

Weekly Visitor Insights

Measuring Canadian Travel Patterns

March 14, 2022 - March 20, 2022

2022 Year to Date

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Purpose

- The Measuring Canadian Travel Patterns dashboard created by Environics Analytics helps the Canadian travel and tourism industry understand the impact of the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic as it relates to Domestic Overnight Visitors within Canada, its **provinces, territories, and tourism regions**.
- With this dashboard we can easily compare visitor travel patterns (to prior weeks in 2022 and year over year 2019, 2020, 2021).
- We can also compare different regions to assess the impact of the pandemic on Canadian travel patterns and identify when visitors start to return to British Columbia's respective tourism regions.



A person in a dark jacket stands on a rocky outcrop, looking out over a vast, hazy mountain range under a soft, orange-hued sky at sunset or sunrise.

Methodology

- Environics Analytics uses privacy compliant, anonymized mobile movement data to identify devices whose **Daily Common Evening Location** is 60 km or more away from their *Yearly Common Evening Location*.
- Data is aggregated and compared on a weekly basis versus the previous year and week.
 - (**Note:** Year over year data may not compare the exact same date range).
- Data is limited to devices that we can reliably infer their *Daily* and *Yearly* Common Evening Locations.
- Data has been standardized and normalized leveraging demographic data and PRIZM, their neighbourhood classification system.

Glossary

- **Timeframe:** The dashboard data starts the week of January 3, 2021 and is tracked on a weekly basis.
- **Domestic Overnight Visitors:** Extrapolated from a sample of mobile devices that spent at least one night more than 60KM away from their Yearly Common Evening Location.
- **Common Evening Location:** A location where the device is normally seen between 6PM and 8AM the following morning.



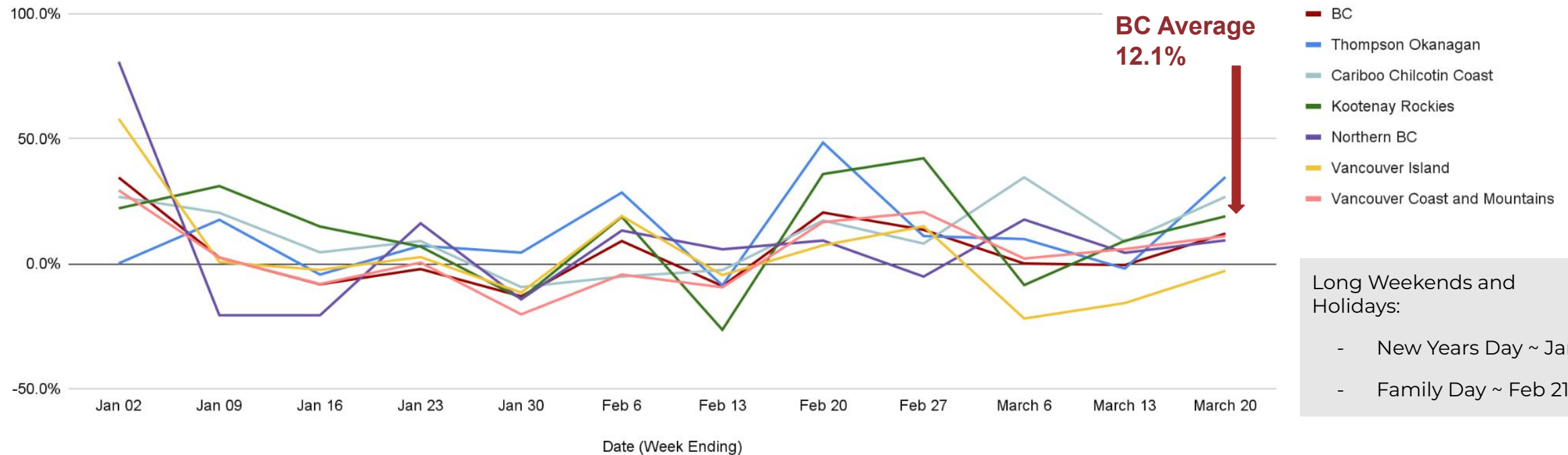
Introduction



- Environics Analytics' Weekly Tourism Tracker filters data by Canada, Province or Territory. R1 or Region 1 is selected as the region from which to make comparisons, in this case, the province of BC.
- R2 or Region 2 represents the comparison region, in this case each of the regions of BC.
- **BC Regions:**
 - Cariboo Chilcotin Coast
 - Kootenay Rockies
 - Northern B.C
 - Thompson-Okanagan
 - Vancouver Island
 - Vancouver, Coast & Mountains

Domestic Overnight Visitors - Weekly Year Over Year (2019 vs. 2022) Variation

B.C Regions



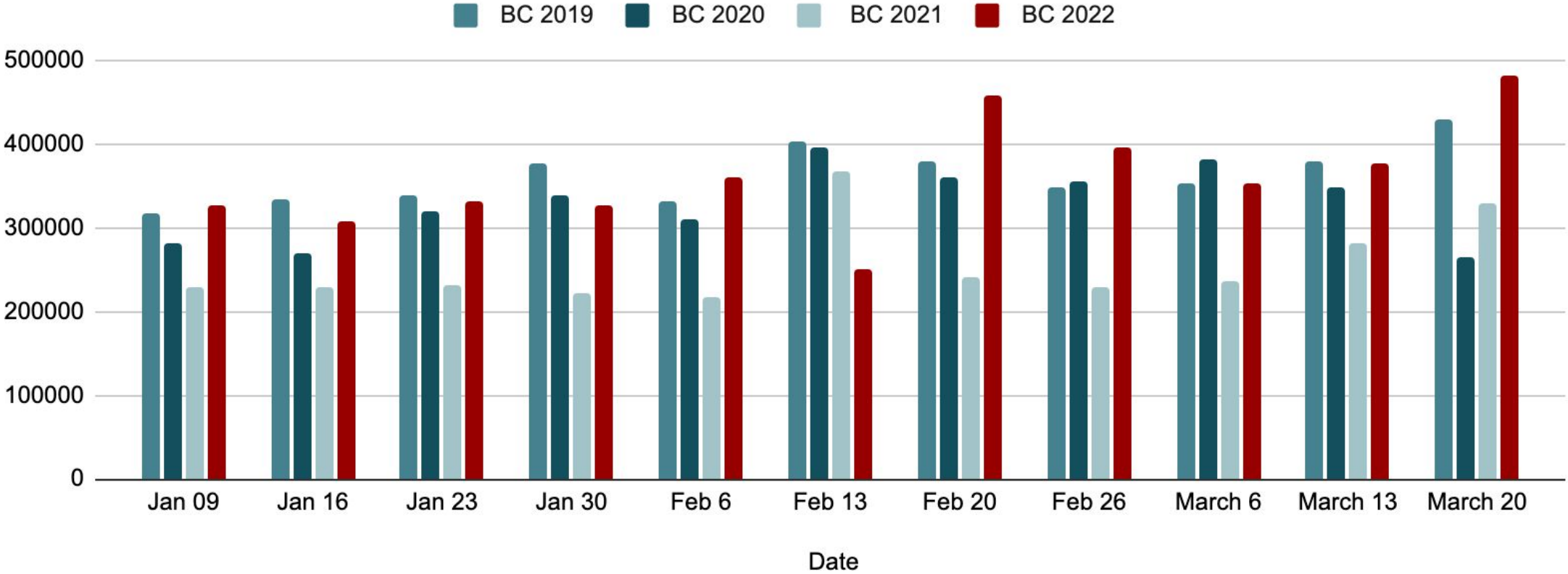
Key Findings

- Average Domestic Overnight Visitation to BC for Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022) is **up 12.1%** compared to the same week in 2019
- When comparing Week 10 (Mar 06 - Mar 13, 2022) to Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022) all regions saw an **increase** in visitation.
- British Columbia **increased 12.6%** when comparing Week 10 (Mar 06 - Mar 13, 2022) to Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022)

Notes:

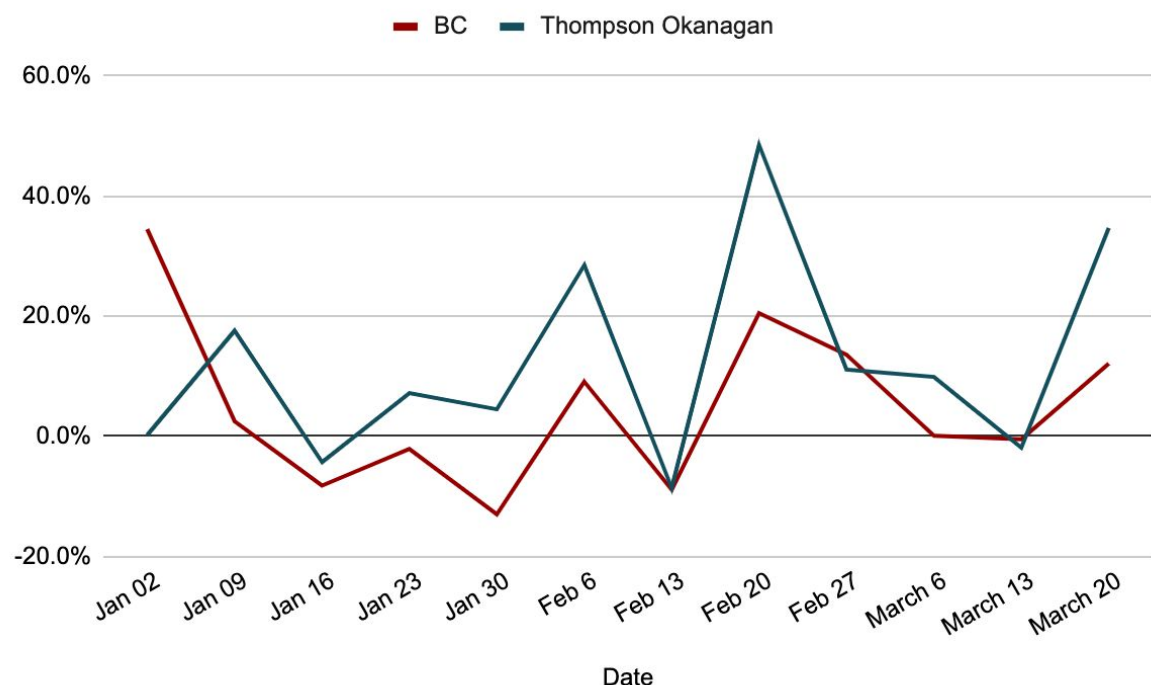
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- The baseline of comparison is 2019, with percentages above 0% indicating higher rates of visitation in 2022 than 2019, and percentages below 0% indicating lower rates of visitation in 2022 than 2019.
- Weekly comparisons may not reflect the exact same date between the two comparison years especially now they are 3 years apart. Therefore holiday weekends may fall on different weeks and result in higher peaks in the current year.

Domestic Overnight Visitors - Weekly Year Over Year (2019, 2020, 2021, 2022) Variation British Columbia



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Thompson Okanagan Region



Key Findings

- Domestic Overnight Visitation to the Thompson Okanagan for Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022) is **up 34.7%** compared to the same week in 2019
- The Thompson Okanagan saw **22.6% more visitation** when compared to British Columbia Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022)
- Visitation to the Thompson Okanagan **increased by 36.6%** and British Columbia **increased 12.6%** when comparing Week 10 (Mar 06 - Mar 13, 2022) to Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022)

Long Weekends and Holidays:

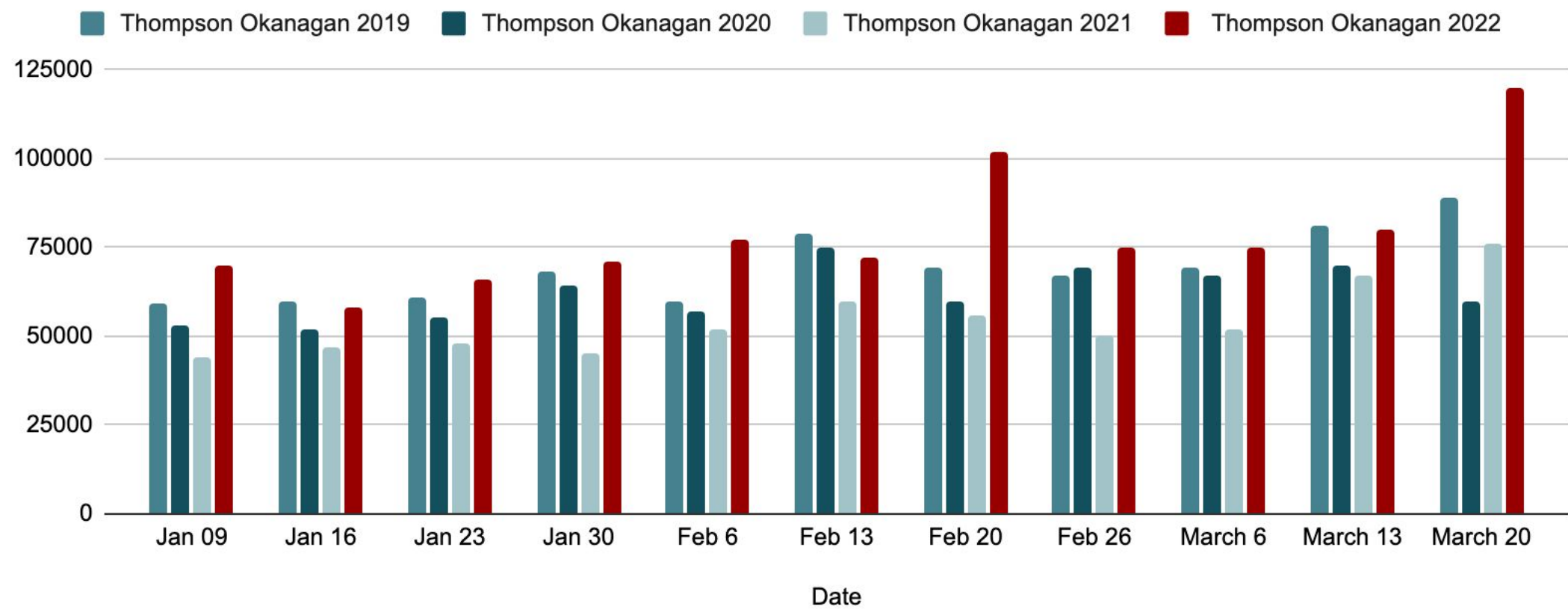
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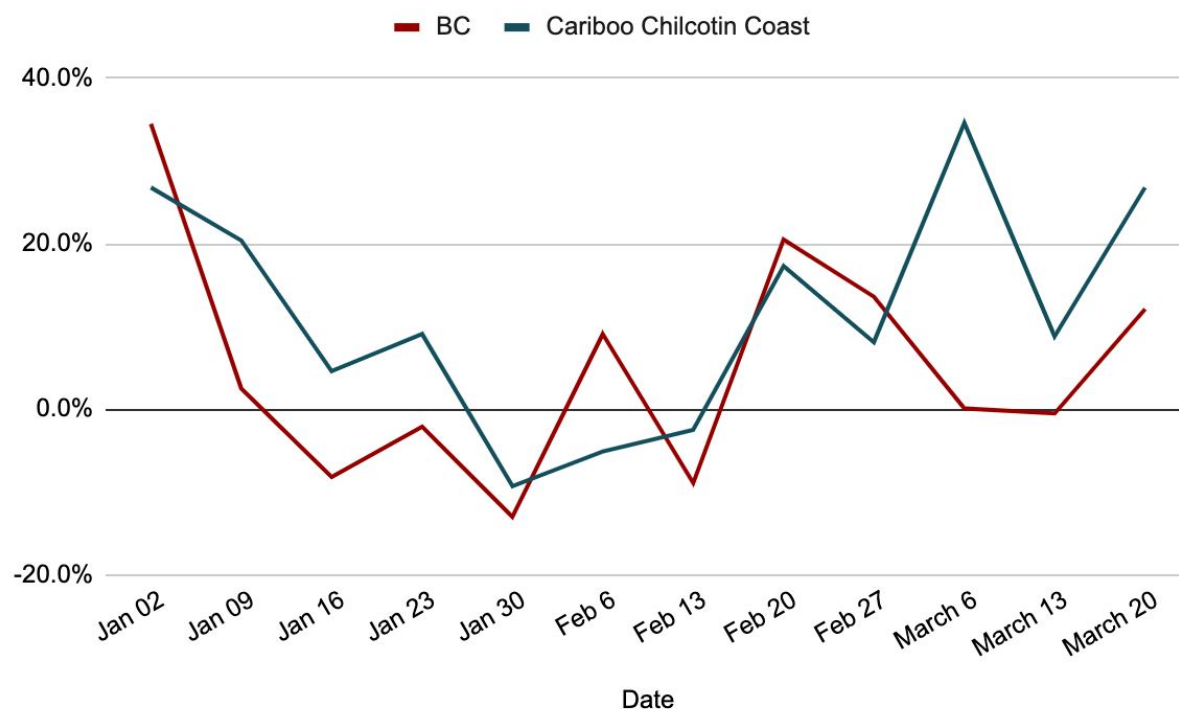
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Thompson Okanagan



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Cariboo Chilcotin Coast



Key Findings

- Domestic Overnight Visitation to the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast for Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022) is **up 26.8%** compared to the same week in 2019
- The Cariboo Chilcotin Coast saw **14.7% more visitation** when compared to British Columbia during Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022)
- Visitation to the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast **increased 18%** and British Columbia **increased 12.6%** when comparing Week 10 (Mar 06 - Mar 13, 2022) to Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022)

