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✈️ **ATAC Testifies before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities**

ATAC President and CEO John McKenna testified on June 6, 2024 before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities in its study of the Competition Act and Air Travel in Northern, Rural and Remote Communities of Canada. ATAC considers that the following basic but necessary first steps are key to Canada's aviation sector's competitiveness: 1. The Government needs to reinvest at least a majority, if not all, of its aviation generated revenues back into aviation infrastructure. This is essential to maintain our air industry. We don't stand a chance of being competitive as long as the Government continues to see aviation as no more than a cash cow. 2. Regional aviation is a vital link in Canada's connectivity and government investment in regional and northern air infrastructure is long overdue. The Government has to recognize that the user-pay model can't possibly work in northern, rural and remote communities as that model just can't sustain operations in these regions that depend almost entirely on aviation. 3. Establish a federally backed funding program for qualified Canadian students attending professional flight schools or post-secondary institutions providing Transport Canada approved aircraft maintenance engineer programs. This would help attract the vast number of pilots and maintenance personnel so desperately needed to address critical shortages that are seriously impacting service to Canadians.

ATAC Testifies before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, June 6, 2024, www.atac.ca

✈️ **Cargojet enters charter deal for Chinese e-commerce**

Canadian airline partners with logistics company Great Vision HK Express. Cargojet, best known for operating a domestic overnight airfreight network in Canada for Amazon and DHL Express, said on June 10, 2024 that it has begun providing scheduled charter service for Great Vision HK Express to support growing e-commerce orders from China. Under a three-year contract with China-based Great Vision HK Express, estimated to generate US\$116.2 million in total revenue, the Canadian air cargo company will operate at least three flights per week from Hangzhou to Vancouver, British Columbia, utilizing Boeing 767-300 converted freighters.

Cargojet enters charter deal for Chinese e-commerce, June 10, 2024, www.freightwaves.com

✈️ **WestJet and Virgin Atlantic announce significant expansion of codeshare relationship unlocking further international connectivity for Canadians including multiple points in India**



Source: WestJet

Beginning this winter, WestJet guests will gain access to an extensive list of unique international destinations via London's Heathrow Airport, through the expansion of WestJet's codeshare agreement with Virgin

Atlantic. Through this expansion, WestJet will sell itineraries including flights operated by Virgin Atlantic from London Heathrow (LHR) to destinations within Virgin Atlantic's international network for winter 2024/2024. By summer 2025, WestJet will also provide domestic connectivity to Virgin Atlantic's newly announced route between Toronto-Pearson and London Heathrow.

WestJet and Virgin Atlantic announce significant expansion of codeshare relationship unlocking further international connectivity for Canadians including multiple points in India, June 10, 2024, www.westjet.ca

Porter Airlines doubling capacity for popular Los Angeles and Las Vegas routes

Porter Airlines is responding to strong demand for its service by doubling capacity on two key routes from Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ), with additional flexibility now available between YYZ and Los Angeles (LAX) and Las Vegas (LAS). The new schedules come into effect on August 29 for Las Vegas, and September 5 for Los Angeles. This provides passengers with more options to plan their travel, including connecting flight itineraries. Both routes are served by the brand new Embraer E195-E2. The 132-seat aircraft offers 2-by-2 seating, which means no middle seats for any passengers flying Porter, with fast and free WiFi included for everyone. *Porter Airlines doubling capacity for popular Los Angeles and Las Vegas routes, June 13, 2024, www.flyporter.com*

WestJet's annual Leadership Summit inspires passion and purpose while celebrating success



Source: WestJet

The airline celebrated its position as the #1 carrier in Western Canada; #1 leisure carrier providing the most capacity for Canadians to access Latin and Caribbean markets; and five consecutive profitable quarters. It announced that WestJet Group capacity has now fully recovered and is exceeding 2019, proving the airline's resilience and continued growth. With a refreshed strategy, shared in 2022, WestJet has a clear identity as a value carrier, providing the best value to our guests in every segment, serving the most price sensitive guests, premium guests and everyone in between, across its entire fleet while maintaining a foundational focus on a low-cost operation.

