

Travel between Canada and other countries, November 2024

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Highlights

In November, US residents took 1.4 million trips to Canada, and residents of overseas countries took 284,500 trips. The number of non-resident arrivals (US-resident and overseas-resident arrivals combined) in Canada represented 96.7% of the number observed in November 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic.

In November 2024, Canadian residents returned from 3.9 million trips abroad, which represented 94.5% of the level recorded in November 2019.

According to seasonally adjusted data, on a month-to-month basis, non-resident arrivals in Canada increased by 3.3% in November 2024. The number of returning Canadian-resident arrivals rose 1.6% compared with October.

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Trips to Canada by US residents

In November, US residents took 1.4 million trips to Canada, up 18.4% from the same month in 2023, as a result of increases in arrivals by automobile and by air. The number of trips by US residents recorded in November 2024 corresponded to 98.6% of the level observed in November 2019, before the pandemic.

In November 2024, 74.2% of US residents visiting Canada arrived by automobile (1.1 million arrivals), and 53.4% of those arrivals were same-day trips. Arrivals by automobile were up 21.3% year over year and up 1.5% compared with November 2019 levels. US residents also crossed Canadian land borders in November 2024 by other means, such as by bus (19,700), as pedestrians (7,900) and by train (5,400).

Air arrivals (326,700) made up 22.6% of all trips to Canada taken by US residents in November. These arrivals increased by 14.0% from the same month in 2023 and represented 96.0% of such trips taken in November 2019.

In November 2024, the main points of entry for US residents entering Canada by automobile were near Niagara (including Niagara Falls and Fort Erie), near Vancouver (including Douglas and Pacific Highway in Surrey) and in southwestern Ontario (including Windsor and Sarnia). Together, these were the points of entry for 73.1% of all such trips.

In November, the busiest points of entry by air were in Toronto (including Toronto Pearson International Airport and Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport), Vancouver, Montréal and Calgary. Combined, these points of entry represented 91.9% of all US-resident arrivals in Canada by air during the month.

Trips to Canada by overseas residents

In November, 284,500 overseas residents arrived in Canada, a decrease of 5.3% compared with the same month in 2023, representing the second consecutive month of year-over-year declines. The level seen in November 2024 reached 88.1% of that recorded in November 2019. In November 2024, 80.8% of overseas-resident arrivals in Canada were by air (229,700 arrivals).

Together, the top three countries of residence of overseas visitors—the United Kingdom (31,100), France (24,300) and Mexico (22,000)—represented 27.2% of all overseas arrivals in Canada in November. November marked the first time since March 2024 that Mexico was included in the top three countries of residence of overseas visitors, following [changes to the visitor visa requirements for Mexican citizens coming to Canada](#).



In November, overseas residents arrived in Canada most frequently at airports in Toronto, Vancouver, Montréal and Calgary, which welcomed a combined 96.6% of all overseas-resident arrivals by air.

Trips abroad by Canadian residents

Canadian residents returned from 3.9 million trips abroad in November, up 6.8% from November 2023 and representing 94.5% of such trips taken during the same month in 2019.

Trips to the United States by automobile (2.1 million) represented 52.9% of the total trips taken abroad by Canadian residents in November 2024, and 70.4% of these trips to the United States were same-day trips. Trips by Canadian residents who returned by automobile from a visit to the United States increased by 6.6% year over year and represented 89.2% of such trips taken in November 2019.

In November 2024, Canadian residents flew back to Canada from 1.8 million trips abroad, representing 45.7% of their total trips. Air arrivals in November were 7.6% higher than they were in the same month one year earlier and exceeded the number of such arrivals recorded in November 2019 by 3.4%.

The busiest points of entry for Canadian residents returning from the United States by automobile in November 2024 were near Vancouver (including Douglas and Pacific Highway in Surrey), in Southwestern Ontario (including Windsor and Sarnia) and near Niagara (including Niagara Falls and Fort Erie). Combined, these points of entry accounted for 63.7% of such trips.

