

National Travel Survey and Visitor Travel Survey, fourth quarter 2025

Released at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time in *The Daily*, Friday, May 29, 2026

Highlights

During the fourth quarter of 2025, Canadian residents took 83.4 million trips within Canada and abroad, down 6.8% from the same quarter in 2024. From October to December 2025, visitors from the United States and overseas countries made 6.1 million trips to Canada, a 0.7% decline compared with the fourth quarter of 2024.

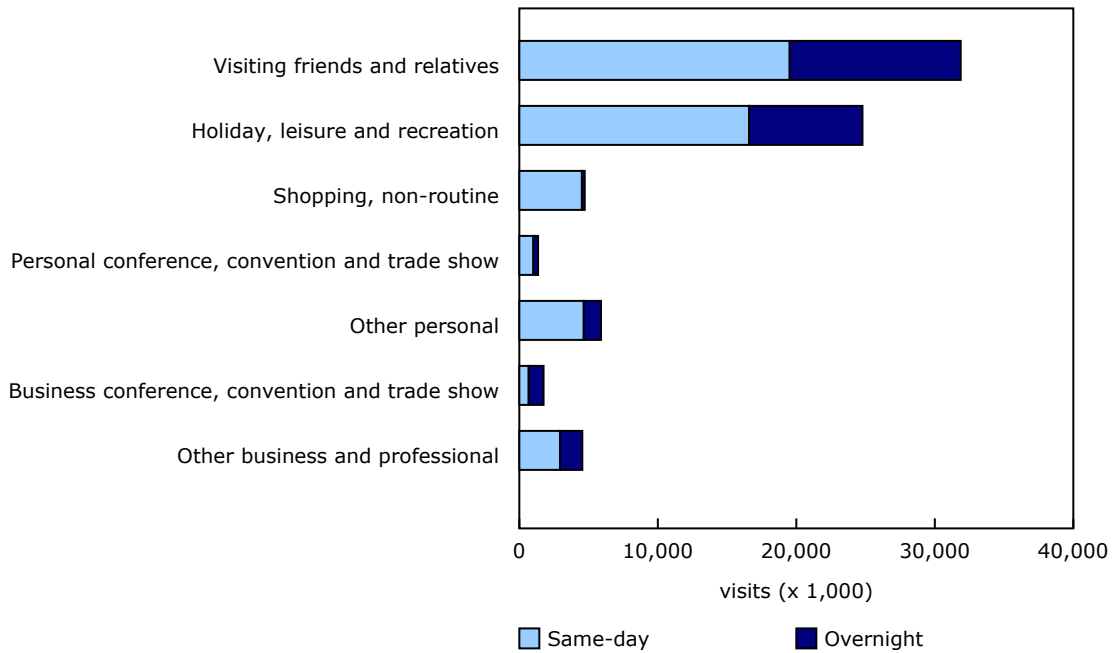
Domestic tourism: Canadian-resident visits within Canada decrease

In the fourth quarter of 2025, Canadian residents took 74.9 million trips that included a domestic visit, down by 6.2% on a year-over-year basis. Among these visits, 49.9 million were same-day visits (-1.8%), while 25.0 million were overnight visits (-13.7%). Despite the decrease in the number of trips, visits were longer compared with the fourth quarter of 2024, as the average number of nights increased by 7.7% in the fourth quarter of 2025.

From October to December 2025, Canadian residents spent \$16.7 billion on domestic tourism, up 3.0% year over year. For same-day visits, Canadian residents spent an average of \$103 per visit. For overnight visits, Canadian residents spent an average of \$462 per visit, and the average visit length was 2.8 nights.

