

Travel between Canada and other countries, May 2026

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Highlights

In May, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from the United States increased 9.9% year over year, while trips to Canada by US residents jumped by 13.0%.

Meanwhile, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from overseas rose 3.3% in May compared with the same month a year earlier, while trips to Canada by overseas residents increased 6.2%.

Using seasonally adjusted data, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from abroad (from the United States and overseas countries) was up 1.0% in May, compared with April. The number of US-resident arrivals (+6.9%) and overseas-resident arrivals (+4.3%) also increased in May.

Trips abroad by Canadian residents continue to increase

Canadian-resident return trips from abroad rose 7.8% to 3.7 million in May, marking the second straight month of year-over-year increases.

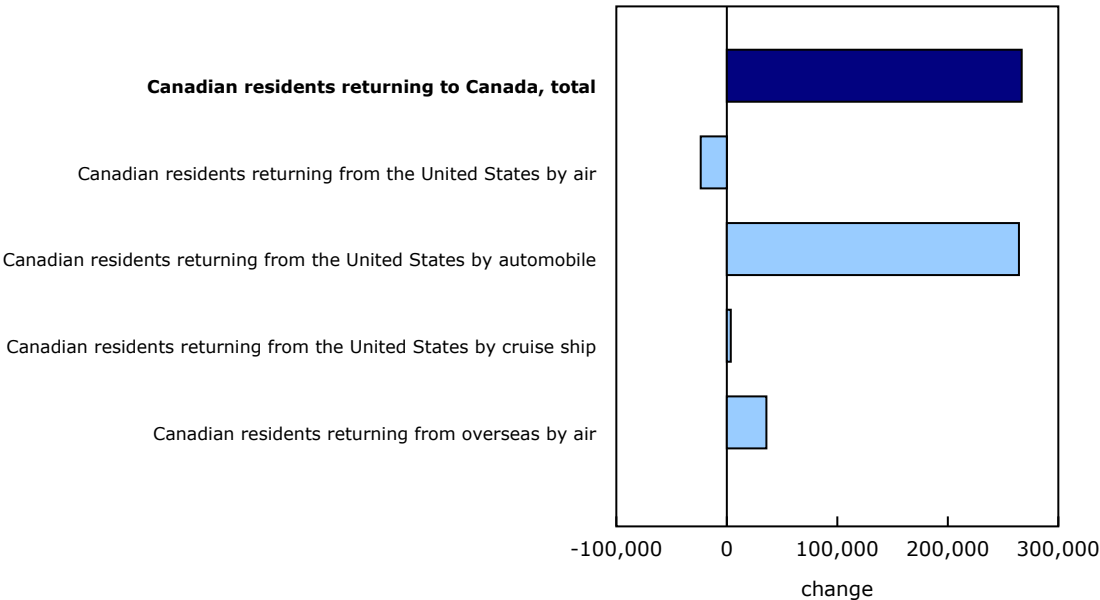
In May, Canadian residents returned from 2.6 million trips to the United States, representing a 9.9% year-over-year increase and the second consecutive month of growth following 15 consecutive months of year-over-year decreases. Nonetheless, the growth in May was boosted by a base-year effect, as the month showed a steep decline of 24.6% compared with May 2024.

Canadian-resident return trips from the United States by automobile rose 17.7% compared with the same month a year earlier to 1.8 million in May 2026, with 65.5% of these being same-day trips. Return trips by air decreased 3.2% year over year to 703,700, while return trips by cruise ship increased 10.6% to 37,200.

Canadian residents made 1.2 million return trips from overseas countries in May, up 3.3% year over year.



Chart 1
Year-over-year change in the number of Canadian residents returning to Canada from trips abroad, May 2026



