

Screened passenger traffic at Canadian airports, July 2024

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Highlights

In July, 5.6 million passengers passed through pre-board security screening at checkpoints operated at Canada's eight largest airports, an increase of 3.3% from July 2023.

Screened passenger traffic in July 2024 came in above pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels, with 4.1% more screened passengers than in July 2019.

Transborder passenger traffic fully recovered

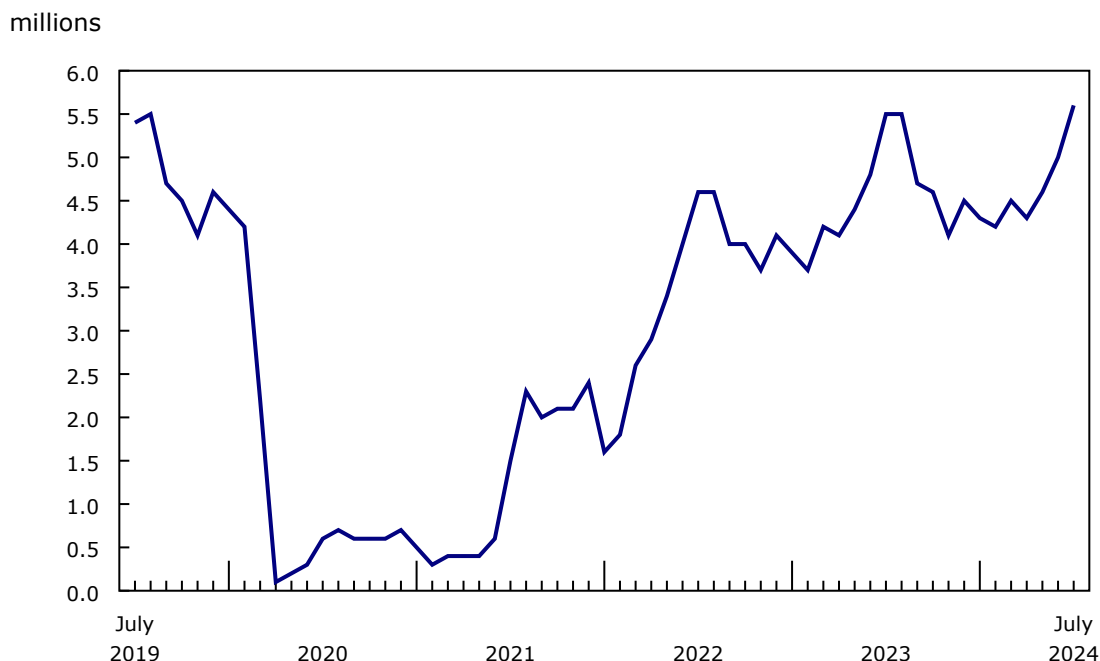
Transborder (to the United States) traffic in July 2024 was 12.5% higher than in the same month in 2023 and 9.1% higher than in July 2019. July 2024 was the third consecutive month in which transborder traffic topped pre-pandemic volumes.

In July, international screened passenger counts (outside of the United States) grew 6.2% over July 2023, exceeding pre-pandemic levels from July 2019 by 2.7%.

The number of passengers screened for domestic flights was down 3.0% year over year in July 2024 albeit 2.0% higher than in July 2019.

Chart 1

Number of screened passengers at the eight largest airports in Canada, monthly, 2019 to 2024



