

# Travel between Canada and other countries, January 2026

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## Highlights

In January, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from the United States (-22.0%) and trips to Canada by US residents (-0.3%) were both down year over year.

Meanwhile, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from overseas increased 10.6%, while the number of trips to Canada by overseas residents decreased 2.1%, compared with the same month a year earlier.

On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from abroad (from the United States and overseas countries) was down 2.2% in January. US-resident arrivals (+4.7%) went up, while overseas-resident arrivals (-2.4%) decreased.

## Trips abroad by Canadian residents continue to decrease

Canadian residents returned from 3.6 million trips abroad in January 2026, down 11.0% compared with January 2025.

In January 2026, Canadian residents returned from 2.1 million trips to the United States, representing a 22.0% decrease from the same month a year earlier and marking the 13th consecutive month of year-over-year decline. Canadian-resident return trips from the United States by automobile declined 26.3% to 1.3 million in January. Of these arrivals, 67.5% were same-day trips. Meanwhile, the number of return trips by air from the United States (753,400) decreased 12.8% compared with January 2025.

In contrast, Canadian-resident return trips from overseas countries (1.5 million) were up 10.6% in January 2026 compared with January 2025. This level exceeded the number of return trips from the United States by automobile (1.3 million) for the first time since the digital [Frontier Counts](#) records began in 1972 (excluding the COVID-19 pandemic period).

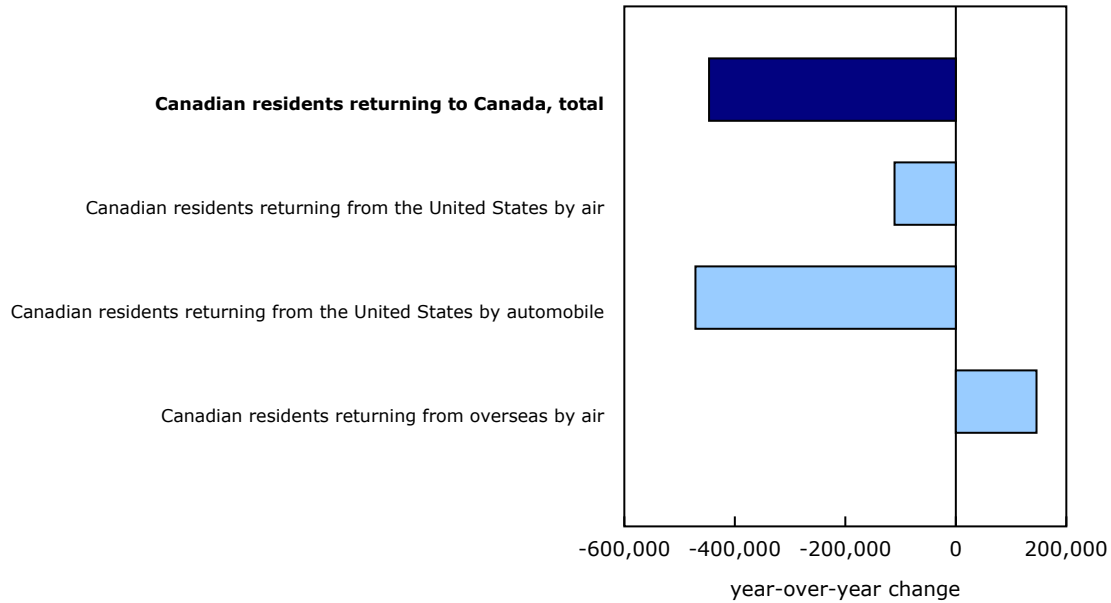


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**Chart 1**

**Year-over-year change in the number of Canadian residents returning to Canada from trips abroad, January 2026**

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Source(s): Table [24-10-0053-01](#).

