

03_canada_visitor_entries_cleaning_eda

December 27, 2025

1 Canada Visitor Entries Cleaning and EDA

Data Source: Stats Canada Table 24-10-0050-01 - Canada-wide (manually extracted)

Location: data/interim/nonresident_visitors_canada_manual.csv

Purpose: Clean, validate, and perform EDA on Canada-wide visitor entries data

Date: December 2025

1.1 Objectives

1. Clean and validate Canada-wide visitor entries data
2. Validate against Travel Manitoba Q4 2024 & Q1 2024 infographics
3. Explore trends by country of residence
4. Prepare dataset for Power BI dashboard

1.2 Setup

```
[14]: # Path setup
import sys
from pathlib import Path
project_root = Path.cwd().parent
sys.path.insert(0, str(project_root / 'scripts'))
from paths import raw, processed, interim
```

```
[15]: # Libraries
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from datetime import datetime

# Plotting style
plt.style.use('seaborn-v0_8-darkgrid')
sns.set_palette('husl')
%matplotlib inline

# Display options
pd.set_option('display.max_columns', None)
pd.set_option('display.float_format', '{:,.0f}'.format)
```

```
print(' Libraries loaded')
```

Libraries loaded

1.3 Part 1: Data Loading & Cleaning

1.3.1 1.1 Load Raw Data

```
[16]: csv_path = interim() / 'nonresident_visitors_canada_manual.csv'
```

```
if not csv_path.exists():
    print(f'ERROR: File not found at {csv_path}')
else:
    print(f' Found: {csv_path}')
    print(f' Size: {csv_path.stat().st_size:,} bytes')
```

Found: /Users/dpro/projects/travel_manitoba/data/interim/nonresident_visitors_canada_manual.csv
Size: 18,980 bytes

```
[17]: # Load CSV
df_raw = pd.read_csv(csv_path, encoding='utf-8-sig')

print('RAW DATA')
print('='*80)
print(f'Shape: {df_raw.shape}')
print(f'\nFirst 8 rows:')
df_raw.head(8)
```

RAW DATA

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Shape: (38, 71)

First 8 rows:

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[17]:
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	Country of residence 2	Jan-20	Feb-20	\
0	Non-resident visitors entering Canada	1,567,317	1,595,707	
1	United States of America residents entering Ca...	1,201,690	1,281,300	
2	Residents of countries other than the United S...	365,627	314,407	
3	Americas, countries other than the United Stat...	63,362	55,995	
4	North America, countries other than the United...	30,836	27,304	
5	Central America	2,439	2,212	
6	Caribbean	10,846	9,746	
7	South America	19,241	16,733	

	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	\
0	760,252	67,654	86,362	121,524	141,772	158,664	147,777	139,916	
1	610,781	51,042	72,078	101,607	113,414	120,824	112,980	112,513	

2	149,471	16,612	14,284	19,917	28,358	37,840	34,797	27,403
3	31,895	10,019	7,187	8,012	7,323	7,237	4,463	3,599
4	16,864	5,840	3,223	4,029	4,138	3,496	1,990	1,443
5	1,210	1,338	2,130	1,931	563	705	409	358
6	5,845	2,704	1,693	1,672	2,200	2,452	1,211	831
7	7,976	137	141	380	422	584	853	967

	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	\
0	127,159	154,246	120,921	101,655	123,583	130,634	140,287	162,940	
1	98,444	113,887	86,456	75,398	95,943	95,634	113,451	128,447	
2	28,715	40,359	34,465	26,257	27,640	35,000	26,836	34,493	
3	4,316	6,434	7,637	5,606	8,706	12,826	9,313	9,754	
4	1,397	2,035	4,013	2,710	5,117	7,566	4,138	4,045	
5	503	479	548	709	1,073	1,832	1,908	1,987	
6	1,111	1,656	1,659	691	1,993	2,834	2,032	2,223	
7	1,305	2,264	1,417	1,496	523	594	1,235	1,499	

