8
Other modes ^{2,3,4}	39	40	83	112.6
Overseas residents entering Canada ²	242	288	373	54.4
Air	216	254	313	45.0
Other modes ²	26	34	60	133.3
Top overseas markets				
United Kingdom	38	35	52	37.3
China	3	11	12	269.4
France	28	24	38	32.6
Mexico	32	42	56	77.2
Germany	12	13	16	34.3
Australia	7	11	15	119.9
India	18	20	27	50.6
South Korea	3	5	7	124.6
Japan	2	8	6	151.1
Brazil	5	10	7	22.6
Canadian residents returning from trips abroad	2,792	4,326	4,070	45.8
Canadian residents returning from the United States ^{2,5}	2,083	3,340	3,194	53.4
Air	612	1,324	1,116	82.5
Automobile ^{3,4}	1,440	1,973	2,011	39.6
Same-day	806	1,204	1,226	52.1
One or more nights	634	768	786	23.9
Other modes ^{2,3,4}	31	44
Canadian residents returning from overseas ^{2,5}	709	986	876	23.6
Air	708	982	871	23.0

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1. Percentage change is based on unrounded data.

2. As of January 2022, one passenger from each bus record is considered a crew member. Prior to 2022, there was no crew from bus travellers.

3. As of April 2022, all ferry travellers are included in the water mode, in order to align with United Nations World Tourism Organization recommendations. Prior to 2022, most of these travellers were included in the land mode as either pedestrian or automobile travellers (the only exception was Fortune, in Newfoundland and Labrador).

4. As of January 2022, the maximum number of passengers allowed in an automobile before it is considered a bus is eight in order to align with United Nations World Tourism Organization recommendations. Prior to 2022, the maximum was 10.

5. As of January 2022, non-resident travellers with a trip duration of 365 days or more are considered as "other travellers" (not as visitors). Prior to 2022, they were reclassified as Canadian-resident visitors.

Source(s): Tables [24-10-0050-01](#) and [24-10-0053-01](#).

Note to readers

Complete *Frontier Counts* data are now available for March 2023 and tables [24-10-0050-01](#), [24-10-0051-01](#), [24-10-0053-01](#), [24-10-0054-01](#) and [24-10-0055-01](#) have been updated.

To align with the Variant of the Standard Classification of Countries and Areas of Interest 2019 for Travel Statistics, the following territories have been realigned: British Indian Ocean Territory, Eastern Africa; Christmas Island, Micronesia; Cocos (Keeling) Islands, Micronesia; and Norfolk Island, Melanesia.

Additional levels of aggregation for Traveller Characteristics are now available in table [24-10-0053-01](#).

Starting with the [January 2022 release](#), all estimates, including those in Table 1, are based on unadjusted counts only. Seasonally adjusted data continue to be available online in tables [24-10-0051-01](#) and [24-10-0054-01](#).

Seasonally adjusted data for January 2018 to March 2023 have been revised. No revisions were made to data that were not seasonally adjusted.

For more current estimates of international arrivals to Canada, please see the "[Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada](#)" for the May 2023 reference month.

Readers are encouraged to review the concepts, definitions, data sources, methods and summary of changes for *Frontier Counts*, as well as explanatory notes for online tables, especially when making historical comparisons and examining specific regions.

Overseas countries refer to countries other than Canada or the United States.

A **Canadian resident visitor** is a Canadian resident traveller whose trip purpose outside Canada is related to tourism and whose trip duration is less than one year.

A **non-resident visitor** is a traveller to Canada whose country of residence is not Canada, whose trip purpose is related to tourism and whose trip duration is less than one year.

Available tables: [24-10-0050-01](#) to [24-10-0055-01](#) .

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

The April 2023 issue of *International Travel: Advance Information* ([66-001-P](#)) is now available.

The product "[Frontier Counts: Interactive Dashboard](#)," part of the *Data Visualization Products* series ([71-607-X](#)), is also available.

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