

British Columbia Regional Tourism Secretariat



## Canada, British Columbia & Alberta Monthly Visitor Highlights | 2024

Kootenay Rockies Region – Jan - May Update

Golden Skybridge, Kootenay Rockies Credit: Kootenay Rockies Tourism / Mitch Winton 2024 DATA VINTAGE

## Purpose

- Baseline visitor analysis will help industry understand who is visiting our regions so they can plan strategically how and what visitors to attract
- Research commenced with the **BC Market** as the top priority followed by the **Alberta Market**
- This report focuses on visitor analysis to Kootenay Rockies
- VisitorView Canada provides insights the tourism industry needs to understand, market and grow their business with Canadian travellers



#### 2023 Visitor Highlights

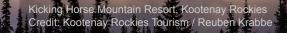
## **Research Overview**

- <u>Environics Analytics</u> is a Canadian based research firm providing information solutions for a variety of industries in both the Canadian and USA Markets
- Visitor View Canada provides insights the tourism industry needs to understand, market and grow their business with Canadian travellers
- Visitor View produces neighbourhood-level estimates of overnight Canadian visitors to Canada, the provinces and territories, or one of Canada's 85 tourism regions as defined by Destination Canada
- Estimates are provided for the total number of visitors, the number of trips and the number of nights spent in each province or tourism region
- Visitor View is based on anonymized, consent-based mobile location data. Monthly, quarterly and annual estimate data is available starting with January 2021 to allow for analysis of historical trends

# 2024 Visitor Highlights

#### Methodology

- Visitor: A visitor is defined as someone who travels 60+km from their point of origin
- Trips: Are defined as the count of domestic traveller trips which involved spending one or more nights over the time period as part of a continuous visit to the destination
- Nights Stayed: Is defined as the count of unique nights a domestic visitor was observed in the destination over the time period (between 6:00pm – 8:00am the following day)



## **Research Overview**

- Visitor View can help you measure the effectiveness of your marketing strategies to Canadian Visitors, as well as understand the Canadian travel and tourism industry and the impact of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to Visitors, Number of Trips and Number of Overnight Stays within Canada, its provinces, territories, and tourism regions
- Using Visitor View, we can compare the number of visitors and their travel patterns in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024
- We can also compare different regions to assess the impact of the pandemic on Canadian travel patterns and the path to recovery
- Visitor View also allows us to identify the best regions and neighbourhoods in Canada to prospect for new visitors and use the PRIZM Segmentation System to optimize experience development and marketing



2024 Visitor Highlights

# Canada Insights

Radium Golf Group, Kootenay Rockies Credit: Destination BC / Chris Wheeler

## Q1 2020, 2021, 2022 & 2023: Domestic Visitors by Quarter

## **Kootenay Rockies**

Q1 = January | February | March Note: All counts have been rounded to the nearest 100

#### Overview

During Q1 2021 Kootenay Rockies saw an average of **360,000** Domestic Visitors. During Q1 2022 the region saw **478,300** Domestic Visitors, in Q1 2023, **537,700** Domestic Visitors and in Q1 2024, **430,500** Domestic Visitors.

- Increase of 20% 2024 compared to 2021

- **Decrease** of **-10%** 2024 compared to 2022

- <u>Decrease</u> of -20% 2024 compared to 2023

**Note:** A Visitor is defined as someone who travels 60+ km from their point of origin, counts may include Kootenay Rockies resident visitors depending on point of origin and point of destination

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- April 2024 saw a -2% decrease compared to 2021, a -25% decrease compared to 2022 and a -30% decrease compared to 2023
- May 2024 saw a 99% increase compared to 2021, a -3% decrease compared to 2022 and a -8% decrease compared to 2023



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**Canadian Visitors Travelling to Kootenay Rockies by Month** 

# **Canadian Visitation**

2024 Visitor

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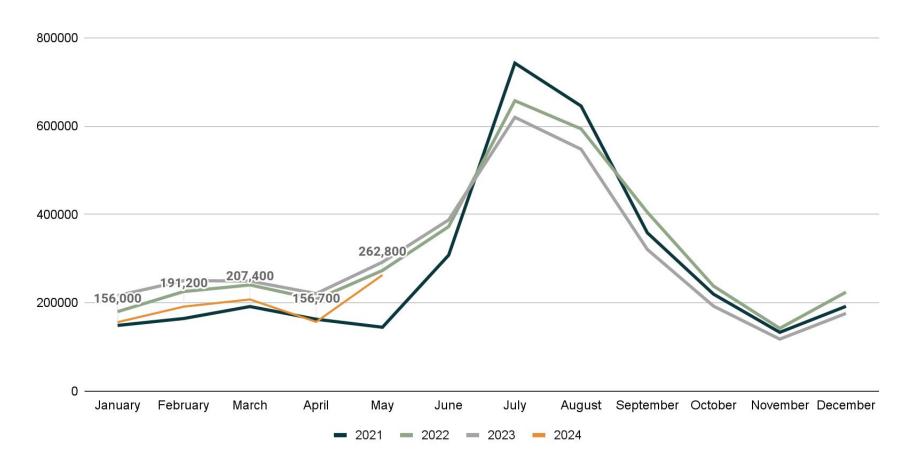
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Note: "Visitors" is a unique visitor count of travelers who spent one or more