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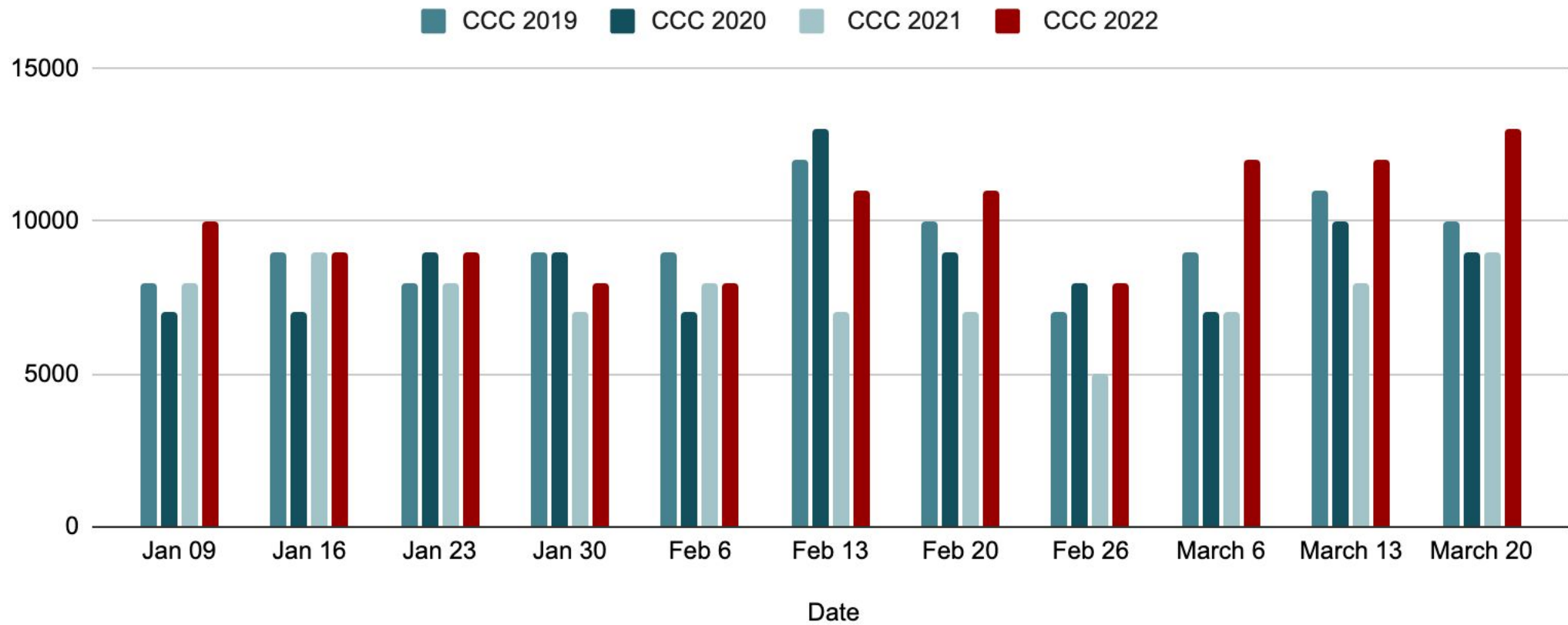
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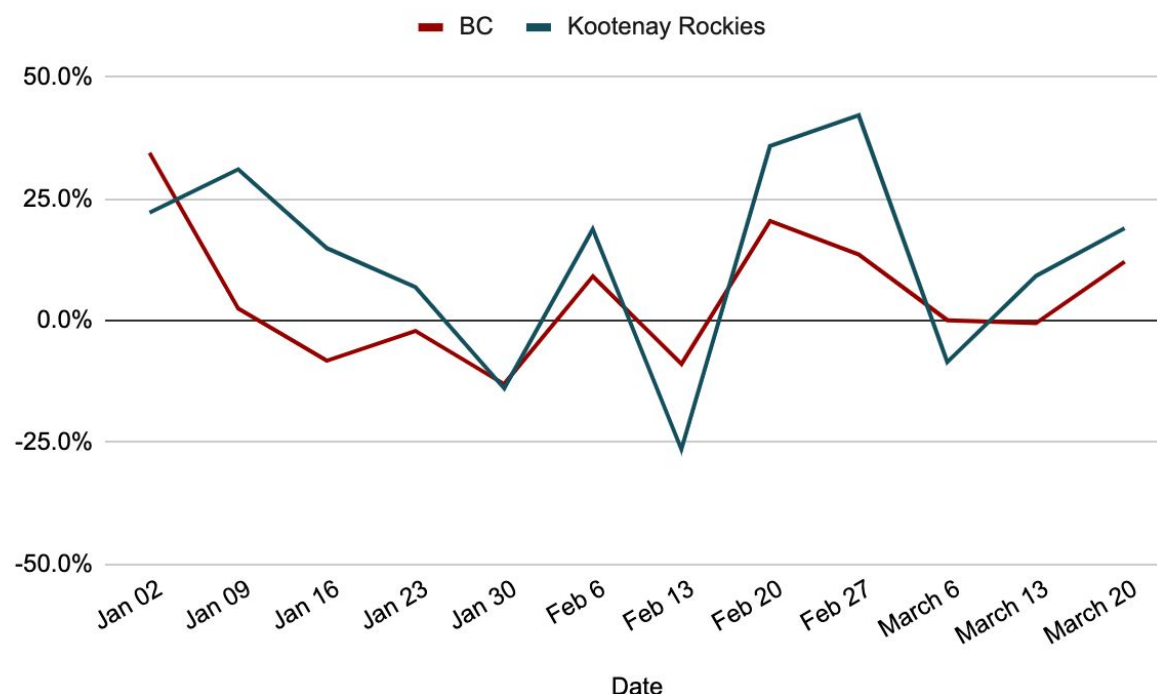
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Cariboo Chilcotin Coast



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Kootenay Rockies



Key Findings

- Domestic Overnight Visitation to the Kootenay Rockies for Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022) is **up 19.0%** compared to the same week in 2019
- The Kootenay Rockies saw **6.9% more visitation** when compared to British Columbia during Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022)
- Visitation to the Kootenay Rockies **increased by 9.8%** and British Columbia **increased 12.6%** when comparing Week 10 (Mar 06 - Mar 13, 2022) to Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022)

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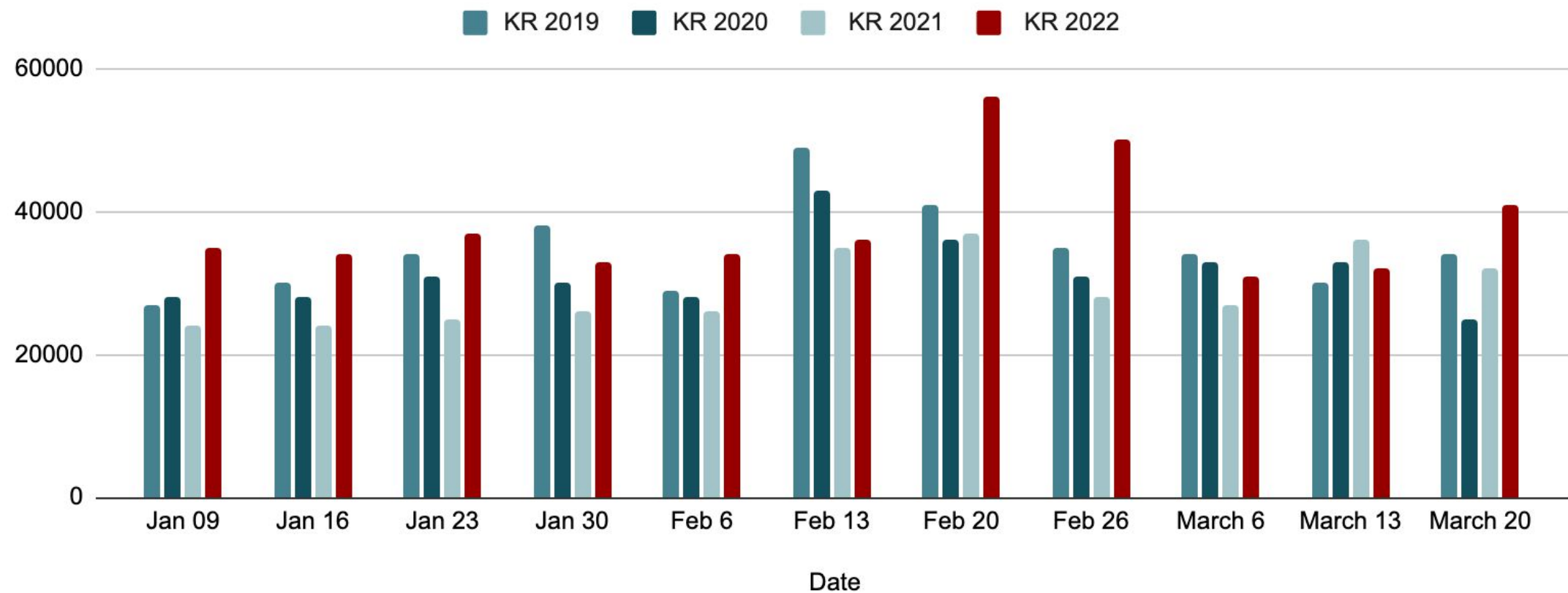
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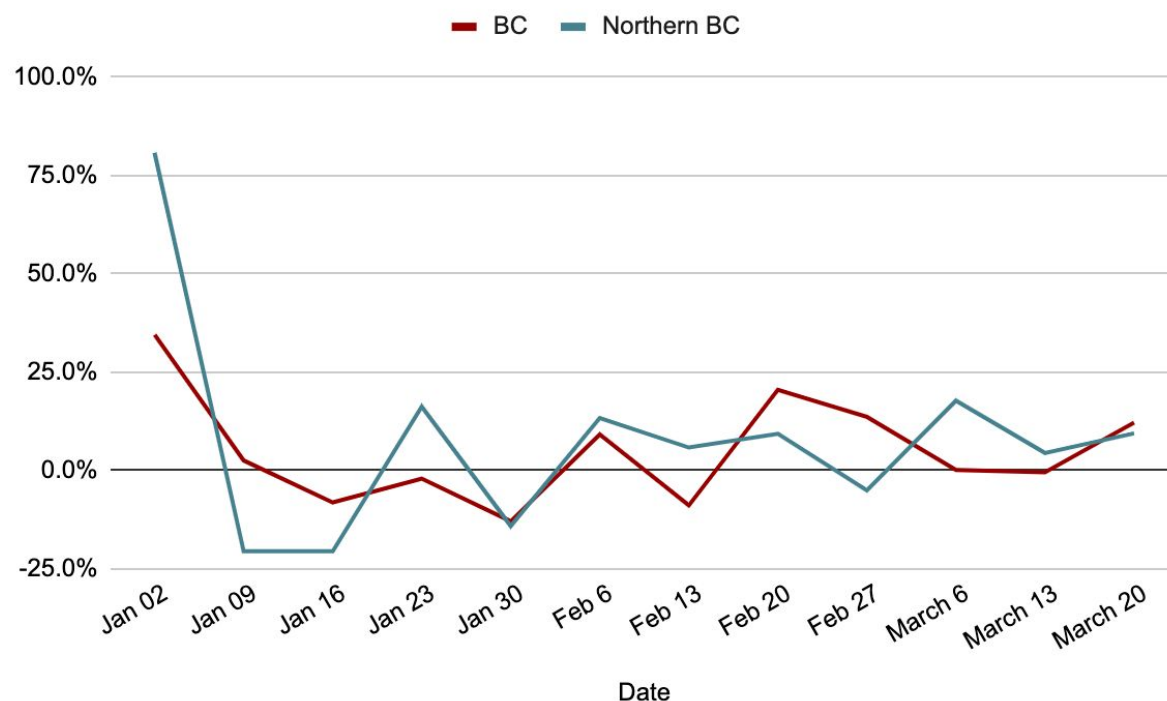
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Northern BC