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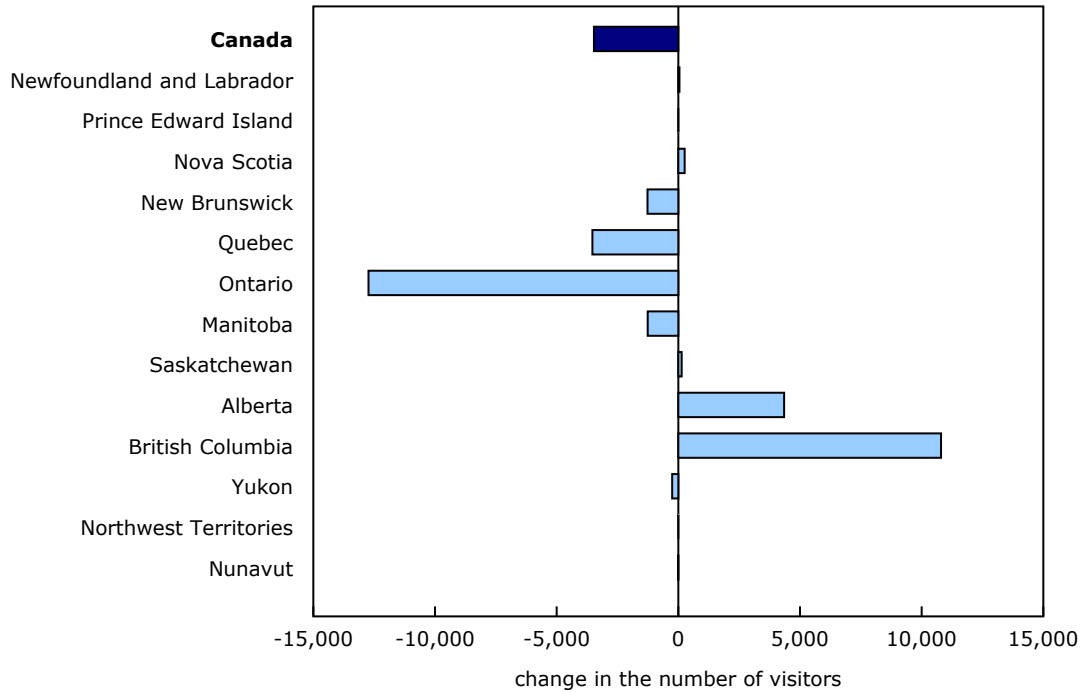
**Trips to Canada by United States residents slightly decrease**

In January 2026, US-resident trips to Canada (1.1 million) edged down 0.3% from the same month in 2025.

Arrivals by automobile (812,700) were down slightly (-0.8%) year over year in January 2026, with 59.2% of these arrivals being same-day trips. Meanwhile, arrivals by air (262,100) increased 2.7% year over year.

**Chart 2**

**Year-over-year change in the number of US visitors entering Canada, by province or territory of arrival, January 2026**



Source(s): Table 24-10-0053-01.