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

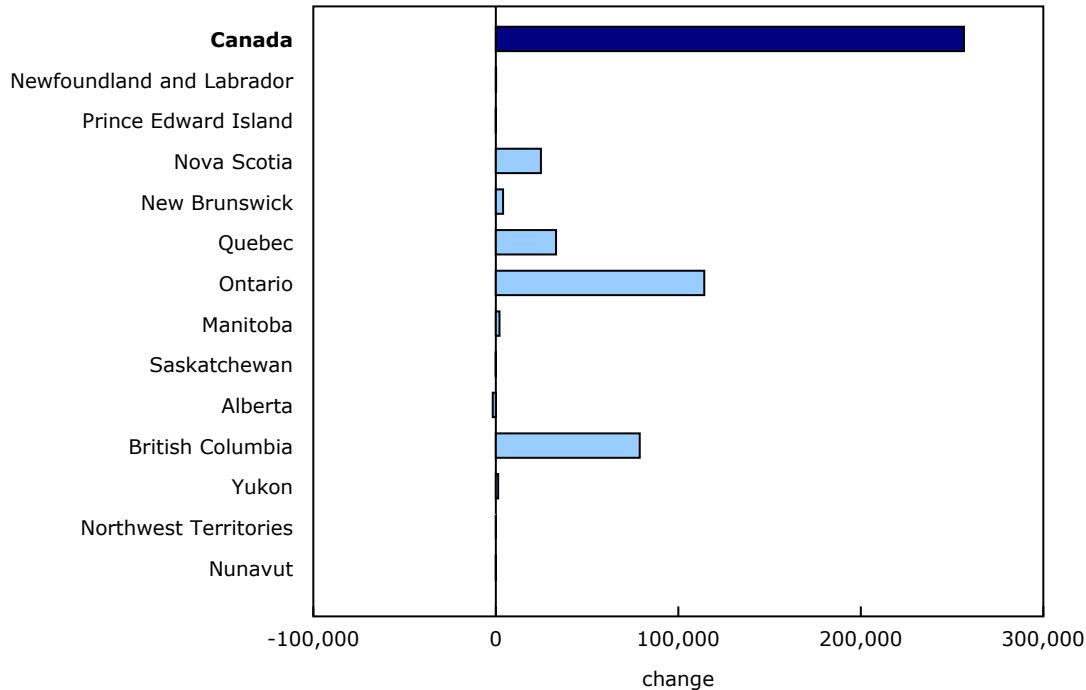
Trips to Canada by United States residents continue to increase

In May, US-resident trips to Canada totalled 2.2 million, rising 13.0% from the same month in 2025 and marking the fourth consecutive month of year-over-year increase.

Arrivals by automobile (1.3 million) were up 13.6% year over year in May, with 52.6% of these arrivals being same-day trips, while arrivals by air increased 6.0% to 510,000. The number of US residents who disembarked in Canada from cruise ships rose 24.5% year over year to 244,900.

Chart 2

Year-over-year change in the number of United States residents entering Canada, by province or territory of arrival, May 2026



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

Trips to Canada by overseas residents increase

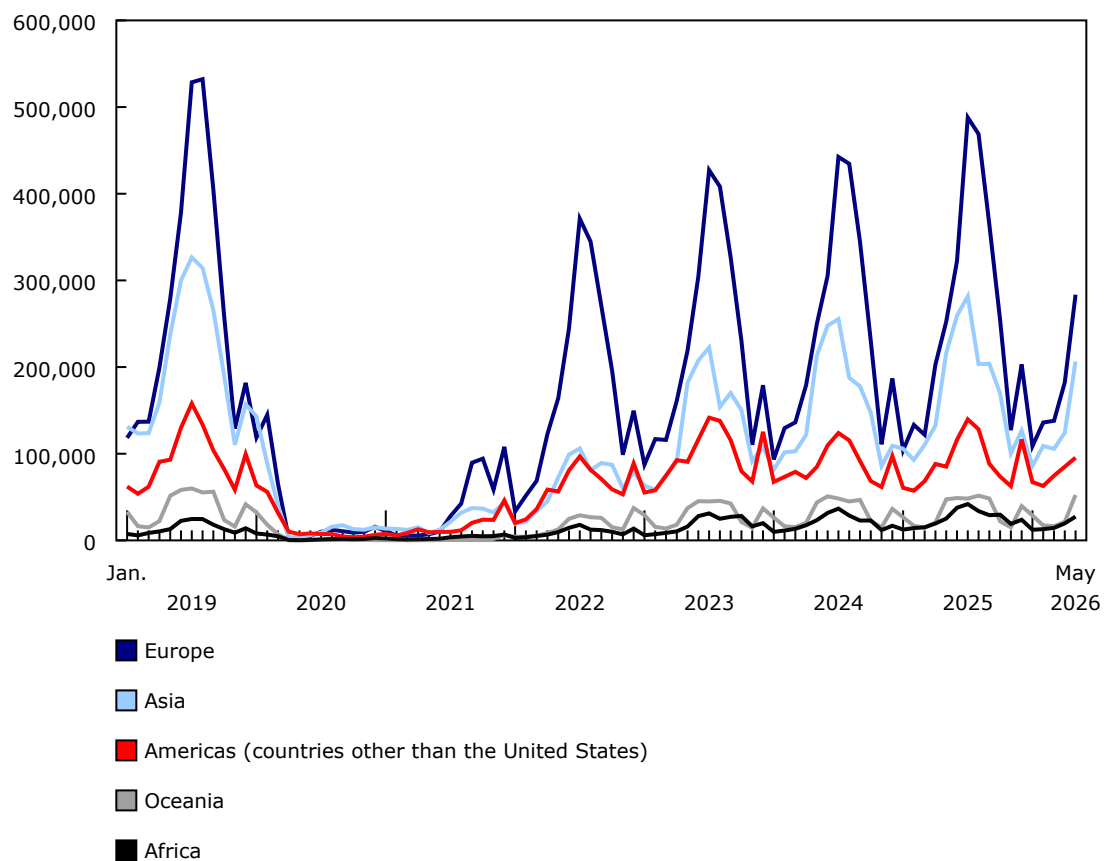
In May, 665,300 overseas residents arrived in Canada, up 6.2% from the same month one year earlier. The majority (80.2%) of these arrivals were by air.