	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	\
0	258,469	600,982	671,662	649,352	560,271	761,360	298,217	419,837	
1	194,799	509,669	518,223	488,616	439,089	550,264	218,558	314,845	
2	63,670	91,313	153,439	160,736	121,182	211,096	79,659	104,992	
3	9,842	11,640	20,237	23,891	23,619	46,126	20,054	24,196	
4	3,459	4,139	8,106	11,288	12,522	22,485	11,367	13,876	
5	1,307	1,145	1,477	1,516	1,171	1,723	1,048	1,358	
6	3,071	3,654	4,742	5,170	4,674	9,605	2,905	3,232	
7	2,005	2,702	5,912	5,917	5,252	12,313	4,734	5,730	

	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	\
0	614,160	1,001,313	1,428,129	2,188,742	2,814,980	2,515,454	2,029,087	
1	465,235	759,600	1,112,682	1,724,681	2,193,729	1,968,894	1,560,470	
2	148,925	241,713	315,447	464,061	621,251	546,560	468,617	
3	36,112	58,636	56,410	80,835	96,836	81,498	70,778	
4	21,364	32,025	28,502	38,753	48,103	40,951	37,310	
5	2,014	3,979	3,217	4,187	3,857	3,063	2,861	
6	5,974	11,338	8,542	13,731	18,565	17,023	12,000	
7	6,760	11,294	16,149	24,164	26,311	20,461	18,607	

	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	\
0	1,755,938	1,268,343	1,589,448	1,107,737	1,200,979	1,382,309	
1	1,388,757	1,036,655	1,221,069	866,679	945,125	1,094,111	
2	367,181	231,688	368,379	241,058	255,854	288,198	
3	58,893	53,155	88,933	55,245	57,871	74,654	
4	30,811	28,054	49,637	32,031	34,056	42,446	
5	2,189	1,955	2,965	2,503	2,343	3,226	
6	10,356	8,182	16,449	8,378	9,554	11,203	
7	15,537	14,964	19,882	12,333	11,918	17,779	

	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	\
0	1,674,026	2,377,019	3,354,384	3,998,113	3,605,712	2,857,225	
1	1,300,810	1,831,775	2,652,705	3,130,621	2,834,744	2,174,918	
2	373,216	545,244	701,679	867,492	770,968	682,307	
3	92,600	90,704	116,307	141,603	137,941	115,783	
4	56,789	49,022	56,882	69,296	74,056	47,360	
5	5,116	4,851	6,796	6,769	5,102	5,636	
6	15,742	14,952	20,841	28,585	29,411	18,966	
7	14,953	21,879	31,788	36,953	29,372	43,821	

	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	\
0	2,138,008	1,520,059	1,993,965	1,189,366	1,459,708	1,682,944	
1	1,628,185	1,219,676	1,524,595	910,621	1,127,588	1,336,056	
2	509,823	300,383	469,370	278,745	332,120	346,888	
3	79,856	68,002	125,278	67,502	73,312	79,114	
4	38,637	33,572	69,804	39,925	44,813	36,592	
5	4,104	3,412	5,280	3,524	3,215	4,486	
6	15,218	11,831	23,669	10,537	11,583	15,009	
7	21,897	19,187	26,525	13,516	13,701	23,027	

	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	\
0	1,886,774	2,687,964	3,643,749	4,260,020	4,007,080	2,882,158	
1	1,476,081	2,072,414	2,897,819	3,353,349	3,195,854	2,198,468	
2	410,693	615,550	745,930	906,671	811,226	683,690	
3	71,999	84,859	109,670	123,899	115,404	91,587	
4	33,200	33,415	38,466	46,734	47,172	31,326	
5	6,573	6,923	8,818	6,929	5,885	6,086	
6	15,679	17,936	24,360	30,534	30,590	19,803	
7	16,547	26,585	38,026	39,702	31,757	34,372	