## **Canadian Visitation**

### Canadian Trips To Kootenay Rockies By Month

- February 2024 saw a **16%** increase compared to 2021, a **-15%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-24%** decrease compared to 2023
- March 2024 saw a **8%** increase compared to 2021, a **-14%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-17%** decrease compared to 2023
- April 2024 saw a -4% decrease compared to 2021, a -25% decrease compared to 2022 and a -29% decrease compared to 2023
- May 2024 saw a **82%** increase compared to 2021, a **-4%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-10%** decrease compared to 2023



**Note:** "Visitors" is a unique visitor count of travelers who spent one or more nights in the destination over the respective time period.

2024 Visitor

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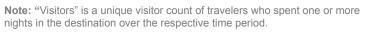
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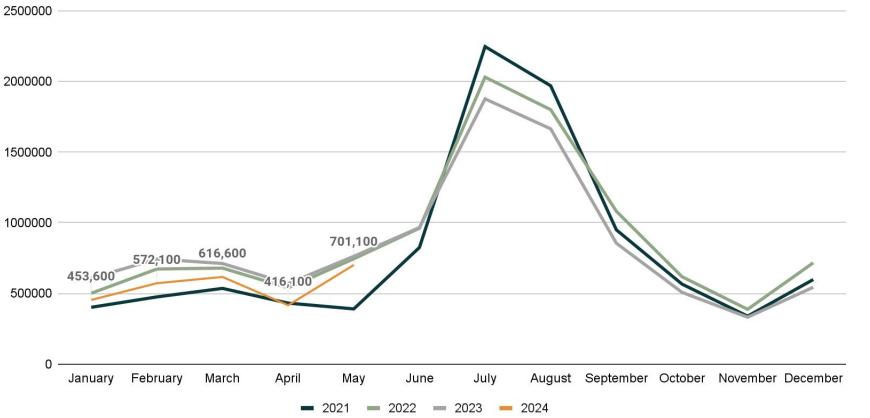
March 2024 saw a **15%** increase compared to 2021, a **-9%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-13%** decrease compared to 2023

April 2024 saw a -4% decrease compared to 2021, a -23% decrease compared to 2022 and a -27% decrease compared to 2023

May 2024 saw a **80%** increase compared to 2021, a **-6%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-8%** decrease compared to 2023



## Canadian Visitation Canadian Overnight Stays In Kootenay Rockies By Month



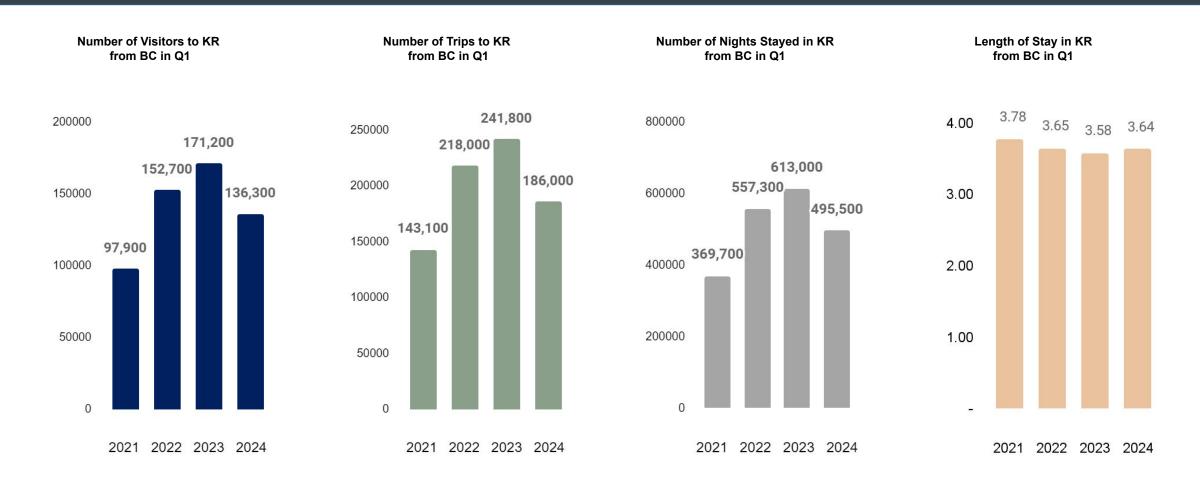


# **British Columbia Insights**

Revelstoke, Kootenay Rockies Credit: Destination BC / Reuben Krabbe

## **Kootenay Rockies Visitation**

**BC Residents Travelling To Kootenay Rockies By Quarter** 



2024 Visitor

**Highlights** 

## BC Visitors To Kootenay Rockies By Quarter – Q1

Number of Visitors To Kootenay Rockies By Origin City

City	2021 Visitor Count	City	2022 Visitor Count	City	2023 Visitor Count	City	2024 Visitor Count
Kelowna	8,200	Vancouver	13,500	Vancouver	16,000	Vancouver	12,400
Surrey	7,400	Surrey	12,100	Surrey	15,700	Surrey	11,300
Vancouver	7,300	Kelowna	11,500	Kelowna	11,300	Kelowna	10,100
Abbotsford	3,400	Kamloops	5,400	Kamloops	6,000	Kamloops	4,700
Cranbrook	3,300	Abbotsford	4,500	Abbotsford	4,700	Cranbrook	3,800
Kamloops	3,100	Cranbrook	4,000	Cranbrook	4,400	Vernon	3,500
Vernon	2,500	Vernon	3,900	Burnaby	4,200	Abbotsford	3,400
West Kelowna	1,900	Burnaby	3,500	Vernon	3,600	Burnaby	3,300
Burnaby	1,700	West Kelowna	2,800	Richmond	3,300	Richmond	2,600
Chilliwack	1,700	Richmond	2,800	Langley	2,900	West Kelowna	2,500

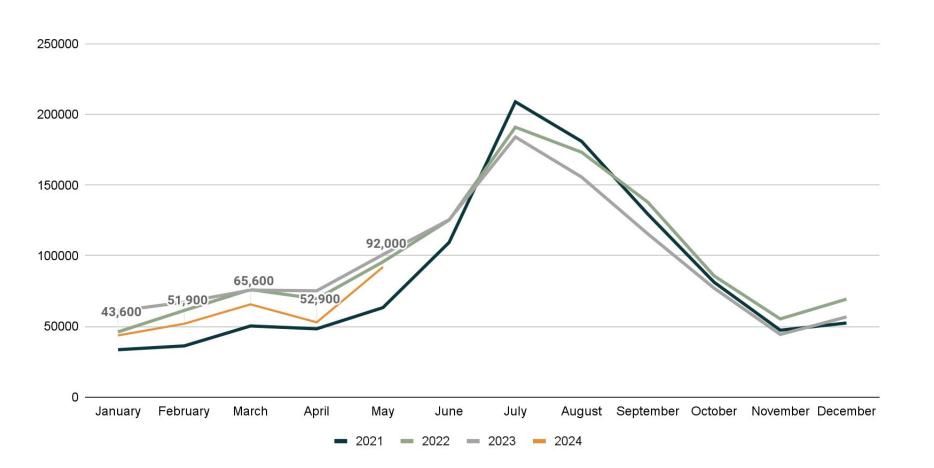
Q1 = January | February | March Note: All counts have been rounded to the nearest 100 2024 Visitor

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# **British Columbian Visitation**

## **BC Visitors Travelling To Kootenay Rockies By Month**

- February 2024 saw a **43%** increase compared to 2021, a **-15%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-23%** decrease compared to 2023
- March 2024 saw a **31%** increase compared to 2021, a **-14%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-13%** decrease compared to 2023
- April 2024 saw a **10%** increase compared to 2021, a **-24%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-30%** decrease compared to 2023
- May 2024 saw a **45%** increase compared to 2021, a **-4%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-9%** decrease compared to 2023



**Note:** "Visitors" is a unique visitor count of travelers who spent one or more nights in the destination over the respective time period.

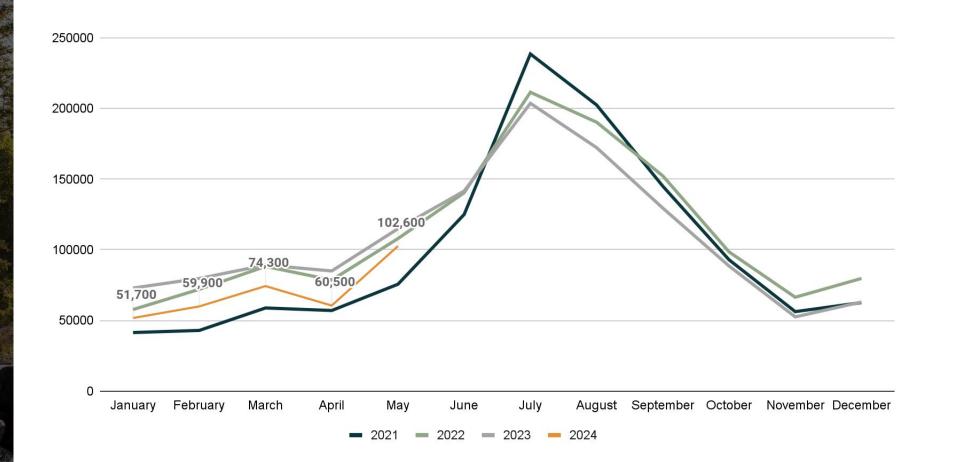
2024 Visitor

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# **British Columbian Visitation**

### **BC Trips To Kootenay Rockies By Month**

- February 2024 saw a **40%** increase compared to 2021, a **-17%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-25%** decrease compared to 2023
- March 2024 saw a **26%** increase compared to 2021, a **-16%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-17%** decrease compared to 2023
- April 2024 saw a **6%** increase compared to 2021, a **-23%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-29%** decrease compared to 2023
- May 2024 saw a **36%** increase compared to 2021, a **-5%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-11%** decrease compared to 2023



**Note:** "Trips" is a count which involved spending one or more nights over the time period as part of a continuous visit to the destination. One 'visitor' can take multiple 'trips' over the time period.

