Nova Scotia Licensed Accommodations

Licensed accommodation activity includes licensed accommodations purchased by Nova Scotians and non-residents, and people travelling for both tourism and non-tourism reasons. This data does not include any non-licensed accommodations sold through the sharing economy. In October 2019, licensed room nights sold of 265,000 were up 4% from 2018. The occupancy rate was unchanged at 61%.

The Halifax, South Shore, Eastern Shore, Cape Breton, Northumberland Shore regions saw increased room nights sold compared with 2018, while room nights declined in the Bay of Fundy & Annapolis Valley and Yarmouth & Acadian Shores regions.

| Region | October 2019 Licensed Room Nights Sold | % Change vs. 2018 |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Halifax | 139,000 | +5% |
| South Shore | 17,000 | +6% |
| Eastern Shore | 2,000 | +6% |
| Cape Breton | 54,000 | +7% |
| Northumberland Shore | 18,000 | +3% |
| Bay of Fundy & Annapolis Valley | 30,000 | -6% |
| Yarmouth & Acadian Shores | 5,000 | -19% |

Year-to-date October 2019, licensed room nights sold in Nova Scotia of 2,439,000 were down 2% compared with the same period in 2018. The occupancy rate decreased by 1 percentage point to 56%. Regionally, Halifax saw an increase in room nights sold year-to-date, while the remaining regions declined compared with 2018.

| Region | YTD October 2019 | % Change |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|
| | Licensed Room Nights Sold | vs. 2018 |
| Halifax | 1,327,000 | +1% |
| South Shore | 163,000 | -1% |
| Eastern Shore | 17,000 | -6% |
| Cape Breton | 411,000 | -1% |
| Northumberland Shore | 170,000 | -5% |
| Bay of Fundy & Annapolis Valley | 301,000 | -7% |
| Yarmouth & Acadian Shores | 50,000 | -23% |