Key Findings

- Domestic Overnight Visitation to Northern BC for Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022) is **up 9.4%** compared to the same week in 2019
- Northern BC saw **2.7% less visitation** when compared to British Columbia during Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022)
- Visitation to Northern BC **increased 5%** and British Columbia **increased 12.6%** when comparing Week 10 (Mar 06 - Mar 13, 2022) to Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022)

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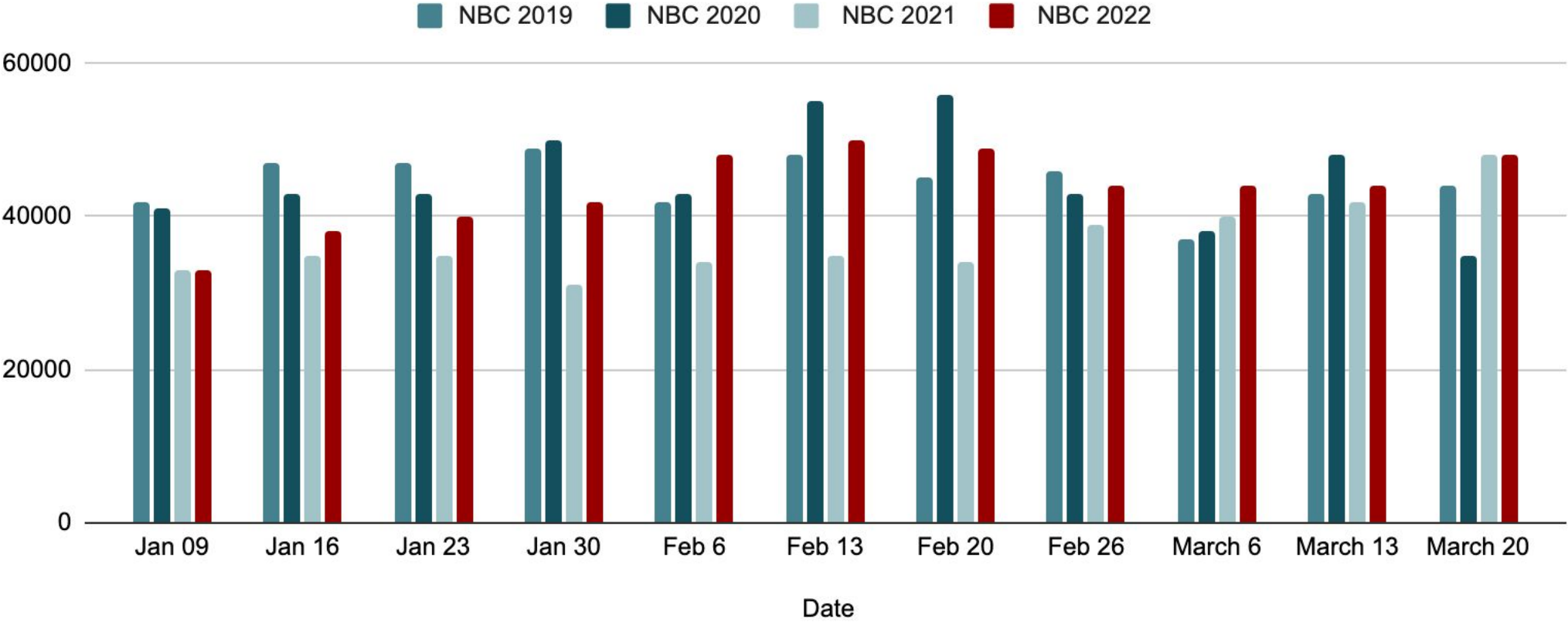
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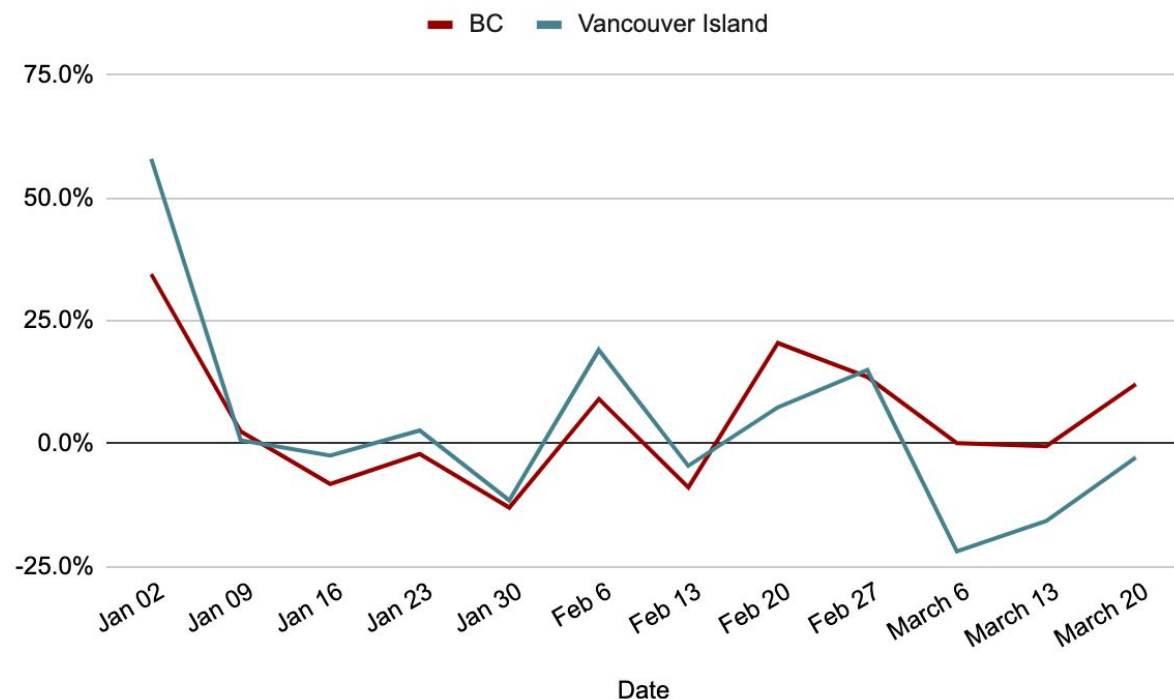
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Northern BC



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Vancouver Island



Key Findings

- Domestic Overnight Visitation to Vancouver Island for Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022) is **down -2.8%** compared to the same week in 2019
- Vancouver Island saw **14.9% less visitation** when compared to British Columbia during Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022)
- Visitation to Vancouver Island **increased 12.9%** and British Columbia **increased 12.6%** when comparing Week 10 (Mar 06 - Mar 13, 2022) to Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022)