	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	\
0	2,252,283	1,734,045	2,132,061	1,414,635	1,391,190	1,587,932	
1	1,760,987	1,448,685	1,685,491	1,105,027	1,076,683	1,257,520	
2	491,296	285,360	446,570	309,608	314,507	330,412	
3	68,478	61,664	97,319	60,640	57,328	68,389	
4	24,055	22,799	41,743	28,798	27,247	29,990	
5	4,837	3,544	5,702	4,646	3,415	4,301	
6	17,125	11,545	21,765	10,899	11,201	12,991	
7	22,461	23,776	28,109	16,297	15,465	21,107	

	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25
0	1,824,703	2,595,836	3,571,205	4,250,749	4,037,165	2,876,327	2,363,398
1	1,360,708	1,969,363	2,786,594	3,251,100	3,151,192	2,142,122	1,814,406
2	463,995	626,473	784,611	999,649	885,973	734,205	548,992
3	88,195	85,126	116,139	139,696	128,247	88,343	73,653
4	41,905	31,407	37,453	50,484	52,790	30,593	25,301
5	8,122	7,449	10,115	9,532	7,598	6,949	5,808

6	18,841	18,533	27,621	37,038	34,859	20,066	17,938
7	19,327	27,737	40,950	42,642	33,000	30,735	24,606

1.3.2 1.2 Clean Numeric Columns

```
[18]: def clean_numeric_column(series):
        """Remove commas, quotes, convert to float."""
        return (
            series
            .astype(str)
            .str.replace(',', '', regex=False)
            .str.replace("'", '', regex=False)
            .str.strip()
            .replace('', np.nan)
            .replace('nan', np.nan)
            .astype('float')
        )

# Clean data
df_cleaned = df_raw.copy()

# Get month columns (all except first)
month_cols = df_cleaned.columns[1:].tolist()

# Rename first column
df_cleaned.columns = ['country'] + month_cols

# Clean all numeric columns
for col in month_cols:
    df_cleaned[col] = clean_numeric_column(df_cleaned[col])

print(' Cleaned numeric columns')
print(f'\nData types:')
print(df_cleaned.dtypes)
```

Cleaned numeric columns

Data types:

country	object
Jan-20	float64
Feb-20	float64
Mar-20	float64
Apr-20	float64
...	
Jun-25	float64
Jul-25	float64
Aug-25	float64
Sep-25	float64

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Oct-25      float64
Length: 71, dtype: object
```

1.3.3 1.3 Data Quality Checks

```
[19]: print('DATA QUALITY SUMMARY')
      print('='*80)
      print(f'Total rows: {len(df_cleaned)}')
      print(f'Total columns: {len(df_cleaned.columns)}')
      print(f'Date range: {month_cols[0]} to {month_cols[-1]}')

      print(f'\nNull values per column:')
      null_summary = df_cleaned.isnull().sum()
      if null_summary.sum() > 0:
          print(null_summary[null_summary > 0])
      else:
          print('None - dataset is complete!')

      print(f'\nFirst 10 countries/categories:')
      print(df_cleaned['country'].head(10).tolist())
```

DATA QUALITY SUMMARY

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Total rows: 38

Total columns: 71

Date range: Jan-20 to Oct-25

Null values per column:

None - dataset is complete!

First 10 countries/categories:

```
['Non-resident visitors entering Canada', 'United States of America residents
entering Canada', 'Residents of countries other than the United States of
America entering Canada', 'Americas, countries other than the United States of
America', 'North America, countries other than the United States of America',
'Central America', 'Caribbean', 'South America', 'Americas, n.o.s. 3', 'Europe']
```

1.3.4 1.4 Validate Against Infographics

```
[20]: print('VALIDATION AGAINST TRAVEL MANITOBA INFOGRAPHICS')
      print('='*80)

