# Nova Scotia Tourism Indicators January - December 2017



2017 Tourism Visitation	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Visitor Entries ('000s)													
Road Visits by Entry Point*	1,644	71	62	84	91	123	154	288	317	163	116	92	81
% Change from same period 2016	7	3	-3	11	4	17	8	3	14	6	4	4	1
Amherst/Tidnish	1,416	69	61	82	86	111	127	233	256	130	99	85	77
% Change from same period 2016	6	2	-3	11	4	20	6	1	13	4	1	4	1
North Sydney	54	2	1	2	3	4	6	10	11	6	4	3	2
% Change from same period 2016	5	16	-4	-10	5	4	-1	4	7	19	2	8	-5
Digby	43	1	0	1	1	2	4	11	11	6	3	1	1
% Change from same period 2016	6	-8	-59	-1	30	57	-7	2	10	1	23	-1	3
Caribou	114					6	13	30	34	18	10	3	1
% Change from same period 2016	20					-17	15	18	30	19	45	3	34
Yarmouth	17						4	5	5	3			
% Change from same period 2016	N/A						N/A	19	1	3			
Air Visits by Entry Point													
Halifax Stanfield International Airport	789	36	25	37	41	53	74	111	131	98	82	48	54
% Change from same period 2016	13	4	-11	30	3	6	18	27	5	14	14	6	27
<u>Total Visitors</u>	2,433	107	87	122	132	175	228	399	449	261	198	140	136
% Change from same period 2016	9	3	-6	16	4	14	11	9	11	9	8	5	10
Cruise Ship Passenger Visits ('000s)													
Halifax	293						30			153		110	
% Change from same period 2016	23						22			24		21	
Cape Breton	118					6	7	8	15	35	47		
% Change from same period 2016	42					-8	138	-11	75	19	78		
Airport Activity (thousands, '000s)													
Enplanements	2,048	120	121	169	186	173	177	207	230	190	180	144	150
% Change from same period 2016	5	6	-3	5	10	4	4	7	4	2	4	8	5
<b>Tourism Revenues Estimate (\$ 000)</b> % Change from same period 2016	\$2,745,000 7	\$113,200 2	\$98,600 0	\$130,700 6	\$177,400 5	\$197,400 3	\$255,100 8	\$401,000 9	\$455,200 9	\$318,600 10	\$244,500 5	\$163,300 2	\$190,000 12
Definitions													

# **Definitions**

# **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

# TOURISM REVENUES ESTIMATE

Estimated revenues from both non-resident and resident spending. Source: Tourism Nova Scotia

# **CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER VISITS**

Defined as the number of passenger visits by cruise ships to the ports of Halifax and Sydney. Source: Halifax Port Authority and Sydney Ports Corporation