2024 Visitor

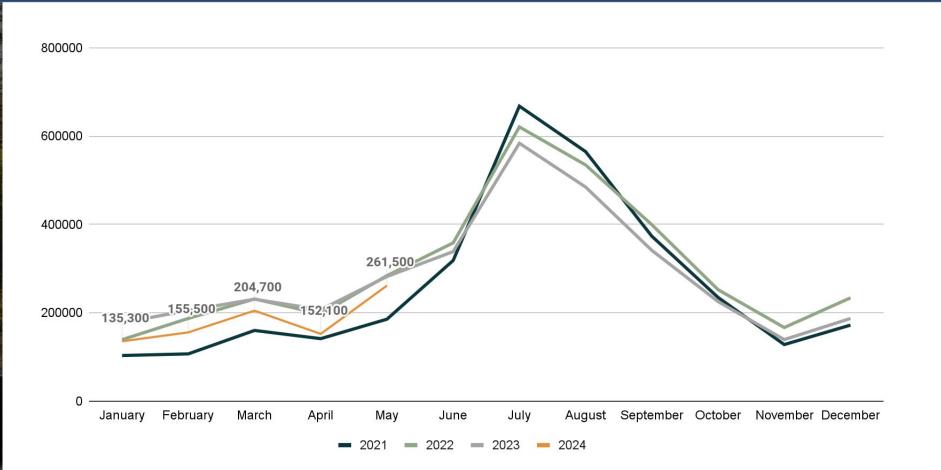
Highlights

# **British Columbian Visitation**

## **BC Overnight Stays In Kootenay Rockies By Month**

- February 2024 saw a **46%** increase compared to 2021, a **-17%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-24%** decrease compared to 2023
- March 2024 saw a **28%** increase compared to 2021, a **-11%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-11%** decrease compared to 2023
- April 2024 saw a **8%** increase compared to 2021, a **-23%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-27%** decrease compared to 2023
- May 2024 saw a **41%** increase compared to 2021, a **-8%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-7%** decrease compared to 2023





**Note:** "Overnight Stays" is a count of a unique night a visitor was observed in the destination over the time period

2024 Visitor

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## January 2024 Canada/British Columbia Regional Visitation Kootenay Rockies



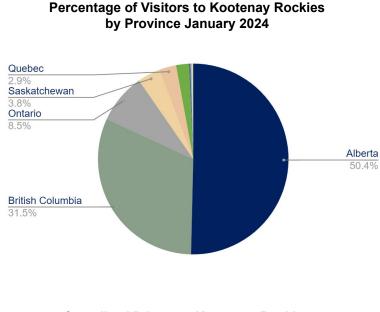
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The number of visitors to British Columbia from Canadian travelers increased by 9% when comparing January 2024 to January 2021.

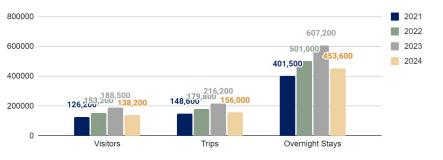
Visitors decreased by **-10%** when compared to January 2022, and decreased by **-27%** when compared to January 2023.

\*All Percentages relate to an increase or decrease in Canadian Visits when comparing January in previous years to January 2023.

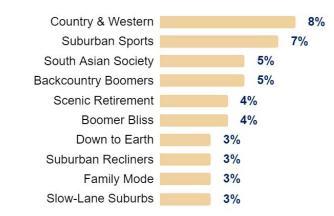
Note: A Visitor is defined as someone who travels 60+ km from their point of origin. Trips may be counted more than once due to repeat visitation.



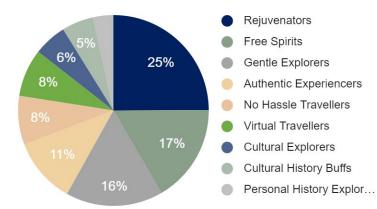
Canadian Visitors to Kootenay Rockies January 2021-2024



#### January 2024 BC Visitors by PRIZM Segment



#### January 2024 BC Visitors by EQ Type



## February 2024 Canada/British Columbia Regional Visitation **Kootenay Rockies**

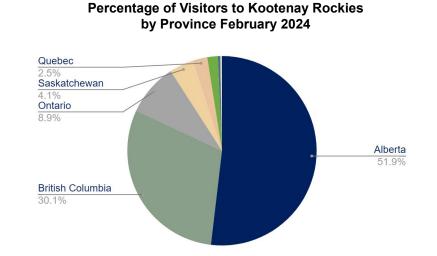
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The number of visitors to British Columbia from Canadian travelers increased by 19% when comparing February 2024 to February 2021.

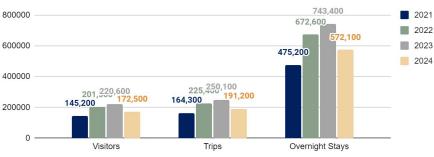
Visitors decreased by -14% when compared to February 2022, and decreased by -22% when compared to February 2023.

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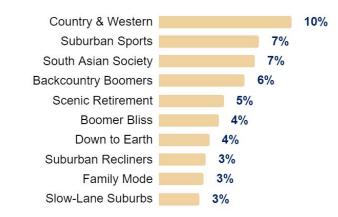
Note: A Visitor is defined as someone who travels 60+ km from their point of origin. Trips may be counted more than once due to repeat visitation



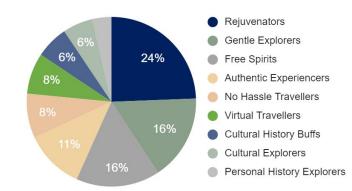
**Canadian Visitors to Kootenay Rockies** February 2021-2024



#### February 2024 BC Visitors by PRIZM Segment



#### February 2024 BC Visitors by EQ Type



2024 Visitor

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## March 2024 Canada/British Columbia Regional Visitation Kootenay Rockies



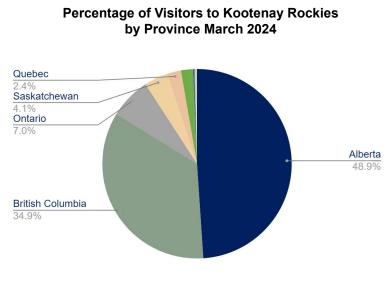
#### Overview

The number of visitors to British Columbia from Canadian travelers increased by **11%** when comparing March 2024 to March 2021.

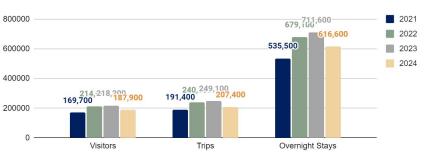
Visitors decreased by -12% when compared to March 2022, and decreased by -14% when compared to March 2023.

\*All Percentages relate to an increase or decrease in Canadian Visits when comparing March in previous years to March 2023.

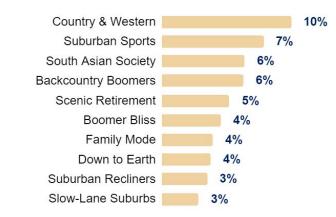
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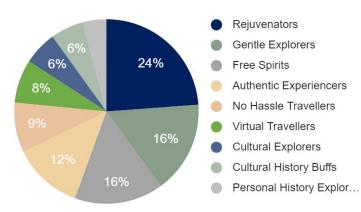
#### Canadian Visitors to Kootenay Rockies March 2021-2024



#### March 2024 BC Visitors by PRIZM Segment



#### March 2024 BC Visitors by EQ Type



## April 2024 Canada/British Columbia Regional Visitation Kootenay Rockies



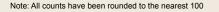
#### Overview

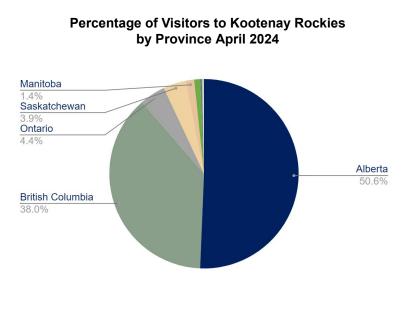
The number of visitors to British Columbia from Canadian travelers decreased by -2% when comparing April 2024 to April 2021.

Visitors decreased by -25% when compared to April 2022, and decreased by -30% when compared to April 2023.

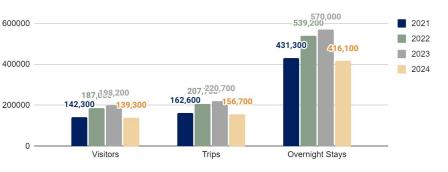
\*All Percentages relate to an increase or decrease in Canadian Visits when comparing April in previous years to April 2023.

Note: A Visitor is defined as someone who travels 60+ km from their point of origin. Trips may be counted more than once due to repeat visitation.

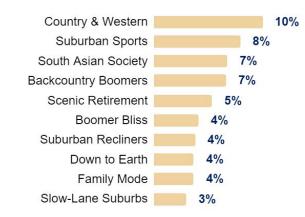




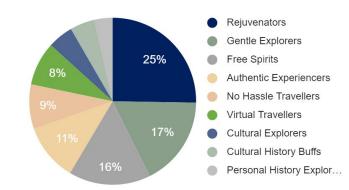
Canadian Visitors to Kootenay Rockies April 2021-2024



#### April 2024 BC Visitors by PRIZM Segment



#### April 2024 BC Visitors by EQ Type



# May 2024 Canada/British Columbia Regional Visitation

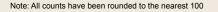
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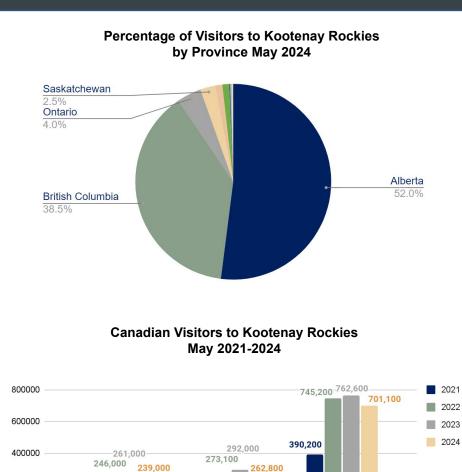
The number of visitors to British Columbia from Canadian travelers increased by **58%** when comparing May 2024 to May 2021.

Visitors increased by **25%** when compared to May 2022, and decreased by **-1%** when compared to May 2023.

\*All Percentages relate to an increase or decrease in Canadian Visits when comparing May in previous years to May 2023.

Note: A Visitor is defined as someone who travels 60+ km from their point of origin. Trips may be counted more than once due to repeat visitation.





144,500

Trips

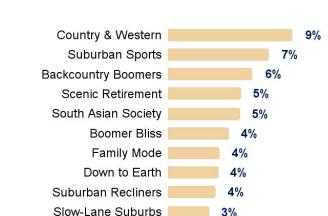
**Overnight Stays** 

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Visitors

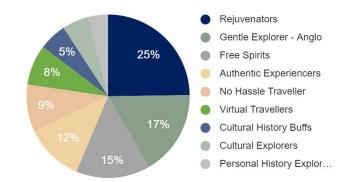
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May 2024 BC Visitors by PRIZM Segment

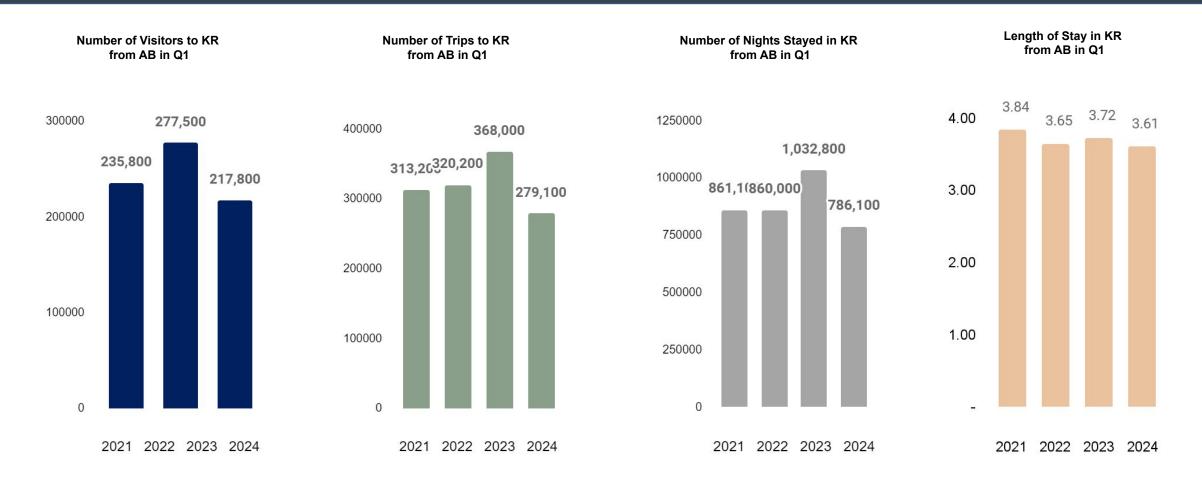
May 2024 BC Visitors by EQ Type



# Alberta Insights

## **Kootenay Rockies Visitation**

### Alberta Residents Travelling To Kootenay Rockies By Quarter



2024 Visitor

**Highlights** 



City	2020 Visitor Count	City	2021 Visitor Count	City	2022 Visitor Count	City	2023 Visito Count
Calgary	102,900	Calgary	113,700	Calgary	132,500	Calgary	104,700
Edmonton	26,300	Edmonton	30,100	Edmonton	36,100	Edmonton	28,600
Airdrie	6,400	Lethbridge	6,300	Airdrie	7,500	Airdrie	5,900
Lethbridge	6,100	Airdrie	6,100	Lethbridge	7,100	Lethbridge	5,100
Red Deer	4,800	Rocky View Coun	ty 4,700	Rocky View County	5,700	Rocky View County	4,200
Rocky View County	4,500	Red Deer	4,400	Red Deer	5,200	Red Deer	3,800
Strathcona County	3,700	Strathcona Coun	ty 3,900	Canmore	4,400	Strathcona County	3,500
Canmore	3,100	Canmore	3,900	Strathcona County	4,400	Canmore	2,900
Cochrane	3,000	Cochrane	2,900	Cochrane	3,400	Cochrane	2,700
Medicine Hat	2,600	St. Albert	2,600	Okotoks	3,100	St. Albert	2,500

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# Alberta Visitors Travelling To Kootenay Rockies By Month



- February 2024 saw a -4% decrease compared to 2021, a -11% decrease compared to 2022 and a -24% decrease compared to 2023
- March 2024 saw a -12% decrease compared to 2021, a -10% decrease compared to 2022 and a -13% decrease compared to 2023
- April 2024 saw a **-16%** decrease compared to 2021, a **-28%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-31%** decrease compared to 2023
- May 2024 saw a **153%** increase compared to 2021, a **-2%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-10%** decrease compared to 2023

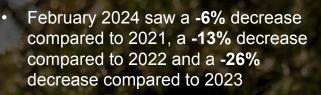


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**Note:** "Visitors" is a unique visitor count of travelers who spent one or more nights in the destination over the respective time period.