The busiest airports for Canadian residents returning home from abroad in November were in Toronto, Montréal, Vancouver and Calgary. Combined, these airports represented 89.9% of all air arrivals of Canadian residents from abroad.

Table 1
Travel between Canada and other countries — unadjusted

	November 2024	November 2023	November 2023 to November 2024
	arrivals		% change
International visitors entering or returning to Canada	5,632,498	5,175,340	8.8
Non-resident visitors entering Canada	1,728,521	1,520,059	13.7
US residents entering Canada	1,444,054	1,219,676	18.4
Air	326,691	286,449	14.0
Automobile	1,070,789	882,939	21.3
Same-day	571,918	485,838	17.7
One or more nights	498,871	397,101	25.6
Other modes	46,574	50,288	-7.4
Overseas residents entering Canada	284,467	300,383	-5.3
Air	229,734	249,241	-7.8
Other modes	54,733	51,142	7.0
Top overseas markets			
Mexico	22,043	32,978	-33.2
United Kingdom ¹	31,119	30,012	3.7
France	24,325	23,896	1.8
Australia	12,513	11,846	5.6
China ²	16,015	15,468	3.5
India ³	18,193	21,381	-14.9
Germany	11,865	11,692	1.5
South Korea	8,233	6,952	18.4
Brazil	16,054	12,308	30.4
Japan	8,249	7,709	7.0
Canadian residents returning to Canada from abroad	3,903,977	3,655,281	6.8
Canadian residents returning from the United States	2,936,997	2,857,395	2.8
Air	820,376	863,975	-5.0
Automobile	2,066,905	1,938,740	6.6
Same-day	1,455,835	1,322,738	10.1
One or more nights	611,070	616,002	-0.8
Other modes	49,716	54,680	-9.1
Canadian residents returning from overseas	966,980	797,886	21.2
Air	963,434	794,524	21.3

1. Includes England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Excludes the Channel Islands, British Overseas Territories, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, and Sark.

2. Excludes Hong Kong and Macao. Includes Tibet.

3. Since 1975, includes Sikkim.

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

Seasonally adjusted arrivals

Tourism is influenced by seasonal effects (e.g., actual seasons and holidays such as Canada Day and Thanksgiving) and by calendar effects (e.g., number of weekends in a month). All statistics in this section are based on seasonally adjusted data (for more information, please see the Note to readers).

In November, the number of arrivals in Canada by US residents grew by 4.6% compared with October, driven by both automobile and air travel. The November increase marks the third consecutive monthly rise since September 2024.

The number of overseas-resident arrivals in Canada declined by 1.3% in November compared with October. With the exception of the Americas (excluding the United States), arrivals by volume from all continents (Africa, Asia, Europe and Oceania) declined.

Arrivals by residents of Europe—the largest overseas market, with 45.2% of the total overseas arrivals in Canada—decreased by 1.2% from October to November. By volume, the largest declines in arrivals were from Switzerland, France and Denmark.

Arrivals by residents of Asia—the second-largest overseas market, with 27.1% of the total overseas arrivals in Canada—decreased by 2.3% from October to November. Declines in arrivals from China, the Philippines and Taiwan contributed the most to the overall decrease.

Arrivals by residents of the Americas (excluding the United States)—the third-largest overseas market, with 17.9% of the total overseas arrivals—increased by 7.0% from October to November. There was a rise in the number of visitors from Brazil and Mexico.

Arrivals by residents of Africa, accounting for 3.5% of total overseas arrivals, decreased by 22.3% from October to November, driven by a decline in arrivals from Nigeria.

The number of Canadian residents returning from a trip abroad increased by 1.6% from October to November. Return trips from the United States were up by 1.2% in November. Meanwhile, Canadian-resident arrivals from overseas countries rose 2.8%, marking a fifth consecutive monthly increase.

