

Nova Scotia Tourism Accommodations January to December 2024

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.

	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
NS Accommodation Activity													
Fixed Roof Accommodations													
South Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%)	53	27	35	38	38	45	60	74	81	68	58	44	34
% Point Change from same period 2023	-1	-2	-4	-4	-2	0	1	2	2	1	4	-2	-4
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	208	7	9	11	11	16	22	30	33	26	21	13	10
% Change from same period 2023	3	-7	-2	-2	2	4	3	4	3	4	7	2	-3
Halifax Metro													
Occupancy Rate (%)	67	46	55	63	65	69	74	70	86	86	75	66	47
% Point Change from same period 2023	-2	-3	-4	-5	3	-1	5	-15	3	0	-3	-5	-3
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	1,641	85	95	118	124	161	172	179	187	162	145	123	90
% Change from same period 2023	1	-9	-5	-9	11	15	3	-7	10	6	1	-3	-1
Eastern Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%)	30	9	16	16	14	22	31	37	52	39	31	23	13
% Point Change from same period 2023	-2	2	1	0	-5	-2	-2	-12	0	-2	4	4	-3
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	20	--	--	--	--	2	3	3	4	3	2	1	--
% Change from same period 2023	2	58	25	20	-26	-2	2	-16	7	5	13	30	-13
Cape Breton													
Occupancy Rate (%)	52	30	35	43	39	41	53	70	76	62	59	39	29
% Point Change from same period 2023	2	-1	2	6	3	1	3	3	3	2	3	-1	-3
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	459	16	17	23	21	33	52	71	76	60	52	21	16
% Change from same period 2023	1	-6	4	10	3	0	4	2	1	2	3	-3	-8
Northumberland Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%)	51	39	43	48	49	38	44	56	70	71	63	47	38
% Point Change from same period 2023	-3	3	0	-3	4	-10	-6	0	-1	0	0	-11	-4
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	204	10	10	12	13	17	21	27	28	23	20	13	10
% Change from same period 2023	-4	5	3	-9	13	-6	-8	-3	-3	-1	-2	-19	-14
Bay of Fundy & Annapolis Valley													
Occupancy Rate (%)	44	34	41	43	43	28	34	47	53	67	56	49	35
% Point Change from same period 2023	-2	0	-1	-3	-3	-4	-3	-3	2	2	0	1	-6
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	345	17	19	19	19	27	35	50	50	41	32	22	15
% Change from same period 2023	-11	-2	-4	-21	-17	-15	-13	-13	-5	-5	-11	-9	-28
Yarmouth & Acadian Shores													
Occupancy Rate (%)	47	27	32	36	38	42	51	68	76	63	46	35	31
% Point Change from same period 2023	1	-3	0	4	2	-2	-4	0	5	6	7	-7	-1
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	84	4	4	5	5	7	8	11	13	10	7	5	4
% Change from same period 2023	3	-11	4	13	10	-3	-7	1	11	15	20	-17	-9
Province													
Occupancy Rate (%)	57	39	46	53	53	51	58	64	75	74	65	55	40
% Point Change from same period 2023	-1	-2	-2	-2	2	-1	2	-6	3	1	0	-4	-3
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	2,960	139	155	187	194	263	312	371	390	325	280	198	145
% Change from same period 2023	-1	-7	-3	-8	6	6	0	-5	5	3	0	-5	-7
Province outside of Halifax													
Occupancy Rate (%)	49	31	37	42	41	36	45	60	68	65	57	43	32
% Point Change from same period 2023	0	0	-1	0	0	-3	-1	0	2	2	2	-3	-4
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	1,319	54	60	70	70	102	140	193	203	163	134	75	54
% Change from same period 2023	-3	-3	1	-5	-2	-5	-4	-3	0	1	0	-8	-15

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

Totals may not sum due to rounding.

"--" indicates a number below 1,000 but above 0.

	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Room Rate													
Average Room Rate (\$) Nova Scotia	191	149	154	164	170	193	209	212	236	215	192	172	159
% Change from same period 2023	0	2	4	2	4	6	1	-10	1	-2	0	1	1
Average Room Rate (\$) HRM	205	157	163	173	181	210	228	226	251	232	207	183	167
% Change from same period 2023	-1	1	4	2	4	5	0	-14	-3	-4	-1	1	0
Average Room Rate (\$) Rest of Province	159	133	135	143	142	150	161	180	200	172	157	144	142
% Change from same period 2023	4	5	4	5	6	7	6	3	11	3	5	2	6
Sharing Economy													
Room Nights Booked ('000s)	607	19	21	26	26	47	68	100	113	74	58	29	26
% Change from same period 2023	7	-9	9	11	-8	11	10	3	12	10	9	2	3

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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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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