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WEEKLY VISITOR INSIGHTS

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Measuring Canadian Travel Patterns

JANUARY 1 - MAY 9, 2021

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 2021 and year over year 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.

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, 2020 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

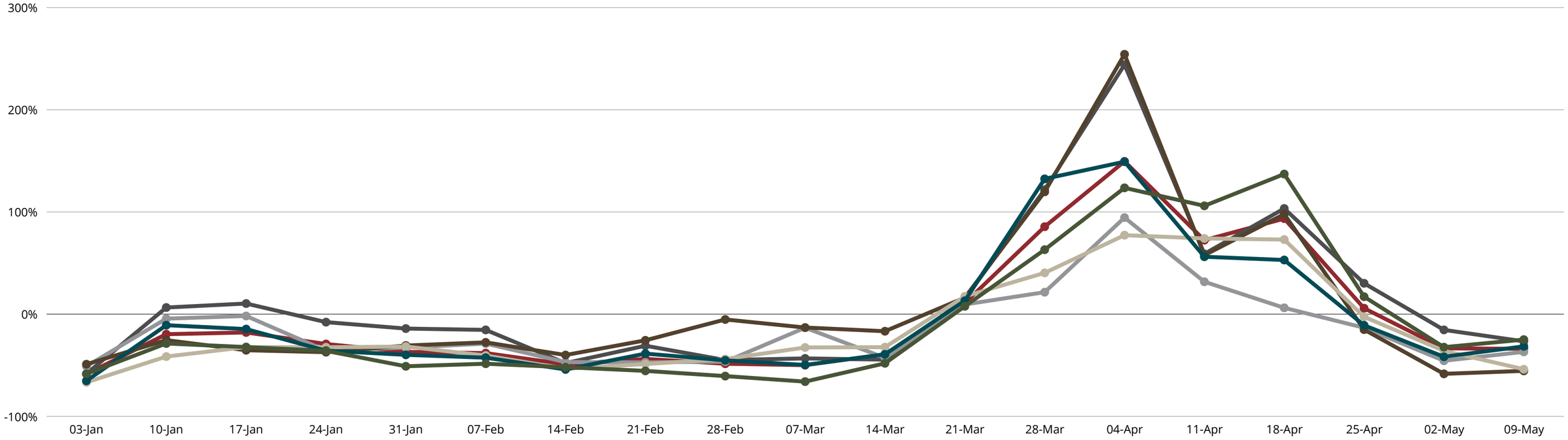
- Environics Analytics' Weekly Tourism Tracker filters data by Canada, Province or Territory. R1 or Region 1 is selected as the region from which to make comparisons, in this case, the province of BC.

- 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 VARIATION

B.C REGIONS



Key Findings:

- The Cariboo Chilcotin Coast, Kootenay Rockies, Vancouver Island and Vancouver, Coast & Mountains saw an increase in visitation when comparing Week 65 (April 26-May 2, 2021) to Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021). The Thompson Okanagan and Northern BC saw a decrease.

- British Columbia decreased by 0.4% when comparing Week 65 (April 26-May 2, 2021) to Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021).

Notes:

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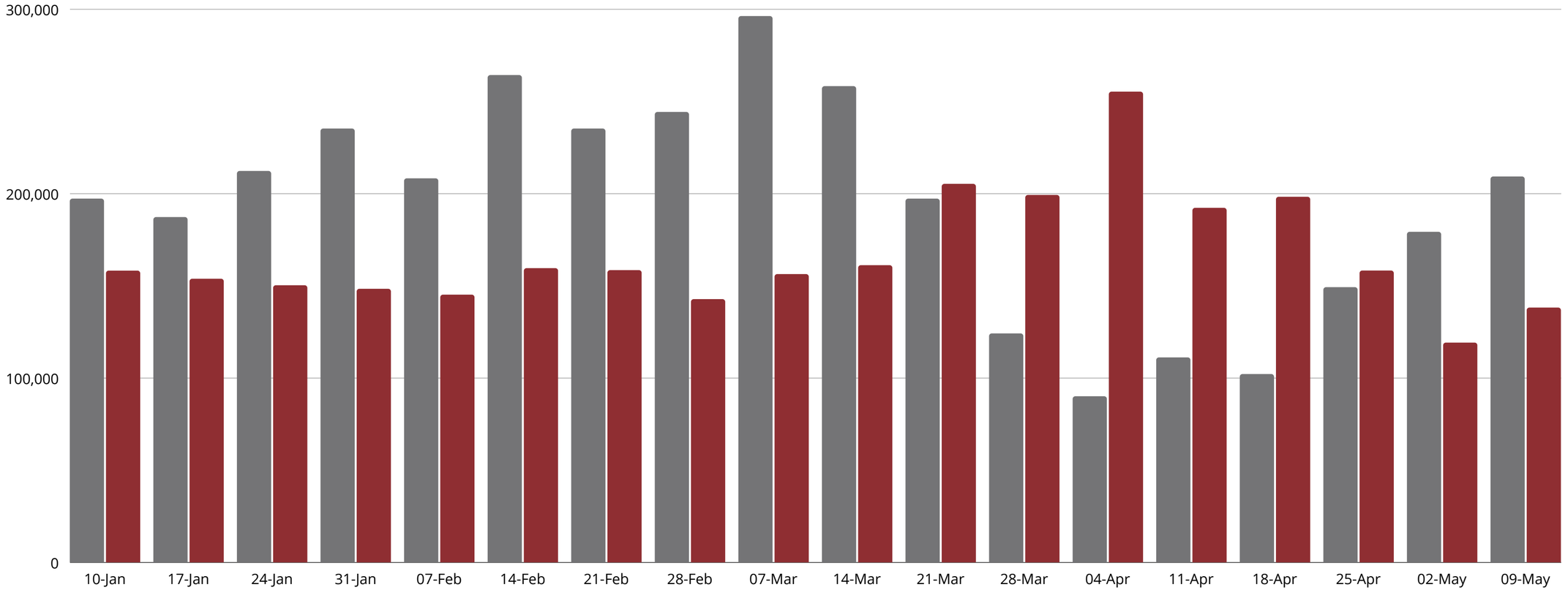
BRITISH COLUMBIA



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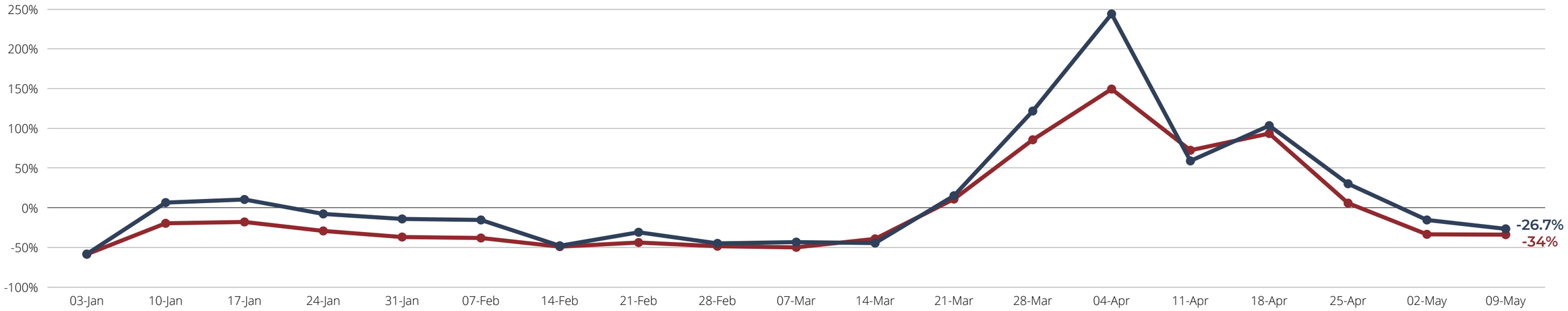
THOMPSON OKANAGAN REGION



Key Findings:

- The Thompson Okanagan saw 7% more visitation when compared to British Columbia during Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021).
- Visitation to the Thompson Okanagan decreased by 11% and British Columbia decreased by 0.4% when comparing Week 65 (April 26-May 2, 2021) to Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021).