WestJet's annual Leadership Summit inspires passion and purpose while celebrating success, June 13, 2024, www.westjet.ca

US/WORLD

FedEx to cut as many as 2,000 Europe jobs to reduce costs

FedEx Corp. plans to cut as many as 2,000 jobs in Europe, the latest move by the package-delivery giant to streamline its global workforce and rein in costs. The courier plans to remove and consolidate roles across its back-office and commercial operations, according to a statement on June 12, 2024. The changes won't impact customers or delivery service, FedEx said. The plan will generate annual savings of up to \$175 million beginning in fiscal 2027, FedEx said. The company anticipates pretax costs of as much as \$375 million from severance and related expenses from the layoffs. The moves, subject to country-level consultations, add to sweeping workforce reductions since FedEx revealed a plan last year to restructure its delivery networks and save billions in costs. The company in March of this year acknowledged that headcount had shrunk by almost 22,000 jobs over the prior year through attrition and cuts.

FedEx to cut as many as 2,000 Europe jobs to reduce costs, June 12, 2024, www.ajot.com

USDOT Fines Emirates Nearly \$2 Million for Operating Flights Carrying A U.S. Carrier's Code in Prohibited Airspace

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on June 13, 2024 fined Emirates \$1.8 million for operating flights carrying JetBlue Airways' designator code in regions in which a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) flight prohibition was in effect for U.S. operators. The airline was ordered to cease and desist from future similar violations.

USDOT Fines Emirates Nearly \$2 Million for Operating Flights Carrying A U.S. Carrier's Code in Prohibited Airspace, June 13, 2024, www.dot.gov



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CN says it offered formal invite into binding arbitration

Canadian National (CN) says it has formally offered the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) to enter into binding arbitration, an invite they say the union has turned down. CN says the TCRC has rejected all offers and has now rejected a voluntary arbitration process. CN says it initially attempted to modernize the collective agreement to improve work-life balance for employees and productivity through scheduling and hourly wages. Currently, engineers and conductors do not work on a schedule and are paid on a legacy miles-based system. Teamsters Canada says CN and Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) rejected a proposal from the TCRC to stagger negotiations with both companies by two weeks. They said the move would avoid simultaneous work stoppages at CN and CPKC, reducing the economic impacts from any disruptions to the supply chain from a strike or lockout.

CN says it offered formal invite into binding arbitration, June 7, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Negotiations with the TCRC

CN has been in negotiation with the TCRC since November 2023 to reach an agreement that is good for both parties. Unfortunately, we are no closer to a deal. The uncertainty around the timing of a resolution and the prospect of a labour disruption are hurting CN, our employees, our customers, and the Canadian economy. The Minister of Labour's request to the Canadian Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) on the issue of essential services is adding to this uncertainty. The TCRC's proposal for staggered negotiations is not a way forward. It does not resolve the uncertainty. It only prolongs the risk of a labour disruption over an extended period of time. It is like suffering "death by a

thousand cuts" as we say. So, how can we reach a settlement faster, while respecting both parties' right to advance their position and avoiding negative impacts on CN railroaders, customers, and the economy? We think binding arbitration is the answer.

Negotiations with the TCRC, June 11, 2024, www.cn.ca

US/WORLD

AAR: Carloads Down, Intermodal Up in Week 23



Source: Railway Age

U.S. rail traffic for the week ending June 8, 2024 (Week 23) was up 4.1% from the same week last year, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported June 12, 2024. For this week, total U.S. weekly rail traffic was 489,916 carloads and intermodal units, up 4.1 percent compared with the same week last year. Total carloads for the week ending June 8 were 218,234 carloads, down 4.4 percent compared with the same week in 2023, while U.S. weekly intermodal volume was 271,682 containers and trailers, up 12.2 percent compared to 2023. Six of the 10 carload commodity groups posted an

increase compared with the same week in 2023. Canadian railroads reported 89,664 carloads for the week, up 3.7 percent, and 70,833 intermodal units, down 2.2 percent compared with the same week in 2023. For the first 23 weeks of 2024, Canadian railroads reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 3,705,477 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.7 percent.

AAR: Carloads Down, Intermodal Up in Week 23, June 12, 2024, www.railwayage.com

6 trends driving business-to-business railroading in the U.S.