**Trips to Canada by overseas residents decrease**

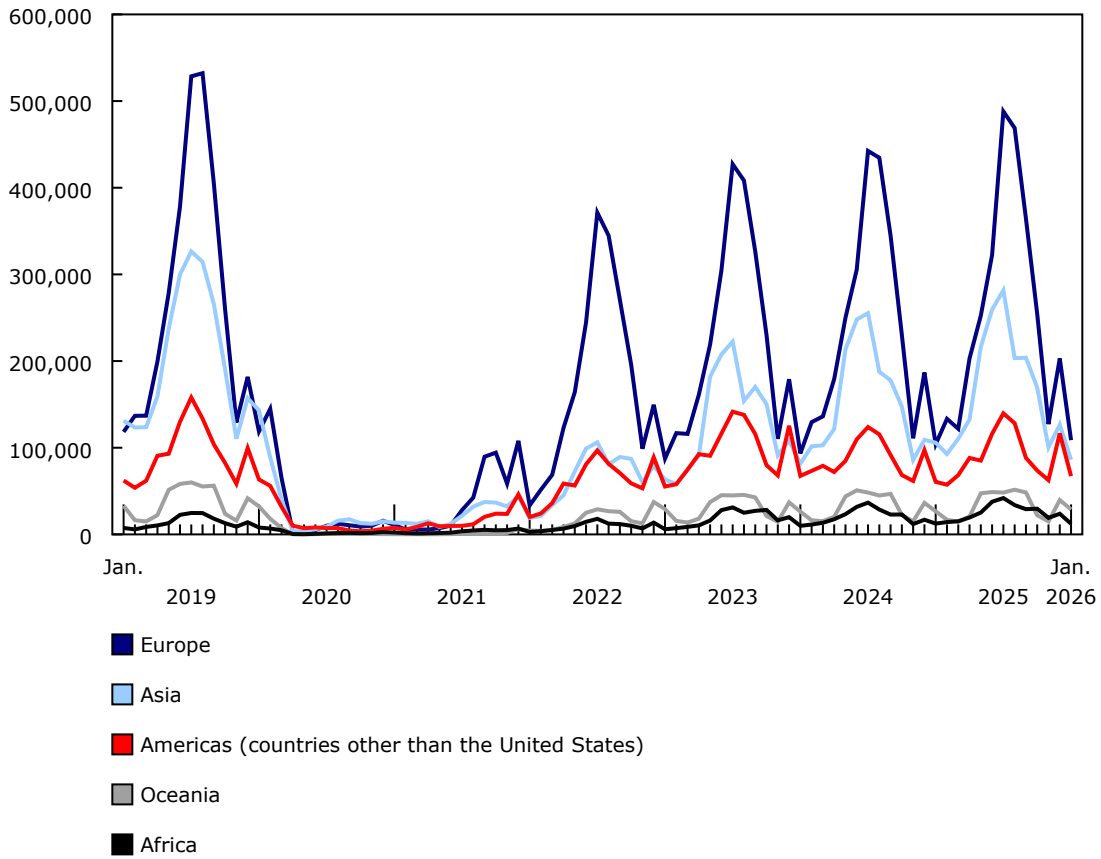
In January 2026, 303,200 overseas residents arrived in Canada, down 2.1% from the same month a year earlier, marking the first decline since March 2025. The majority (89.4%) of these arrivals were by air.

By volume, arrivals from Asia (-19,700, -18.6%) accounted for the overall decline in January. The decrease was partially offset by increases in arrivals from the Americas (excluding the United States) (+6,600; +10.9%) and Europe (+4,700; +4.6%).

In January, the top three countries of residence for overseas visitors were Mexico, the United Kingdom and France, accounting for 28.2% of all overseas arrivals in Canada.

**Chart 3**  
**Overseas visitors entering Canada, by continent of residence, January 2019 to January 2026**

number of visitors



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

**Table 1**  
**Travel between Canada and other countries — Unadjusted data**

	January 2026	January 2025	January 2025 to January 2026
	arrivals		% change
<b>International visitors entering or returning to Canada</b>	<b>5,021,966</b>	<b>5,478,493</b>	<b>-8.3</b>
<b>Non-resident visitors entering Canada</b>	<b>1,404,733</b>	<b>1,414,635</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
US residents entering Canada	1,101,559	1,105,027	-0.3
Air	262,095	255,268	2.7
Automobile	812,724	819,416	-0.8
Same-day	481,207	472,742	1.8
One or more nights	331,517	346,674	-4.4
Other modes	26,740	30,343	-11.9
Overseas residents entering Canada	303,174	309,608	-2.1
Air	270,899	270,017	0.3
Other modes	32,275	39,591	-18.5
Top overseas markets			
United Kingdom <sup>1</sup>	28,559	26,905	6.1
France	25,127	24,489	2.6
India <sup>2</sup>	18,756	19,446	-3.5
Mexico	31,866	28,517	11.7
China <sup>3</sup>	17,976	29,835	-39.7
Germany	10,889	10,494	3.8
Australia	24,000	21,832	9.9
South Korea	11,736	11,905	-1.4
Japan	8,451	7,496	12.7
Brazil	8,854	8,358	5.9
<b>Canadian residents returning to Canada from abroad</b>	<b>3,617,233</b>	<b>4,063,858</b>	<b>-11.0</b>
Canadian residents returning from the United States	2,098,665	2,690,363	-22.0
Air	753,441	864,409	-12.8
Automobile	1,318,024	1,789,307	-26.3
Same-day	890,075	1,226,444	-27.4
One or more nights	427,949	562,863	-24.0
Other modes	27,200	36,647	-25.8
Canadian residents returning from overseas	1,518,568	1,373,495	10.6
Air	1,518,522	1,372,484	10.6

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.

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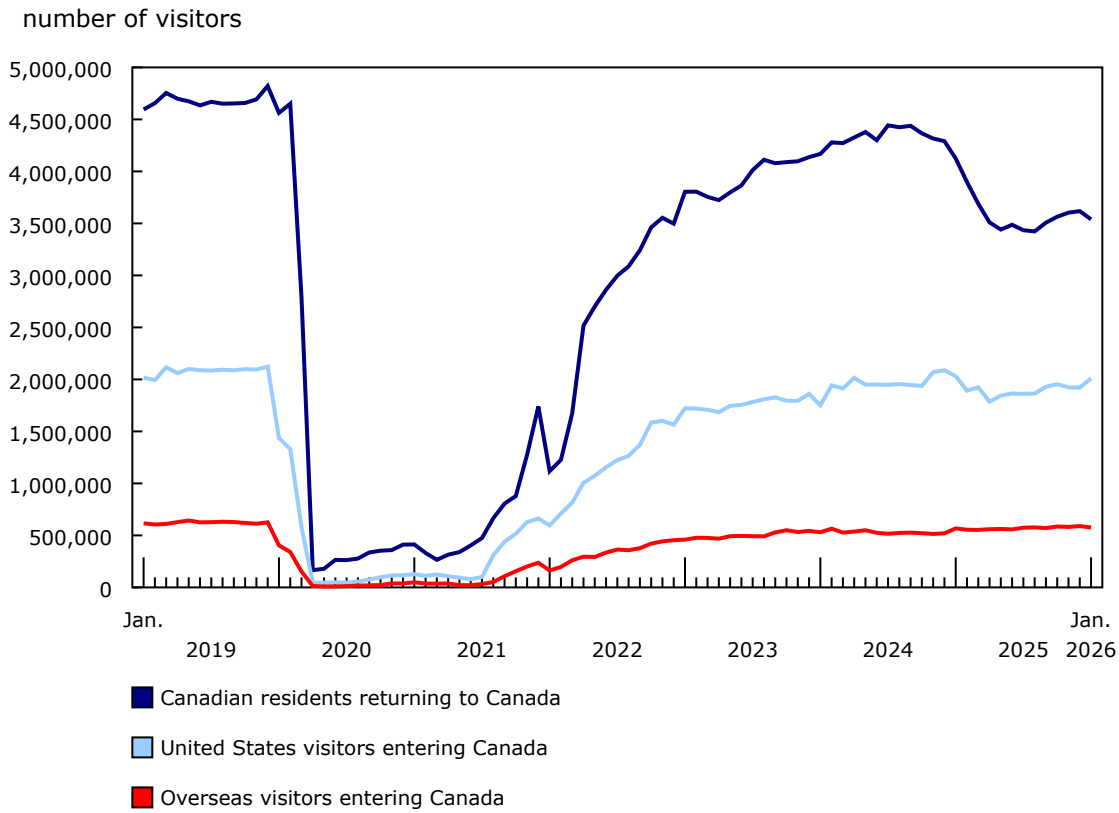
Source(s): Tables [24-10-0050-01](#) and [24-10-0053-01](#).

