



Why Canadians Should Reconsider US Travel in 2025

With significant changes affecting cross-border travel, Canadians face new challenges when visiting the United States. From policy volatility to economic pressures, here's what you need to know before planning your next US trip.



The Political Reality: Four More Years of Uncertainty

With President Trump now in office until 2029, Canadian travelers face a prolonged period of policy volatility and border uncertainty. This isn't simply about political preferences – it's about concrete policy changes directly impacting travelers.



Executive Order Changes

"Protecting the American People Against Invasion" has fundamentally changed cross-border travel



Longer Wait Times

Border security intensification has led to extended waits and more intensive questioning



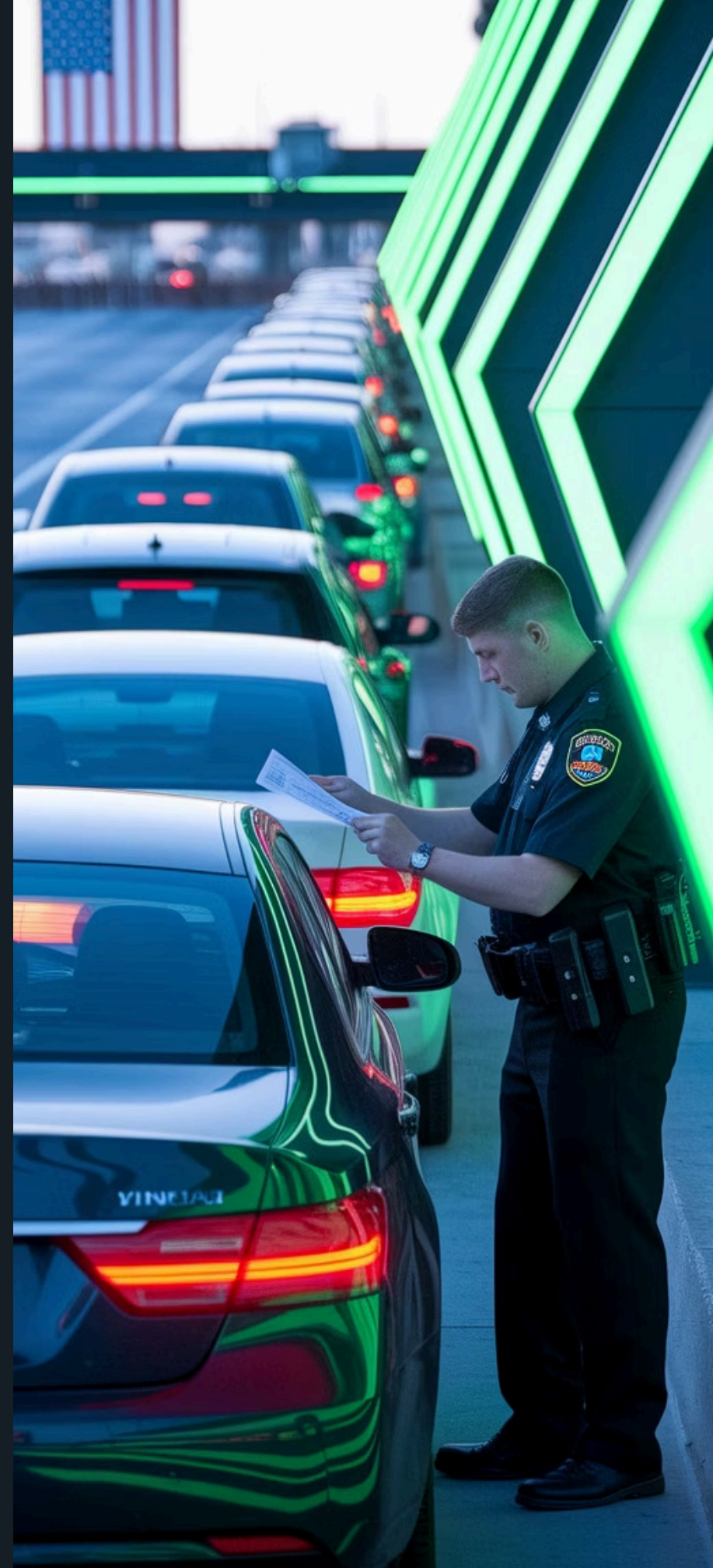
Policy Volatility

Rapid changes without notice have left many Canadians stranded or scrambling to comply



Travel Advisories

Canadian government warnings have increased in frequency and severity



New Registration Requirements: A Bureaucratic Nightmare

As of April 2025, the US has implemented stringent new registration requirements that create significant hurdles for Canadian travelers, especially those planning longer stays.

