

Nova Scotia
Tourism Indicators
January - December 2018

2018 Tourism Visitation

	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Visitor Entries ('000s)													
<u>Road Visits by Entry Point*</u>	1,593	68	69	83	90	122	149	274	292	151	118	93	86
% Change from same period 2017	-3	-4	10	-2	-2	0	-3	-5	-8	-7	2	1	5
<i>Amherst/Tidnish</i>	1,376	66	67	81	86	110	123	221	230	119	104	88	81
% Change from same period 2017	-3	-4	11	-1	0	-1	-3	-5	-10	-9	4	3	5
<i>North Sydney</i>	52	1	1	2	3	3	5	10	12	5	4	2	2
% Change from same period 2017	-3	-14	12	14	-4	-7	-3	2	1	-12	-5	-23	0
<i>Digby</i>	37	1	--	--	--	2	5	9	10	5	3	1	1
% Change from same period 2017	-14	-5	N/A	N/A	-79	-2	0	-14	-10	-9	-9	-11	-4
<i>Caribou</i>	109					7	13	28	33	17	8	2	2
% Change from same period 2017	-4					21	2	-6	-4	-3	-18	-37	39
<i>Yarmouth</i>	20						3	6	7	4			
% Change from same period 2017	15						-11	5	32	40			
<u>Air Visits by Entry Point</u>													
<i>Halifax Stanfield International Airport</i>	820	36	27	37	50	61	78	114	146	106	82	42	41
% Change from same period 2017	4	1	8	0	23	15	5	3	12	8	-1	-11	-24
<u>Total Visitors</u>	2,413	104	95	120	140	183	227	388	438	257	200	135	127
% Change from same period 2017	-0.8	-2	10	-1	6	4	0	-3	-2	-2	1	-4	-6
Cruise Ship Passenger Visits ('000s)													
<i>Halifax</i>	317						42			166		109	
% Change from same period 2017	8						38			9		0	
<i>Cape Breton</i>	130					5	6	15	10	46	48	1	
% Change from same period 2017	10					-26	-6	80	-35	31	1	N/A	
Airport Activity ('000s)													
Enplanements	2,167	124	129	172	185	180	200	224	253	213	199	139	149
% Change from same period 2017	6	3	6	2	0	4	13	8	10	12	10	-3	-1
Tourism Revenues Estimate (\$ 000)	2,610,000												
% Change from same period 2017	0.3												

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*

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.

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

TOURISM REVENUES ESTIMATE

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

Totals may not add because of rounding

NS Accommodation Activity¹

	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fixed Roof Accommodations													
South Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%)	44	20	27	31	29	34	48	65	76	65	42	34	27
% Point Change from same period 2017	0	1	-2	3	-1	0	3	-3	-1	1	-5	2	0
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	182	6	7	9	9	13	20	28	33	27	16	9	8
% Change from same period 2017	-1	2	-10	12	-1	2	6	-5	-2	0	-10	4	0
Halifax Metro													
Occupancy Rate (%)	66	44	50	65	68	63	73	76	80	87	76	63	42
% Point Change from same period 2017	-1	-1	-6	-2	2	1	2	-4	-4	-2	2	-3	-1
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	1,493	77	79	113	115	141	160	171	177	148	133	107	73
% Change from same period 2017	3	2	-4	3	9	5	9	-1	8	4	1	-4	-3
Eastern Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%)	37	12	15	15	15	24	30	47	59	54	39	30	27
% Point Change from same period 2017	1	-2	-4	0	2	0	-1	-5	-3	3	5	14	14
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	20	--	--	--	--	1	2	3	4	4	2	1	1
% Change from same period 2017	0	-28	-18	0	21	-3	-5	-13	-8	2	27	73	67
Cape Breton													
Occupancy Rate (%)	51	26	31	36	32	37	48	68	79	67	55	42	33
% Point Change from same period 2017	-2	-2	2	-4	-4	-2	-1	-9	-3	-3	-3	1	5
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	448	12	13	17	16	30	49	74	86	68	50	19	15
% Change from same period 2017	-5	-8	5	-11	-10	-3	-4	-11	-5	-5	-2	-5	8
Northumberland Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%)	43	33	35	35	33	31	34	47	70	65	50	41	29
% Point Change from same period 2017	-1	3	1	-7	-2	-3	-3	-6	20	0	-7	0	-1
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	199	8	8	9	9	18	21	30	36	24	18	11	8
% Change from same period 2017	0	6	0	-17	-1	2	-8	-3	18	-3	-12	6	1
Bay of Fundy & Annapolis Valley													
Occupancy Rate (%)	42	26	33	39	37	25	31	51	64	65	53	42	29
% Point Change from same period 2017	1	3	0	2	1	-2	1	-5	10	-2	4	1	-4
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	359	13	15	19	17	26	35	58	66	45	33	20	13
% Change from same period 2017	0	16	0	6	0	-8	0	-9	11	-5	6	3	-9
Yarmouth & Acadian Shores													
Occupancy Rate (%)	51	24	34	34	66	44	56	73	81	73	48	36	26
% Point Change from same period 2017	4	1	-2	2	35	7	-2	5	7	6	0	-3	-7
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	72	3	4	4	7	5	7	10	11	9	6	4	3
% Change from same period 2017	9	5	0	4	119	23	-4	6	7	5	3	-13	-17
Province													
Occupancy Rate (%)	55	35	41	51	52	45	53	65	75	74	61	51	36
% Point Change from same period 2017	-1	0	-3	-1	2	0	1	-5	3	-1	0	-1	-1
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	2,773	118	126	171	174	234	293	374	412	323	257	171	119
% Change from same period 2017	1	2	-3	1	7	2	4	-5	5	0	0	-2	-2
Province outside of Halifax													
Occupancy Rate (%)	46	26	32	36	35	31	40	58	72	66	51	40	29
% Point Change from same period 2017	0	1	0	-1	1	-1	0	-6	6	-1	-2	1	0
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	1,281	42	47	58	59	94	133	203	235	176	125	65	46
% Change from same period 2017	-2	3	0	-3	4	-2	-2	-8	3	-3	-2	1	-1