By volume, arrivals from Europe (+31,000; +12.3%) and the Americas (excluding the United States) (+10,300; +12.1%) drove the year-over-year increase in overseas-resident arrivals in May, offsetting a decrease in arrivals from Asia (-9,800; -4.5%).

In May, the top three countries of residence for overseas visitors were the United Kingdom, India and France, which together accounted for 30.2% of all overseas arrivals in Canada.

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

number of visitors



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

Table 1
Travel between Canada and other countries — Unadjusted data

	May 2026	May 2025	May 2025 to May 2026
	arrivals		% change
International visitors entering or returning to Canada	6,593,564	6,031,358	9.3
Canadian residents returning to Canada from abroad	3,702,374	3,435,522	7.8
Canadian residents returning from the United States	2,550,542	2,320,825	9.9
Air	703,732	727,367	-3.2
Automobile	1,756,018	1,491,663	17.7
Same-day	1,149,927	953,741	20.6
One or more nights	606,091	537,922	12.7
Other modes	90,792	101,795	-10.8
Canadian residents returning from overseas	1,151,832	1,114,697	3.3
Air	1,147,911	1,112,099	3.2
Non-resident visitors entering Canada	2,891,190	2,595,836	11.4
US residents entering Canada	2,225,875	1,969,363	13.0
Air	510,005	480,934	6.0
Automobile	1,337,705	1,177,407	13.6
Same-day	702,972	607,021	15.8
One or more nights	634,733	570,386	11.3
Other modes	378,165	311,022	21.6
Overseas residents entering Canada	665,315	626,473	6.2
Air	533,856	506,211	5.5
Other modes	131,459	120,262	9.3
Top overseas markets			
United Kingdom ¹	91,995	80,953	13.6
France	51,298	50,214	2.2
India ²	57,402	74,755	-23.2
Mexico	35,355	30,583	15.6
China ³	33,556	32,791	2.3
Germany	37,421	31,693	18.1
Australia	43,867	39,981	9.7
South Korea	20,817	18,582	12.0
Japan	14,232	11,274	26.2
Brazil	13,838	11,497	20.4

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.