Table 2
Travel between Canada and other countries — seasonally adjusted

	October to November 2024
	% change
International visitors entering or returning to Canada	2.0
Non-resident visitors entering Canada	3.3
US residents entering Canada	4.6
Air	19.4
Automobile	26.2
Same-day	24.4
One or more nights	28.0
Other modes	-64.2
Overseas residents entering Canada	-1.3
Air	-3.0
Other modes	5.4
Top overseas markets	
China ¹	-11.1
South Korea	-2.3
Brazil	31.6
Japan	6.9
India ²	4.0
Germany	1.8
Australia	-2.4
Mexico	7.6
France	-1.3
United Kingdom ³	1.1
Canadian residents returning to Canada from abroad	1.6
Canadian residents returning from the United States	1.2
Air	-2.3
Automobile	2.6
Same-day	4.6
One or more nights	-1.3
Other modes	-5.1
Canadian residents returning from overseas	2.8
Air	3.0

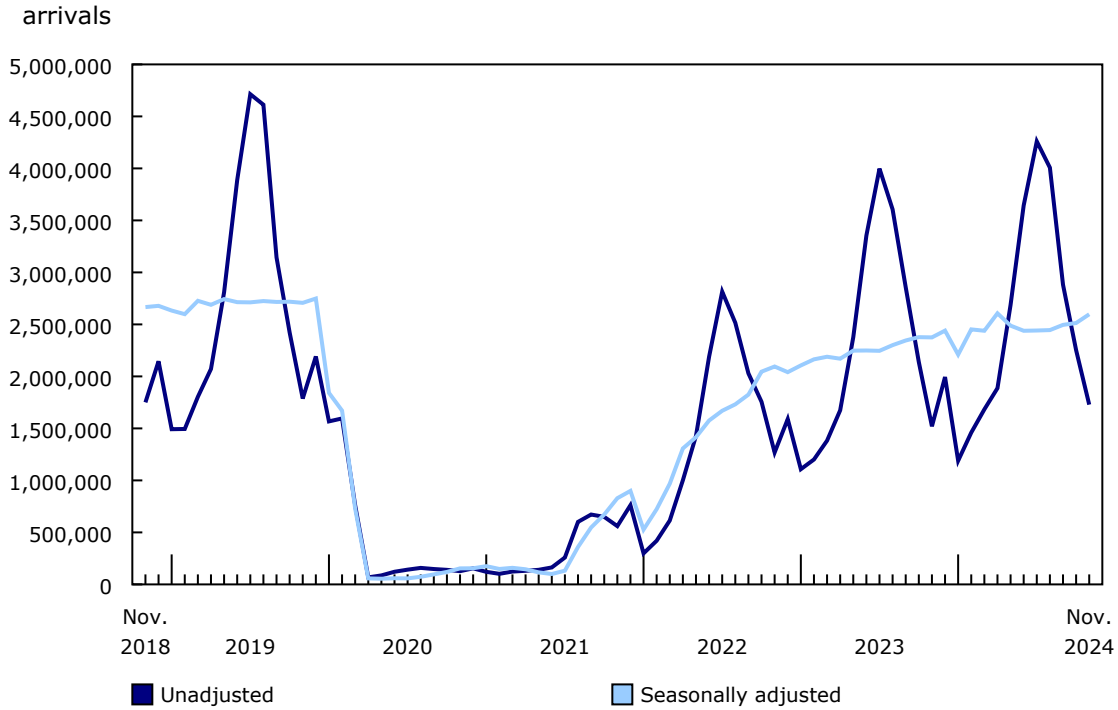
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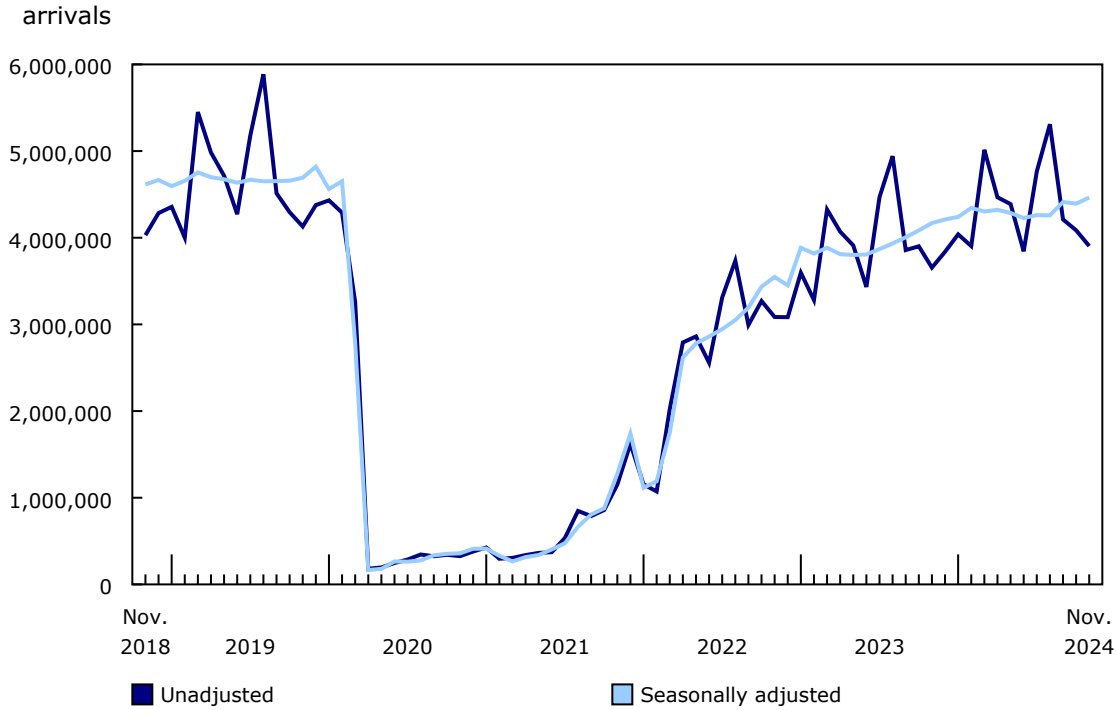
Source(s): Tables [24-10-0051-01](#) and [24-10-0054-01](#).