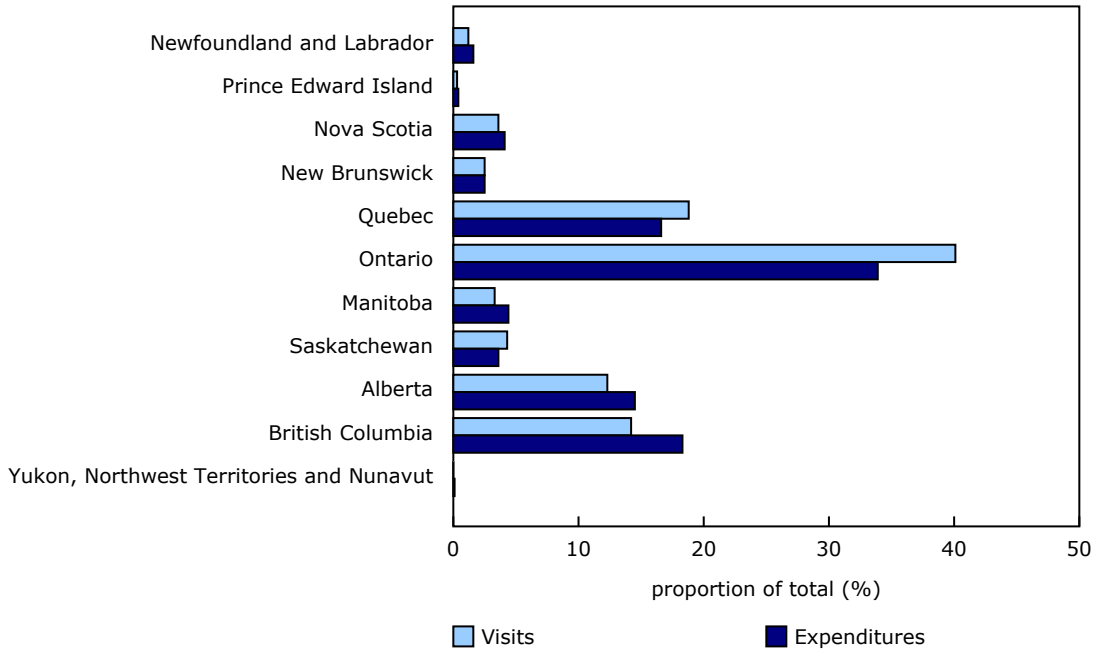


Chart 1
Domestic visits by Canadian residents, by main trip purpose and visit duration, fourth quarter 2025



Source(s): Table 24-10-0070-01.

Chart 2
Proportion of visits and expenditures by Canadian residents within Canada, by province or territory of visit, fourth quarter 2025



Source(s): Tables [24-10-0070-01](#) and [24-10-0073-01](#).

Outbound tourism: Canadian-resident visits to the United States decrease, while visits to overseas countries increase

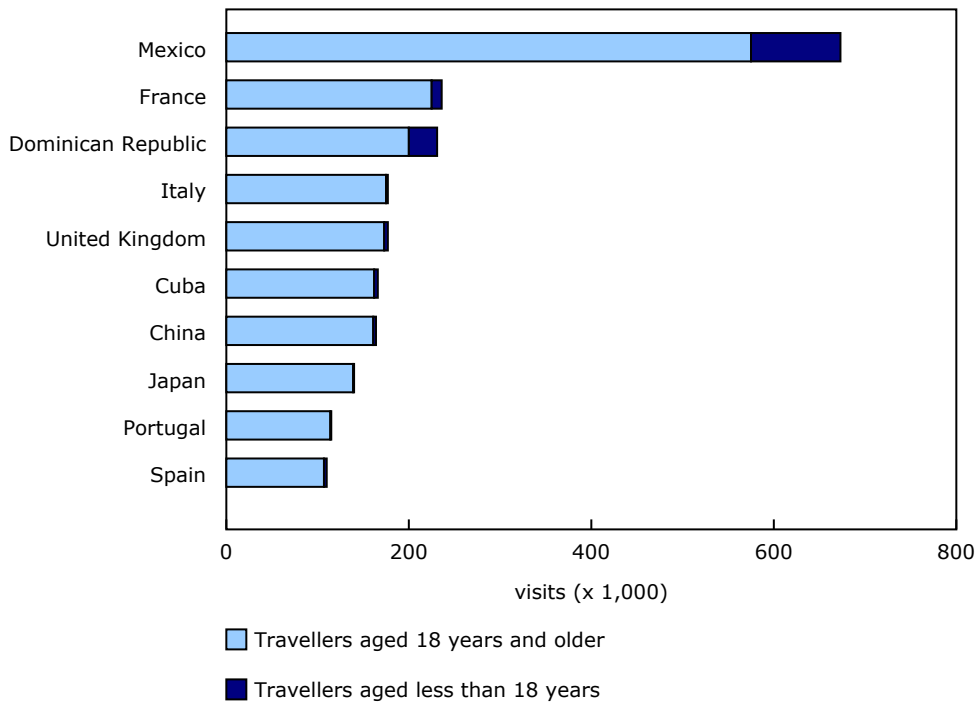
In the fourth quarter of 2025, Canadian residents made 8.7 million trips that included a visit abroad, down 13.0% from the same quarter in 2024.