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

Fixed Roof Accommodations (cont.)	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Room Rate⁴													
Average Room Rate (\$)	149	122	124	131	141	150	161	160	171	168	155	134	123
% Change from same period 2017	5	3	5	5	10	7	9	2	6	5	9	2	1
Campground Activity													
Short-Term Occupancy Rate (%)	30					11	19	43	49	24	14		
% Point Change from same period 2017	1					1	3	-1	1	1	2		
Short-Term Site Nights Sold ('000s)	357					12	46	108	125	55	11		
% Change from same period 2017	3					7	18	-2	2	6	15		
Total Occupancy Rate (%)	56					46	49	63	68	52	40		
% Point Change from same period 2017	3					1	4	-1	2	6	3		
Total Site Nights Sold ('000s)	1,031					91	182	251	271	189	47		
% Change from same period 2017	5					4	9	-1	4	10	14		
Sharing Economy*													
Room Nights Booked ('000s)	426	17	16	20	22	29	38	68	79	55	42	21	18
% Change from same period 2017	85	412	345	331	199	134	96	74	69	77	67	18	-6

*As of July 2018, Tourism Nova Scotia has restated the estimated room nights booked through a sharing platform. Previously reported numbers included both room nights sold and total room nights available in active listings. The data has been restated to solely reflect room nights booked during the month.

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 non-tourism purposes

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⁴ 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

SHARING ECONOMY

An estimate of room nights sold through a sharing economy platform.

Source: AirDNA

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.

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)	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Art Gallery of NS	36	1	2	2	2	2	4	5	6	4	4	2	2
% Change from same period 2017	-8	58	25	38	9	-21	80	-28	-22	-32	-23	-4	57
Mary E. Black Gallery (NS Centre for Craft & Design)	11	--	--	--	--	1	1	1	1	2	3	--	--
% Change from same period 2017	4	157	72	7	57	-23	-25	-9	40	43	-8	-42	-28
Provincial Museum Attendance ('000s)													
Nova Scotia Museum	629	22	30	41	41	26	68	103	106	91	68	17	16
% Change from same period 2017	12	109	100	56	235	8	3	-7	-14	2	17	9	29
National Park/Historic Site Attendance ('000s)*													
Halifax Citadel	211	1	1	2	3	10	21	66	41	36	24	5	1
% Change from same period 2017	-26	-51	1	31	-42	-29	-38	-21	-24	-15	-39	-22	-26
Fortress Louisbourg	81					2	8	23	23	15	10	--	
% Change from same period 2017	-41					-30	-29	-43	-51	-35	-24	-85	
Alexander Graham Bell	86					2	10	20	22	19	13		
% Change from same period 2017	-22					-27	-13	-27	-28	-17	-15		
Information Enquiries ('000s)													
NS Information Centre Visitors Counselling	323	3	3	4	5	12	40	76	83	59	31	4	3
% Change from same period 2017	-1	-15	-9	-10	13	-21	2	2	7	-3	-9	-5	-12
Local Information Centre Visitors Counselling	206					5	23	60	68	40	10		
Literature Requests	40	4	4	5	5	5	4	4	3	2	1	1	1
% Change from same period 2017	-15	-7	-3	-19	-27	-26	-18	-5	-1	14	-7	-17	-13
Website Activity (NovaScotia.com) ('000s)													
Visits	3,651	187	189	355	319	386	437	577	472	269	198	138	123
% Change from same period 2017	-6	-4	1	26	3	-9	-18	-6	-5	-20	-19	-9	-5

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Definitions

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

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 offered free admission to all Parks Canada locations in 2017, leading to a large increase in admissions. 2018 numbers appear smaller by comparison.

INFORMATION ENQUIRIES

Nova Scotia Information Centre Visitors Counselling

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 Counselling

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