## **Alberta Visitation**

### Alberta Trips to Kootenay Rockies By Month



- March 2024 saw a -13% decrease compared to 2021, a -11% decrease compared to 2022 and a -17% decrease compared to 2023
- April 2024 saw a **-15%** decrease compared to 2021, a **-27%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-30%** decrease compared to 2023
- May 2024 saw a **126%** increase compared to 2021, a **-3%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-11%** decrease compared to 2023



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**Note:** "Trips" is a count which involved spending one or more nights over the time period as part of a continuous visit to the destination. One 'visitor' can take multiple 'trips' over the time period.

2024 Visitor

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## **Alberta Visitation**

### Alberta Overnight Stays In Kootenay Rockies By Month



- February 2024 saw a **-7%** decrease compared to 2021, a **-11%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-27%** decrease compared to 2023
- March 2024 saw a **-10%** decrease compared to 2021, a **-4%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-15%** decrease compared to 2023
- April 2024 saw a **-15%** decrease compared to 2021, a **-23%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-28%** decrease compared to 2023
- May 2024 saw a **106%** increase compared to 2021, a **-6%** decrease compared to 2022 and a **-11%** decrease compared to 2023



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**Note:** "Overnight Stays" is a count of a unique night a visitor was observed in the destination over the time period

# January 2024 Canada/Alberta Regional Visitation Kootenay Rockies

#### Overview

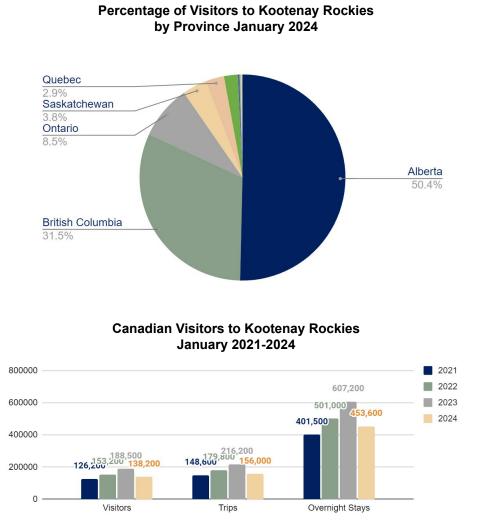
The number of visitors to British Columbia from Canadian travelers increased by **9%** when comparing January 2024 to January 2021.

Visitors decreased by **-10%** when compared to January 2022, and decreased by **-27%** when compared to January 2023.

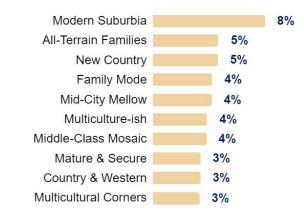
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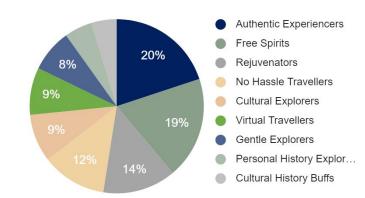
Note: All counts have been rounded to the nearest 100



#### January 2024 AB Visitors by PRIZM Segment



#### January 2024 AB Visitors by EQ Type



2024 Visitor

**Highlights** 

# February 2024 Canada/Alberta Regional Visitation Kootenay Rockies

# 2024 Visitor Highlights

#### Overview

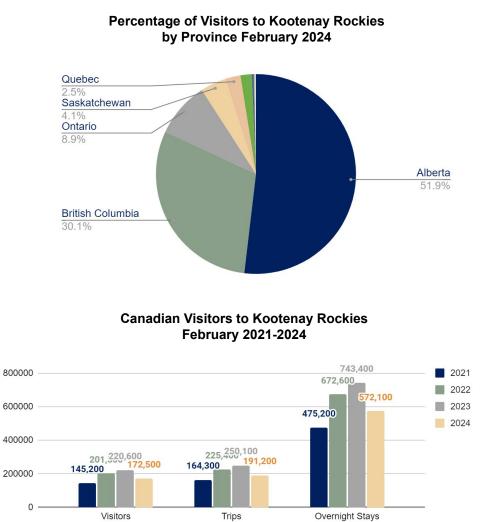
The number of visitors to British Columbia from Canadian travelers increased by **19%** when comparing February 2024 to February 2021.

Visitors decreased by -14% when compared to February 2022, and decreased by -22% when compared to February 2023.

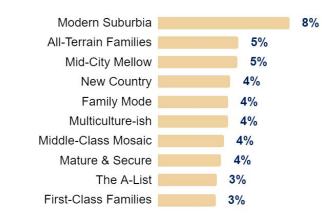
\*All Percentages relate to an increase or decrease in Canadian Visits when comparing February in previous years to February 2023.

Note: A Visitor is defined as someone who travels 60+ km from their point of origin. Trips may be counted more than once due to repeat visitation.

