

Nova Scotia Tourism Accommodations

December 2022

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.

NS Accommodation Activity			Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fixed Roof Accommodations													
South Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%)	53	22	34	41	39	57	61	77	79	65	51	45	32
% Point Change from same period 2021	8	-5	-1	4	9	37	27	21	4	-2	-3	4	4
% Point Change from same period 2019	9	1	-1	9	12	25	14	14	4	2	8	14	9
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	209	6	8	11	11	20	23	31	32	25	19	13	10
% Change from same period 2021	36	5	15	26	47	303	115	49	13	5	6	21	27
% Change from same period 2019	20	7	0	23	37	63	23	19	3	2	19	47	62
Halifax Metro													
Occupancy Rate (%)	66	28	39	56	61	67	79	86	89	85	81	67	49
% Point Change from same period 2021	25	5	10	29	34	49	55	39	13	14	24	16	7
% Point Change from same period 2019	0	-15	-12	-6	-3	8	8	6	6	-3	6	4	5
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	1,550	54	67	108	112	134	172	194	185	156	153	124	92
% Change from same period 2021	72	36	48	117	124	297	305	118	30	19	43	31	18
% Change from same period 2019	2	-28	-17	-2	3	-3	10	7	0	1	10	8	13
Eastern Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%)	34	4	12	13	16	24	38	56	68	40	30	20	6
% Point Change from same period 2021	4	-15	2	4	-2	11	21	28	23	0	-11	-2	-11
% Point Change from same period 2019	-28	-8	2	4	3	4	4	9	14	-1	-6	-4	-7
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	19					1	2	4	4	3	2	1	
% Change from same period 2021	69	-39	131	175	92	393	161	117	58	11	7	143	-1
% Change from same period 2019	5	-65	7	38	5	13	3	9	15	-5	-6	37	-56
Cape Breton													
Occupancy Rate (%)	50	21	30	39	38	42	52	74	79	61	61	35	23
% Point Change from same period 2021	10	-2	0	3	9	30	31	33	15	3	4	-9	-9
% Point Change from same period 2019	-1	-6	-12	-1	3	8	6	6	1	0	4	-5	-7
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	455	10	14	20	18	31	49	76	80	60	54	26	18
% Change from same period 2021	64	0	23	42	56	436	227	108	41	26	41	45	37
% Change from same period 2019	5	-19	-19	12	14	13	6	5	-2	-2	5	43	43
Northumberland Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%)	53	24	29	44	46	51	51	49	76	70	73	55	37
% Point Change from same period 2021	10	-1	-2	10	18	27	15	-2	6	3	22	8	17
% Point Change from same period 2019	11	-5	-4	5	12	17	22	5	13	10	21	9	5
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	207	5	6	10	10	19	23	28	31	24	24	18	11
% Change from same period 2021	47	-16	-9	21	55	198	110	38	28	17	49	56	139
% Change from same period 2019	10	-32	-24	-4	15	4	20	-7	7	16	39	51	32