Chart 1
Non-resident visitors entering Canada, November 2018 to November 2024



Source(s): Tables [24-10-0053-01](#) and [24-10-0054-01](#).

Chart 2
Canadian residents returning to Canada from abroad, November 2018 to November 2024



Source(s): Tables [24-10-0053-01](#) and [24-10-0054-01](#).

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Note to readers

What is seasonal adjustment? Tourism is influenced by seasonal and calendar effects. These effects can bring about changes in the data that normally occur at the same time, and in about the same magnitude, every year. A seasonally adjusted time series is a time series that has been adjusted to eliminate the effects of seasonal and calendar influences. Seasonally adjusted data allow for more meaningful comparisons of economic conditions from period to period. For information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

Seasonally adjusted data have been produced using the X12 ARIMA seasonal adjustment program.

Seasonally adjusted data for August to October 2024 have been revised. No revisions were made to data that were not seasonally adjusted.

Unless otherwise specified, this release uses unadjusted (raw) data.

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.

For more current estimates of international arrivals to Canada, please see the release, "[Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada](#)."

For more information on travel by Canadian residents, please see the quarterly release of the [National Travel Survey \(NTS\)](#). For more information on travel in Canada by non-residents, please see the quarterly release of the [Visitor Travel Survey \(VTS\)](#). The NTS and the VTS data release for the fourth quarter of 2024 is scheduled for May 30, 2025.

Canada Post service disruptions

Due to Canada Post service disruptions, complete Frontier Counts for November 2024 were temporarily unavailable. At the time of this release, all published data for November 2024 in tables [24-10-0050-01](#), [24-10-0051-01](#), [24-10-0053-01](#), [24-10-0054-01](#) and [24-10-0055-01](#) are preliminary estimates. These tables will be revised with the release of the December 2024 data.

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

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

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

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