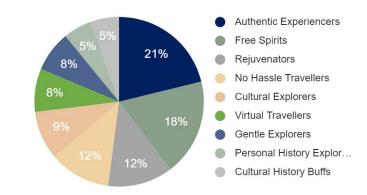
Note: All counts have been rounded to the nearest 100



#### February 2024 AB Visitors by PRIZM Segment



#### February 2024 AB Visitors by EQ Type



## March 2024 Canada/Alberta Regional Visitation

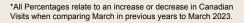
## **Kootenay Rockies**



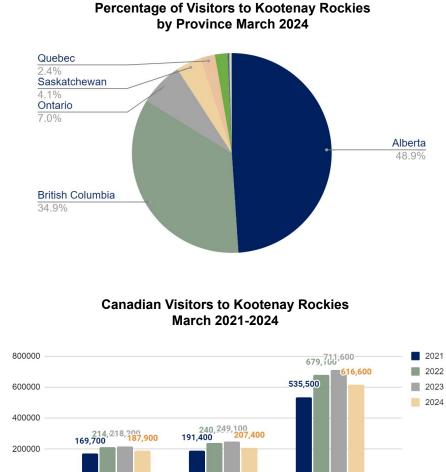
#### Overview

The number of visitors to British Columbia from Canadian travelers increased by **11%** when comparing March 2024 to March 2021.

Visitors increased by -12% when compared to March 2022, and decreased by -14% when compared to March 2023.



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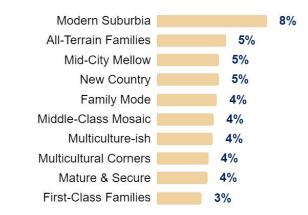


Trips

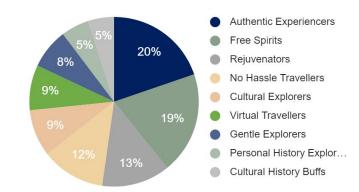
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#### March 2024 AB Visitors by PRIZM Segment



#### March 2024 AB Visitors by EQ Type



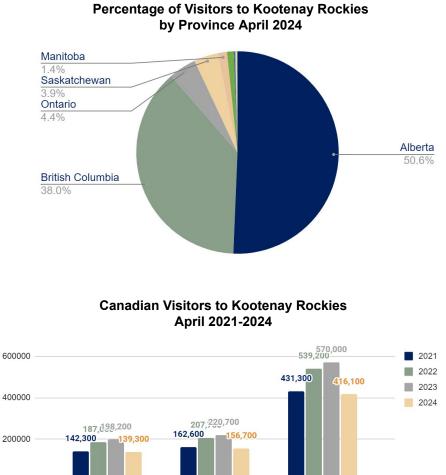
## April 2024 Canada/Alberta Regional Visitation Kootenay Rockies Verview Percentage of Visitors to Kootenay Rockies

The number of visitors to British Columbia from Canadian travelers increased by **11%** when comparing April 2024 to April 2021.

Visitors increased by -12% when compared to April 2022, and decreased by -14% when compared to April 2023.

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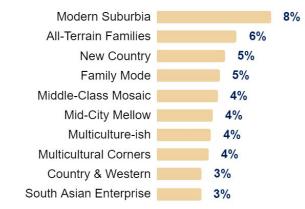
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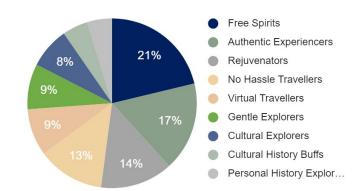
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#### April 2024 AB Visitors by EQ Type



# May 2024 Canada/Alberta Regional Visitation

## **Kootenay Rockies**



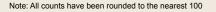
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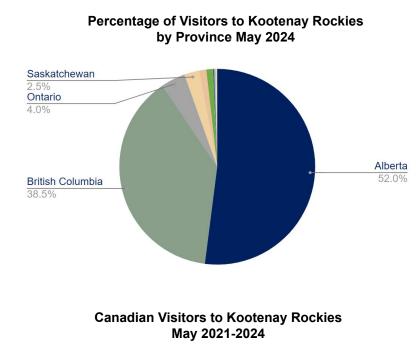
The number of visitors to British Columbia from Canadian travelers increased by **58%** when comparing May 2024 to May 2021.

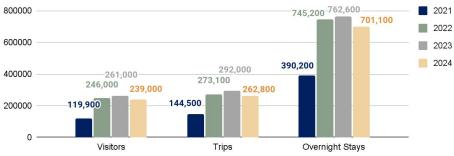
Visitors increased by **25%** when compared to May 2022, and decreased by **-1%** when compared to May 2023.

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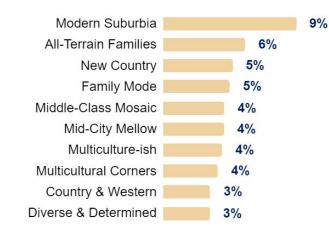
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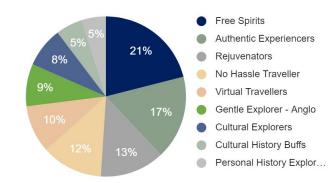




#### May 2024 AB Visitors by PRIZM Segment



May 2024 AB Visitors by EQ Type



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