# 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.

Totals may not add because of rounding

NS Accommodation Activity	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Fixed Roof Accommodations													
South Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%)	45	19	29	29	30	33	45	68	77	64	47	32	27
% Point Change from same period 2016	2	-3	4	3	4	6	3	-1	2	0	4	1	3
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	184 3	5 -14	7 14	8 5	9 7	13 15	18 6	29 -2	33 1	27 -1	18 9	9 5	8 10
% Change from same period 2016	3	-14	14	5	,	15	0	-2	1	-1	9	5	10
Halifax Metro													
Occupancy Rate (%)	67	45	56	67	66	62	70	80	84	89	74	66	43
% Point Change from same period 2016	3	0	6	9	-2 405	5	5	6	2	1	7	3	-2 70
Room Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	1,448 -1	75 -5	82 1	110 7	105 -10	133 2	147 -3	173 -1	164 -2	142 -6	130 9	111 5	76 -5
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Eastern Shore													
Occupancy Rate (%)	36	14	19	15	13	24	31	53	63	51	35	17	13
% Point Change from same period 2016	3	8	10	1	1	4	-3	4	9	2	3	7	7
Room Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	20 13	143	90	2	30	1 11	2 -7	4 10	5 19	4 9	2 1	1 114	- 141
	13	140	90	2	30	11	-1	10	19	3	'	114	141
Cape Breton				40			40					40	
Occupancy Rate (%)	54 1	28 0	29	40 4	36	39	49	77	82	70	59	42	28 -6
% Point Change from same period 2016	476	13	-4 13	4 19	-2 17	5	5 50	4 83	3 90	3 71	2	-5 20	-6 14
Room Nights Sold ('000s) % Change from same period 2016	476	20	-7	21	-6	32 20	50 11	83 6	90 5	3	52 0	-9	-15
	-	20	-1	21	-0	20	11	U	3	3	U	-9	-13
Northumberland Shore			0.5	40	0.5				=0	0=	=0		24
Occupancy Rate (%)	44 4	30 -7	35 -7	42 1	35 -5	35 8	37 10	54	50 -1	65 0	58 10	41 3	31 2
% Point Change from same period 2016 Room Nights Sold ('000s)	4 201	- <i>1</i> 8	-7 8	1 11	-5 9	o 17	22	12 31	- i 31	24	21	ა 11	2 8
% Change from same period 2016	3	-7	-9	14	-13	10	11	-3	4	0	23	4	0
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Bay of Fundy & Annapolis Valley	40	00	20	27	20	00	24	F.C.	<b>54</b>	00	40	44	22
Occupancy Rate (%) % Point Change from same period 2016	42 4	23 0	33 4	37 4	36 -1	26 6	31 1	56 8	54 6	66 5	48 4	41 2	33 6
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	363	11	14	18	18	28	35	65	59	48	32	20	15
% Change from same period 2016	10	3	14	16	-1	24	4	13	10	4	8	8	24
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Yarmouth & Acadian Shores Occupancy Rate (%)	47	23	36	32	30	36	58	68	75	67	48	39	33
% Point Change from same period 2016	2	0	2	5	-3	7	8	-2	-5	-2	9	1	55 6
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	68	3	4	4	3	5	8	9	10	9	6	4	3
% Change from same period 2016	4	5	2	13	-13	22	16	-3	-5	-4	21	5	21
Province													
Occupancy Rate (%)	55	35	44	52	50	45	52	70	73	75	62	52	37
% Point Change from same period 2016	3	-2	3	6	-2	5	4	6	2	2	5	1	-1
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	2,760	116	129	170	162	229	283	394	392	324	260	177	123
% Change from same period 2016	2	-2	1	9	-8	9	2	2	2	-1	8	3	-2
Province outside of Halifax Occupancy Rate (%)	47	25	32	37	34	32	40	64	66	67	53	39	30
% Point Change from same period 2016	3	-1	0	4	-1	6	40	7	3	2	4	0	1
Room Nights Sold ('000s)	1,311	41	47	60	57	96	136	221	229	182	130	66	48
% Change from same period 2016	6	3	3	15	-4	19	8	5	5	2	7	1	4
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Data reported when accommodation reporting rate is 85% - subject to change as reporting rate increases.

Fixed Roof Accommodations (cont.)	YTD	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Average Room Rate <sup>4</sup>													
Average Room Rate (\$)	141.20	118.16	118.99	123.82	127.53	140.52	147.85	157.03	161.44	159.06	142.50	131.38	122.11
% Change from same period 2016	8	0	1	4	3	8	8	13	14	11	9	6	3
Campground Activity													
Short-Term Occupancy Rate (%)	29					10	16	43	48	23	12		
% Point Change from same period 2016	2					0	1	2	6	1	2		
Short-Term Site Nights Sold ('000s)	352					11	39	113	125	54	10		
% Change from same period 2016	10					1	8	5	15	7	65		
Total Occupancy Rate (%)	53					46	45	64	65	46	37		
% Point Change from same period 2016	1					3	3	3	4	-3	-2		
Total Site Nights Sold ('000s)	1,009					89	171	259	268	178	44		
% Change from same period 2016	5					8	5	5	5	0	27		

### **Definitions**

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

Data includes Nova Scotians and people staying for nontourism purposes

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<sup>4</sup> Source data is revised the following year by the provider

### **AVERAGE ROOM RATE**

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Source: CBRE Hotels Trends in the Hotel Industry National Market Report