      # Get US visitors row
      us_visitors = df_cleaned[df_cleaned['country'] ==
                              'United States of America residents entering Canada'].
          ↪copy()

      if not us_visitors.empty:
```

```

us_data = us_visitors.iloc[0]

# Q4 2024 Validation
q4_2024 = us_data[['Oct-24', 'Nov-24', 'Dec-24']].sum()
expected_q4 = 4_895_163

print('\nQ4 2024 (U.S. Visitors into Canada)')
print('-'*60)
print(f'Calculated: {q4_2024:>12,.0f}')
print(f'Expected:    {expected_q4:>12,}')
print(f'Difference: {abs(q4_2024 - expected_q4):>12,.0f}')

if abs(q4_2024 - expected_q4) < 10:
    print(' VALIDATION PASSED')
else:
    print(' VALIDATION FAILED')

# Q1 2024 Validation
q1_2024 = us_data[['Jan-24', 'Feb-24', 'Mar-24']].sum()
expected_q1 = 3_374_265

print('\nQ1 2024 (U.S. Visitors into Canada)')
print('-'*60)
print(f'Calculated: {q1_2024:>12,.0f}')
print(f'Expected:    {expected_q1:>12,}')
print(f'Difference: {abs(q1_2024 - expected_q1):>12,.0f}')

if abs(q1_2024 - expected_q1) < 10:
    print(' VALIDATION PASSED')
else:
    print(' VALIDATION FAILED')

```

VALIDATION AGAINST TRAVEL MANITOBA INFOGRAPHICS

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Q4 2024 (U.S. Visitors into Canada)

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Calculated:    4,895,163
Expected:      4,895,163
Difference:          0
VALIDATION PASSED

```

Q1 2024 (U.S. Visitors into Canada)

```

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Calculated:    3,374,265
Expected:      3,374,265
Difference:          0
VALIDATION PASSED

```

1.4 Part 2: Exploratory Data Analysis

1.4.1 2.1 Reshape Data for Time Series

```
[21]: # Melt to long format
df_long = df_cleaned.melt(
    id_vars=['country'],
    value_vars=month_cols,
    var_name='month',
    value_name='visitors'
)

# Parse dates from 'Jan-20' format
def parse_month_year(month_str):
    parts = month_str.split('-')
    month_abbr = parts[0]
    year = '20' + parts[1]
    return pd.to_datetime(f"{month_abbr}-{year}", format='%b-%Y')

df_long['date'] = df_long['month'].apply(parse_month_year)
df_long = df_long.sort_values('date')

print(f'Long format shape: {df_long.shape}')
print(f'Date range: {df_long["date"].min()} to {df_long["date"].max()}')
df_long.head()
```

Long format shape: (2660, 4)

Date range: 2020-01-01 00:00:00 to 2025-10-01 00:00:00

```
[21]:
```

		country	month	visitors	date
0	Non-resident visitors entering	Canada	Jan-20	1,567,317	2020-01-01
21		Southern Africa	Jan-20	1,033	2020-01-01
22		Africa, n.o.s. 5	Jan-20	0	2020-01-01
23		Asia	Jan-20	143,201	2020-01-01
24		Middle East	Jan-20	5,586	2020-01-01

1.4.2 2.2 Total Non-Resident Visitors Over Time

```
[22]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(14, 6))

total_visitors = df_long[df_long['country'] == 'Non-resident visitors entering_
↳Canada'].copy()

ax.plot(total_visitors['date'], total_visitors['visitors'],
        linewidth=2, marker='o', markersize=3, color='steelblue')

ax.axvline(pd.Timestamp('2020-03-01'), color='red', linestyle='--',
           alpha=0.5, label='COVID-19 Start')
```



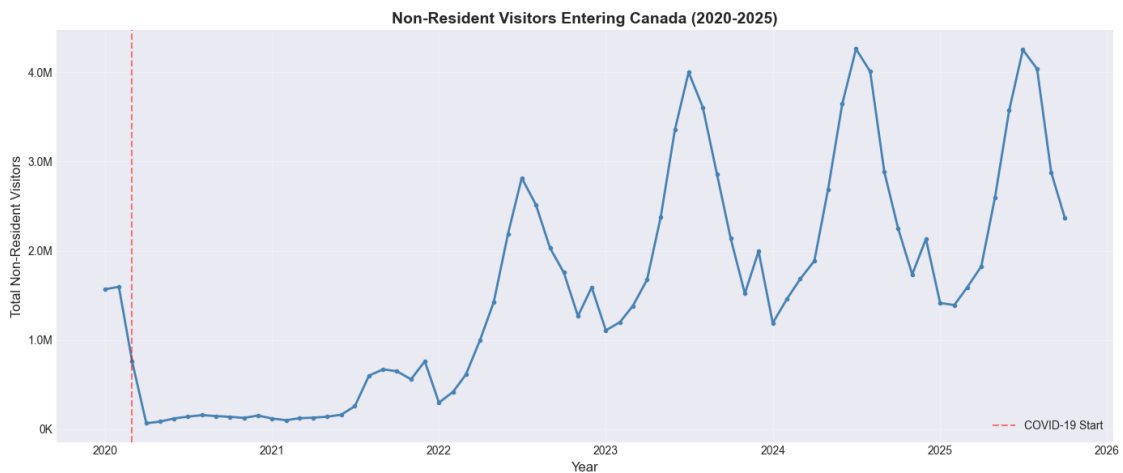
```

ax.set_xlabel('Year', fontsize=12)
ax.set_ylabel('Total Non-Resident Visitors', fontsize=12)
ax.set_title('Non-Resident Visitors Entering Canada (2020-2025)',
             fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax.legend()
ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
ax.yaxis.set_major_formatter(plt.FuncFormatter(
    lambda x, p: f'{x/1e6:.1f}M' if x >= 1e6 else f'{x/1e3:.0f}K'
))

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

print('Key Observations:')
print('- COVID-19 impact visible in 2020-2021')
print('- Recovery trend from 2022 onwards')
print('- Clear seasonal patterns (summer peaks)')

```



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- COVID-19 impact visible in 2020-2021
- Recovery trend from 2022 onwards
- Clear seasonal patterns (summer peaks)

1.4.3 2.3 U.S. vs Non-U.S. Visitors

```

[23]: fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(14, 6))

us_data = df_long[df_long['country'] ==
                    'United States of America residents entering Canada'].copy()
other_data = df_long[df_long['country'] ==

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        'Residents of countries other than the United States of
        ↪America entering Canada'].copy()

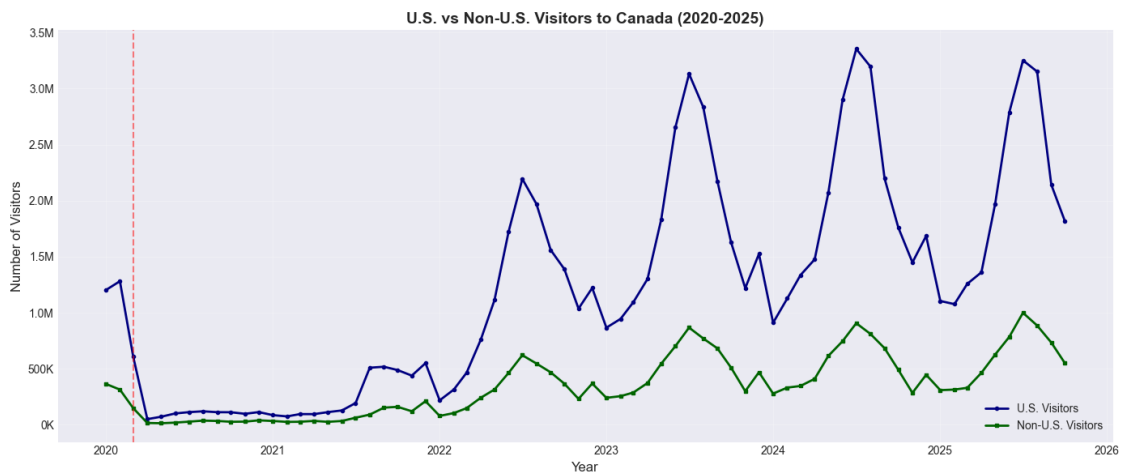
ax.plot(us_data['date'], us_data['visitors'],
        linewidth=2, marker='o', markersize=3, label='U.S. Visitors',
        ↪color='navy')
ax.plot(other_data['date'], other_data['visitors'],
        linewidth=2, marker='s', markersize=3, label='Non-U.S. Visitors',
        ↪color='darkgreen')

ax.axvline(pd.Timestamp('2020-03-01'), color='red', linestyle='--', alpha=0.5)

ax.set_xlabel('Year', fontsize=12)
ax.set_ylabel('Number of Visitors', fontsize=12)
ax.set_title('U.S. vs Non-U.S. Visitors to Canada (2020-2025)',
            fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax.legend()
ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3)
ax.yaxis.set_major_formatter(plt.FuncFormatter(
    lambda x, p: f'{x/1e6:.1f}M' if x >= 1e6 else f'{x/1e3:.0f}K'
))

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```



1.4.4 2.4 Regional Breakdown (2024)

```
[24]: # Get major regions for 2024
regions = ['United States of America residents entering Canada',
           'Europe', 'Asia',
           'Americas, countries other than the United States of America',
           'Africa', 'Oceania']

regions_2024 = df_cleaned[df_cleaned['country'].isin(regions)].copy()

# Calculate 2024 totals
cols_2024 = [col for col in month_cols if col.endswith('-24')]
regions_2024['total_2024'] = regions_2024[cols_2024].sum(axis=1)
regions_2024 = regions_2024.sort_values('total_2024', ascending=False)

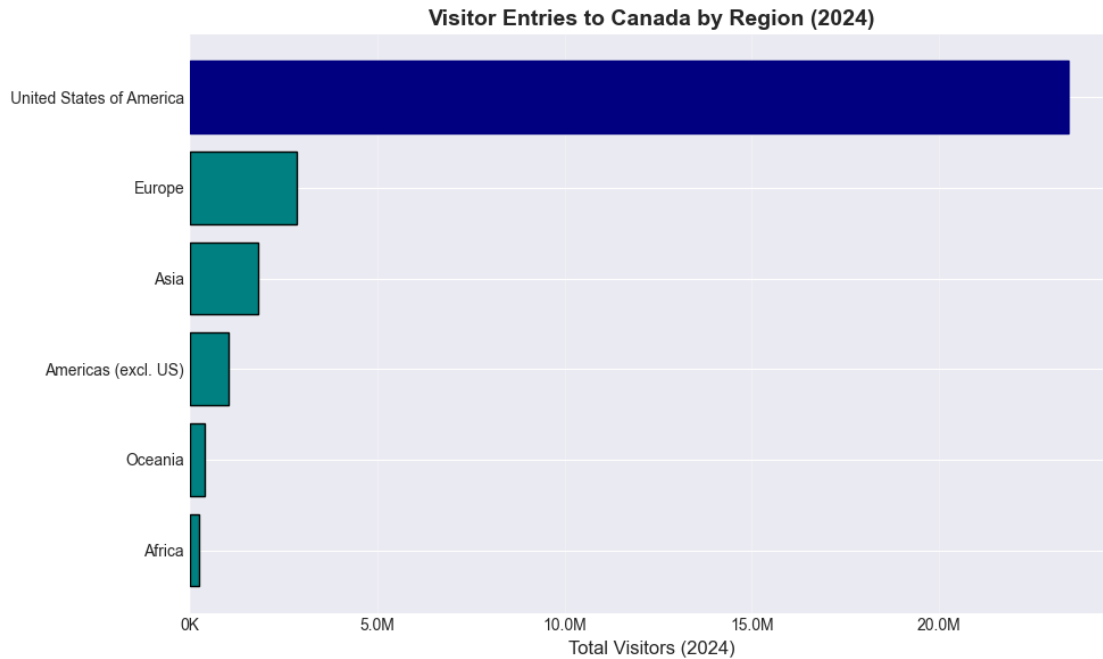
fig, ax = plt.subplots(figsize=(10, 6))

