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2022 Border Traffic Statistics Issued by the Bridge and Tunnel Operators Association (BTOA)

Today the Bridge and Tunnel Operators Association (BTOA) released border crossing numbers for the year 2022 between the Province of Ontario and the States of Michigan and New York.

For 2022 the border continued to be negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic with varying restrictions imposed by both the Canadian and United States federal governments. COVID-19 border restrictions were first imposed on all non-essential travel on March 21, 2020.

Up until April 1, 2022 all entrants to Canada were required to provide a pre-entry COVID-19 test result and to submit information using the ArriveCan app. From April 1 to October 1 the Canadian government dropped the pre-entry test but still required proof of vaccination filed in advance with the mandatory ArriveCan app. After October 1 the vaccination requirement was dropped and the use of ArriveCan was made optional.

The United States allowed border crossings throughout 2022 but required that all entrants be vaccinated.

In 2022, compared to 2021, overall car crossings increased by 124.69%. Truck crossings increased by 0.26%. Combined there were 22,673,598 car, truck and bus crossings, an increase of 65.87% or 9,004,480 more vehicles. However, for all of 2021, the border was closed to all but essential travel, or restricted by testing requirements, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Commercial truck traffic was deemed essential.

The data for each individual crossing is as follows:

		2021	2022	Change	Percent
Ambassador Bridge	Passenger Cars	1,813,664	2,500,296	686,632	37.86%
	Trucks	2,303,720	2,302,992	(728)	-0.03%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	4,117,384	4,803,288	685,904	16.66%
Blue Water Bridge	Passenger Cars	363,024	1,455,634	1,092,610	300.97%
	Trucks	1,658,391	1,728,293	69,902	4.22%
	Buses & Misc.	620	1,156	536	86.45%
	TOTAL	2,022,035	3,185,083	1,163,048	57.52%
Detroit-Windsor Tunnel	Passenger Cars	1,046,270	2,947,447	1,901,177	181.71%
	Trucks	20,902	21,257	355	1.70%
	Buses & Misc.	637	1,668	1,031	161.85%
	TOTAL	1,067,809	2,970,372	1,902,563	178.17%
Ogdensburg Bridge	Passenger Cars	109,980	318,863	208,883	189.93%
	Trucks	73,415	68,796	(4,619)	-6.29%
	Buses & Misc.	7	114	107	1528.57%
	TOTAL	183,402	387,773	204,371	111.43%
Peace Bridge	Passenger Cars	682,366	2,232,200	1,549,834	227.13%
	Trucks	1,111,136	1,073,293	(37,843)	-3.41%
	Buses & Misc.	554	6,630	6,076	1096.75%
	TOTAL	1,794,056	3,312,123	1,518,067	84.62%
Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Bridge Authority	Passenger Cars	111,387	534,325	422,938	379.70%
	Trucks	77,764	66,897	(10,867)	-13.97%
	Buses & Misc.	6,506	23,738	17,232	264.86%
	TOTAL	195,657	624,960	429,303	219.42%
Seaway International Bridge	Passenger Cars	1,755,682	2,073,530	317,848	18.10%
	Trucks	59,746	62,378	2,632	4.41%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	1,815,428	2,135,908	320,480	17.65%
Thousand Islands Bridge	Passenger Cars	688,364	1,201,983	513,619	74.61%
	Trucks	392,564	390,392	(2,172)	-0.55%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	1,080,928	1,592,375	511,447	47.32%
Lewiston-Queenston Bridge	Passenger Cars	278,707	1,397,187	1,118,480	401.31%
	Trucks	780,498	780,650	152	0.02%
	Buses & Misc.	806	2,824	2,018	250.37%
	TOTAL	1,060,011	2,180,661	1,120,650	105.72%
Rainbow Bridge	Passenger Cars	264,348	1,227,985	963,637	364.53%
	Trucks	0	-	0	0.00%
	Buses & Misc.	174	5,712	5,538	3182.76%
	TOTAL	264,522	1,233,697	969,175	366.39%
Whirlpool Rapids Bridge	Passenger Cars	67,886	247,358	179,472	264.37%
	Trucks	-	-	-	0.00%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	67,886	247,358	179,472	264.37%
TOTALS	Passenger Cars	7,181,678	16,136,808	8,955,130	124.69%
	Trucks	6,478,136	6,494,948	16,812	0.26%
	*Buses & Misc.	9,304	41,842	32,538	349.72%
	GRAND TOTAL	13,669,118	22,673,598	9,004,480	65.87%

*Some crossings do not segregate "Buses & Misc." and are included in "Passenger Cars".

As 2021 was not a normal traffic year, a more apt comparison of 2022 traffic would be to the pre-pandemic year of 2019 as described below:

In 2022, compared to 2019, overall car crossings decreased by 40.15%. Truck crossings decreased by 2.15%. Combined there were 22,673,598 car, truck and bus crossings, a decrease of 32.78% or 11,058,357 less vehicles.

		2019	2022	Change	Percent
Ambassador Bridge	Passenger Cars	4,423,950	2,500,296	(1,923,654)	-43.48%
	Trucks	2,551,517	2,302,992	(248,525)	-9.74%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	6,975,467	4,803,288	(2,172,179)	-31.14%
Blue Water Bridge	Passenger Cars	2,944,860	1,455,634	(1,489,226)	-50.57%
	Trucks	1,596,580	1,728,293	131,713	8.25%
	Buses & Misc.	5,002	1,156	(3,846)	-76.89%
	TOTAL	4,546,442	3,185,083	(1,361,359)	-29.94%
Detroit-Windsor Tunnel	Passenger Cars	4,177,293	2,947,447	(1,229,846)	-29.44%
	Trucks	11,146	21,257	10,111	90.71%
	Buses & Misc.	31,478	1,668	(29,810)	-94.70%
	TOTAL	4,219,917	2,970,372	(1,249,545)	-29.61%
Ogdensburg Bridge	Passenger Cars	591,772	318,863	(272,909)	-46.12%
	Trucks	74,529	68,796	(5,733)	-7.69%
	Buses & Misc.	257	114	(143)	-55.64%
	TOTAL	666,558	387,773	(278,785)	-41.82%
Peace Bridge	Passenger Cars	4,021,927	2,232,200	(1,789,727)	-44.50%
	Trucks	1,073,541	1,073,293	(248)	-0.02%
	Buses & Misc.	20,700	6,630	(14,070)	-67.97%
	TOTAL	5,116,168	3,312,123	(1,804,045)	-35.26%
Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Bridge Authority	Passenger Cars	1,217,958	534,325	(683,633)	-56.13%
	Trucks	88,909	66,897	(22,012)	-24.76%
	Buses & Misc.	46,282	23,738	(22,544)	-48.71%
	TOTAL	1,353,149	624,960	(728,189)	-53.81%
Seaway International Bridge	Passenger Cars	2,349,169	2,073,530	(275,639)	-11.73%
	Trucks	69,072	62,378	(6,694)	-9.69%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	2,418,241	2,135,908	(282,333)	-11.68%
Thousand Islands Bridge	Passenger Cars	1,663,274	1,201,983	(461,291)	-27.73%
	Trucks	382,678	390,392	7,714	2.02%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	2,045,952	1,592,375	(453,577)	-22.17%
Lewiston-Queenston Bridge	Passenger Cars	2,639,335	1,397,187	(1,242,148)	-47.06%
	Trucks	789,404	780,650	(8,754)	-1.11%
	Buses & Misc.	6,546	2,824	(3,722)	-56.86%
	TOTAL	3,435,285	2,180,661	(1,254,624)	-36.52%
Rainbow Bridge	Passenger Cars	2,494,218	1,227,985	(1,266,233)	-50.77%
	Trucks	0	-	0	0.00%
	Buses & Misc.	20,294	5,712	(14,582)	-71.85%
	TOTAL	2,514,512	1,233,697	(1,280,815)	-50.94%
Whirlpool Rapids Bridge	Passenger Cars	440,264	247,358	(192,906)	-43.82%
	Trucks	-	-	-	0.00%
	Buses & Misc.	-	-	-	0.00%
	TOTAL	440,264	247,358	(192,906)	-43.82%
TOTALS	Passenger Cars	26,964,020	16,136,808	(10,827,212)	-40.15%
	Trucks	6,637,376	6,494,948	(142,428)	-2.15%
	*Buses & Misc.	130,559	41,842	(88,717)	-67.95%
	GRAND TOTAL	33,731,955	22,673,598	(11,058,357)	-32.78%

*Some crossings do not segregate "Buses & Misc." and are included in "Passenger Cars".

Notwithstanding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on border crossings, traffic has been declining since the year 2000.

Overall, traffic in 2022 comprised 22,673,598 vehicles, 56.7% lower than in 2000 when 52,367,401 vehicles traversed the border. For individual crossing data, see the attached document entitled "2000 – 2022 Comparative Traffic Volume Analysis of Bridge & Tunnel Operators Association (BTOA) Crossings."

Bridge and Tunnel Operators Association

The Bridge and Tunnel Operators Association (BTOA) is a binational membership organization representing the international bridge and tunnel crossings between the Province of Ontario and the States of Michigan and New York. Members of the BTOA include the: Federal Bridge Corporation Limited and Michigan Department of Transportation operating the Blue Water Bridge, Buffalo and Fort Erie Public Bridge Authority, Detroit Windsor Tunnel LLC and the Windsor Detroit Borderlink Limited operating the Detroit Windsor Tunnel, Niagara Falls Bridge Commission, Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority, Sault Ste. Marie Bridge Authority, Seaway International Bridge Corporation, Ambassador Bridge, and the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority.

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