Although the economic picture in the United States is mixed according to many economists, there are positive signs of strengthening industrial rail activity that may signal the setting of a new foundation on which to build some growth, according to Brian Gorton, President and Chief Operating Officer of Conrail Corporation, the nation's largest rail terminal and switching service provider. Gorton says, "I believe it is time to remove the words "recovery from the pandemic" from our vocabulary and switch to more proactive strategies that anticipate a stronger future." Gorton identifies 6 trends driving growth in rail freight transportation in the United States. They are: 1) Rising demand for transportation of bulk freight by rail. 2) The effects of "near-shoring": a changing global industrial paradigm. 3) Technology continues to improve service, efficiency and reliability. 4) Sustainability continues to be a top goal of business. 5) Continuing industry prioritization of safety. 6) The opening up of resource access to make rail more efficient. Gorton notes, "As with anything, the rail industry is cyclical. During recent challenging years, those companies that continued to reinvest in themselves by improving track structures, facilities, vehicles, track machinery, restocked materials and investing in people will be best prepared to accommodate growth demands."

6 trends driving business-to-business railroading in the U.S., June 13, 2024, www.ajot.com



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Zero and Low-Emission Trucks to be Tested at Port of Prince Rupert through B.C.'s Integrated Marketplace

Through an Integrated Marketplace project led by Innovate BC, new zero and low-emission heavy-duty (HDZEV) trucks will be added to operations at the Port of Prince Rupert to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support sustainability in the province's transportation sector. The HDZEV project will see four new trucks – two hydrogen powered, one battery electric and one hydrogen-diesel co-combustion – utilized on existing operational routes. These operations will provide data to better understand the range, reliability and potential best use case for the vehicles. Innovate BC is delivering the project through the Integrated Marketplace, which works to bolster innovation in the province by linking strategic buyers representing some of British Columbia's largest economic drivers to B.C.-based solution providers to implement, scale up, and ultimately export B.C. technology solutions. Prince Rupert Port Authority (PRPA), which oversees the Port of Prince Rupert, is serving as the testbed partner for the project.

Zero and Low-Emission Trucks to be Tested at Port of Prince Rupert through B.C.'s Integrated Marketplace, June 10, 2024, www.ruportport.com

US/WORLD

World Shipping Council Releases Containers Lost at Sea Report - 2024 update

The World Shipping Council (WSC) on June 11, 2024 released its annual report on containers lost at sea, showing a significant decrease

to 221 containers lost in 2023. While this is the lowest number recorded since the survey began in 2008, the WSC underscores the ongoing need for stringent safety measures and constant vigilance, as every container lost at sea is one too many. Lower Losses: 221 containers were lost at sea in 2023 out of 250 million containers transported, a reduction from the previous lowest-ever loss of 661 containers in 2022. Recovery Efforts: About 33% of the lost containers were recovered. Despite these improvements, the WSC stresses that the industry cannot become complacent. The progress made in 2023 is encouraging, but it highlights the continuous need for dedication to safety protocols and preventive measures.

World Shipping Council Releases Containers Lost at Sea Report - 2024 update, June 11, 2024, www.ajot.com

Monthly import cargo set to hit highest level since 2022

Monthly inbound cargo volume at US major container ports is expected to reach its highest level in nearly two years this summer, according to the Global Port Tracker report released on June 10, 2024 by the National Retail Federation and Hackett Associates. "Consumers are continuing to spend more than last year, and retailers are stocking up to meet demand, especially as we head into peak shipping season," NRF Vice President for Supply Chain and Customs Policy Jonathan Gold said. "The high level of imports expected over the next several months is an encouraging sign that retailers are confident in strong sales throughout the remainder of the year. Unfortunately, retailers are also facing supply chain challenges again, this time with congestion at overseas ports that are affecting operations and shipping rates." Hackett Associates Founder Ben Hackett said an expected seven-month string of import levels above 2 million Twenty-Foot Equivalent

Units – a level reached only twice since October 2022 – is partly due to changes in the annual “peak season” for shipping.
Monthly import cargo set to hit highest level since 2022, June 10, 2024, www.ajot.com

Biden celebrates Port of Baltimore fully reopening



Source: The Hill

President Biden on June 12, 2024 celebrated that the Port of Baltimore is fully reopened after the Francis Scott Key Bridge was struck and collapsed in March. “I made clear that my Administration would move heaven and earth to reopen the Port of Baltimore – one of our nation’s largest shipping hubs,” the president said in a statement. “Today, thanks to the tireless work by the men and women in the Unified Command, the full navigation channel is now open to all vessel traffic, allowing a full return of commerce to the Port of Baltimore.”
Biden celebrates Port of Baltimore fully reopening, June 12, 2024, www.thehill.com

