

COVID-19 Impact and Recovery Report: Methodological Notes Domestic

This document provides an explanation of the methodologies and relevant sources used in Destination Canada's COVID-19 Impact and Recovery Reports for the domestic market.

I. Recovery Signals:

Destination Canada has developed a framework to understand the phases of recovery of the travel market. These phases are:

- I. **COVID-19 Response:** Governments are responding with measures such as shelter in place and quarantines. Movement is restricted and travel is either not possible, desirable or encouraged.
- II. **Hyper Local Travel:** Some restrictions have been lifted and movement within local areas is possible. Governments will likely recommend that places ensure physical distancing while supporting local economies. Some travel may be taking place, such as day trips or overnight with friends and family.
- III. **Intra-Provincial or Intra-Territorial Travel:** Residents are booking trips within their province or territory. Travel by vehicle within a province/territory is possible and not discouraged.
- IV. **Inter-Provincial Travel:** Residents are booking trips in other provinces or territories. Travel by multiple means (air, car, trains, etc.) within the country, across provincial/territorial boundaries.
- V. **Tentative International Travel:** Some international travel, such as family related or urgent business. There may be some leisure travel from less risk averse travellers seek to capitalize on reduced prices or increases availability. Airlines may not have restored international routes beyond major hubs.
- VI. **Regularized International Travel:** Regular international travel. Some business meetings and events are re-introduced, leisure travel is closer to pre-COVID-19 levels.

II. Description of the Measures

- **Travel Intent Search Index:** Google search engine queries for travel-related keywords in 2020 compared to 2019 searches, broken down by week (i.e. week of April 19, 2020 vs week of April 19, 2019). Available for each market's intra-provincial/territorial, inter-provincial/territorial and international travel search terms.
- **Rate of Accommodation Searches:** Weekly searches in 2020 for accommodation on a major online travel agency (OTA) against a rate of 2019 weekly searches, broken down by week. Available for each market's intra-provincial/territorial and inter-provincial/territorial accommodation searches. This is provided as a rate rather than a volume of searches.
- **Rate of Accommodation Bookings:** Accommodation bookings in 2020 on a major OTA against a rate of 2019 bookings, broken down by week. Available for each market's intra-provincial/territorial and inter-provincial/territorial accommodation bookings. This is provided as a rate rather than a volume of bookings.
- **Rate of Air Travel:** The volume of air bookings to other provinces/territories versus 2019 air bookings, broken down by week, as provided by IATA.
- **Dining Search Index:** 2020 searches for dining related keywords compared to 2019 searches, broken down by week. Available for each market's intra-provincial/territorial, inter-provincial/territorial and international dining related search terms. This is provided as an index rather than a volume of searches.
- **Attractions & Events Search Index:** 2020 searches for attractions and events related keywords compared to 2019 searches, broken down by week. Available for each market's intra-provincial/territorial, inter-provincial/territorial and international attractions and events related search terms. This is provided as an index rather than a volume of searches.
- **Weekly New COVID-19 Confirmed Cases:** The weekly total of new confirmed COVID-19 cases and the rate of new weekly cases per 100,000 population, as provided by the Government of Canada Health Infobase. Number of cases in the market and within other regions of Canada will likely be a determining factor for both governments allowing phased return of travel, as well as consumer confidence in traveling to a market.