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British Columbia (R1) Thompson Okanagan

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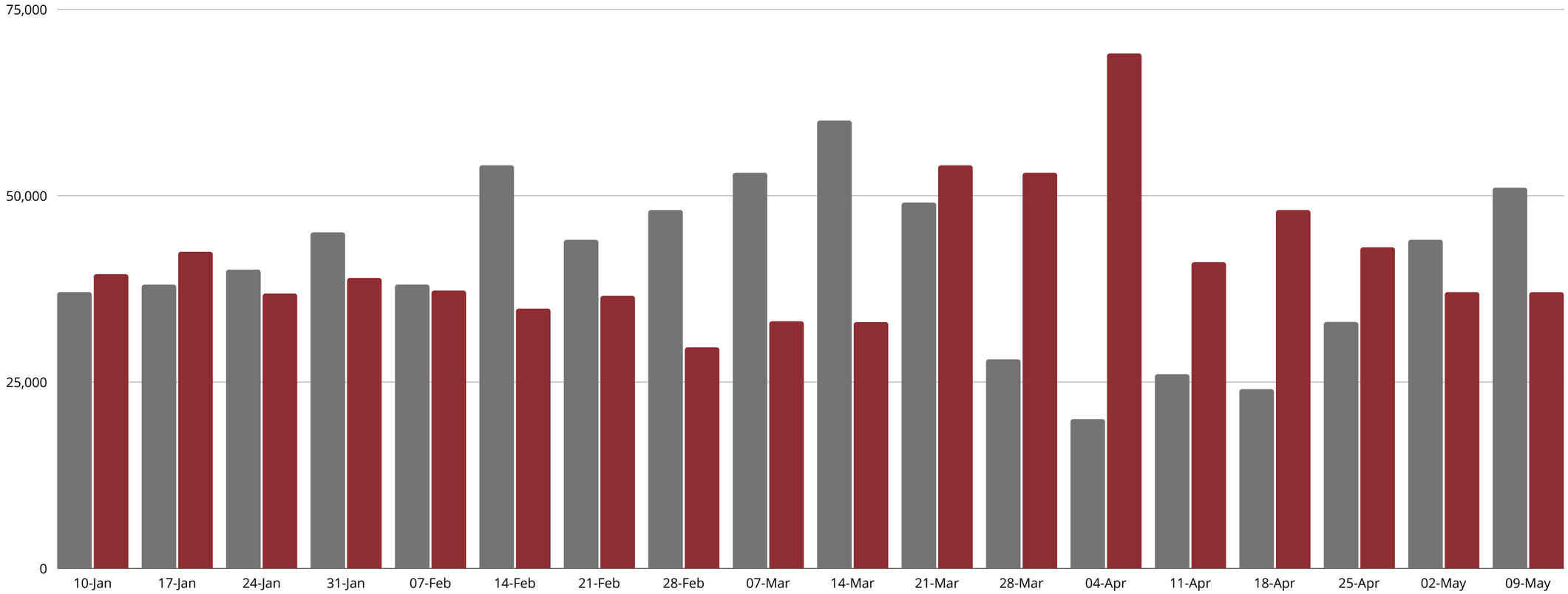
THOMPSON OKANAGAN REGION