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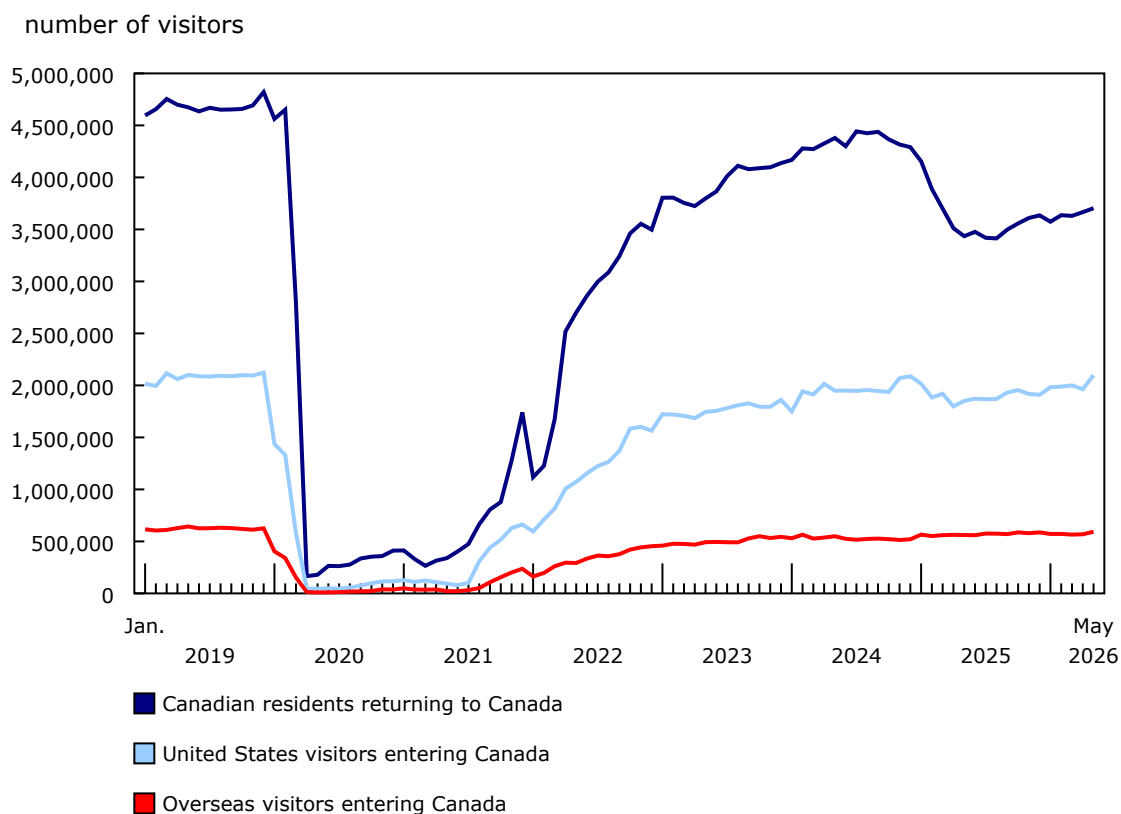
Seasonally adjusted arrivals

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 monthly basis, the number of Canadian-resident return trips from abroad was up 1.0% in May. Although Canadian residents made fewer return trips from overseas (-1.9%) in the month, this decrease was offset by an increase in return trips from the United States (+2.5%).