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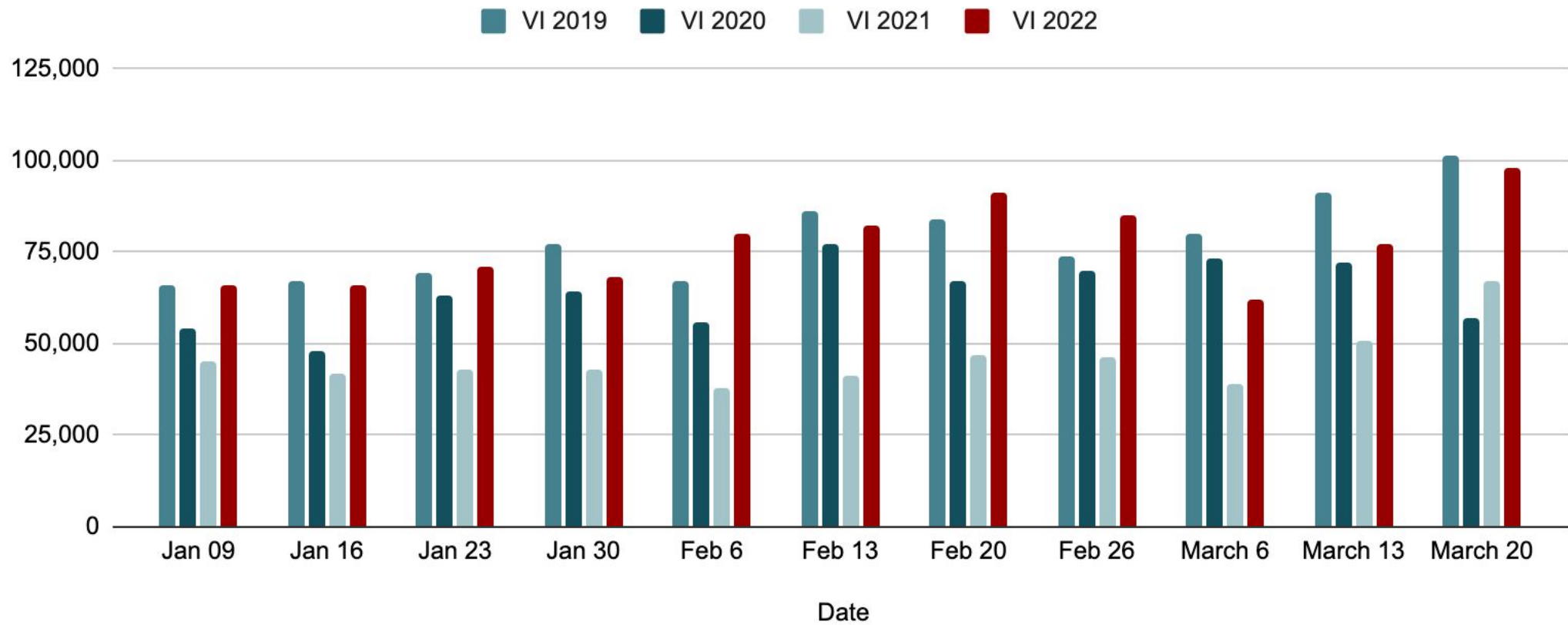
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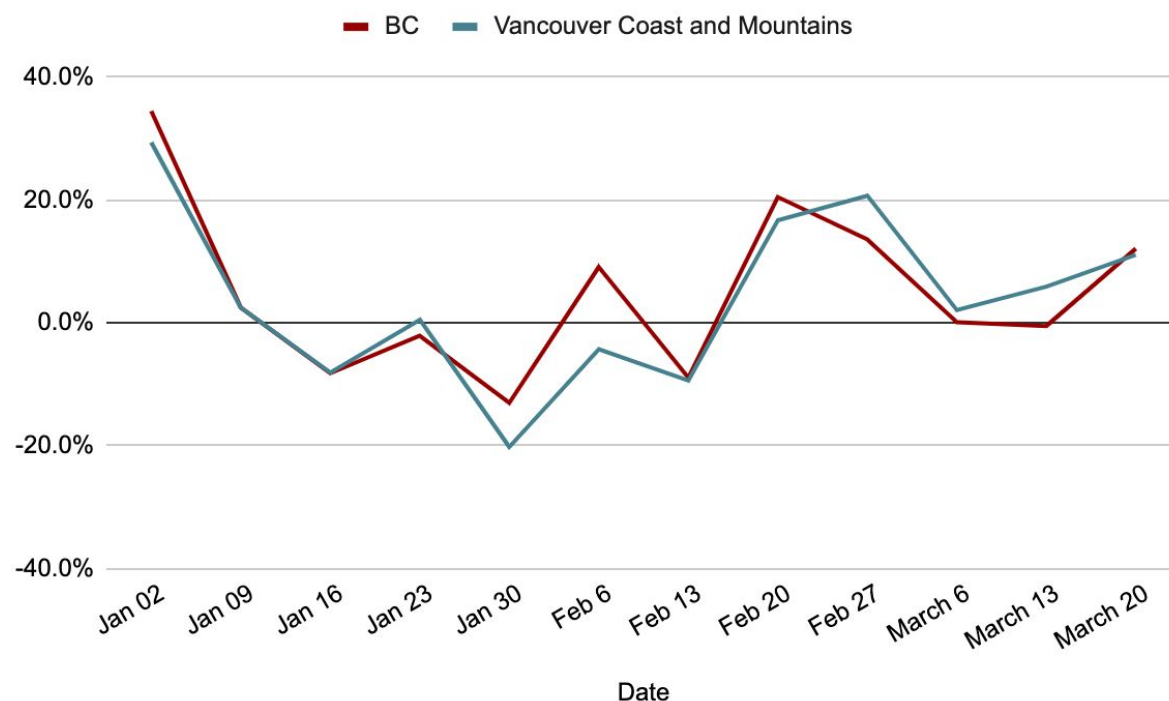
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Vancouver Island



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Vancouver Coast & Mountains



Key Findings

- Domestic Overnight Visitation to Vancouver Coast & Mountains for Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022) is **up 11.1%** compared to the same week in 2019.
- Vancouver, Coast & Mountains saw **1% less visitation** when compared to British Columbia Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022)
- Visitation to Vancouver, Coast & Mountains **increased by 5.2%** and British Columbia **increased 12.6%** when comparing Week 10 (Mar 06 - Mar 13, 2022) to Week 11 (Mar 14 - Mar 20, 2022)

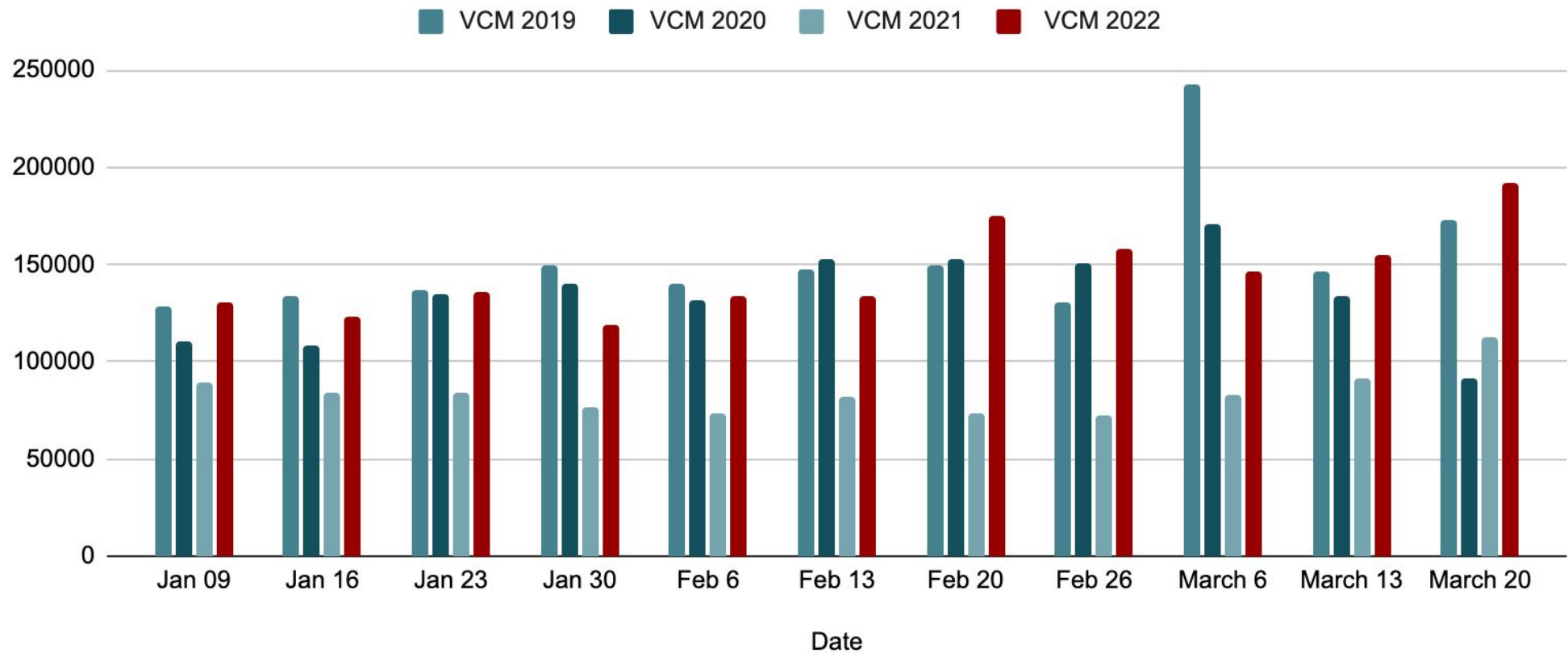
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STR Destination Report

March 13, 2022 to March 19, 2022

2022 Weekly Report



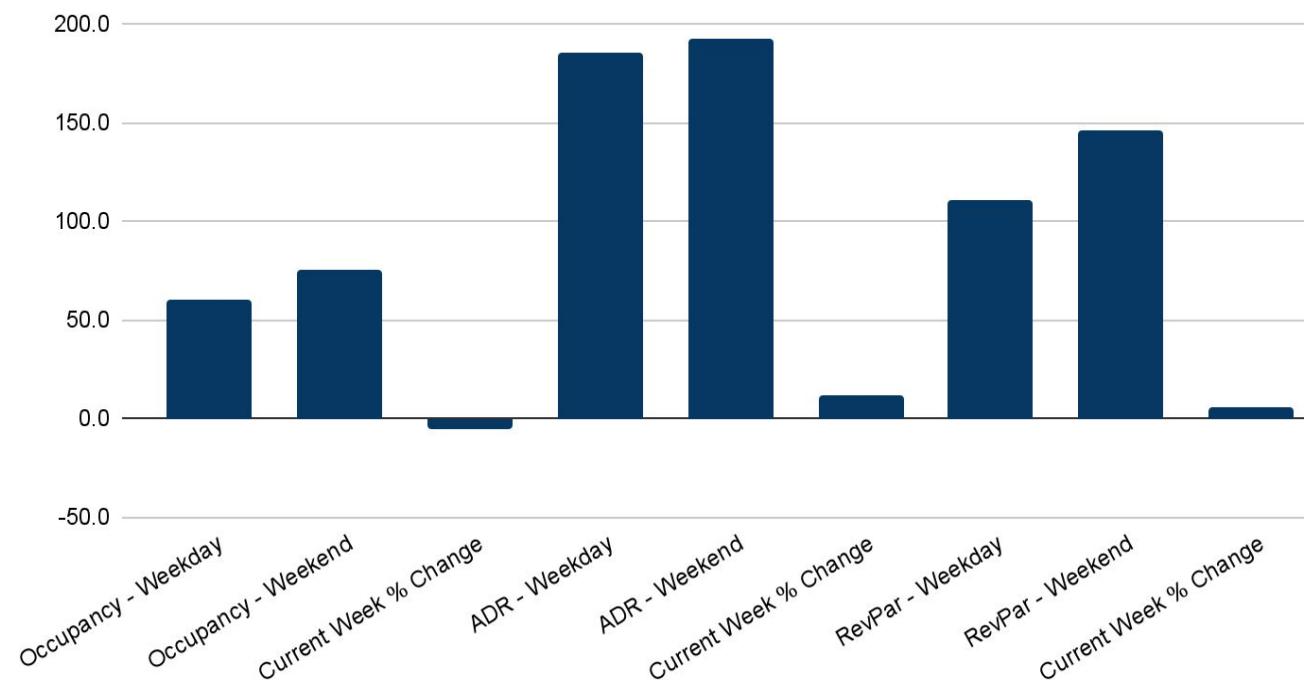
STR Summary BC & Regions

March 13 - 19, 2022

- British Columbia had a **59.9%** occupancy from Sunday-Thursday and a **75.6%** occupancy during the weekend, down **-5.1%** compared to the same week in 2019.
- British Columbia had an ADR of **\$185.01** from Sunday-Thursday and an ADR of **\$192.95** during the weekend, up **11.3%** compared to the same week in 2019.
- British Columbia had a RevPAR of **\$110.82** from Sunday-Thursday and a RevPAR of **\$145.85** during the weekend, up **5.6%** compared to the same week in 2019.

Regional STATS the Weekend of March 18-19, 2022:

- Cariboo Chilcotin Coast: OCC **60.3%** ADR **\$141.45** REVPAR **\$85.31**
- Kootenay Rockies: OCC **56.8%** ADR **\$145.45** REVPAR **\$82.68**
- Northern BC: OCC **57.4%** ADR **\$128.61** REVPAR **\$73.79**
- Thompson Okanagan: OCC **74.9%** ADR **\$143.59** REVPAR **\$107.56**
- Vancouver Island: OCC **83.2%** ADR **\$205.77** REVPAR **\$171.18**
- Vancouver: OCC **79.7%** ADR **\$186.22** REVPAR **\$148.43**
- Whistler: OCC **83.6%** ADR **\$514.62** REVPAR **\$430.15**



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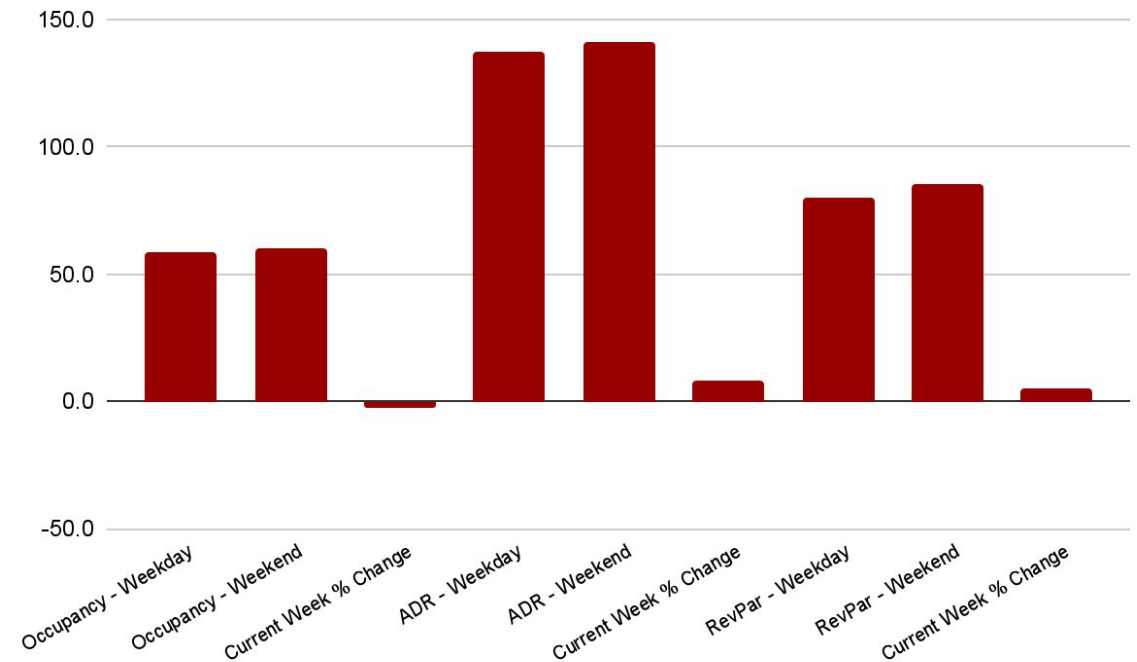
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Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Summary

March 13 - 19, 2022

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- The Cariboo Chilcotin Coast had a **58.4%** occupancy from Sunday-Thursday and a **60.3%** occupancy during the weekend, giving the region the **third-lowest** percent occupancy in BC
 - British Columbia had an occupancy of **59.9%** and **75.6%**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, occupancy is down **-2.7%** in the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast and down **-5.1%** in British Columbia
- The Cariboo Chilcotin Coast had an ADR of **\$137.42** from Sunday-Thursday and an ADR of **\$141.45** during the weekend, giving the region the **third-lowest** ADR in BC
 - British Columbia had an ADR of **\$185.01** and **\$192.95**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, ADR is up **8.0%** in the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast and up **11.3%** in British Columbia
- The Cariboo Chilcotin Coast had a RevPAR of **\$80.29** from Sunday-Thursday and a RevPAR of **\$85.31** during the weekend, giving the region the **third-lowest** RevPAR in BC
 - British Columbia had a RevPAR of **\$110.82** and **\$145.85**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, RevPAR is up **5.1%** in the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast and up **5.6%** in British Columbia

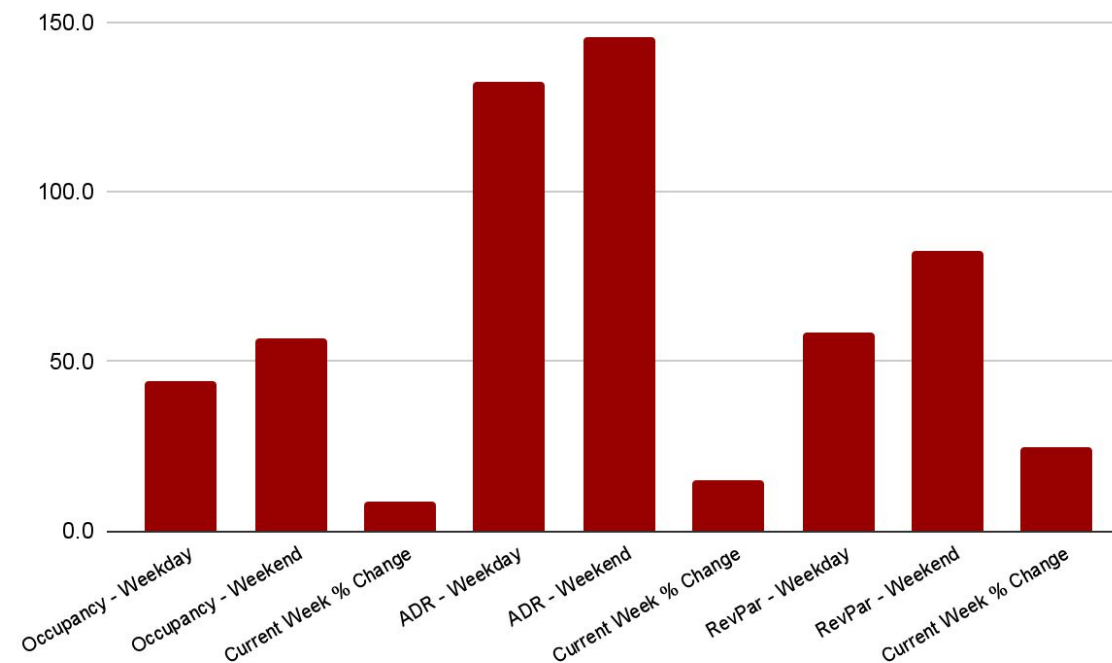


Kootenay Rockies Summary

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- The Kootenay Rockies had a **44.0%** occupancy from Sunday-Thursday and a **56.8%** occupancy during the weekend, giving the region the **lowest** percent occupancy in BC
 - British Columbia had an occupancy of **59.9%** and **75.6%**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, occupancy is up **8.4%** in the Kootenay Rockies and down **-5.1%** in British Columbia
- The Kootenay Rockies had an ADR of **\$132.80** from Sunday-Thursday and an ADR of **\$145.45** during the weekend, giving the region the **second-lowest** ADR in BC
 - British Columbia had an ADR of **\$185.01** and **\$192.95**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, ADR is up **15.2%** in the Kootenay Rockies and up **11.3%** in British Columbia
- The Kootenay Rockies had a RevPAR of **\$58.40** from Sunday-Thursday and a RevPAR of **\$82.68** during the weekend, giving the region the **lowest** RevPAR in BC
 - British Columbia had a RevPAR of **\$92.15** and **\$125.91**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, RevPAR is up **24.9%** in the Kootenay Rockies and up **5.6%** in British Columbia