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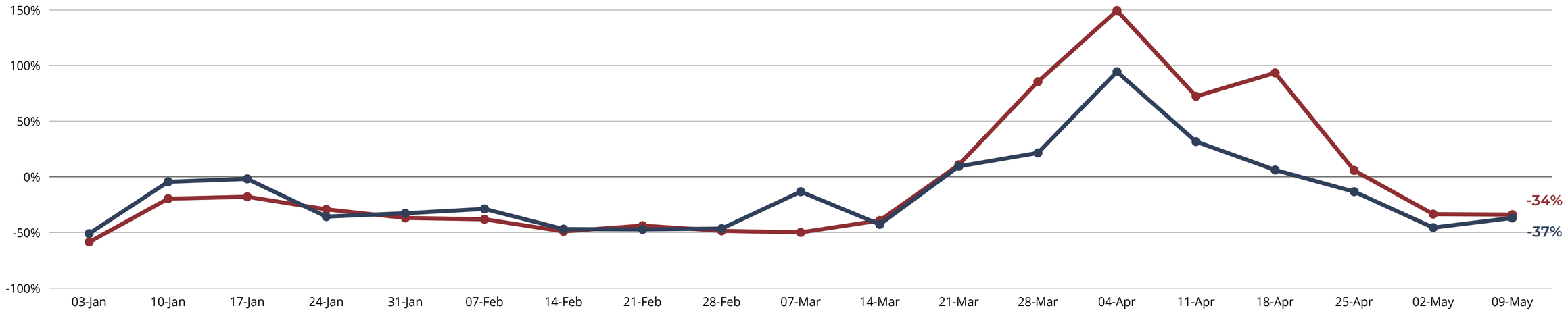
CARIBOO CHILCOTIN COAST



Key Findings:

- The Cariboo Chilcotin Coast saw 3% less visitation when compared to British Columbia during Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021).
- Visitation to the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast increased by 9% and British Columbia decreased by 0.4% when comparing Week 65 (April 26-May 2, 2021) to Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021).

