Nova Scotia Tourism Indicators August 2017



Data as of September 28, 2017

2017 Tourism Visitation	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Visitor Entries ('000s)						,							
Road Visits by Entry Point*	1,191	71	62	84	91	123	154	288	317				
% Change from same period 2016	8	3	-3	11	4	123	8	3	14				
Amherst/Tidnish	1,024	69	61	82	86	111	127	233	256				
% Change from same period 2016	7	2	-3	11	4	20	6	1	13				
North Sydney	39	2	1	2	3	4	6	10	11				
% Change from same period 2016	4	16	-4	-10	5	4	-1	4	7				
Digby	32	1	0	1	1	2	4	11	11				
% Change from same period 2016	6	-8	-59	-1	30	57	-7	2	10				
Caribou	82					6	13	30	34				
% Change from same period 2016	19					-17	15	18	30				
Yarmouth	15						4	5	5				
% Change from same period 2016	N/A						N/A	19	1				
Air Visits by Entry Point													
Halifax Stanfield International Airport	507	36	25	37	41	53	74	111	131				
% Change from same period 2016	11	4	-11	30	3	6	18	27	5				
Total Visitors	1,699	107	87	122	132	175	228	399	449				
% Change from same period 2016	9	3	-6	16	4	14	11	9	11				
Cruise Ship Passenger Visits ('000s)													
Halifax	30						30						
% Change from same period 2016	22						22						
Cape Breton	21					6	7	8					
% Change from same period 2016	13					-8	138	-11					
Airport Activity (thousands, '000s)													
Enplanements	1,384	120	121	169	186	173	177	207	230				
% Change from same period 2016	5	6	-3	5	10	4	4	7	4				
Tourism Revenues Estimate (\$ 000)	\$1,828,600	\$113,200	\$98,600	\$130,700	\$177,400	\$197,400	\$255,100	\$401,000	\$455,200				
% Change from same period 2016	7	2	0	6	5	3	8	9	9				

# Definitions

# **VISITOR ENTRIES**

The estimated number of visitors who came to Nova Scotia by road or air and stayed for at least one night (by entry point). Residents of Nova Scotia traveling within the province are not included in this calculation. Source: Tourism Nova Scotia

# TOURISM REVENUES ESTIMATE

Estimated revenues from both non-resident and resident spending. Source: Tourism Nova Scotia

Totals may not add because of rounding

# **CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER VISITS**

Defined as the number of passenger visits by cruise ships to the ports of Halifax and Sydney. Source: Halifax Port Authority and Sydney Ports Corporation

# AIRPORT ACTIVITY

The number of people boarding aircraft at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport. Includes visitors to Nova Scotia, residents of Nova Scotia and travelers transferring to other flights. *Source: Halifax International Airport Authority*.

NS Accommodation Activity	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fixed Roof Accommodations													
South Shore Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2016 Room Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	44 2 123 3	19 -3 5 -13	29 4 7 14	29 3 8 5	30 4 9 8	33 6 13 16	45 3 19 6	68 -1 29 -2	77 2 33 1				
Halifax Metro													
Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2016 Room Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	61 -2 989 -1	45 0 75 -5	56 6 83 1	67 9 110 7	66 -2 105 -10	62 5 133 2	70 5 147 -3	80 6 173 -1	84 1 163 -2				
Eastern Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2016 Room Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	37 4 14 14	14 8 0 146	19 10 0 92	15 1 0 3	13 1 0 32	23 3 1 9	32 -2 2 -6	54 5 4 12	63 9 5 20				
Cape Breton													
Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2016 Room Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	54 2 318 7	28 0 13 20	29 -4 13 -7	40 4 19 21	36 -2 17 -6	39 5 32 20	50 5 51 11	77 4 83 6	82 3 90 4				
Northumberland Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2016 Room Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	41 4 136 1	30 -7 8 -7	35 -7 8 -9	42 1 11 14	35 -5 10 -12	35 8 17 10	37 10 22 11	53 11 30 -5	50 -1 30 0				
Bay of Fundy & Annapolis Valley													
Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2016 Room Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	39 4 248 11	23 0 11 4	33 4 14 14	37 4 18 17	37 -1 18 0	26 6 29 25	31 1 35 3	56 8 65 13	54 5 59 9				
Yarmouth & Acadian Shores													
Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2016 Room Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	46 2 45 3	23 0 3 5	36 2 4 2	32 5 4 13	30 -3 3 -13	36 7 5 22	58 8 8 16	68 -2 9 -3	75 -5 10 -5				
Province													
Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2016 Room Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	54 3 1,873 2	35 -2 116 -2	44 3 129 1	52 6 170 10	50 -2 162 -8	45 6 230 9	52 4 283 2	70 6 394 2	72 2 390 1				
Province outside of Halifax													
Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2016 Room Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	45 3 885 6	25 -1 41 4	32 0 47 3	37 4 60 16	34 -1 57 -4	32 6 96 19	40 4 136 8	64 6 221 5	66 2 227 4				

# Totals may not add because of rounding

<sup>1</sup>Data reported when accommodation reporting rate is 85% - subject to change as reporting rate increases.

Fixed Roof Accommodations (cont.) Average Room Rate <sup>4</sup>	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Νον	Dec
Average Room Rate (\$) % Change from same period 2016	136.63 7	118.16 0	118.99 1	123.82 4	127.53 3	140.52 8	147.85 8	157.03 13					
Campground Activity													
Short-Term Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2016	27 2					10 0	16 2	44 2					
Short-Term Site Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	164 6					11 1	39 9	113 6					
Total Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2016	53 3					46 3	45 3	64 4					
Total Site Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	520 6					89 8	171 5	260 5					

### Definitions

# ACCOMMODATION ACTIVITY

Accommodation Activity is available provincially, or broken-down by the seven tourism areas. *Source: Tourism Nova Scotia* 

**Room-Nights Sold:** Estimated number of units sold each month; calculated based on reports submitted by all licensed fixed-roof accommodations (i.e. hotels, B&Bs, etc.) in Nova Scotia. A unit is normally one room. However, a cottage or suite containing two bedrooms or more is considered one rentable unit. At least 85% of licensed units available in each region must report before releasing the estimated room-nights sold. Estimates use the occupancy rate of the reporting properties to project room-nights sold for all available units.

Occupancy Rate: The percentage of estimated units that are occupied (sold) out of those available in the province. This rate is based on reports submitted by all licensed fixed-roof accommodations (i.e. hotels, B&Bs, etc.) in Nova Scotia.

### Data includes Nova Scotians and people staying for nontourism purposes

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<sup>4</sup> Source data is revised the following year by the provider

### AVERAGE ROOM RATE

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Source: CBRE Hotels Trends in the Hotel Industry National Market Report

#### CAMPGROUND ACTIVITY

**Occupancy Rate:** The percentage of campsites that are occupied (sold) out of all campsites available in the province. This rate is based on reports submitted by all licensed campgrounds in Nova Scotia. Source: Tourism Nova Scotia

Total Site-Nights Sold: Number of campsites sold each month; calculated based on reports submitted by all licensed campgrounds in Nova Scotia. Source: Tourism Nova Scotia

Visitor Activities Gallery Attendance ('000s) Art Gallery of NS % Change from same period 2016	YTD 25 97	<b>Jan</b> 1 2	<b>Feb</b> 1 2	<b>Mar</b> 2 52	<b>Apr</b> 2 47	<b>May</b> 3 151	<b>Jun</b> 2 27	<b>Jul</b> 7 175	<b>Aug</b> 7 158	Sep	Oct	Νον	Dec
Mary E. Black Gallery (NS Centre for Craft & Design) % Change from same period 2016	5 -18	- -45	- 8	- 31	- -27	1 -38	1 -6	1 -6	1 -17				
Provincial Museum Attendance ('000s) Nova Scotia Museum % Change from same period 2016	<b>264</b> 0	11 8	15 10	26 7	12 -16	24 -5	66 -8	111 5					
National Park/Historic Site Attendance ('000s)*													
Halifax Citadel % Change from same period 2016	194 71	1 -1	1 -31	1 -53	6 11	14 65	34 68	83 76	54 97				
Fortress Louisbourg % Change from same period 2016	101 63					2 17	12 50	39 68	47 66				
Alexander Graham Bell % Change from same period 2016	73 33					3 13	12 35	27 32	30 36				
Information Enquiries ('000s)													
NS Information Centre Visitors Counselled % Change from same period 2016	223 -4	3 -33	3 -38	4 -42	5 -50	16 -17	39 1	75 6	78 0				
Local Information Centre Visitors Counselled	212					· · ·	37	82	92				
Literature Requests % Change from same period 2016	42 1	4 -2	4 -23	7 -5	7 13	6 14	5 6	5 10	3 -5				
Website Activity (NovaScotia.com) ('000s) Visits % Change from same period 2016	3,040 -6	194 4	187 -9	283 10	308 -3	426 4	532 -12	613 -14	496 -6				

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### GALLERY ATTENDANCE

Art Gallery of Nova Scotia: the number of paid admissions to the gallery each month. This does not include complimentary admissions, self-directed or other tours and openings or other special events.

Mary E. Black Gallery: the number of people admitted to the gallery each month. Part of the NS Centre for Craft and Design. Source: AGNS & NSCCD

### **PROVINCIAL MUSEUM ATTENDANCE**

Monthly attendance is reported for the Nova Scotia museum family of sites located throughout the province. Attendance numbers account for all visitors, including those attending for special functions, such as meetings and private events. Please note that some museum sites operate on a seasonal basis.

Source: NS Communities, Culture & Heritage

# NATIONAL PARK & HISTORIC SITE ATTENDANCE

Kejimkujik National Park and Historic Site (does not include Seaside adjunct) & Cape Breton Highlands National Park: Visits reported are for the number of personvisits.

Halifax Citadel National Historic Site: reports on monthly attendance. Attendance numbers account for all visitors, including those attending special functions, such as meetings and private events.

# Fortress Louisbourg and Alexander Graham Bell Historic

**Sites:** Visits reported include paid admissions. *Source: Parks Canada* 

\* **NOTE**: To celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary parks Canada is offering free admission to all Parks Canada locations; therefore, 2017 admission numbers reflect <u>all</u> <u>admissions</u> as opposed to paid admission as reported in previous years.

# **INFORMATION ENQUIRIES**

# Nova Scotia Information Centre Visitors Counselled

Total number of visitors counselled at the NS Visitor Information Centres. Most centres are operated seasonally. VICs do not necessarily open on the same date every year.

### Source: Tourism Nova Scotia

Local Information Centre Visitors Counselled

Total number of visitors counselled at local Visitor Information Centres. Most centres are operated seasonally and do not always open on the same date every year. Source: Regional Tourism Industry Associations

### **Reservations and Enquiries**

Total number of reservations and enquiries made through Tourism Nova Scotia's reservation system. Source: Tourism Nova Scotia

### WEBSITE ACTIVITY

Visits are the number of user sessions to the NovaScotia.com website. Source: Tourism Nova Scotia