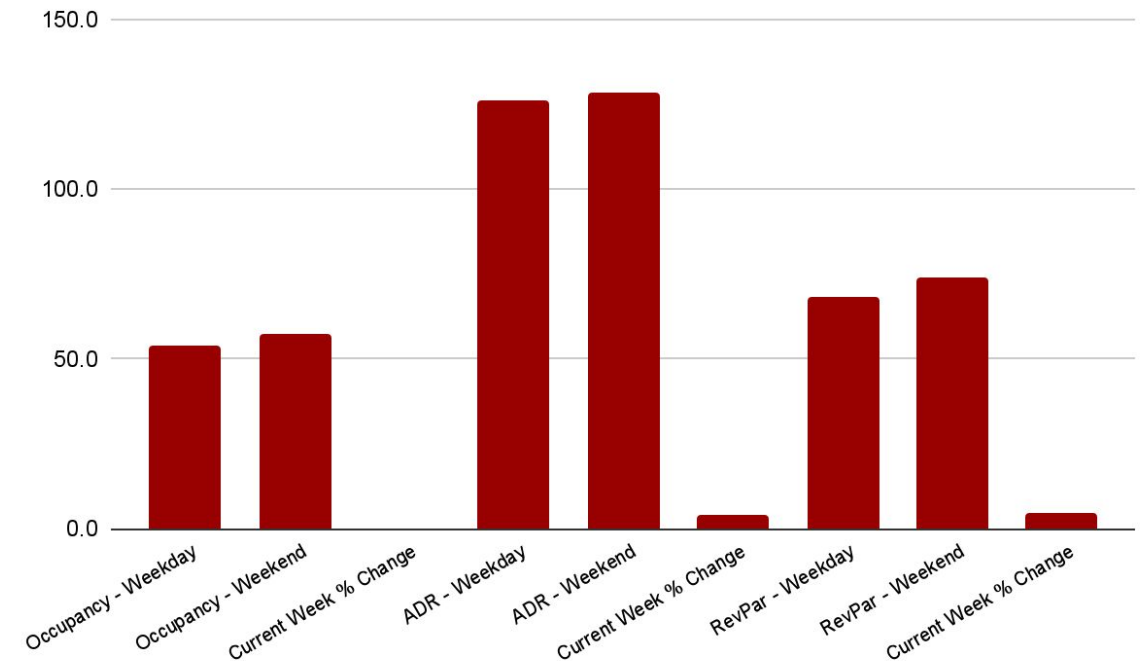


Northern BC Summary

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- Northern BC had a **53.8%** occupancy from Sunday-Thursday and a **57.4%** occupancy during the weekend, giving the region the **second-lowest** percent occupancy in BC
 - British Columbia had an occupancy of **59.9%** and **75.6%**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, occupancy is up **0.1%** in Northern BC and down **-5.1%** in British Columbia
- Northern BC had an ADR of **\$126.48** from Sunday-Thursday and an ADR of **\$128.61** during the weekend, giving the region the **lowest** ADR in BC
 - British Columbia had an ADR of **\$185.01** and **\$192.95**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, ADR is up **4.3%** in Northern BC and up **11.3%** in British Columbia
- Northern BC had a RevPAR of **\$68.10** from Sunday-Thursday and a RevPAR of **\$73.79** during the weekend, giving the region the **second-lowest** RevPAR in BC
 - British Columbia had a RevPAR of **\$92.15** and **\$125.91**, respectively
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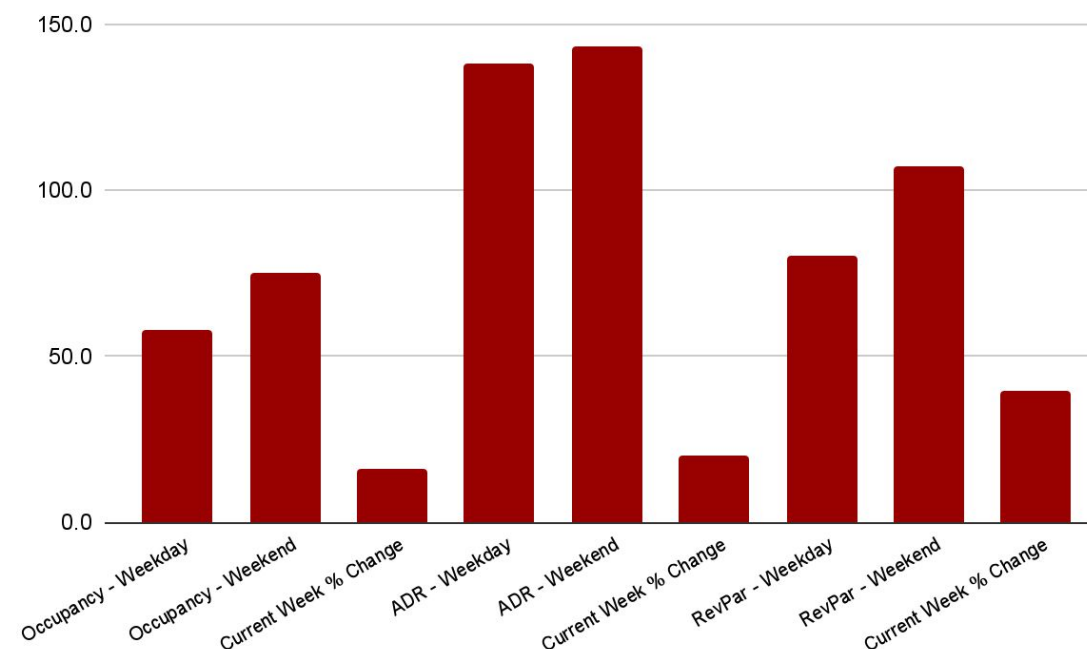


Thompson Okanagan Summary

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- Thompson Okanagan had a **58.2%** occupancy from Sunday-Thursday and a **74.9%** occupancy during the weekend, giving the region the **fourth-highest** percent occupancy in BC
 - British Columbia had an occupancy of **59.9%** and **75.6%**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, occupancy is up **16.2%** in the Thompson Okanagan and down **-5.1%** in British Columbia
- Thompson Okanagan had an ADR of **\$138.16** from Sunday-Thursday and an ADR of **\$143.59** during the weekend, giving the region the **fourth-highest** ADR in BC
 - British Columbia had an ADR of **\$185.01** and **\$192.95**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, ADR is up **20.2%** in the Thompson Okanagan and up **11.3%** in British Columbia
- Thompson Okanagan had a RevPAR of **\$80.37** from Sunday-Thursday and a RevPAR of **\$107.56** during the weekend, giving the region the **fourth-highest** RevPAR in BC.
 - British Columbia had a RevPAR of **\$92.15** and **\$125.91**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10 2019, RevPAR is up **39.7%** in Thompson Okanagan and up **5.6%** in British Columbia