Southern California ports’ importance for U.S. trade and jobs

The Ports of Long Beach (POLB) and Los Angeles (POLA) are the core of the largest trade complex in North America. More than 3 million jobs nationwide are supported by the two ports and nearly 230,000 jobs in the region, according to a new report “Economic Importance of Trade & the Ports to Southern California.” Ranked by total TEU throughput, combined activity at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach placed them as “the largest container port complex in North American and the 9th largest worldwide in 2022. Total traffic through the two ports was 19.045 million TEU in 2022 and 16.648 million TEU in 2023. Activity at the next 4 largest US ports in 2022: New York-New Jersey with 9.494 million TEU, Savannah with 5.892 million, Houston with 3.975 million, and Virginia at 3.718 million.” The report warned that the two California ports could lose their leadership role: “However, shifting markets, the impact of state and regional policy decisions

(especially the rising cost of electricity), the ongoing threat of cargo theft, and other factors, have greatly affected traffic through the ports, leading to lost job and tax revenue to cities, other local agencies, the state, and nation. The ports’ market share for containerized cargo peaked in 2006-07 at 29.9% of total U.S. trade. As a result of the factors listed above, U.S. market share was down to 22.9% in 2022.”
Southern California ports’ importance for U.S. trade and jobs, June 12, 2024, www.ajot.com

Panama Canal announces new increase in draft and daily transit



Source: AJOT

The Panama Canal announced, through an Advisory to Shipping, that it will increase the current number of daily transits from 32 to 33, effective July 11, 2024. Furthermore, this number will increase to 34 as of July 22, 2024 following the current and projected level of Gatun Lake for the coming weeks, and due to the arrival of the rainy season in the Panama Canal Watershed. With these progressive increases, by July 22, 2024 the Canal will have added two transits to the current schedule: one to the panamax locks (raising the daily transits to 25), and one to the neopanamax locks (increasing daily transits to 9). Additionally, an increase in draft from 45 to 46 feet was announced, effective June 15.

Panama Canal announces new increase in draft and daily transit, June 11, 2024, www.ajot.com

Dockworkers seek wage increase ‘commensurate’ with corporate profits

The International Longshoremen’s Association said record profits by members of the United States Maritime Alliance have not led to proportional wage increases for dockworkers. The International Longshoremen’s Association (ILA) said dockworkers deserve wage

hikes in line with the “billions of dollars” in recent financial results from ocean carriers.

The call for higher wages comes after the ILA cancelled master contract talks on June 11, 2024 with the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) after accusing APM Terminals and Maersk of using automated technology at ports across the country, the ILA said. “USMX member-company’s profits are enormous, amounting to billions of dollars, and the ILA will demand wage increase commensurate with these revenues,” the organization said in a Facebook posted on June 12, 2024. USMX represents ocean carriers, maritime employers and port associations along the East and Gulf coasts.

Dockworkers seek wage increase ‘commensurate’ with corporate profits, June 13, 2024, www.freightwaves.com

Specter of port strike looming over as-yet unscathed trans-Atlantic trade



Source: JOC

Shippers and forwarders on the trans-Atlantic trade are facing the unfamiliar possibility of strike action at ports along the US East and Gulf coasts this fall following the breakdown of contract talks this week. Contingency measures by cargo owners to get ahead of any potential disruption could see the trans-Atlantic following the same path as the heavily disrupted trades out of Asia, where frontloading and congestion has caused shortages in capacity and equipment and sent rates soaring. Peter Sand, chief analyst at rate benchmarking platform Xeneta, said although a strike at East and Gulf coast ports would be unprecedented.

Specter of port strike looming over as-yet unscathed trans-Atlantic trade, June 13, 2024, www.joc.com

How to prevent cargo theft in the logistics and transportation sectors

In the dynamic world of logistics and transportation, the security of goods and their movement is a major concern that requires special attention. Recent data from a 2023 CargoNet report reveals an alarming increase of 59 per cent in cargo thefts in Canada and the United States last year. The total value of losses amounted to \$31,165,442 across 692 reported theft incidents, with warehouses and distribution centres being the most targeted locations, followed by truck stops. These figures highlight the urgent need to strengthen preventive measures against this problem. In this article, GardaWorld’s Consulting and Investigations experts explore the challenges posed by cargo theft, present effective preventive solutions, and illustrate these points through a real case study.

How to prevent cargo theft in the logistics and transportation sectors, June 12, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Port of Los Angeles May cargo volume ‘strong, consistent’ at 753,000 container units



Source: AJOT

Transitioning to smart warehouses infused with robotics demands a comprehensive approach. It requires significant investment in cutting-edge technologies like AI, robotics, and IoT. The Port of Los Angeles processed 752,893 Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units (TEUs) in May 2024. While that represents a slight 3% decline over last May, overall cargo volume remains 18% ahead of 2023 after five months. “We continue our trend of strong, consistent volume that started at the beginning of the year,” Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka told reporters at a Wednesday media briefing. “As we gear up for the second half of the year, our forecast indicates more robust activity on our docks throughout the summer.” Seroka said he’ll be traveling to Taiwan and China next week for meetings related to increasing cargo

volume and reducing the Port's carbon footprint. The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach will co-sponsor a China-U.S. Green Shipping Corridor in Shanghai, gathering with port leaders and other stakeholders to establish a global trade route to Southern California that uses low- and zero-carbon vessel fuels. "More cargo. More jobs. And decarbonizing global trade," Seroka added. "That's our objective now, and into the future."

Port of Los Angeles May cargo volume 'strong, consistent' at 753,000 container units, June 13, 2024, www.ajot.com



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Passenger bus and urban transit, 2022

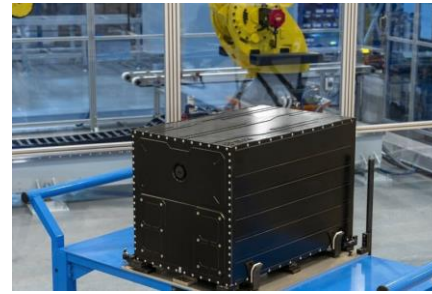


Source: Statcan

In 2022, total revenues earned by passenger bus and urban transit companies operating in Canada were \$26.1 billion, an increase of 10.4% from 2021 and 13.0% above those reported in 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic. Passenger bus and urban transit industries started to recover from the pandemic downturn in 2021. Border and travel restrictions were first eased during the summer of 2022 and eventually fully removed on October 1, 2022. The 101 Canadian urban transit agencies reported revenues of \$22.2 billion in 2022, accounting for 85.2% of the passenger bus and urban transit industry. Revenues were bolstered by operating subsidies, which amounted to \$8.5 billion. In 2022, total transit passenger trips increased to 1.4 billion, up 50.7% from 2021. As reported by the monthly release on urban public transit estimates, ridership continued recovering into 2022. For 2022 as a whole, ridership reached more than half (56.0%) of that reported in 2019. As public transit was deemed an essential service throughout the pandemic, employment in the industry remained stable in 2022 compared with 2021, while the total revenue-kilometres of service provided was marginally higher. *Passenger bus and urban transit, 2022, June 7, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca*



Lion certifies heavy-duty battery pack for Class 8 trucks



Source: Today's Trucking

Lion Electric announced this morning that it has received final certification for its heavy-duty battery pack, the LionBattery HD. The lithium-ion battery packs will power its electric heavy-duty trucks. Lion says it worked with third-party testing partners to meet the certification requirements and that the LionBattery HD meets the most rigorous criteria and safety standards that exist in the auto industry. The 105 kWh battery packs will be installed in the recently announced Lion8 Class 8 tractor. It has already certified its medium-duty battery packs. “At Lion, our commitment to pushing innovation to new heights is exemplified by the development of our state-of-the-art batteries, like the LionBattery HD for heavy-duty trucks,” said CEO and founder Marc Bedard. “With major battery development milestones behind us, we will now focus on optimizing the integration of both the LionBattery MD and HD packs on our vehicles, which should ultimately translate into production efficiency.” The battery packs will be produced at Lion’s Quebec battery plant, with a capacity of 1.7 gigawatt hours, enough to power 5,000 trucks per year.

[Lion certifies heavy-duty battery pack for Class 8 trucks, June 13, 2024, www.todaystrucking.ca](https://www.todaystrucking.ca)

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USDOT Finalizes New Fuel Economy Standards for Model Years 2027-2031

The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration on June 7, 2024 issued new vehicle fuel economy standards that will save Americans more than \$23 billion in fuel costs while reducing pollution. This rule is in accordance with continuous energy security efforts that date back to the 1970s, when the average vehicle got about 13 miles to the gallon.

