

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:** Residents are not searching for or booking trips within their local area.
- II. **Hyper Local Travel:** Residents are not booking trips within their province or territory.
- III. **Intra-Provincial or Intra-Territorial Travel:** Residents are booking trips within their province or territory; however, actual travel could take place in the near future or at a later date.
- IV. **Inter-Provincial Travel:** Residents are booking trips in other provinces or territories; however, actual travel could take place in the near future or at a later date.
- V. **Tentative International Travel:** Some international bookings are occurring at reduced levels compared to 2019 but there are fluctuations in booking behaviours.
- VI. **Regularized International Travel:** International bookings are occurring at levels that are stable.

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.
- **Percentage of Population Fully Vaccinated:** The cumulative percentage of people within each province and territory who have been fully vaccinated between December 13, 2020 and the Sunday preceding the report date. People who have received both doses of a vaccine that requires two doses are considered to be fully vaccinated. Data provided by the COVID-19 Canada Open Data Working Group; all data are exclusively collected from publicly available sources including government reports and news media.