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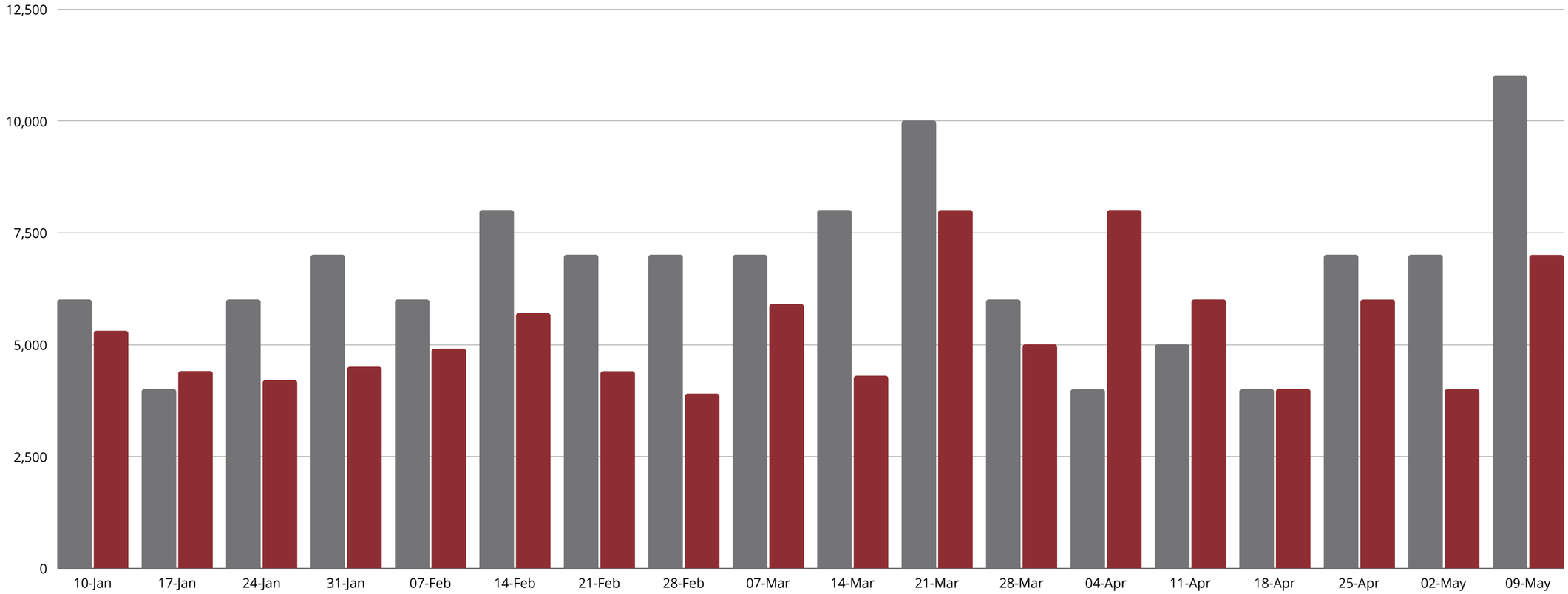
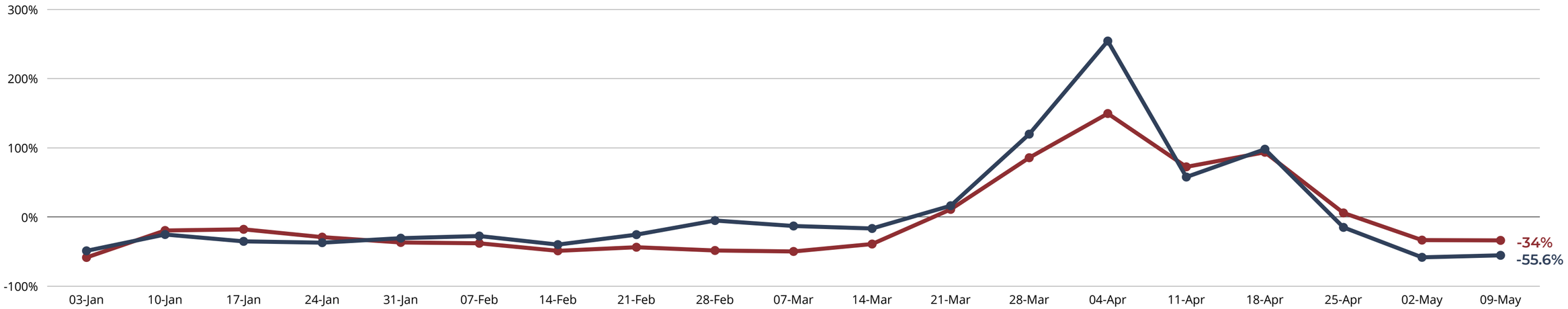


Cariboo Chilcotin Coast 2020

Cariboo Chilcotin Coast 2021

DOMESTIC OVERNIGHT VISITORS - WEEKLY YEAR OVER YEAR VARIATION

KOOTENAY ROCKIES



Key Findings:

- The Kootenay Rockies saw 22% less visitation when compared to British Columbia during Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021).
- Visitation to the Kootenay Rockies increased by 3% and British Columbia decreased by 0.4% when comparing Week 65 (April 26-May 2, 2021) to Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021).

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British Columbia (R1) Kootenay Rockies

