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Travel between Canada and other countries

May 2009

Overseas travel both to and from Canada decreased in May compared with April.

Travel from overseas countries declined 7.8% from April as 342,000 trips were taken to Canada. In May, 11 of the top 12 overseas markets recorded decreases, with Japan (-34.6%) recording the largest decline.

Canadians made 633,000 trips to overseas countries in May, down 9.8% from April. This was the largest monthly percentage decline since April 2003, when concerns regarding Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) began.

Travel from the United States to Canada decreased 1.1% in May compared with April to about 1.9 million trips. American residents took just over 1.0 million overnight trips to Canada in May, down 2.0%. Overnight travel by plane (-5.2%) registered the largest decline.

Same-day car travel from the United States decreased 1.3% from April to 746,000 trips in May, a continuation of a downward trend that started in July 2001.

In the opposite direction, Canadian residents took nearly 3.3 million trips to the United States in May, up 1.2% from April.

Same-day car travel to the United States rose 2.6% to over 1.7 million trips in May. At the same time, overnight travel to the United States was down 0.4% from April to 1.5 million trips.

The number of overnight car trips by Canadian residents to the United States in May was up 0.6% compared with April while overnight plane travel was down 3.7%.

Available on CANSIM: tables 427-0001 to 427-0006.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number 5005.

The May 2009 issue of *International Travel, Advance Information*, Vol. 25, no. 5 (66-001-P, free), is now available from the *Publications* module of our website.

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Travel between Canada and other countries

	May 2008 ^r	November 2008 ^r	April 2009 ^r	May 2009 ^p	April to May 2009
Seasonally adjusted					
	thousands				% change ¹
Canadian trips abroad²	4,462	4,028	3,948	3,917	-0.8
To the United States	3,797	3,328	3,247	3,284	1.2
To Other Countries	664	700	701	633	-9.8
Same-day car trips to the United States	2,118	1,758	1,701	1,745	2.6
Total trips, one or more nights	2,283	2,219	2,207	2,132	-3.4
United States ³	1,618	1,519	1,505	1,499	-0.4
Car	980	911	916	922	0.6
Plane	534	508	497	479	-3.7
Other modes of transportation	105	101	91	98	7.2
Other countries ⁴	664	700	701	633	-9.8
Travel to Canada²	2,314	2,261	2,257	2,207	-2.2
From the United States	1,902	1,884	1,886	1,865	-1.1
From Other Countries	412	377	371	342	-7.8
Same-day car trips from the United States	767	754	756	746	-1.3
Total trips, one or more nights	1,450	1,414	1,411	1,362	-3.4
United States ³	1,049	1,046	1,049	1,028	-2.0
Car	615	630	652	632	-3.1
Plane	306	292	281	266	-5.2
Other modes of transportation	129	123	116	130	11.9
Other countries ⁴	401	368	362	334	-7.5
Travel to Canada: Top overseas markets, by country of origin⁵					
United Kingdom	73	70	67	57	-14.2
France	36	34	36	35	-4.6
Germany	28	28	26	25	-2.7
Australia	21	21	18	17	-6.9
Mexico	23	22	20	17	-14.1
China	15	13	15	14	-11.2
Japan	24	17	19	13	-34.6
South Korea	18	14	12	12	-3.1
Hong Kong	11	11	11	10	-8.5
India	10	10	10	9	-1.9
Switzerland	9	8	8	9	0.3
Netherlands	10	10	10	8	-20.2

^p preliminary

^r revised

1. Percentage change is based on unrounded data.

2. Totals exceed the sum of "same-day car trips" and "total trips, one or more nights" because they include all of the same-day trips.

3. Estimates for the United States include counts of cars and buses, and estimated numbers for planes, trains, boats and other methods.

4. Figures for other countries exclude same-day entries by land only, via the United States.

5. Includes same-day and overnight trips.

Construction Union Wage Rate Index

June 2009

The Construction Union Wage Rate Index (including supplements) for Canada was unchanged in June compared with the May level of 107.1 (2007=100). The composite index increased 2.4% compared with June 2008.

Note: Union wage rates are published for 16 trades in 22 metropolitan areas for both the basic rates and rates including selected supplementary payments.

Indexes on a 2007=100 time base are calculated for the same metropolitan areas and are published for those where a majority of trades are covered by current collective agreements.

Available on CANSIM: tables 327-0003 and 327-0045.

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Pipeline transportation of crude oil and refined petroleum products

April 2009

Data on the net receipts of crude oil and equivalent hydrocarbons, liquefied petroleum gases and refined petroleum products, pipeline exports of crude oil and deliveries of crude oil by pipeline to Canadian refineries are now available for April.

Available on CANSIM: tables 133-0001 to 133-0005.

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