Mandatory Registration

All Canadians 14 and older staying in the US for 30+ days must register with US Citizenship and Immigration Services

Digital Documentation

Travelers must create USCIS accounts and complete Form G-325R before travel

Constant Verification

Digital proof of registration must be carried throughout the entire stay

Harsh Penalties

Non-compliance can result in fines up to \$5,000 or imprisonment up to six months

Canadians Are Voting With Their Feet

Recent statistics reveal a mass exodus of Canadian travelers from US destinations, representing the lowest level of Canadian travel to the US since the COVID-19 pandemic.

26%

**Border Crossing
Decrease**

Decline in land border crossings into the United States (March 2025 vs. March 2024)

31.9%

**Automobile Trip
Decline**

Drop in Canadian-resident return trips by automobile to 1.5 million (March 2025)

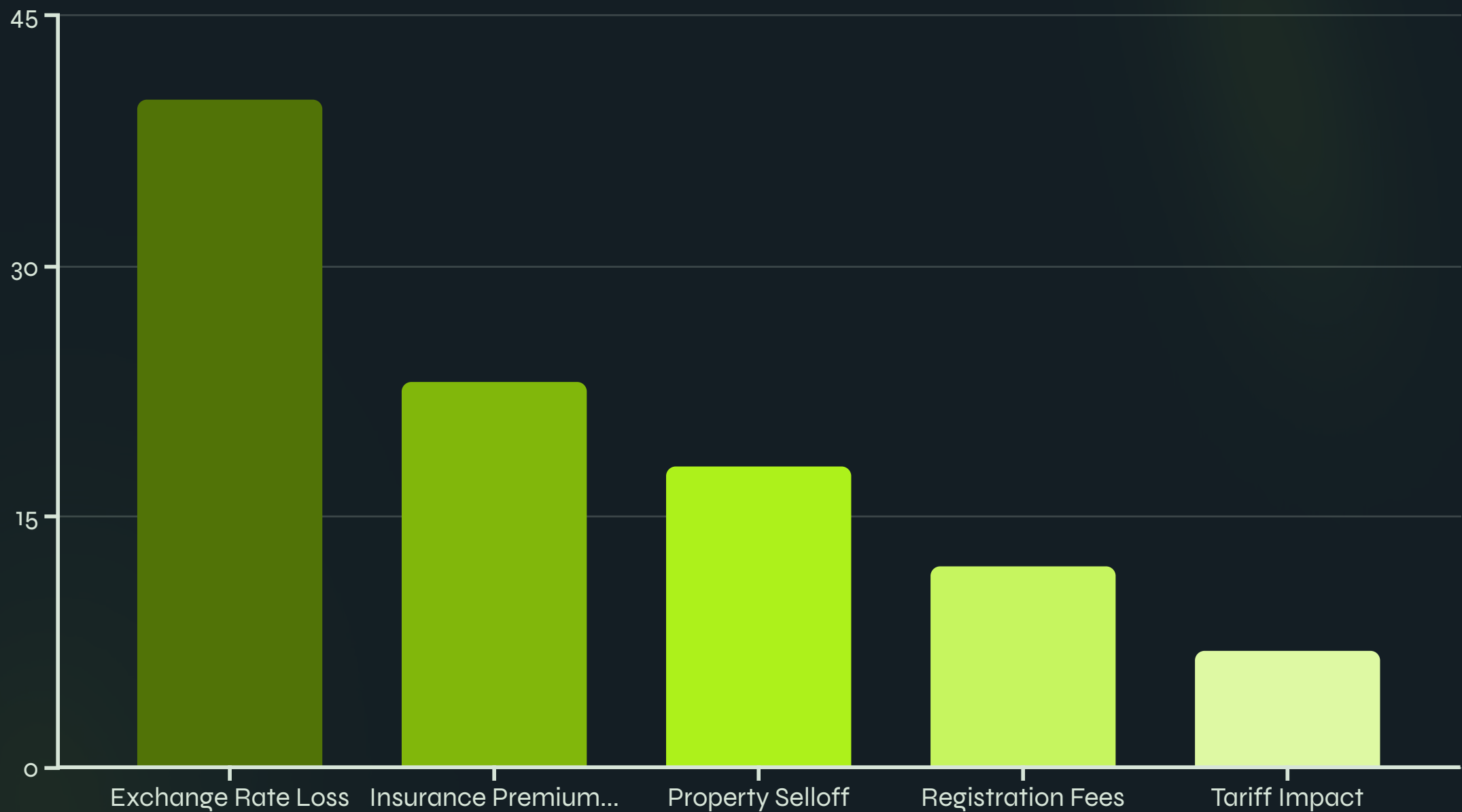
70%

**Flight Booking
Drop**

Decrease in flight bookings from Canada to the US (March 2025 vs. previous year)

The Economic Double-Whammy

The financial reality for Canadians traveling to the US has become increasingly prohibitive, especially for retirees on fixed incomes who have traditionally spent winters in warmer US states.



"When you factor in the exchange rate, increased insurance costs, and new registration fees, my winter in Florida would cost nearly double what it did five years ago," reports one Ontario snowbird.

Healthcare Complications

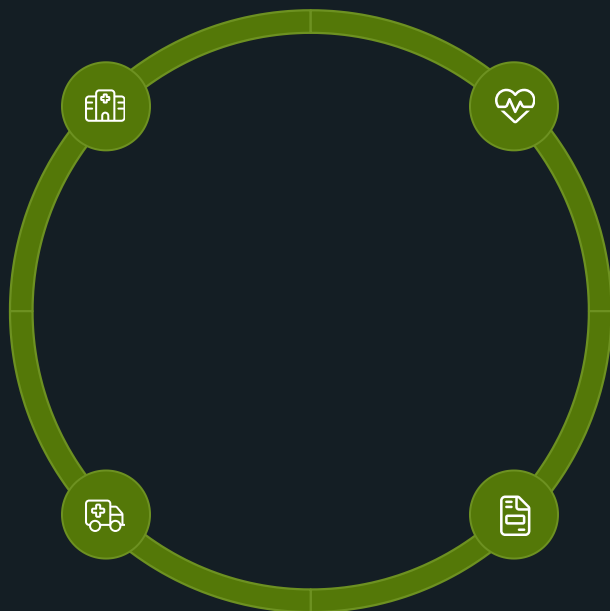