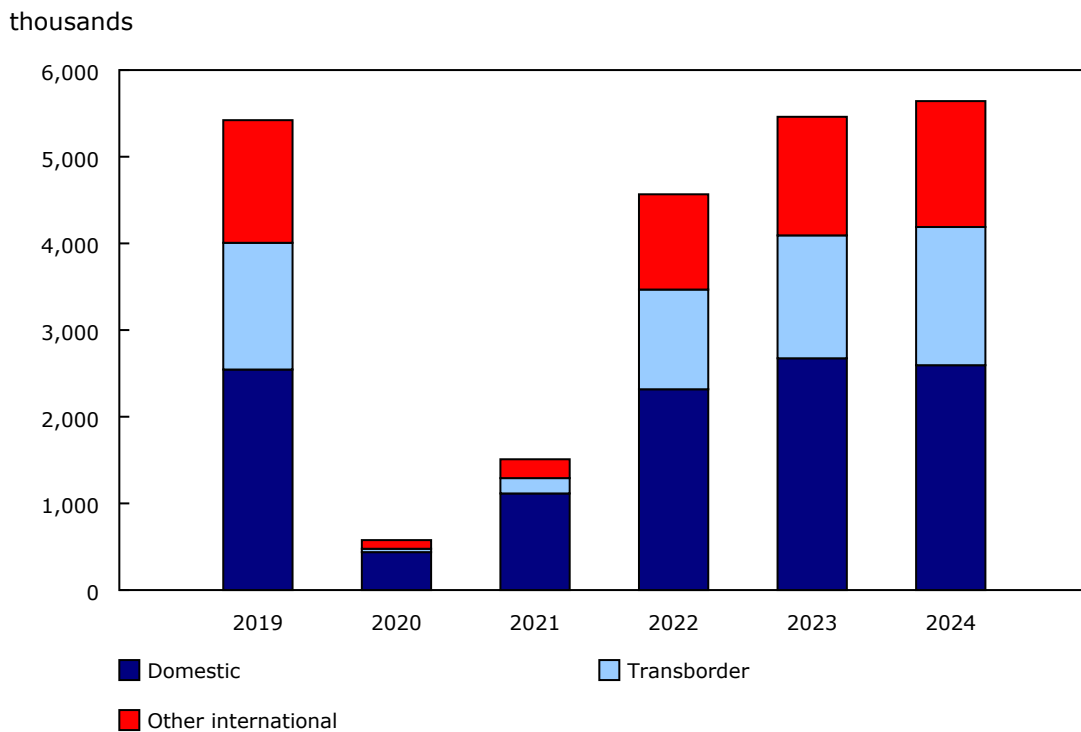
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Growth continues at largest airports

In July 2024, each of Canada's eight largest airports posted higher volumes of screened passenger traffic year over year. For the second month in a row, Halifax/Robert L. Stanfield International led the increases, up 11.2% over July 2023.

In July 2024, five airports experienced higher screened passenger volumes compared with their pre-pandemic levels from July 2019. Conversely, in July 2024, Ottawa/Macdonald-Cartier International (-11.9%), Toronto/Lester B. Pearson International (-1.4%) and Winnipeg/James Armstrong Richardson International (-0.1%) had traffic volumes below their pre-pandemic levels from July 2019.

Chart 2
Number of screened passengers at the eight largest airports in Canada, by sector, July, 2019 to 2024



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Note to readers

Data for this release are derived from the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) Boarding Pass Security System and include screened traffic at pre-board security screening checkpoints at the eight largest airports in Canada.

The eight largest airports in Canada are Halifax/Robert L. Stanfield International, Montréal/Pierre Elliott Trudeau International, Ottawa/Macdonald-Cartier International, Toronto/Lester B. Pearson International, Winnipeg/James Armstrong Richardson International, Calgary International, Edmonton International and Vancouver International.

Screened passenger traffic includes air travellers required to go through pre-board security screening and excludes aircrew and airport employees. This data series is a different measure of traffic than the counts of enplaned or deplaned passengers published in Statistics Canada's annual [Airport activity](#) report or produced by the individual airports. For example, the screened passenger data will not account for passengers with connecting flights who did not pass through security. For more information, please refer to the "Related information" tab (Definitions, data sources and methods) for this release.

Users interested in accessing daily counts of screened traffic at Canada's major airports can obtain them from the [CATSA website](#).

Available tables: table [23-10-0312-01](#).

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [5404](#).

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