bars = ax.barh(range(len(regions_2024)), regions_2024['total_2024'],
               color='teal', edgecolor='black')

# Highlight US
us_idx = list(regions_2024['country']).index(
    'United States of America residents entering Canada')
bars[us_idx].set_color('navy')

ax.set_yticks(range(len(regions_2024)))
ax.set_yticklabels([c.replace(' residents entering Canada', '').replace(
    'Americas, countries other than the United States of America', 'Americas_')
    .replace('excl. US', '') for c in regions_2024['country']])
ax.set_xlabel('Total Visitors (2024)', fontsize=12)
ax.set_title('Visitor Entries to Canada by Region (2024)',
             fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3, axis='x')
ax.xaxis.set_major_formatter(plt.FuncFormatter(
    lambda x, p: f'{x/1e6:.1f}M' if x >= 1e6 else f'{x/1e3:.0f}K'
))

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



1.4.5 2.5 Year-over-Year Growth (2024 vs 2023)

```
[25]: # Get US visitor data for 2023 and 2024
us_row = df_cleaned[df_cleaned['country'] ==
                    'United States of America residents entering Canada'].
        iloc[0]

months_2023 = [col for col in month_cols if col.endswith('-23')]
months_2024 = [col for col in month_cols if col.endswith('-24')]

yoy_data = []
for m23, m24 in zip(months_2023, months_2024):
    val_2023 = us_row[m23]
    val_2024 = us_row[m24]
    if pd.notna(val_2023) and pd.notna(val_2024) and val_2023 > 0:
        yoy_pct = ((val_2024 - val_2023) / val_2023) * 100
        yoy_data.append({
            'month': m24.split('-')[0],
            'yoy_pct': yoy_pct,
            'val_2023': val_2023,
            'val_2024': val_2024
        })

df_yoy = pd.DataFrame(yoy_data)
```

```

fig, (ax1, ax2) = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(16, 6))

# Panel 1: Absolute values
x = np.arange(len(df_yoy))
width = 0.35

ax1.bar(x - width/2, df_yoy['val_2023'], width, label='2023',
        color='lightblue', edgecolor='black')
ax1.bar(x + width/2, df_yoy['val_2024'], width, label='2024',
        color='darkblue', edgecolor='black')

ax1.set_xlabel('Month', fontsize=12)
ax1.set_ylabel('U.S. Visitors', fontsize=12)
ax1.set_title('2024 vs 2023 Monthly Comparison', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
ax1.set_xticks(x)
ax1.set_xticklabels(df_yoy['month'])
ax1.legend()
ax1.grid(True, alpha=0.3, axis='y')
ax1.yaxis.set_major_formatter(plt.FuncFormatter(
    lambda x, p: f'{x/1e6:.1f}M' if x >= 1e6 else f'{x/1e3:.0f}K'
))

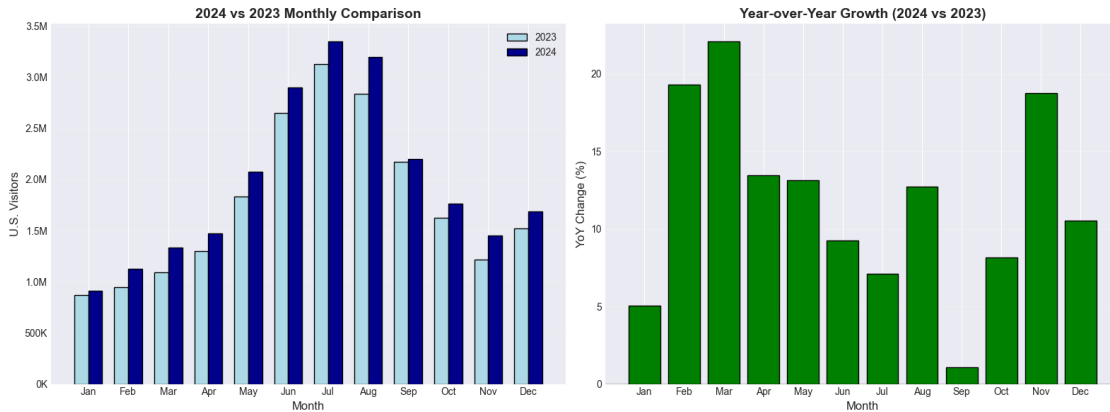
# Panel 2: YoY % change
colors = ['green' if x > 0 else 'red' for x in df_yoy['yoy_pct']]
ax2.bar(range(len(df_yoy)), df_yoy['yoy_pct'], color=colors, edgecolor='black')
ax2.axhline(0, color='black', linewidth=1)

ax2.set_xlabel('Month', fontsize=12)
ax2.set_ylabel('YoY Change (%)', fontsize=12)
ax2.set_title('Year-over-Year Growth (2024 vs 2023)', fontsize=14,
    fontweight='bold')
ax2.set_xticks(range(len(df_yoy)))
ax2.set_xticklabels(df_yoy['month'])
ax2.grid(True, alpha=0.3, axis='y')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

print('YoY Growth Summary (2024 vs 2023):')
print(f'Average growth: {df_yoy["yoy_pct"].mean():.1f}%')
print(f'Best month: {df_yoy.iloc[df_yoy["yoy_pct"].idxmax()]["month"]}↳
    ↳({df_yoy["yoy_pct"].max():.1f}%')
print(f'Worst month: {df_yoy.iloc[df_yoy["yoy_pct"].idxmin()]["month"]}↳
    ↳({df_yoy["yoy_pct"].min():.1f}%')