For many Canadians, particularly seniors, healthcare access has become increasingly complicated in the US, adding another layer of risk for travelers with ongoing medical conditions.

Insurance Exclusions

Many US medical facilities now require additional documentation beyond standard travel insurance

Emergency Care Costs

The average cost of an emergency room visit for Canadians has increased to \$3,700 USD



Pre-existing Condition Scrutiny

Insurers have tightened restrictions on coverage for pre-existing conditions

Claim Denial Rates

Canadian insurance companies report a 34% increase in US medical claim denials

The Psychological Impact

Beyond practical considerations, many Canadians report feeling unwelcome or uncomfortable in the current US climate, adding an emotional dimension to travel decisions.



This psychological dimension shouldn't be underestimated – vacation destinations are chosen not just for weather and amenities, but for how welcome and comfortable travelers feel.



Business Travel Decline

It's not just leisure travelers reconsidering US trips. Canadian businesses are shifting their approaches as well, with long-term implications for Canadian-US business relationships.



Corporate Policy Changes

42% of major Canadian corporations have implemented new approval processes for US business travel



Virtual Alternatives

68% report increased use of virtual meetings instead of in-person US meetings



Trade Show Attendance

Canadian participation in US trade shows has declined by 37%



Alternative Venues

International conferences previously held in US cities are increasingly relocating to Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal