

Nova Scotia Tourism Indicators

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Tourism Nova Scotia gathers and reports tourism statistics on behalf of the tourism industry. These statistics reflect the combined efforts of tourism businesses, organizations, communities, and governments, and include activities by both Nova Scotians and non-resident visitors. There are many factors that contribute to tourism industry performance including events, weather, gas prices, air capacity, currency fluctuations, geo-political circumstances, and industry initiatives, such as marketing. Tourism Nova Scotia is just one organization among many contributing to tourism growth. We support tourism growth through marketing in key national and international markets, support for experience and business development, and visitor servicing.

2021 Tourism Visitation	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Visitor Entries ('000s)													
Road Visits by Entry Point	12	12											
% Change from same period 2020	-81	-81											
Amherst/Tidnish	11	11											
% Change from same period 2020	-82	-82											
North Sydney	1	1											
% Change from same period 2020	-36	-36											
Digby													
% Change from same period 2020	-90	-90											
Caribou													
% Change from same period 2020													
Yarmouth													
% Change from same period 2020													
Air Visits by Entry Point													
Halifax Stanfield International Airport	4	4											
% Change from same period 2020	-88	-88											
Total Visitors	16	16											
% Change from same period 2020	-83	-83											
Airport Activity ('000s)													
Enplanements	14	14											
% Change from same period 2020	-88	-88											
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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

	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
NS Accommodation Activity													
Fixed Roof Accommodations													
South Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%)	25	25											
% Point Change from same period 2020 Room Nights Sold ('000s)	5 6	5 6											
% Change from same period 2020	13	13											
	13	13											
Halifax Metro	•	00											
Occupancy Rate (%)	22 -25	22 -25											
% Point Change from same period 2020 Room Nights Sold ('000s)	-25 39	-25 39											
% Change from same period 2020	-55	-55											
	-55	-55											
Eastern Shore	22	22											
Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2020	23 9	23 9											
Room Nights Sold ('000s)													
% Change from same period 2020	-19	-19											
Cape Breton Occupancy Rate (%)	24	24											
% Point Change from same period 2020	-3	-3											
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	11	11											
% Change from same period 2020	-2	-2											
Northumberland Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%)	26	26											
% Point Change from same period 2020	-5	-5											
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	6	6											
% Change from same period 2020	-22	-22											
Bay of Fundy & Annapolis Valley													
Occupancy Rate (%)	18	18											
% Point Change from same period 2020	-7	-7											
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	8	8											
% Change from same period 2020	-29	-29											
Yarmouth & Acadian Shores													
Occupancy Rate (%)	21	21											
% Point Change from same period 2020	-3	-3											
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	2	2											
% Change from same period 2020	-11	-11											
Province													
Occupancy Rate (%)	22	22											
% Point Change from same period 2020	-15 -72	-15											
Room Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2020	72 -42	72 -42											
	-42	-42											
Province outside of Halifax	20	00											
Occupancy Rate (%)	22 -3	22 -3											
% Point Change from same period 2020 Room Nights Sold ('000s)	-3 34	-3 34											
% Change from same period 2020	-13	-13											
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¹Data reported when accommodation reporting rate is 85% - subject to change as reporting rate increases.

	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Room Rate													
Average Room Rate (\$)	91	91											
% Change from same period 2020	-27	-27											
Sharing Economy*													
Room Nights Booked ('000s)	15	15											
% Change from same period 2020	-17	-17											
* AirDNA's 2020 updates reflected in the Sharing Economy data.													

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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 registered 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 registered 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 registered fixed-roof accommodations (i.e. hotels, B&Bs, etc.) in Nova Scotia.

Data includes Nova Scotians and people staying for nontourism purposes

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 two leading sharing economy platforms.

Source: AirDNA

Visitor Activities		
Information Enquiries ('000s) NS Information Centre Visitors Counselled % Change from same period 2020	 N/A	 N/A
Local Information Centre Visitors Counselled		
Literature Requests % Change from same period 2020	 -81	 -81
Website Activity (NovaScotia.com) ('000s)		
Visits	207	207
% Change from same period 2020	14	14

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Oct

Nov

Dec

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INFORMATION ENQUIRIES

Nova Scotia Information Centre Visitors Counselled

YTD

Jan

Feb

Mar

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

WEBSITE ACTIVITY

Visits are the number of user sessions to the NovaScotia.com website.

Source: Tourism Nova Scotia