```



YoY Growth Summary (2024 vs 2023):

Average growth: 11.7%

Best month: Mar (+22.1%)

Worst month: Sep (1.1%)

1.5 Part 3: Save Processed Data

```
[26]: # Save cleaned wide format
output_path_wide = processed() / 'canada_visitor_entries_clean.csv'
df_cleaned.to_csv(output_path_wide, index=False)

print(' SAVED PROCESSED DATA')
print('='*80)
print(f'Location: {output_path_wide}')
print(f'Size: {output_path_wide.stat().st_size:,} bytes')
print(f'Shape: {df_cleaned.shape}')
print(f'\nReady for Power BI import!')
```

SAVED PROCESSED DATA

```
=====
Location: /Users/dpro/projects/travel_manitoba/data/processed/canada_visitor_entries_clean.csv
Size: 19,206 bytes
Shape: (38, 71)
```

Ready for Power BI import!

1.6 Summary

1.6.1 Data Cleaning

- Loaded manual CSV from interim directory
- Cleaned numeric formatting (removed commas/quotes)
- Validated Q4 2024 = 4,895,163 (exact match)

- Validated Q1 2024 = 3,374,265 (exact match)
- Saved to data/processed/canada_visitor_entries_clean.csv

1.6.2 Key Findings

1. **U.S. Dominance:** Majority of all visitors to Canada
2. **Strong Recovery:** 2024 exceeds pre-COVID levels
3. **Seasonality:** Clear summer peaks (June-August)
4. **Q4 2024 Growth:** YoY comparison

1.6.3 Next Steps

1. Import `canada_visitor_entries_clean.csv` into Power BI
2. Create measures for YoY%, YTD totals, quarterly aggregations
3. Build visualizations matching Travel Manitoba style