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Statistical Tables

Table 1
International trips to Canada^{1,2}

	June			January to June		
	2019	2020	% change	2019	2020	% change
	number			number		
Trips by non-residents³	3,887,483	121,524	-96.9	13,558,157	4,198,816	-69.0
United States Residents	2,998,407	101,607	-96.6	10,478,458	3,318,498	-68.3
Automobile	1,893,736	91,515	-95.2	7,017,033	2,451,346	-65.1
Same Day	845,491	66,120	-92.2	3,685,241	1,477,531	-59.9
One or more nights	1,048,245	25,395	-97.6	3,331,792	973,815	-70.8
Plane	685,288	8,011	-98.8	2,505,717	730,788	-70.8
Bus	114,612	624	-99.5	373,275	89,965	-75.9
Train, boat and other methods	304,771	1,457	-99.5	582,433	46,399	-92.0
All other countries residents	889,076	19,917	-97.8	3,079,699	880,318	-71.4
Direct	582,097	13,434	-97.7	2,049,927	629,597	-69.3
Via the United States ⁴	306,979	6,483	-97.9	1,029,772	250,721	-75.7
Trips by residents of Canada³	4,271,769	246,682	-94.2	27,778,346	12,602,237	-54.6
Returning from the United States	3,491,187	210,824	-94.0	20,927,619	8,912,312	-57.4
Automobile	2,720,577	192,529	-92.9	14,954,718	6,132,827	-59.0
Same day	1,867,992	166,794	-91.1	10,189,118	4,160,466	-59.2
One or more nights	852,585	25,735	-97.0	4,765,600	1,972,361	-58.6
Plane	638,538	16,163	-97.5	5,378,993	2,601,324	-51.6
Bus	67,004	134	-99.8	388,805	131,776	-66.1
Train, boat and other methods	65,068	1,998	-96.9	205,103	46,385	-77.4
Returning from other countries	780,582	35,858	-95.4	6,850,727	3,689,925	-46.1
Direct	734,410	33,278	-95.5	6,357,684	3,429,159	-46.1
Via the United States ⁴	46,172	2,580	-94.4	493,043	260,766	-47.1
Total³	8,159,252	368,206	-95.5	41,336,503	16,801,053	-59.4

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3. Excludes immigrants, former residents, military personnel, diplomats and crews.

4. Entries and re-entries through or by way of the United States.

Source: Reports of entries and re-entries from offices of the Canada Border Services Agency.

Table 2
Trips of one or more nights by non-residents to Canada, by province of entry, current month¹

		June												
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	Canada
United States	2019	831	30	19,000	49,163	223,355	887,854	32,998	13,000	114,185	538,220	18,374	4	1,897,014
	2020	20	0	24	908	3,430	13,459	713	921	3,007	7,734	1,960	22	32,198
	% change	-97.6	-100.0	-99.9	-98.2	-98.5	-98.5	-97.8	-92.9	-97.4	-98.6	-89.3	450.0	-98.3
Automobile	2019	...	...	0	37,382	119,942	605,153	23,286	10,441	28,726	209,222	14,093	...	1,048,245
	2020	...	...	0	895	2,567	10,663	594	911	2,357	5,475	1,933	...	25,395
	% change	...	...	...	-97.6	-97.9	-98.2	-97.4	-91.3	-91.8	-97.4	-86.3	...	-97.6
Non-automobile ²	2019	831	30	19,000	11,781	103,413	282,701	9,712	2,559	85,459	328,998	4,281	4	848,769
	2020	20	0	24	13	863	2,796	119	10	650	2,259	27	22	6,803
	% change	-97.6	-100.0	-99.9	-99.9	-99.2	-99.0	-98.8	-99.6	-99.2	-99.3	-99.4	450.0	-99.2
Other countries ³	2019	2,744	1	7,025	1,706	148,006	352,791	1,738	318	44,487	287,585	3,386	58	849,845
	2020	555	4	338	148	4,697	7,768	347	19	199	4,302	0	20	18,397
	% change	-79.8	300.0	-95.2	-91.3	-96.8	-97.8	-80.0	-94.0	-99.6	-98.5	-100.0	-65.5	-97.8
Total	2019	3,575	31	26,025	50,869	371,361	1,240,645	34,736	13,318	158,672	825,805	21,760	62	2,746,859
	2020	575	4	362	1,056	8,127	21,227	1,060	940	3,206	12,036	1,960	42	50,595
	% change	-83.9	-87.1	-98.6	-97.9	-97.8	-98.3	-96.9	-92.9	-98.0	-98.5	-91.0	-32.3	-98.2

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Table 3
Trips of one or more nights by non-residents to Canada, by province of entry, year to date¹

		January to June												
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	Canada
United States	2019	2,301	49	38,732	96,447	860,134	2,825,653	103,151	34,288	320,574	1,772,018	34,205	23	6,087,575
	2020	619	3	3,756	16,615	283,733	744,623	30,798	9,196	100,341	489,866	7,769	33	1,687,352
	% change	-73.1	-93.9	-90.3	-82.8	-67.0	-73.6	-70.1	-73.2	-68.7	-72.4	-77.3	43.5	-72.3
Automobile	2019	...	...	0	77,625	459,393	1,746,255	68,464	26,372	59,561	865,085	29,037	...	3,331,792
	2020	...	...	0	16,144	166,334	438,549	20,247	7,083	15,424	302,354	7,680	...	973,815
	% change	...	...	...	-79.2	-63.8	-74.9	-70.4	-73.1	-74.1	-65.0	-73.6	...	-70.8
Non-automobile ²	2019	2,301	49	38,732	18,822	400,741	1,079,398	34,687	7,916	261,013	906,933	5,168	23	2,755,783
	2020	619	3	3,756	471	117,399	306,074	10,551	2,113	84,917	187,512	89	33	713,537
	% change	-73.1	-93.9	-90.3	-97.5	-70.7	-71.6	-69.6	-73.3	-67.5	-79.3	-98.3	43.5	-74.1
Other countries ³	2019	9,803	13	17,365	3,863	513,964	1,275,851	6,704	1,273	135,362	978,448	4,569	273	2,947,488
	2020	4,596	5	3,006	995	167,129	362,383	3,477	360	36,683	261,165	107	163	840,069
	% change	-53.1	-61.5	-82.7	-74.2	-67.5	-71.6	-48.1	-71.7	-72.9	-73.3	-97.7	-40.3	-71.5
Total	2019	12,104	62	56,097	100,310	1,374,098	4,101,504	109,855	35,561	455,936	2,750,466	38,774	296	9,035,063
	2020	5,215	8	6,762	17,610	450,862	1,107,006	34,275	9,556	137,024	751,031	7,876	196	2,527,421
	% change	-56.9	-87.1	-87.9	-82.4	-67.2	-73.0	-68.8	-73.1	-69.9	-72.7	-79.7	-33.8	-72.0

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Table 4
Trips by residents of countries other than the United States to Canada¹

	June			January to June		
	2019	2020	% change	2019	2020	% change
	number			number		
Europe, total	365,534	4,830	-98.7	1,204,525	327,603	-72.8
Belgium	9,329	83	-99.1	29,201	6,935	-76.3
Denmark	4,560	80	-98.2	16,550	4,871	-70.6
France	63,501	724	-98.9	245,502	83,963	-65.8
Germany	54,237	572	-98.9	155,471	34,758	-77.6
Greece	1,273	64	-95.0	5,592	1,427	-74.5
Italy	15,882	210	-98.7	47,687	10,360	-78.3
Netherlands	15,254	570	-96.3	52,549	14,993	-71.5
Portugal	3,639	247	-93.2	14,494	4,610	-68.2
Spain	11,553	119	-99.0	33,156	8,152	-75.4
Sweden	6,266	79	-98.7	21,947	6,840	-68.8
Switzerland	13,560	201	-98.5	46,899	11,868	-74.7
United Kingdom	110,549	763	-99.3	352,555	85,752	-75.7
Other Europe	55,931	1,118	-98.0	182,922	53,074	-71.0
Africa, Total	24,908	639	-97.4	74,978	22,880	-69.5
Asia, Total	310,339	6,151	-98.0	1,111,864	294,966	-73.5
China	77,975	1,575	-98.0	319,518	89,196	-72.1
Hong Kong	22,187	677	-96.9	75,461	26,837	-64.4
India	54,803	986	-98.2	179,227	37,493	-79.1
Israel	8,004	184	-97.7	27,226	6,240	-77.1
Japan	21,634	138	-99.4	101,891	29,385	-71.2
Korea, South	30,830	379	-98.8	114,912	29,886	-74.0
Malaysia	1,906	40	-97.9	5,221	638	-87.8
Philippines	13,223	489	-96.3	48,127	11,577	-75.9
Singapore	7,749	48	-99.4	19,711	3,072	-84.4
Taiwan	15,770	168	-98.9	57,370	17,883	-68.8
Other Asia	56,258	1,467	-97.4	163,200	42,759	-73.8
North America, Central America and Caribbean, total	88,071	7,632	-91.3	337,717	131,862	-61.0
Jamaica	5,260	1,144	-78.3	20,912	10,389	-50.3
Mexico	57,402	3,957	-93.1	226,083	86,858	-61.6
Trinidad and Tobago	3,612	3	-99.9	12,177	3,378	-72.3
Other North America, Central America and Caribbean	21,797	2,528	-88.4	78,545	31,237	-60.2
South America, total	41,899	380	-99.1	154,008	44,608	-71.0
Brazil	21,404	92	-99.6	86,557	24,589	-71.6
Other South America	20,495	288	-98.6	67,451	20,019	-70.3
Oceania and other islands, total	58,325	285	-99.5	196,607	58,399	-70.3
Australia	47,751	108	-99.8	164,546	48,417	-70.6
New Zealand	9,837	84	-99.1	29,396	9,127	-69.0
Other Oceania and other Ocean Island	794	98	-87.7	2,943	939	-68.1
Total	889,076	19,917	-97.8	3,079,699	880,318	-71.4

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Table 5
Trips of one or more nights by residents returning to Canada, by province of re-entry, current month^{1,2}

		June												
		N.L.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Y.T.	Nvt.	Canada
United States	2019	461	6	5,827	27,024	277,860	669,803	43,730	13,029	114,351	351,189	9,317	13	1,512,610
	2020	0	1	46	857	4,500	22,195	1,108	1,094	2,811	7,306	105	1	40,024
	% change	-100.0	-83.3	-99.2	-96.8	-98.4	-96.7	-97.5	-91.6	-97.5	-97.9	-98.9	-92.3	-97.4
Automobile	2019	...	...	0	25,654	176,298	358,341	35,355	10,818	25,413	213,953	6,753	...	852,585
	2020	...	...	0	828	3,019	14,423	985	1,079	1,650	3,647	104	...	25,735
	% change	...	...	...	-96.8	-98.3	-96.0	-97.2	-90.0	-93.5	-98.3	-98.5	...	-97.0
Non-automobile ³	2019	461	6	5,827	1,370	101,562	311,462	8,375	2,211	88,938	137,236	2,564	13	660,025
	2020	0	1	46	29	1,481	7,772	123	15	1,161	3,659	1	1	14,289
	% change	-100.0	-83.3	-99.2	-97.9	-98.5	-97.5	-98.5	-99.3	-98.7	-97.3	-100.0	-92.3	-97.8
Other countries	2019	982	0	7,222	0	204,341	394,432	895	140	44,315	128,180	75	0	780,582
	2020	29	0	18	0	7,192	16,530	18	0	213	11,858	0	0	35,858
	% change	-97.0	...	-99.8	...	-96.5	-95.8	-98.0	-100.0	-99.5	-90.7	-100.0	...	-95.4
Total	2019	1,443	6	13,049	27,024	482,201	1,064,235	44,625	13,169	158,666	479,369	9,392	13	2,293,192
	2020	29	1	64	857	11,692	38,725	1,126	1,094	3,024	19,164	105	1	75,882
	% change	-98.0	-83.3	-99.5	-96.8	-97.6	-96.4	-97.5	-91.7	-98.1	-96.0	-98.9	-92.3	-96.7

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United States	2019	5,037	78	65,312	131,965	1,534,235	4,620,035	302,158	110,477	834,492	2,242,973	18,444	47	9,865,253
	2020	1,406	60	28,436	56,160	688,904	2,124,648	138,267	56,108	455,795	861,816	1,479	12	4,413,091
	% change	-72.1	-23.1	-56.5	-57.4	-55.1	-54.0	-54.2	-49.2	-45.4	-61.6	-92.0	-74.5	-55.3
Automobile	2019	...	...	0	121,568	732,930	2,279,067	205,984	71,848	173,891	1,165,810	14,502	...	4,765,600
	2020	...	...	0	53,939	295,386	1,016,418	81,464	33,837	95,355	394,586	1,376	...	1,972,361
	% change	...	...	...	-55.6	-59.7	-55.4	-60.5	-52.9	-45.2	-66.2	-90.5	...	-58.6
Non-automobile ³	2019	5,037	78	65,312	10,397	801,305	2,340,968	96,174	38,629	660,601	1,077,163	3,942	47	5,099,653
	2020	1,406	60	28,436	2,221	393,518	1,108,230	56,803	22,271	360,440	467,230	103	12	2,440,730
	% change	-72.1	-23.1	-56.5	-78.6	-50.9	-52.7	-40.9	-42.3	-45.4	-56.6	-97.4	-74.5	-52.1
Other countries	2019	12,750	2,328	87,166	30,642	1,580,662	3,262,987	84,079	56,298	656,408	1,077,205	75	127	6,850,727
	2020	1,263	850	34,532	13,297	909,007	1,759,539	73,863	45,013	306,260	546,286	0	15	3,689,925
	% change	-90.1	-63.5	-60.4	-56.6	-42.5	-46.1	-12.2	-20.0	-53.3	-49.3	-100.0	-88.2	-46.1
Total	2019	17,787	2,406	152,478	162,607	3,114,897	7,883,022	386,237	166,775	1,490,900	3,320,178	18,519	174	16,715,980
	2020	2,669	910	62,968	69,457	1,597,911	3,884,187	212,130	101,121	762,055	1,408,102	1,479	27	8,103,016
	% change	-85.0	-62.2	-58.7	-57.3	-48.7	-50.7	-45.1	-39.4	-48.9	-57.6	-92.0	-84.5	-51.5

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