Chart 4

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



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

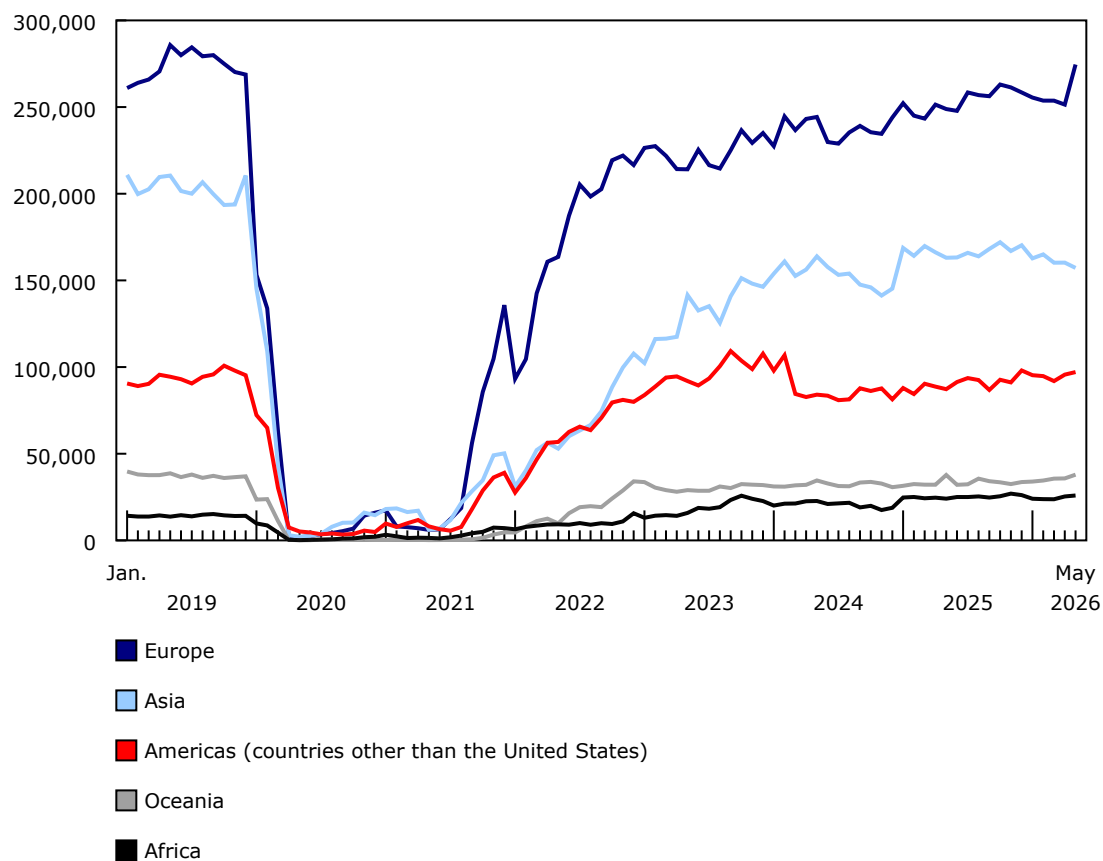
The overall number of arrivals in Canada by US residents increased 6.9% on a monthly basis in May, driven by higher arrivals by automobile (+4.6%) and by other modes—like cruise ship, ferry and train (+32.6%).

In May, the number of overseas-resident arrivals in Canada rose 4.3% on a monthly basis, driven by an increase in arrivals from Europe (+9.2%), Canada's largest overseas market. At the country level, the overall monthly gain was driven by higher numbers of visitors from the United Kingdom, Germany and Israel, offsetting the lower volume of visitors from India.

Chart 5

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

number of visitors



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

	April to May 2026
	% change
International visitors entering or returning to Canada	3.3
Canadian residents returning to Canada from abroad	1.0
Canadian residents returning from the United States	2.5
Air	1.0
Automobile	2.8
Same-day	2.0
One or more nights	4.3
Other modes	12.4
Canadian residents returning from overseas	-1.9
Air	-2.1
Non-resident visitors entering Canada	6.3
US residents entering Canada	6.9
Air	1.8
Automobile	4.6
Same-day	3.8
One or more nights	5.4
Other modes	32.6
Overseas residents entering Canada	4.3
Air	1.7
Other modes	19.1
Top overseas markets	
United Kingdom ¹	27.3
France	-1.2
India ²	-16.7
Mexico	-1.1
China ³	0.3
Germany	6.2
Australia	3.0
South Korea	-3.3
Japan	7.5
Brazil	6.9

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

Explore tourism data

To further explore current and historical data in an interactive format, see the product [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.

For more information on concepts, definitions, data sources and methods, refer to [Frontier Counts](#).

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 [Seasonal adjustment: Concepts and interpretation, 2026](#).

Revisions

Seasonally adjusted data for February to April 2026 have been revised. No revisions were made to the unadjusted data.

Integrated Primary Inspection Line – Air integration

In 2025, Statistics Canada integrated information about travellers processed through the Canada Border Services Agency's Integrated Primary Inspection Line – Air (IPIL Air) system into the Frontier Counts. Users are advised to exercise caution when comparing 2025 and 2026 reference months with previous years since published data before 2025 do not include IPIL Air.

For users who would like to make year-over-year comparisons, selected supplementary time series with IPIL Air data for reference years 2023 and 2024 are available, upon request.

Next release

The release "Travel between Canada and other countries" for June will be released on August 20.

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 "[Canadian-resident travel to the United States: A year in review](#)" is available.

The *StatsCAN Plus* articles "[The Stampede: It's not Calgary's first rodeo](#)" and "[The World Cup: Soccer stats versus StatCan stats](#)" are available.

The *StatsCAN Plus* article "[Canada's cruise industry even keeled in 2025](#)" and its accompanying infographic "[Cruise ship tourism in Canada, 2025](#)" are available.

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

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