## Seasonally adjusted arrivals

Tourism is influenced by seasonal and calendar effects. All statistics in this section are based on seasonally adjusted data (for more information, see the Note to readers).

On a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from abroad decreased 2.2% in January, driven by declines in Canadian-resident return trips by air both from the United States (-4.6%) and overseas (-2.0%).

**Chart 4**  
**Canadian residents returning to Canada and non-resident visitors entering Canada, January 2019 to January 2026, seasonally adjusted data**

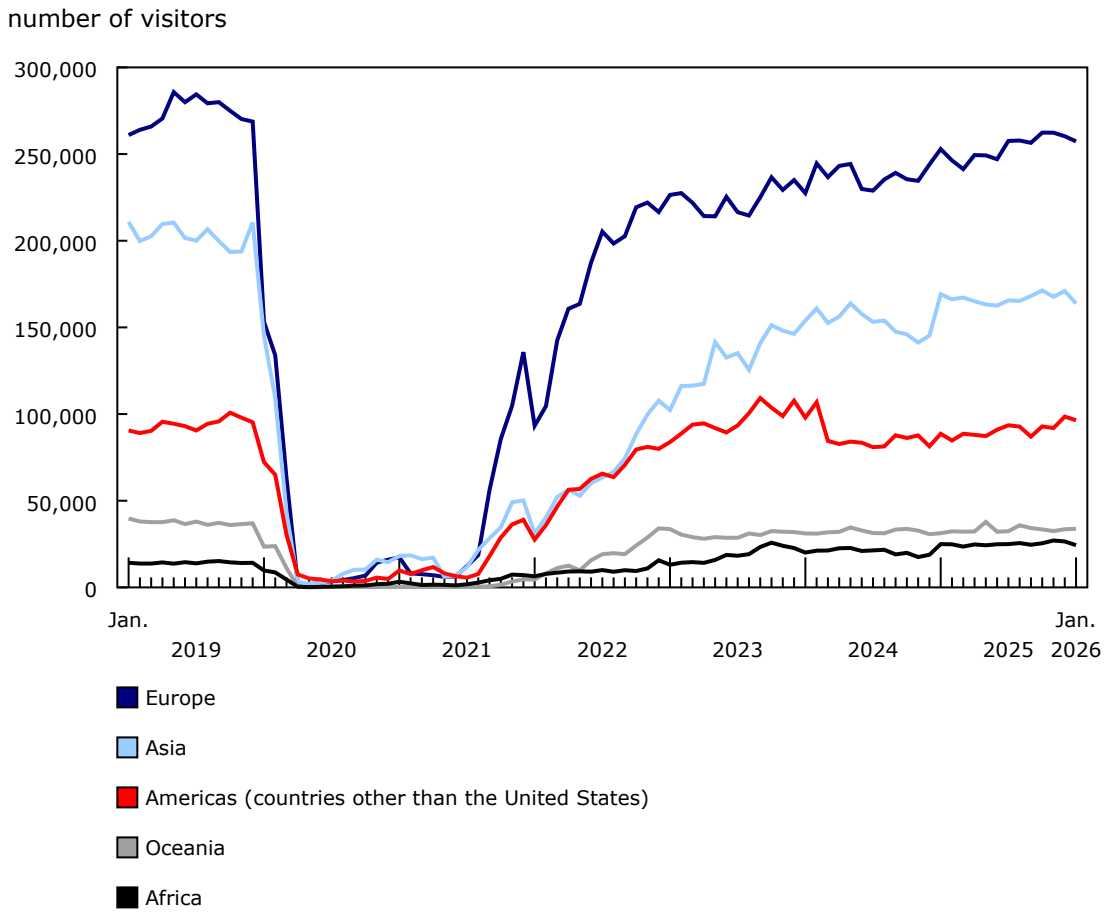


Source(s): Table 24-10-0054-01.

The overall number of arrivals in Canada by US residents was up 4.7% in January 2026 on a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, driven by increases in arrivals by automobile (+3.9%) and by air (+5.4%).

In January, the number of overseas-resident arrivals in Canada declined by 2.4% on a seasonally adjusted monthly basis, attributable to fewer visitors from all continents except for Oceania (+0.7%): Asia (-4.2%), Europe (-1.1%), Africa (-8.1%) and the Americas (excluding the United States) (-2.1%), ordered by volume. At the country level, the overall monthly decrease in January was driven by fewer visitors from India, Italy, and France.

**Chart 5**  
**Overseas visitors entering Canada, by continent of residence, January 2019 to January 2026, seasonally adjusted data**



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

**Table 2**  
**Travel between Canada and other countries — Seasonally adjusted data**

	December 2025 to January 2026
	% change
<b>International visitors entering or returning to Canada</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
<b>Non-resident visitors entering Canada</b>	<b>3.0</b>
US residents entering Canada	4.7
Air	5.4
Automobile	3.9
Same-day	4.7
One or more nights	3.0
Other modes	7.7
Overseas residents entering Canada	-2.4
Air	-2.9
Other modes	0.4
Top overseas markets	
United Kingdom <sup>1</sup>	2.6
France	-3.4
India <sup>2</sup>	-11.1
Mexico	0.1
China <sup>3</sup>	-1.4
Germany	-1.8
Australia	1.8
South Korea	3.4
Japan	2.1
Brazil	-5.1
<b>Canadian residents returning to Canada from abroad</b>	<b>-2.2</b>
Canadian residents returning from the United States	-2.3
Air	-4.6
Automobile	-1.2
Same-day	0.8
One or more nights	-4.6
Other modes	-2.7
Canadian residents returning from overseas	-2.0
Air	-2.0

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### Focus on Canada and the United States

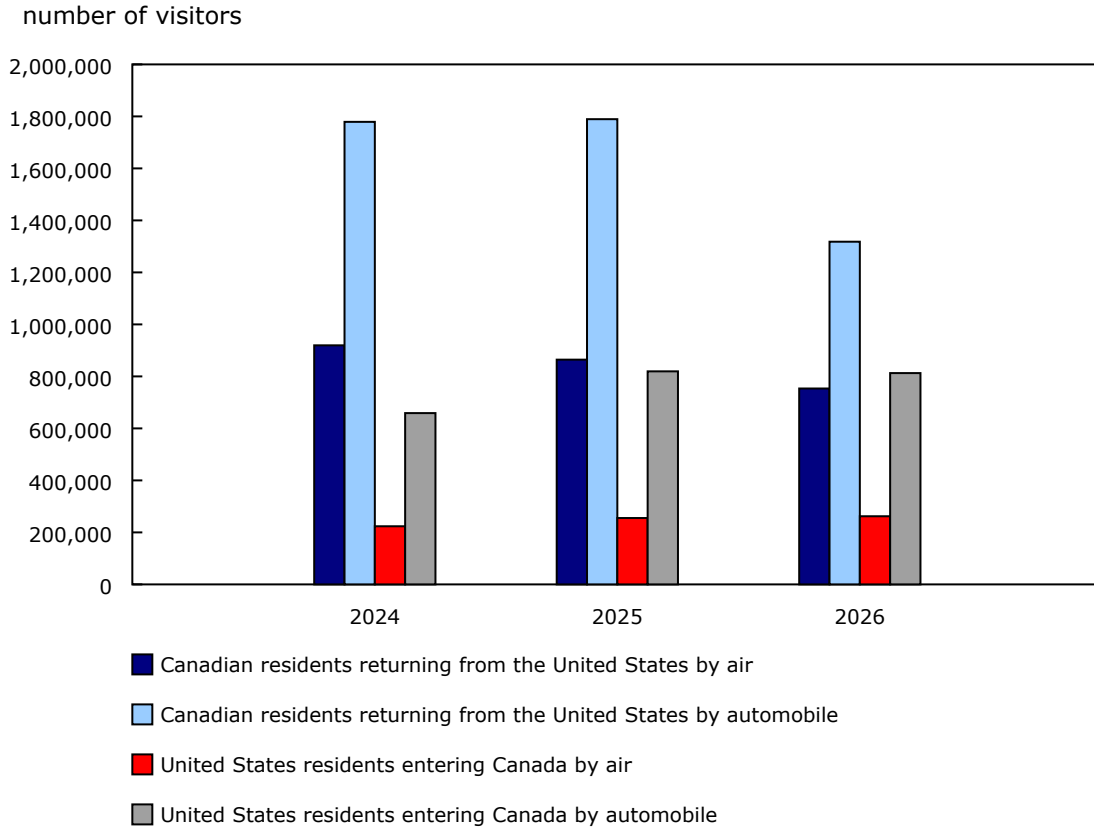
Starting in early 2025, travel trends among Canadian residents shifted alongside the [political tensions](#) between Canada and the United States. In January 2026, Canadian residents returned from 2.1 million trips to the United States, representing a 22.0% decrease from the same month in 2025 and marking the 13th consecutive month of year-over-year decline. When comparing the number of trips in January 2026 with January 2024, the number of trips decreased 23.2% from January 2024 to January 2026, driven by declines in trips by automobile (-25.9%) and by air (-18.1%).