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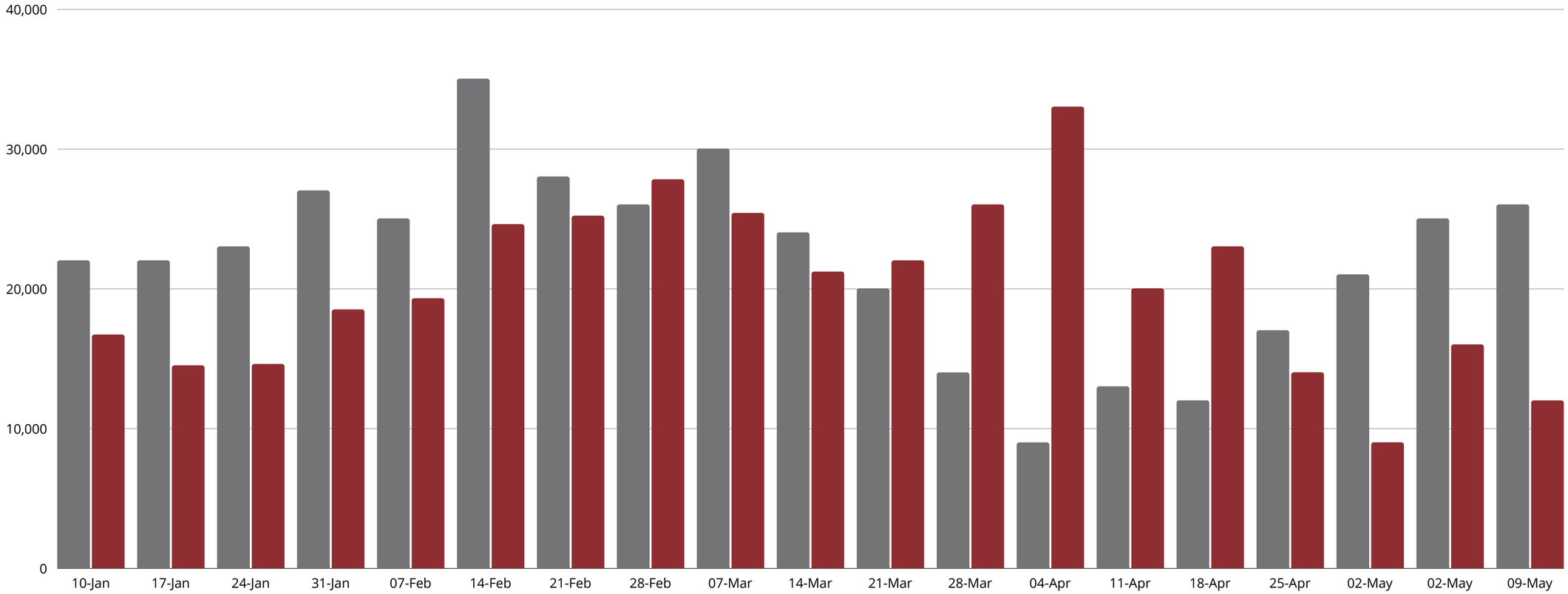

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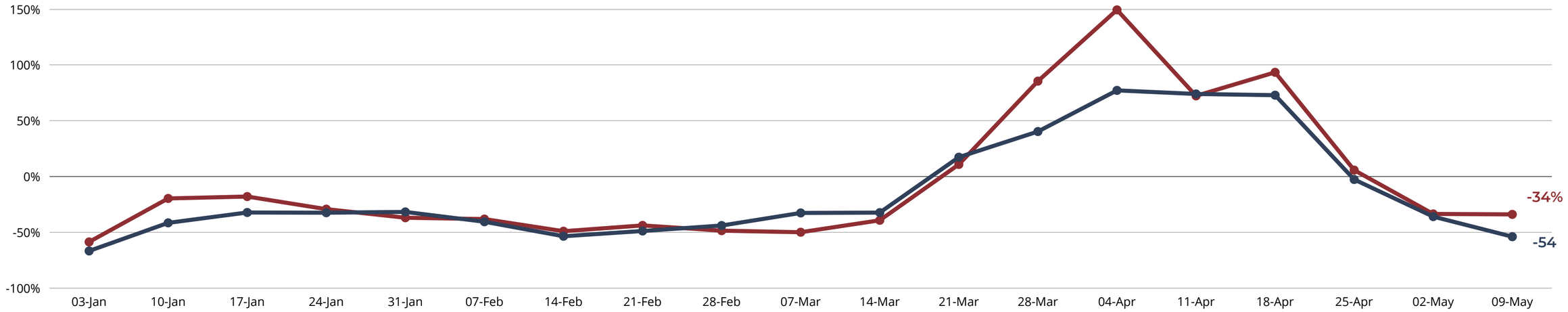
NORTHERN BC



Key Findings:

- