



Canada Fact Sheet

Canada Overview

Canada is Hawai'i's fourth largest source market for visitors to Hawai'i. Weakness in the Canadian economy and devaluation of the Canadian dollar have impacted travel demand for Hawai'i overall. The HTA works with VoX International, its marketing contractor for Canada, to reach aggressive targets set by the HTA and to retain market share.

November 2017 Quick Facts¹

Visitor Expenditures:	\$902.1 million
Primary Purpose of Stay:	Pleasure (421,806) vs. MCI (16,872)
Average Length of Stay:	12.39 days
First Time Visitors:	35.6%
Repeat Visitors:	64.4%

	2015	2016	% Change 2016 vs 2015	2017 Forecast (Aug. 2017)	% Change 2016 vs 2017 Forecast	YTD Nov. 2017P	YTD Nov. 2016	% change YTD
CANADA MMA (by Air)								
Visitor Expenditures* (\$ Millions)	1,053.2	954.9	-9.3%	1,039.8	8.9%	902.1	825.9	9.2%
Visitor Days	6,520,761	5,926,189	-9.1%	6,358,658	-2.5%	5,560,700	5,125,760	8.5%
Arrivals	512,323	469,314	-8.4%	505,127	-1.4%	448,936	406,374	10.5%
Per Person Per Day Spending* (\$)	161.5	161.1	-0.2%	163.5	1.2%	162.2	161.1	0.7%
Per Person Per Trip Spending* (\$)	2,055.8	2,034.7	-1.0%	2,058.6	0.1%	2,009.5	2,032.4	-1.1%
Length of Stay (days)	12.73	12.63	-0.8%	12.59	-1.1%	12.39	12.61	-1.8%

*Excludes supplemental business spending

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¹ 2016 visitor data are the final numbers and reflect data from the National Travel and Tourism Office and updated reports from airlines. 2017 data are preliminary.

Market Summary

- In 2016, decreased arrivals (-8.4% to 469,314 visitors) resulted in a drop in visitor expenditures (-9.3% to \$954.9 million). Daily spending (-0.2% to \$161 per person) was similar to 2015. Through November 2017, arrivals increased 10.5 percent to 448,936 visitors. Slightly higher daily spending (+0.7% to \$162 per person) also contributed to a 9.2 percent growth in visitor expenditures to \$902.1 million.
- Airlift: in 2016, scheduled seats from Canada rose slightly (+0.7%) compared to 2015. Through November 2017, scheduled seats declined 0.8 percent.

Market Insights

- According to the RBC Economic Outlook quarterly report, Canada's economy is performing well. RBC Economics expects real gross domestic product (GDP) to grow by 2.6 percent in 2017 and 2.1 percent in 2018. With business investment on the rise and government spending on infrastructure ramping up, RBC Economics projects the economy will grow at nearly double the average pace of the prior two years.
- Canada's economy continues to remain strong, with Canada leading all G7 countries with 3% growth. While interest rates have risen twice in 2017, the unemployment rate continues to drop, now down to 5.9% nationally.
- The national consumer confidence rating was 121.1 points in November, a much higher level than what was recorded over the past four years. The overall rating was up 18.4 points compared to last year, with very strong confidence in all regions boosting the sentiment. One-third (33.5%) of Canadians reported that November was a good time to make a major purchase; a 4.5 per cent increase compared to November 2016.
- While consumer confidence remains high, the Canadian Dollar is hovering around \$0.78 to the USD, which can contribute to some consumer hesitancy to travel to the US.
- Even though pricing remains a slight deterrent, the exchange rate is now less of a shock to US travellers. Travel prices are on the rise, but the year-over-year impact is not as significant as the past few years due to the stabilization of the dollar. After averaging \$0.75 USD last winter, the Canadian Dollar has gained some ground. The first three quarters of 2017 saw the dollar average \$0.77 USD, and its value through 2018 is expected to remain in the high-seventy to low eighty-cent range according to some economists.
- Canadians made 19.5 million overnight trips to the U.S. and other destinations between January-July 2017, an increase of 5.5 percent. Of this total, an estimated 14.8 million trips were for leisure purposes. Compared to 2016, overseas leisure trips grew 4.2 percent while leisure travel to the U.S. increased 3.2 per cent. The volume of trips to overseas destinations continued its upward trend, recording the highest figure for July since record-keeping began in 1972. During the first half of the summer season (May to July), Canadians took an estimated 6.6 million outbound leisure trips, a 3.4 percent increase compared to the same period in 2016.
- Boomers and "zoomers" continue as the hottest outbound market. Canada's aging population will continue to be a positive contributor to growth in outbound leisure travel as the propensity to take outbound leisure trips increases with age. Baby boomers (those born between 1946 and 1964) will continue to drive the outbound leisure travel market during the next five years. In 2017 there are more seniors (65+) in Canada than children. Multi-generational travel, wellness tourism and long stay travel will increase.

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Distribution by Island

CANADA MMA (by Air)	2015	2016	% Change 2016 vs 2015	YTD Nov. 2017P	YTD Nov. 2016	% change YTD
O'ahu	208,542	185,680	-11.0%	187,149	162,734	15.0%
Maui County	262,271	244,851	-6.6%	227,988	212,093	7.5%
...Maui	260,290	242,371	-6.9%	226,008	209,918	7.7%
...Moloka'i	4,714	4,441	-5.8%	3,389	3,800	-10.8%
...Lāna'i	4,006	4,029	0.6%	4,321	3,700	16.8%
Kaua'i	74,710	66,873	-10.5%	63,830	57,790	10.5%
Island of Hawai'i	103,511	89,287	-13.7%	89,731	76,888	16.7%

Airlift

DepCityName	2017					2016					%CHANGE				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Annual
CANADA	184,534	95,333	55,512	127,510	462,889	198,932	93,367	55,116	115,430	462,845	-7.2	2.1	0.7	10.5	0.0
Calgary	30,884	9,031	0	11,424	51,339	30,620	8,187	0	10,988	49,795	0.9	10.3	#DIV/0!	4.0	3.1
Edmonton	6,812	1,834	0	1,834	10,480	10,120	2,882	0	1,572	14,574	-32.7	-36.4	#DIV/0!	16.7	-28.1
Toronto	3,666	1,128	0	846	5,640	7,332	846	0	564	8,742	-50.0	33.3	#DIV/0!	50.0	-35.5
Vancouver	143,172	83,340	55,512	113,406	395,430	149,170	80,932	55,116	102,306	387,524	-4.0	3.0	0.7	10.8	2.0
Victoria	0	0	0	0	0	1,690	520	0	0	2,210	-100.0	-100.0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	-100.0

Source: Diio Mii airline schedules, updated December 2017.

Group vs. FIT; Leisure vs. Business

CANADA MMA (by Air)	2015	2016	% Change 2016 vs 2015	YTD Nov. 2017P	YTD Nov. 2016	% change YTD
Group vs FIT						
Group tour	11,935	9,020	-24.4%	7,067	8,311	-15.0%
True Independent	405,253	369,705	-8.8%	358,014	320,126	11.8%
Leisure vs business						
Pleasure (Net)	475,286	436,912	-8.1%	421,806	376,879	11.9%
MCI (Net)	22,561	17,417	-22.8%	16,872	16,298	3.5%
Convention/Conf.	16,770	11,297	-32.6%	11,586	10,460	10.8%
Corp. Meetings	2,706	2,450	-9.5%	2,254	2,215	1.7%
Incentive	4,257	4,206	-1.2%	3,522	4,145	-15.0%

First Timers vs. Repeat Visitors

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1st timers (%)	33.8	34.1	-0.3	35.6	34.7	0.9
Repeaters (%)	66.2	65.9	0.3	64.4	65.3	-0.9

Tax Revenue

CANADA MMA (by Air)	2015	2016	% Change 2016 vs 2015	YTD Nov. 2017P	YTD Nov. 2016	% change YTD
State tax revenue generated* (\$ Millions)	119.02	111.47	-6.3%	105.30	96.41	9.2%

*State government tax revenue generated (direct, indirect, and induced)

Industry

Major Tour Operators

Presently, the top 7 operators for The Hawaiian Islands, based on room night production reports and confirmation from in-market supplier partners, are:

- Expedia
- Costco Travel
- Pleasant Holidays
- Travelocity
- WestJet Vacations
- TravelBrands
- Air Canada Vacations