Canadian residents took 5.4 million trips that included an outbound visit to the United States in the fourth quarter of 2025, a steep year-over-year decline of 24.0%. Among these visits, 41.3% were same-day visits. Expenditures during visits to the United States totalled \$4.0 billion, down 16.4% from the fourth quarter of 2024. In the United States, Canadian residents spent an average of \$167 per same-day visit in the fourth quarter of 2025. For overnight stays, Canadian residents spent an average of \$1,138 per visit, and the average visit length was 5.1 nights.

From October to December, Canadian residents took 3.3 million trips that included an outbound visit to an overseas country (+14.2% year over year) and spent \$7.6 billion overseas (+25.3%). On average, Canadian residents spent \$2,278 per visit, and the average visit length was 13.4 nights.

Mexico (673,000 visits) was the most visited overseas country by Canadian residents in the fourth quarter of 2025, followed by France (236,000) and the Dominican Republic (231,000). Compared with the same quarter in 2024, a greater number of Canadian residents visited Mexico (+185,000), France (+90,000) and China (+76,000) in the fourth quarter.

Chart 3
Top 10 overseas countries visited by Canadian residents, by age group, fourth quarter 2025



Source(s): National Travel Survey (5232).

Inbound tourism: US visitors to Canada decrease, while overseas visitors increase

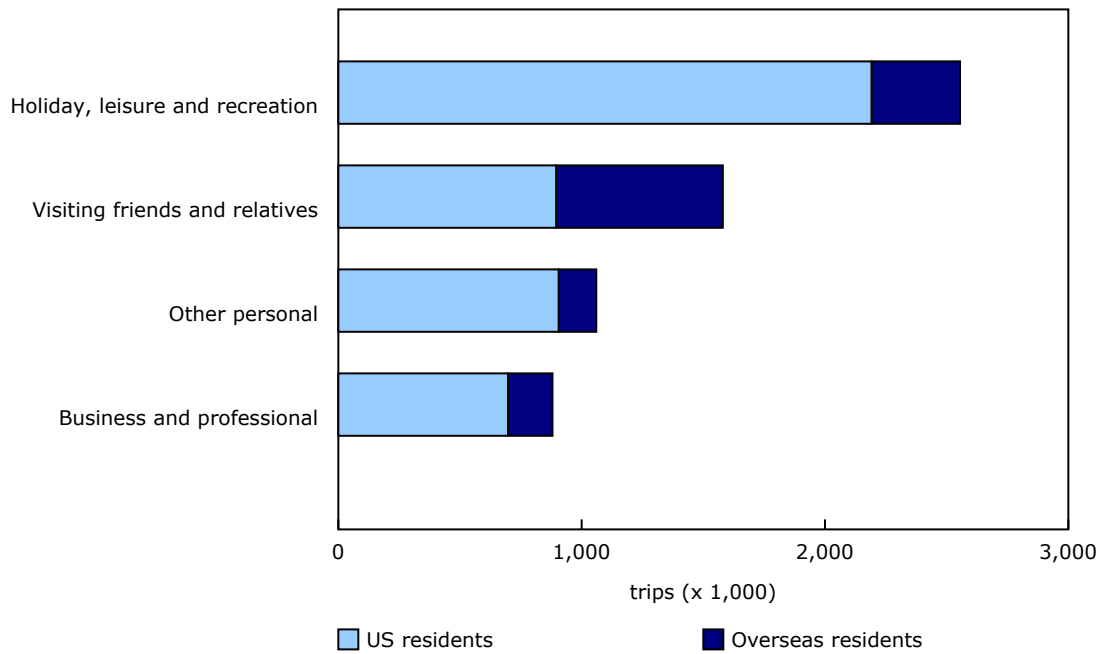
In the fourth quarter of 2025, visitors from abroad made 6.1 million trips to Canada, slightly down (-0.7%) from the same quarter in 2024.