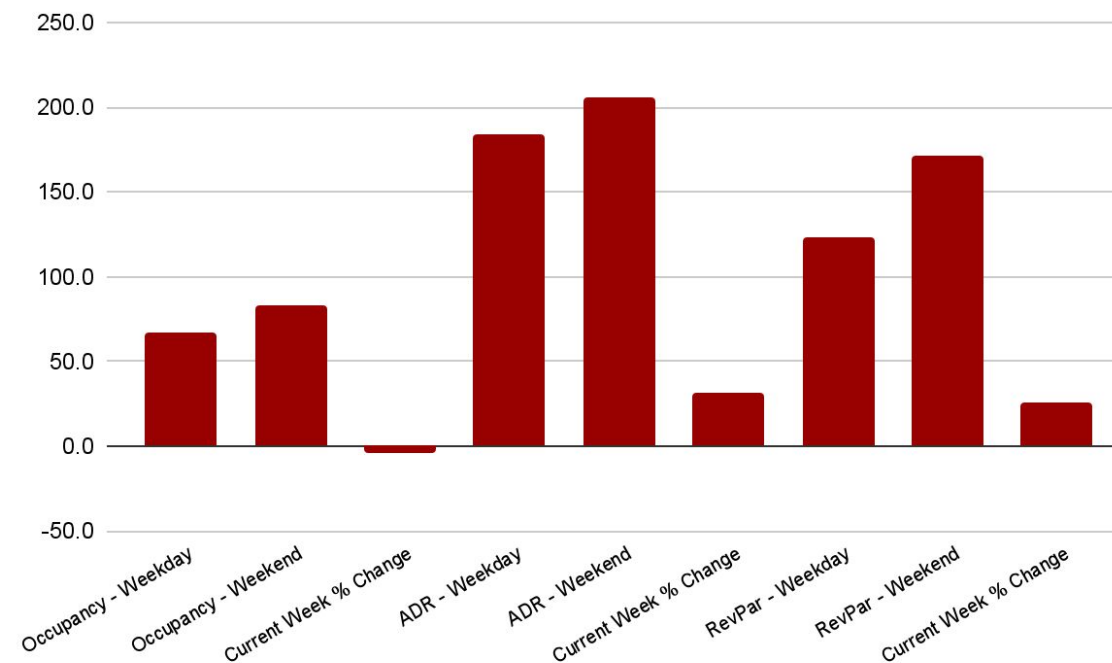


Vancouver Island Summary

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- Vancouver Island had a **67.3%** occupancy from Sunday-Thursday and a **83.2%** occupancy during the weekend, giving the region the **second-highest** percent occupancy in BC
 - British Columbia had an occupancy of **59.9%** and **75.6%**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, occupancy is down **-4.5%** in Vancouver Island and down **-5.1%** in British Columbia
- Vancouver Island had an ADR of **\$183.85** from Sunday-Thursday and an ADR of **\$205.77** during the weekend, giving the region the **second-highest** ADR in BC
 - British Columbia had an ADR of **\$185.01** and **\$192.95**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, ADR is up **31.9%** on Vancouver Island and up **11.3%** in British Columbia
- Vancouver Island had a RevPAR of **\$123.69** from Sunday-Thursday and a RevPAR of **\$171.18** during the weekend, giving the area the **second-highest** RevPAR in BC
 - British Columbia had a RevPAR of **\$92.15** and **\$125.91**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, RevPAR is up **26.0%** on Vancouver Island up **5.6%** in British Columbia

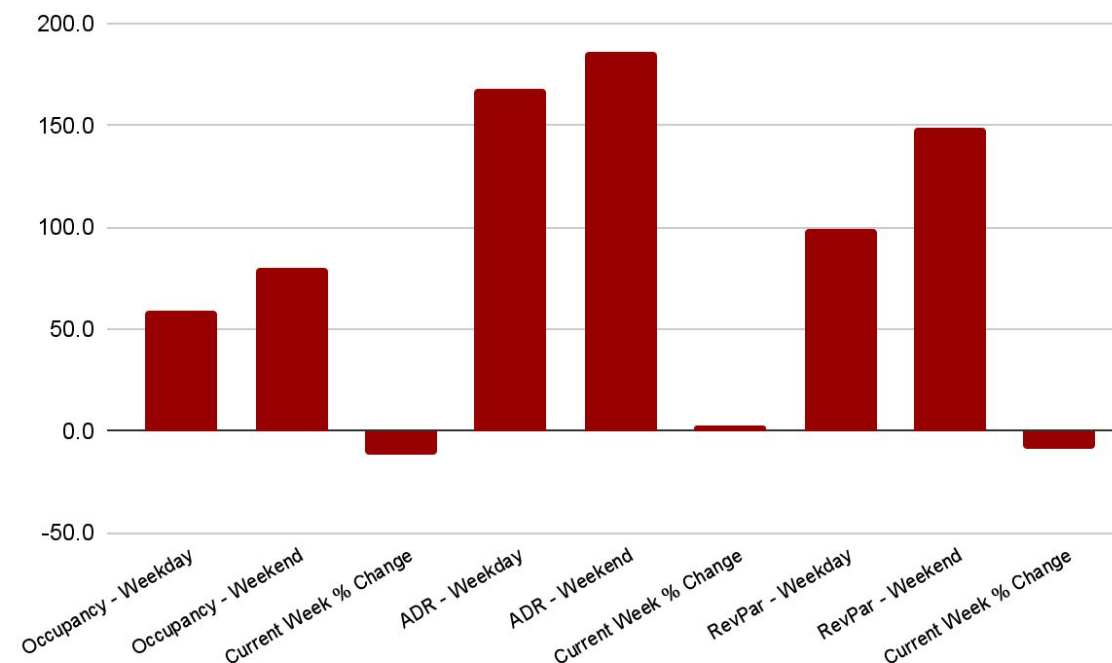


Vancouver Summary

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- Vancouver had a **58.9%** occupancy from Sunday-Thursday and a **79.7%** occupancy during the weekend, giving the area the **third-highest** occupancy in BC
 - British Columbia had an occupancy of **59.9%** and **75.6%**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, occupancy is down **-11.8%** in Vancouver and down **-5.1%** in British Columbia
- Vancouver had an ADR of **\$168.20** from Sunday-Thursday and an ADR of **\$186.22** during the weekend, giving the area the **third-highest** ADR in BC
 - British Columbia had an ADR of **\$185.01** and **\$192.95**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, ADR is up **3.0%** in Vancouver and up **11.3%** in British Columbia
- Vancouver had a RevPAR of **\$99.04** from Sunday-Thursday and a RevPAR of **\$148.43** during the weekend, giving the area the **third-highest** RevPAR in BC
 - British Columbia had a RevPAR of **\$92.15** and **\$125.91**, respectively
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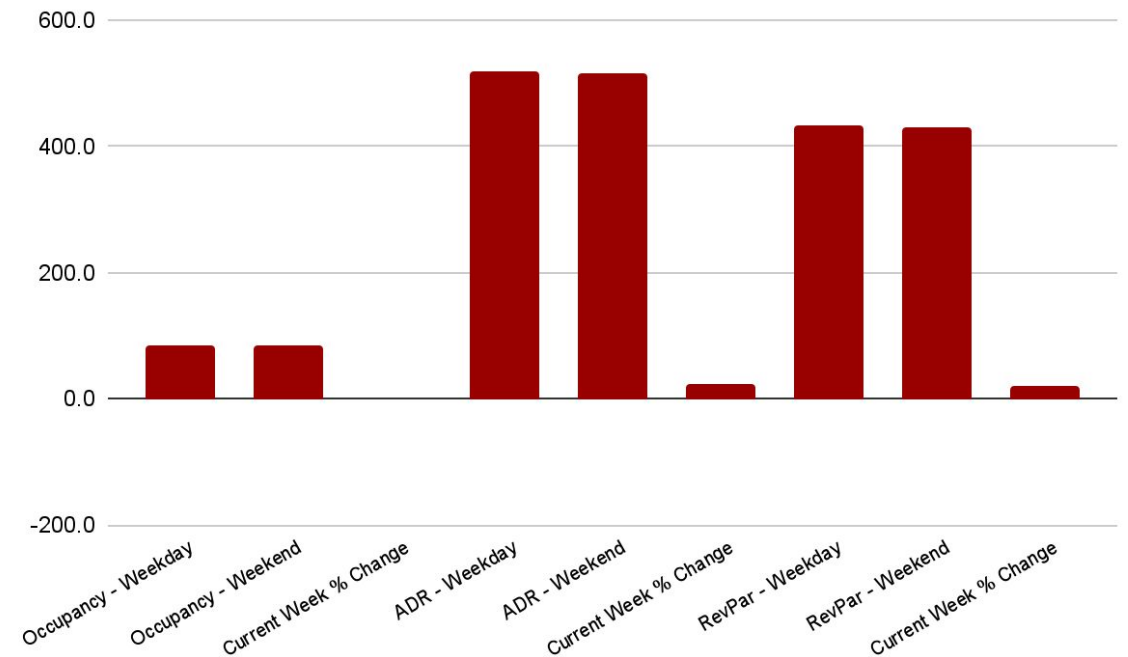
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Whistler Summary

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- Whistler had a **83.8%** occupancy from Sunday-Thursday and a **83.6%** occupancy during the weekend, giving the area the **highest** occupancy in BC
 - British Columbia had an occupancy of **59.9%** and **75.6%**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, occupancy is down **-2.5%** in Whistler and down **-5.1%** in British Columbia
- Whistler had an ADR of **\$517.68** from Sunday-Thursday and an ADR of **\$514.62** during the weekend, giving the area the **highest** ADR in BC
 - British Columbia had an ADR of **\$185.01** and **\$192.95**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, ADR is up **24.5%** in Whistler and up **11.3%** in British Columbia
- Whistler had a RevPAR of **\$433.63** from Sunday-Thursday and a RevPAR of **\$430.15** during the weekend, giving the area the **highest** RevPAR in BC
 - British Columbia had a RevPAR of **\$92.15** and **\$125.91**, respectively
 - Compared to the week of March 10, 2019, RevPAR is up **21.5%** in Whistler and up **5.6%** in British Columbia



Glossary

- **Occupancy:** Calculated by the number of occupied rooms divided by the number of available rooms that physically exist in a hotel
- **Average Daily Rate (ADR):** Represents the average rental income per paid occupied room in a given time period, however, ADR itself cannot be used to measure a hotel's performance
- **Revenue per Available Room (RevPAR):** Calculated by multiplying a hotel's ADR by its occupancy rate, an increase in RevPAR most likely indicates an improvement in occupancy rate and can be used to measure a hotel's performance

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