USDOT Finalizes New Fuel Economy Standards for Model Years 2027-2031, June 7, 2024, www.dot.gov



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Update: Border Workers's Labour Negotiations to Continue Until Wed



Source: Cantruck

The Public Service Alliance of Canada issued a statement this afternoon stating that “all strike action by 9,000 CBSA personnel is on hold as mediation will continue until June 12, 2024. Picket lines will not be in place until further notice.” The PSAC members who work for the CBSA were prepared to begin labour action at 4 p.m. on Friday, but that’s when the union announced it is on hold and negotiations will continue. The two sides went into mediation on Monday.

Update: Border Workers's Labour Negotiations to Continue Until Wed, June 7, 2024, www.cantruck.ca

Tentative agreement reached to avoid CBSA strike



Source: Today's Trucking

The Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) and the Customs and Immigration Union (CIU) have reached a tentative agreement for more than 9,000 workers at CBSA, avoiding potential job action at Canada’s borders. “Our bargaining team has been working around the clock to secure the best contract for our members, and this tentative agreement is a testament to their incredible hard work and dedication,” said Sharon DeSousa, PSAC national president.” This is a well-deserved victory for our members at CBSA who safeguard our nation’s borders and ensure the safety and security of all Canadians.” Full details of the tentative agreement will be announced once the ratification kit is available for members June 13.

Tentative agreement reached to avoid CBSA strike, June 11, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, May 2024

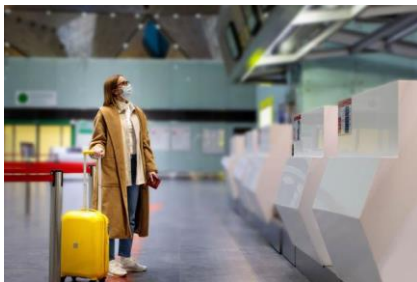


Source: Statcan

In May 2024, the preliminary number of international arrivals to Canada by air and automobile increased 12.4% from May 2023. By automobile, US residents took 1.1 million trips to Canada in May 2024, up 12.2% from the same month in 2023. The number of Canadian-resident return trips from the United States also rose, up 12.4% year over year to 2.1 million trips in May 2024. In May 2024, non-resident arrivals in Canada by air totalled 906,100, up 17.1% year over year. In May 2024, Canadian-resident return trips from abroad by air stood at 1.6 million, up 10.0% from one year earlier.

Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada, May 2024, June 10, 2024, www.tc.gc.ca

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on inbound visitors to Canada, first quarter 2018 to second quarter 2023



Source: Statcan

The COVID-19 pandemic and the restrictions implemented to stop its spread had a severe impact on tourism. During the second quarter of 2020, tourism-related spending by non-residents visiting Canada reached its lowest level, at 3.0% of the amount spent in the same quarter of 2018. In the second quarter of 2023, the tourism sector showed signs of improvement. Spending by non-residents reached 119.9% of the 2018 level, prior to the pandemic, and spending by US

residents outpaced spending by overseas residents across various spending categories. These findings come from a new study released on June 10, 2024, entitled "*The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on inbound visitors to Canada.*" This study presents a comparative analysis of tourism-related spending behaviours in Canada by inbound visitors from the United States and overseas countries from the first quarter of 2018 to the second quarter of 2023. The study also provides detailed breakdowns of expenditures by spending category and by five selected tourism regions across Canada.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on inbound visitors to Canada, first quarter 2018 to second quarter 2023, June 10, 2024, www.tc.gc.ca

Multimodal Safety and Security Programs Oversight Delivery Indicators, third quarter 2023/2024



Source: Statcan

Transport Canada's Multimodal Safety and Security Programs Oversight Delivery Indicators are now available for the third quarter of the 2023/2024 fiscal year (i.e., October to December 2023). These are shown by each sector

Multimodal Safety and Security Programs Oversight Delivery Indicators, third quarter 2023/2024, June 11, 2024, www.statcan.gc.ca

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May 2024 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (5.5%) Rises Above the May 2023 Level (3.6%) And the Pre-Pandemic May 2019 Level (4.3%)

U.S. Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)	Transportation Sector Unemployment Rate (Not Seasonally Adjusted)
May 2024 3.7%	May 2024 5.5%
▲ 0.3 change from same month last year	▲ 1.9 change from same month last year

Source: BTS

The unemployment rate in the U.S. transportation sector was 5.5% (not seasonally adjusted) in May 2024 according to Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). In May 2024, the transportation sector unemployment rate rose 1.9 percentage points from 3.6% in May 2023 and was above the pre-pandemic May 2019 level of 4.3%. Unemployment in the transportation sector reached its highest level during the COVID-19 pandemic (15.7%) in May 2020 and July 2020. Unemployment in the transportation sector was higher than overall unemployment. BLS reports that the U.S. unemployment rate, not seasonally adjusted, in May 2024 was 3.7% or 1.8 percentage points below the transportation sector rate. Seasonally adjusted, the U.S. unemployment rate in May 2024 was 4.0%.