Meanwhile, US residents took 1.1 million trips to Canada in January 2026, down slightly (-0.3%) from the same month in 2025. The number of trips grew notably (+21.0%) from January 2024 to January 2026, driven by increases in trips both by automobile (+23.4%) and by air (+17.2%).

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.

**Chart 6**

**Travel between Canada and the United States, by air and by automobile, January, 2024 to 2026**



Source(s): Table 24-10-0053-01.

## Explore tourism data

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

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

For other tourism-related information, see the [Travel and Tourism Statistics](#) portal.

## Note to readers

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

### Seasonal adjustment

*Tourism is influenced by seasonal effects (e.g., actual seasons and 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](#).*

### Data enhancements — additional electronic data sources

*With the release of the January 2026 reference month for "Travel between Canada and other countries," Statistics Canada has integrated information on travellers processed through the Canada Border Services Agency's Next Generation Handhelds. Statistics Canada has also implemented the Operational Reporting Application and the second phase of the Integrated Primary Inspection Line - Air (IPIL Air) system for selected ports. This integration improves the accuracy of Frontier Counts by addressing existing data gaps for travellers at some ports of entry. It also eliminates the reliance on paper E311 declaration forms.*

*For additional information, see [Summary of changes](#) page.*

### Upcoming enhancement — Primary Inspection Kiosks deployment at John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport

*Primary Inspection Kiosks (PIK) were deployed at John C. Munro Hamilton International Airport on February 3, 2026, replacing IPIL Air as the main data source for this port of entry. This switch will be reflected in "Travel between Canada and other countries" starting with the February 2026 reference month and will have minimal impact to the data. Starting with the March 2026 reference month, this new PIK airport will be integrated in the "Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada," improving its coverage.*

### Revisions

*Seasonally adjusted data for January 2022 to December 2025 have been revised. No revisions were made to the unadjusted data.*

### 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.

The article "[Recent changes in Canadian-resident travel to the United States](#)" is available.

The StatsCAN Plus article "[Canada's cruise industry even keeled in 2025](#)" is available.

Episode 27 of the Eh Sayers podcast, "[Canadians just aren't California Dreamin' these days](#)," is available.

The infographic "[Tourism activity, 2024](#)" is also available.

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