### **CAMPGROUND ACTIVITY**

**Occupancy Rate:** The percentage of campsites that are occupied (sold) out of all campsites available in the province. This rate is based on reports submitted by all licensed campgrounds in Nova Scotia. Source: Tourism Nova Scotia

**Total Site-Nights Sold:** Number of campsites sold each month; calculated based on reports submitted by all licensed campgrounds in Nova Scotia. *Source: Tourism Nova Scotia* 

Visitor Activities Gallery Attendance ('000s) Art Gallery of NS % Change from same period 2016	YTD	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>
	39	1	1	2	2	3	2	7	7	6	5	2	1
	112	2	2	52	47	151	27	175	158	164	181	108	65
Mary E. Black Gallery (NS Centre for Craft & Design)	10	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	-
% Change from same period 2016	-11	-45	8	31	-27	-38	-6	-6	-17	-32	-6	159	139
Provincial Museum Attendance ('000s) Nova Scotia Museum % Change from same period 2016	<b>563</b>	11	15	26	12	24	66	111	124	90	58	15	13
	-1	8	10	7	-16	-5	-8	5	4	-9	2	-24	4
National Park/Historic Site Attendance ('000s)*													
Halifax Citadel % Change from same period 2016	284	1	1	1	6	14	34	83	54	43	39	7	2
	62	-1	-31	-53	11	65	68	76	97	45	58	3	1
Fortress Louisbourg % Change from same period 2016	138 65					2 17	12 50	39 68	47 66	23 46	13 126	1 -	
Alexander Graham Bell % Change from same period 2016	111 34					3 13	12 35	27 32	30 36	23 25	15 53		
Information Enquiries ('000s)													
NS Information Centre Visitors Counselled % Change from same period 2016	324	3	3	4	5	16	39	75	78	61	34	4	3
	-4	-33	-38	-42	-50	-17	1	6	0	-2	2	-36	-1
Local Information Centre Visitors Counselled	282					-	37	82	93	48	22		
Literature Requests % Change from same period 2016	47	4	4	7	7	6	5	5	3	1	1	1	1
	1	-2	-23	-5	13	14	6	10	-5	-18	6	-11	10
Website Activity (NovaScotia.com) ('000s) Visits % Change from same period 2016	3,900	194	187	283	308	426	532	613	496	335	243	152	129
	-2	4	-9	10	-3	4	-12	-14	-6	10	35	7	14

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# **Definitions**

### **GALLERY ATTENDANCE**

**Art Gallery of Nova Scotia:** the number of paid admissions to the gallery each month. This does not include complimentary admissions, self-directed or other tours and openings or other special events.

Mary E. Black Gallery: the number of people admitted to the gallery each month. Part of the NS Centre for Craft and Design.

Source: AGNS & NSCCD

## PROVINCIAL MUSEUM ATTENDANCE

Monthly attendance is reported for the Nova Scotia museum family of sites located throughout the province. Attendance numbers account for all visitors, including those attending for special functions, such as meetings and private events. Please note that some museum sites operate on a seasonal basis.

Source: NS Communities, Culture & Heritage

### **NATIONAL PARK & HISTORIC SITE ATTENDANCE**

Kejimkujik National Park and Historic Site (does not include Seaside adjunct) & Cape Breton Highlands
National Park: Visits reported are for the number of personvisits.

Halifax Citadel National Historic Site: reports on monthly attendance. Attendance numbers account for all visitors, including those attending special functions, such as meetings and private events.

Fortress Louisbourg and Alexander Graham Bell Historic

Sites: Visits reported include paid admissions.

Source: Parks Canada

\* NOTE: To celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary Parks Canada is offering free admission to all Parks Canada locations; therefore, 2017 admission numbers reflect all admissions as opposed to paid admission as reported in previous years.

### **INFORMATION ENQUIRIES**

### **Nova Scotia Information Centre Visitors Counselled**

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** 

# **Reservations and Enquiries**

Total number of reservations and enquiries made through Tourism Nova Scotia's reservation system.

Source: Tourism Nova Scotia

### WEBSITE ACTIVITY

Visits are the number of user sessions to the NovaScotia.com website. Source: Tourism Nova Scotia