May 2024 U.S. Transportation Sector Unemployment (5.5%) Rises Above the May 2023 Level (3.6%) And the Pre-Pandemic May 2019 Level (4.3%), June 7, 2024, www.bts.gov

INVESTING IN AMERICA: New Short-Form Documentary Highlights How President Biden's Infrastructure Projects Nationwide are Being Built with American-Made Steel, By American Workers

On June 11, 2024, the U.S. Department of Transportation released the third installment of its "Investing in America" video series focused on the men and women producing American-made steel out of Coatesville, Pennsylvania, and the "Build America, Buy America" provisions of President Biden's Infrastructure Law. The "Build America, Buy America" Act, enacted as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, broadly requires all federally funded infrastructure projects be built with American-made iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials. With more than 50,000 projects underway that are funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, American workers in towns across the country are rebuilding and improving the infrastructure we count on – roads, bridges, airports, railroads, and transit systems – with materials made right here in

America. The video features members of United Steel Workers (USW) Local 1165 in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, including Brandon, a third-generation Coatesville resident, and Stacey, a USW member for more than 35 years. Steel produced at the Coatesville mill is being used in infrastructure projects across the country.

INVESTING IN AMERICA: New Short-Form Documentary Highlights How President Biden's Infrastructure Projects Nationwide are Being Built with American-Made Steel, By American Workers, June 11, 2024, www.dot.gov

List released of most dangerous cargoes that can compromise supply chain safety

The Cargo Integrity Group, a partnership of industry associations, has compiled a list of the most hazardous cargoes that can compromise supply chain safety. The fifteen by category: **Reactive hazards** – 1. Charcoal / carbon; 2. Calcium Hypochlorite; 3. Lithium-ion batteries; 4. Cotton and wool; 5. Fishmeal and krill; and 6. Seed cake. **Spill or leak risks** – 1. Hides and skins; 2. Wine; 3. Bitumen; 4. Cocoa butter; 5. Waste – recycled engines and engine parts; and 6. Vegetable and other oils, particularly when packed in flexitanks. **Improper packing consequences** – 1. Logs and timber; 2. Steel coils; and 3. Marble and granite

List released of most dangerous cargoes that can compromise supply chain safety, June 12, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca

Manufacturers adopting new technology to meet supply chain goals, says report

A new report from Alithya Group Inc., reveals that manufacturers are rapidly adopting new technologies to meet supply chain, quality control, cybersecurity and sustainability goals. Key findings from the Alithya Manufacturing Trends report indicated these technologies are: 1. Top priority technology investment; 2. Innovation priorities; 3. Supply chain resilience; 4. Cybersecurity measures; and 5 Data analytics and AI in manufacturing processes.

Manufacturers adopting new technology to meet supply chain goals, says report, June 13, 2024, www.insidelogistics.ca



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IS A TRIBE OF OTHER
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WHO HAVE her back.

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a Woman in a traditional
Man's Role."

Ms. Campbell has been with
RDC for 28+ years. Cathy
retired from her role as
President in December
2021. She continues to
assist the Association in its
advocacy efforts.

RDC is a trade association
for the Canadian chemical
and ingredient supply chain,
representing its members
opposite government, and all
stakeholders.

Cathy has won awards from
"The Royal Canadian
Mounted Police for the work
she has done at RDC with
the chemical diversion
program."

Cathy volunteers on external
boards of groups she believes
in. Her true love is her three
grandchildren who give her
purpose and so much joy!

**This event is open to all women (CILTNA members and supporters) so please share this with anyone you feel would be interested in joining us.*

On Tuesday, June 11th, WiLAT NA hosted their fourth Sip & Chat with guest speaker Cathy Campbell, Executive Advisor – Responsible Distribution Canada (RDC).

For those that couldn't attend, we hope that you can join us for our next meeting which will be our 1-year anniversary scheduled for Wednesday, September 25th which will include a special guest! Stay tuned for more information on that coming soon.

The video recording from the event can be found here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUuqfNVabrU>

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