

Travel between Canada and other countries, January 2025

Released at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time in *The Daily*, Friday, March 21, 2025

Highlights

In January, trips to Canada by US residents increased 20.8% to reach 1.1 million trips. In contrast, trips to Canada by overseas residents experienced a fourth consecutive month of year-over-year declines that began in October 2024.

Canadian resident trips abroad (United States and overseas combined) saw a slight decline of 0.5% in January 2025 compared with the same month in 2024.

Using seasonally adjusted data, on a month-to-month basis, non-resident arrivals (US and overseas residents combined) in Canada increased by 1.5% in January 2025. Meanwhile, the number of returning Canadian-resident arrivals fell by 5.6% from the previous month, breaking a two-month streak of consecutive monthly increases.

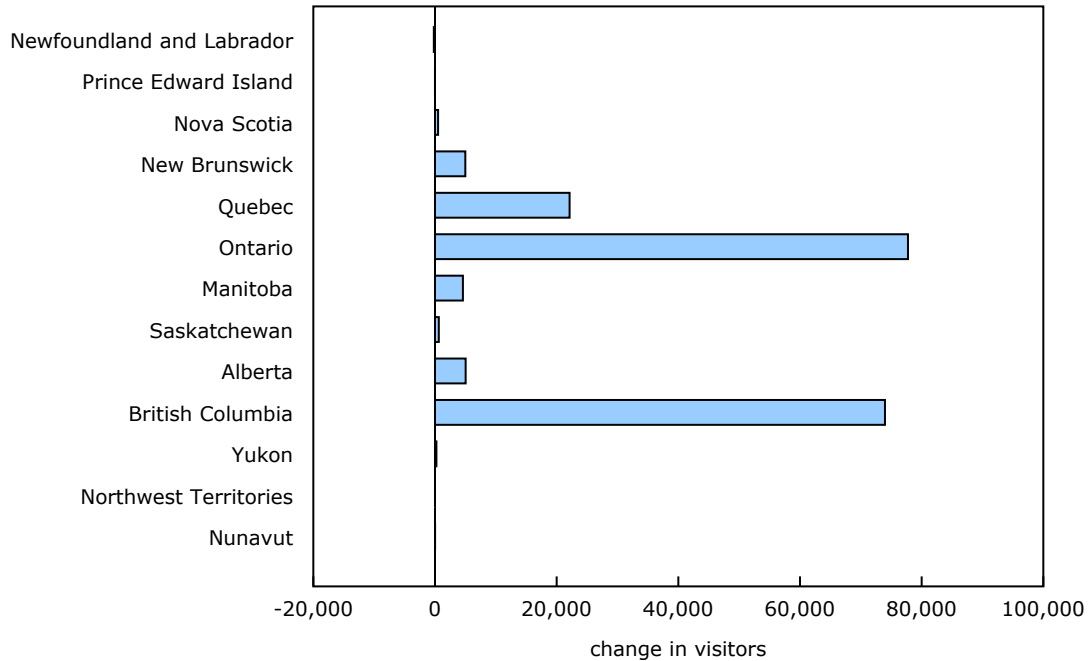
Trips to Canada by US residents continue to grow

In January, US residents took 1.1 million trips to Canada, up 20.8% from the same month in 2024. Most of these trips were made by automobile (74.5%) or air (22.6%).

Arrivals by automobile (819,400) rose sharply by 24.4% year over year in January 2025, marking the fourth consecutive month of year-over-year growth. Over half (57.7%) of these arrivals were same-day trips. Air arrivals (248,600) increased by 11.2% from the same month in 2024.



Chart 1
Change in US visitors entering Canada, by province or territory of arrival, January 2024 to January 2025, unadjusted data



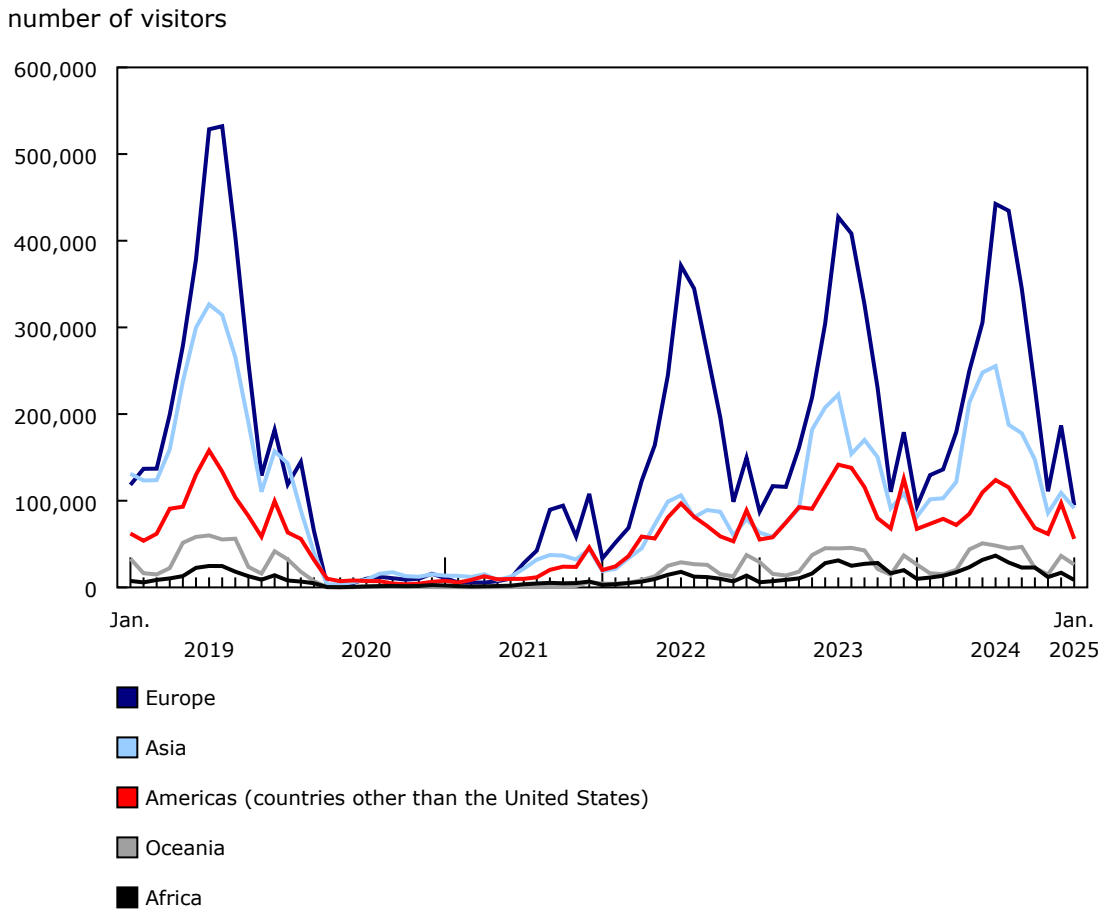
.. not available for a specific reference period
 Source(s): Table 24-10-0053-01.

Trips to Canada by overseas residents decline

In January 2025, 277,000 overseas residents arrived in Canada, a decrease of 0.6% compared with the same month in 2024, marking the fourth consecutive month of year-over-year declines. The majority (86.3%) of overseas-resident arrivals in January 2025 were by air.

The year-over-year decline in overseas resident arrivals in January was primarily because of fewer arrivals from the Americas (excluding the United States), Canada's third-largest overseas market. In January, the top three countries of residence of overseas visitors—Mexico (27,400), China (27,100) and the United Kingdom (25,500)—accounted for 28.9% of all overseas arrivals in Canada.

Chart 2
Overseas visitors entering Canada, by continent of residence, January 2019 to January 2025, unadjusted data



Source(s): Table 24-10-0050-01.

Trips abroad by Canadian residents edge down

Canadian residents returned from 4.0 million trips abroad in January, edging down 0.5% from January 2024.

Canadian residents returned home by air from 2.2 million trips abroad, representing 54.5% of their total trips, in January 2025. Air arrivals in January declined by 1.4% compared with the same month in 2024.

In January 2025, trips to the United States by automobile (1.8 million) represented 44.5% of the total trips taken abroad by Canadian residents. The number of Canadian residents returning by automobile from a visit to the United States (+0.6%) edged up year over year, and 68.5% of these trips were same day.

Table 1
Travel between Canada and other countries — unadjusted data

	January 2025	January 2024	January 2024 to January 2025
	arrivals		% change

Table 1 - continued
Travel between Canada and other countries — unadjusted data

	January 2025	January 2024	January 2024 to January 2025
International visitors entering or returning to Canada	5,394,920	5,228,205	3.2
Non-resident visitors entering Canada	1,377,228	1,189,366	15.8
US residents entering Canada	1,100,257	910,621	20.8
Air	248,628	223,574	11.2
Automobile	819,416	658,839	24.4
Same-day	472,742	386,432	22.3
One or more nights	346,674	272,407	27.3
Other modes	32,213	28,208	14.2
Overseas residents entering Canada	276,971	278,745	-0.6
Air	238,990	241,599	-1.1
Other modes	37,981	37,146	2.2
Top overseas markets			
United Kingdom ¹	25,537	25,338	0.8
France	22,861	22,464	1.8
India ²	14,086	16,864	-16.5
Mexico	27,366	39,638	-31.0
Germany	9,976	9,201	8.4
China ³	27,111	17,099	58.6
Australia	21,555	21,585	-0.1
South Korea	11,032	8,665	27.3
Brazil	7,555	7,108	6.3
Japan	6,998	5,276	32.6
Canadian residents returning to Canada from abroad	4,017,692	4,038,839	-0.5
Canadian residents returning from the United States	2,670,643	2,734,155	-2.3
Air	845,669	919,454	-8.0
Automobile	1,789,307	1,779,005	0.6
Same-day	1,226,444	1,164,229	5.3
One or more nights	562,863	614,776	-8.4
Other modes	35,667	35,696	-0.1
Canadian residents returning from overseas	1,347,049	1,304,684	3.2
Air	1,343,662	1,300,836	3.3

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

2. Since 1975, includes Sikkim.

3. Excludes Hong Kong and Macao. Includes Tibet.

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

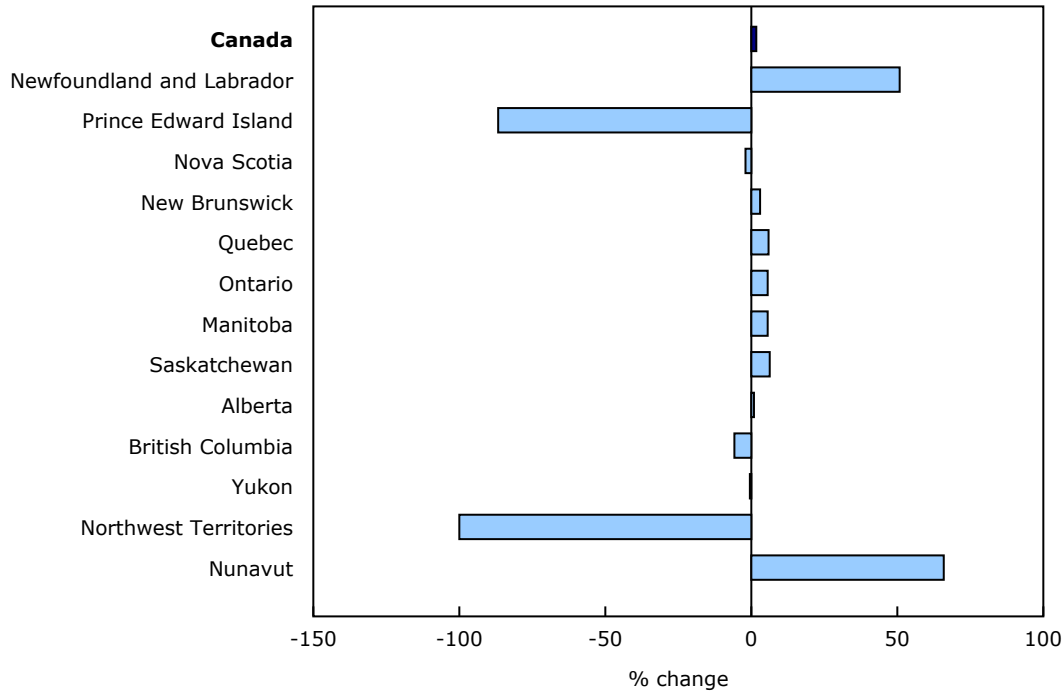
Seasonally adjusted arrivals

Overnight trips to Canada by US residents increase

In January, the overall number of arrivals in Canada by US residents grew by 1.7%, compared with December 2024, and there was a slight increase in overnight trips (+2.3%). January 2025 marked the sixth consecutive monthly rise in overnight trips to Canada by US residents.

In January, the number of US residents arriving in Canada by air decreased by 1.0% from the previous month. This decline was partly offset by a slight increase in US residents arriving by automobile (+3.2%).

Chart 3
Percent change in US visitors entering Canada, by province or territory of arrival, December 2024 to January 2025, seasonally adjusted data



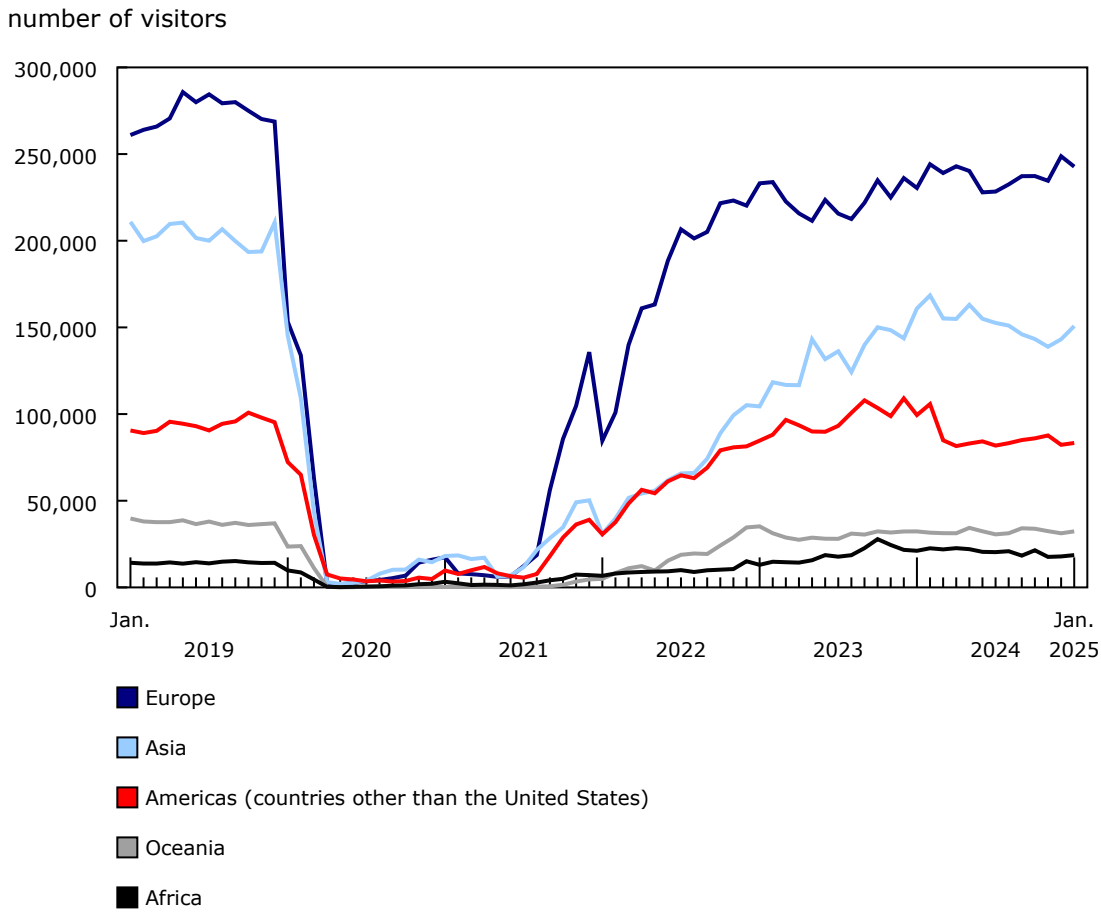
Source(s): Table 24-10-0054-01.

Trips to Canada by overseas residents increase

In January, the number of overseas-resident arrivals in Canada rose by 0.9% compared with the previous month. Asia (+5.3%), the Americas (excluding the United States) (+1.3%), Oceania (+3.6%) and Africa (+4.3%) saw an increase in arrivals from December 2024.

The overall monthly gain in January 2025 was driven by higher numbers of visitors from China (+15.4%), South Korea (+16.3%) and Mexico (+6.6%), which helped offset large declines in arrivals from the United Kingdom (-4.5%) and France (-2.9%).

Chart 4
Overseas visitors entering Canada, by continent of residence, January 2019 to January 2025, seasonally adjusted data



Source(s): Table 24-10-0051-01.

Canadian resident trips abroad decline

In January, Canadian residents returned from fewer trips abroad, down 5.6% compared with the previous month. This decline was driven by reductions in US air (-6.2%) and automobile (-6.4%) trips, as well as a drop in overseas air travel (-3.1%).

Table 2
Travel between Canada and other countries — seasonally adjusted data

	December 2024 to January 2025
	% change
International visitors entering or returning to Canada	-2.4
Non-resident visitors entering Canada	1.5
US residents entering Canada	1.7
Air	-1.0
Automobile	3.2
Same-day	1.2
One or more nights	5.0
Other modes	-1.6
Overseas residents entering Canada	0.9
Air	1.4
Other modes	-1.0
Top overseas markets	
United Kingdom ¹	-4.5
France	-2.9
India ²	4.5
Mexico	6.6
Germany	0.8
China ³	15.4
Australia	3.7
South Korea	16.3
Brazil	-3.4
Japan	7.7
Canadian residents returning to Canada from abroad	-5.6
Canadian residents returning from the United States	-6.4
Air	-6.2
Automobile	-6.4
Same-day	-0.5
One or more nights	-15.8
Other modes	-8.6
Canadian residents returning from overseas	-3.2
Air	-3.1

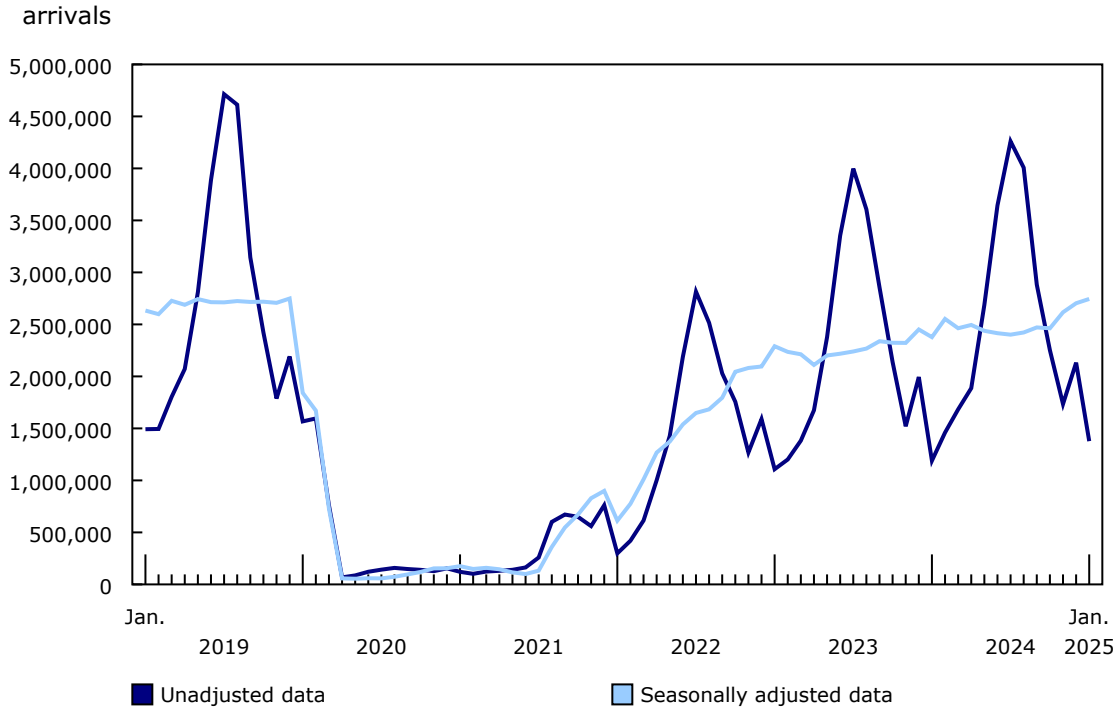
1. Includes England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Excludes the Channel Islands, British Overseas Territories, Guernsey, Isle of Man, Jersey, and Sark.

2. Since 1975, includes Sikkim.

3. Excludes Hong Kong and Macao. Includes Tibet.

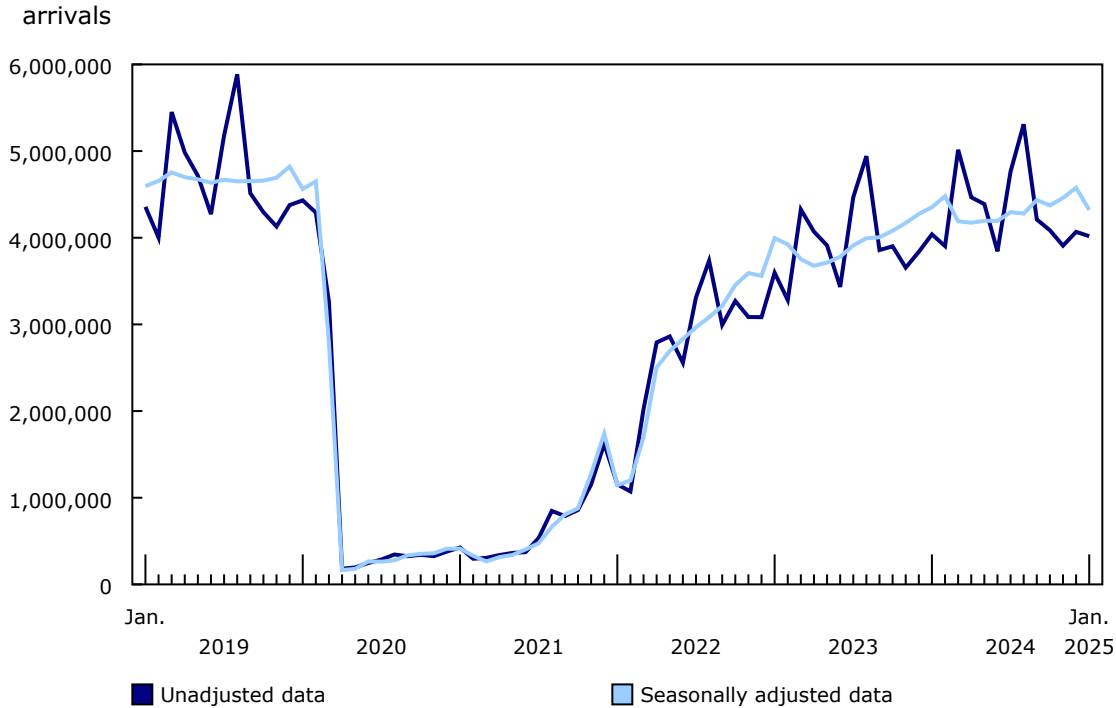
Source(s): Tables [24-10-0051-01](#) and [24-10-0054-01](#).

Chart 5
Non-resident visitors entering Canada, January 2019 to January 2025



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

Chart 6
Canadian residents returning to Canada from abroad, January 2019 to January 2025



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

Focus on Canada and the United States

In January 2025, Canadian residents returned from 2.7 million trips to the United States, a decrease of 2.3% from January 2024. Return trips from the United States represented 66.5% of all trips taken by Canadian residents in January 2025.

Meanwhile, US residents took 1.1 million trips to Canada in January 2025, up by 20.8% from January 2024. Trips to Canada by US residents represented 79.9% of all non-resident travel to Canada in January 2025.

For more data and insights on areas touched by the socio-economic relationship between Canada and the United States, see the [Focus on Canada and the United States](#) webpage.

Explore tourism data

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

Did you know we have a mobile app?

Download our mobile app and get timely access to data at your fingertips! The [StatsCAN](#) app is available for free on the [App Store](#) and on [Google Play](#).

Note to readers

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

For more information on concepts, definitions, data sources and methods, refer to [Frontier Counts](#). For more current estimates, see "[Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada](#)."

Seasonal adjustment

Tourism is influenced by seasonal effects (e.g., holidays such as Canada Day and Thanksgiving) and calendar effects (e.g., number of weekends in a month). Seasonally adjusted data are data that have been modified to eliminate the effect of seasonal and calendar influences to allow for more meaningful comparisons of economic conditions from period to period. For more information on seasonal adjustment, see [Seasonally adjusted data – Frequently asked questions](#).

Revisions

Data for January 2025 are preliminary and subject to revisions, as Statistics Canada is undertaking work to integrate new data sources to the Frontier Counts program.

Seasonally adjusted data for January 2022 to December 2024 have been revised. No revisions were made to data that were not seasonally adjusted.

Next release

"Travel between Canada and other countries" for February will be released on April 23.

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.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, or data quality of this release, contact us (toll-free 1-800-263-1136; 514-283-8300; infostats@statcan.gc.ca) or Media Relations (statcan.mediahotline-ligneinfomedias.statcan@statcan.gc.ca).