	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bay of Fundy & Annapolis Valley													
Occupancy Rate (%)	44	24	36	42	44	36	34	43	59	69	60	43	32
% Point Change from same period 2021	5	5	11	11	18	20	8	-5	-5	10	11	0	1
% Point Change from same period 2019	5	-1	4	6	11	10	2	-2	5	7	12	0	5
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	365	11	15	20	20	30	35	50	52	45	39	27	20
% Change from same period 2021	45	28	45	46	76	281	110	51	17	17	24	33	39
% Change from same period 2019	11	-5	14	17	33	9	2	-1	-6	10	30	32	64
Yarmouth & Acadian Shores													
Occupancy Rate (%)	45	23	24	37	31	35	49	64	76	59	50	41	41
% Point Change from same period 2021	11	2	4	11	9	22	19	21	13	3	7	-2	10
% Point Change from same period 2019	6	-5	-10	5	-4	-2	11	14	22	6	12	5	15
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	86	3	3	5	4	6	8	12	14	10	8	6	7
% Change from same period 2021	44	29	18	38	45	217	81	71	39	22	18	6	59
% Change from same period 2019	51	-1	-13	41	9	26	69	68	82	46	58	58	126
Province													
Occupancy Rate (%)	57	26	35	49	51	53	60	69	79	73	69	53	39
% Point Change from same period 2021	16	3	7	19	24	36	34	23	9	7	14	6	3
% Point Change from same period 2019	3	-9	-8	-1	3	10	9	5	6	1	7	1	2
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	2,891	89	113	174	176	242	312	393	398	323	299	215	157
% Change from same period 2021	61	23	36	77	95	296	209	89	29	19	36	33	29
% Change from same period 2019	6	-23	-13	4	9	5	11	6	1	4	14	20	27
Province outside of Halifax													
Occupancy Rate (%)	48	22	31	40	40	42	46	59	72	64	59	42	30
% Point Change from same period 2021	8	0	3	7	12	26	19	12	6	4	7	-2	1
% Point Change from same period 2019	5	-3	-4	4	8	12	9	5	6	4	9	2	2
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	1,341	35	46	66	64	107	140	199	213	167	146	91	65
% Change from same period 2021	50	7	22	37	59	296	139	68	28	18	30	36	48
% Change from same period 2019	12	-13	-8	14	23	18	12	6	2	6	20	42	55

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

Totals may not sum due to rounding.

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	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Room Rate													
Average Room Rate (\$) Nova Scotia % Change from same period 2021 % Change from same period 2019	168 45 16	109 20 -10	117 20 -7	128 32 0	136 46 3	149 71 -4	167 76 7	193 71 22	204 61 25	199 48 21	173 35 17	154 26 17	150 29 23
Average Room Rate (\$) HRM % Change from same period 2021 % Change from same period 2019	180 55 17	110 24 -13	118 23 -9	131 39 -1	142 61 3	158 82 -6	179 101 7	207 91 23	222 75 28	218 58 23	188 43 19	162 30 18	160 35 26
Average Room Rate (\$) Rest of Province % Change from same period 2021 % Change from same period 2019	141 21 13	108 13 -1	113 13 -3	121 18 4	120 17 5	127 44 6	134 31 11	159 31 21	164 30 18	151 19 16	138 14 15	133 16 16	127 15 15
Campground Activity													
Short-Term Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2021 % Point Change from same period 2019	N/A N/A N/A												
Short-Term Site Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2021 % Change from same period 2019	N/A N/A N/A												
Total Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2021 % Point Change from same period 2019	N/A N/A N/A												
Total Site Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2021 % Change from same period 2019	N/A N/A N/A												
Sharing Economy*													
Room Nights Booked ('000s) % Change from same period 2021 % Change from same period 2019 * AirDNA's 2021 updates reflected in the Sharing Economy data.	581 48 19	20 30 43	20 16 59	25 19 46	30 36 34	45 109 26	61 107 19	92 71 12	99 52 3	75 39 15	60 31 37	26 2 9	30 29 21

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Definitions

ACCOMMODATION ACTIVITY

Accommodation Activity is available provincially, or broken-down by the seven tourism areas.

Room-Nights Sold: Estimated number of units sold each month based on reports submitted by registered fixed-roof accommodations participating in programs offered by Tourism 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 registered fixed-roof accommodations participating in programs offered by Tourism Nova Scotia.

Data includes Nova Scotians and people staying for non-tourism purposes.

Source: Tourism Nova Scotia

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

CAMPGROUND ACTIVITY

Occupancy Rate: The percentage of campsites occupied (sold) out of those available in the province. The rate is based on reports submitted by campgrounds reporting to Tourism Nova Scotia

Total Site-Nights Sold: Estimated number of campsites sold each month based on reports submitted by campgrounds reporting to Tourism Nova Scotia.

Source: Tourism Nova Scotia