US residents took 4.7 million trips to Canada in the fourth quarter of 2025, down 4.1% on a year-over-year basis. Nonetheless, while visiting Canada, US residents increased their expenditures by 15.1% to \$3.4 billion over the same period. Among the trips, 40.6% were same-day trips, and US residents spent an average of \$143 per same-day trip. For overnight trips, they spent an average of \$1,132 per trip, with an average trip length of 5.7 nights.

From October to December, overseas residents took 1.4 million trips to Canada, up 13.1% from the same quarter in 2024. Spending by overseas residents to Canada totalled \$2.5 billion (+8.9%) in the fourth quarter of 2025. These visitors spent an average of \$1,791 per trip, and the average trip length was 15.8 nights.

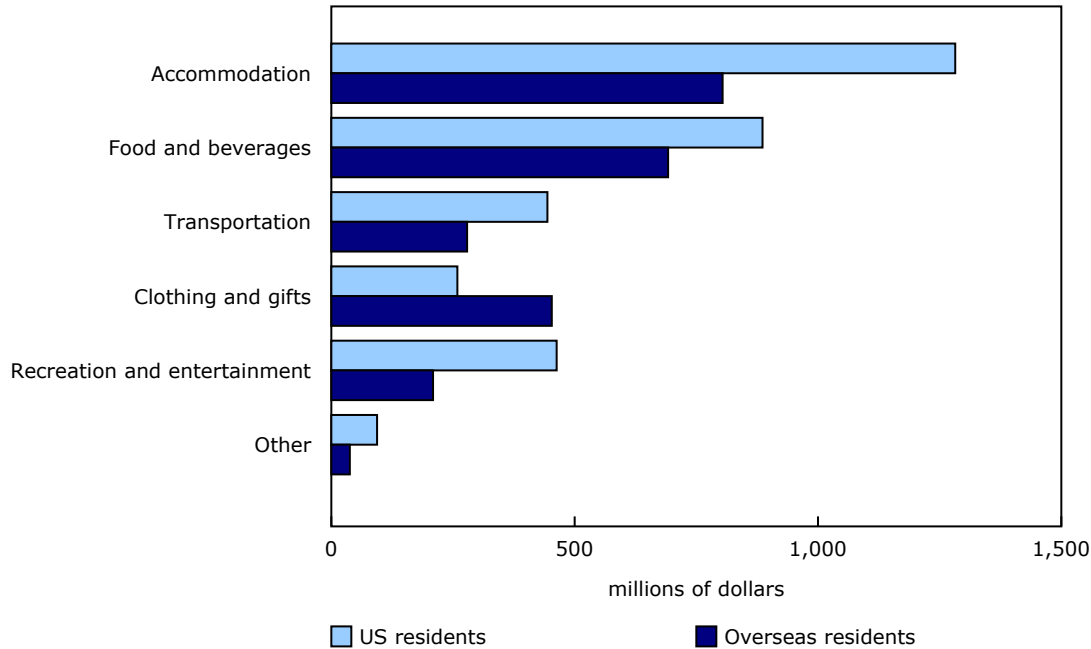
The United Kingdom (158,000 trips) was the source of the most overseas visitors to Canada in the fourth quarter, followed by France (145,000) and Mexico (95,000). The countries with the largest year-over-year increases in the number of visitors to Canada were India (+16,000) and South Korea (+11,000).

Chart 4
Trips by US and overseas residents to Canada, by main trip purpose, fourth quarter 2025



Source(s): Table 24-10-0064-01.

Chart 5
Expenditures by US and overseas residents in Canada, by expenditure category, fourth quarter 2025



Source(s): Table 24-10-0064-01.

2025 review: Domestic and outbound tourism

Starting in early 2025, travel trends among Canadian residents shifted alongside the [political tensions](#) between Canada and the United States. In 2025, the number of Canadian-resident visits to domestic and overseas destinations surpassed pre-COVID-19 pandemic 2019 levels. However, visits to the United States continued to fall below pre-pandemic numbers.

In 2025, Canadian residents took 342.0 million domestic visits, up 1.5% compared with 2024 and 2.5% higher compared with 2019. Domestic tourism expenditures amounted to \$81.3 billion in 2025, increasing 8.7% from 2024 and 41.8% from 2019.

Canadian-resident trips that included a visit to the United States totalled 23.1 million in 2025, a decrease of 23.5% from 2024 and down 26.7% from 2019. Spending on visits to the United States reached \$18.8 billion in 2025, down 15.1% from 2024 but up 2.0% from 2019.

Canadian-resident visits overseas reached 14.3 million in 2025, a 10.2% increase from 2024 and up 16.3% from 2019. Spending on overseas visits totalled \$31.3 billion in 2025, a rise of 17.5% from 2024 and a sharp increase of 67.2% from 2019.

Focus on Canada and the United States

During the fourth quarter of 2025, Canadian residents took 5.4 million trips that included a visit to the United States, down 24.0% from the fourth quarter of 2024.

US residents took 4.7 million trips to Canada from October to December 2025, down 4.2% compared with the same quarter in 2024.

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.

New tables for the National Travel Survey are available

- [24-10-0072-01](#): Visits, nights and expenditures for Canadian residents travelling in Canada and abroad by geography of visit, province of trip origin and main trip purpose.
- [24-10-0073-01](#): Total expenditures for Canadian residents travelling in Canada and abroad by geography of expenditures, main trip purpose, visit duration and expenditure category.
- [24-10-0074-01](#): Total expenditures for Canadian residents travelling in Canada and abroad by geography of expenditures, province of trip origin, visit duration and expenditure category.
- [24-10-0075-01](#): Total expenditures for Canadian residents travelling in Canada and abroad by geography of expenditures, province of trip origin, main trip purpose and expenditure category.

There are a few important conceptual differences in the tables (24-10-0070-01 to 24-10-0075-01) compared with estimates previously released in other National Travel Survey products. Note that tables 24-10-0070-01 and 24-10-0071-01 were introduced in the [second quarter of 2025](#) reference period.

Estimates for visits and nights for all travellers (including individuals younger than 18 years) are included.

Visit counts at higher geographical levels are tabulated so that only the first visit to a region on a trip is counted, rather than the sum of visits to lower levels of geography.

Nights and spending aboard cruise ships are excluded.

For additional information, see the [Summary of changes](#) webpage.

Explore tourism data

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

Recent data on international travel to Canada are available in the monthly "[Travel between Canada and other countries](#)" release.

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

Note to readers

This consolidated quarterly release covers the following surveys:

- [National Travel Survey](#), which collects information about the domestic and outbound travel of Canadian residents.

- [Visitor Travel Survey](#), which collects information on inbound tourism.

Readers are encouraged to review the concepts, definitions, data sources, methods, limitations and summary of changes for these surveys, especially when making historical comparisons and examining specific regions.

Concepts

A trip can include one or more visits, with the number of visits always being equal to or greater than the number of trips.

A domestic visit is defined as a visit within Canada by a Canadian resident during a domestic or outbound trip. An outbound visit is defined as a visit outside of Canada by a Canadian resident during a domestic or outbound trip.

Data

For this release, estimates for domestic and outbound tourism are final while inbound tourism estimates are preliminary.

All data in this release are expressed in current dollars unless otherwise noted.

The data in this release are not seasonally adjusted.

Visitor Travel Survey—Manitoba and Saskatchewan

The introduction of data collection at Winnipeg Richardson International Airport in May 2025 increased the estimates of visitors to the provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Users are advised to exercise caution when comparing 2025 reference periods with previous years. For additional information, see the [Summary of changes](#) webpage.

Next release

The National Travel Survey and Visitor Travel Survey data for the first quarter of 2026 will be released on August 25.

Available tables: [24-10-0045-01](#), [24-10-0064-01](#) to [24-10-0066-01](#) and [24-10-0070-01](#) to [24-10-0075-01](#) .

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey numbers [5232](#) and [5261](#).

The articles titled "[Visiting Quebec: An abundance of trips, some from great distances](#)," "[Canadians are spending more on visits within Canada—here's the breakdown](#)" and "[As summer vacation season approaches, what are hotels and restaurants expecting?](#)" are available on the StatsCAN Plus page.

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

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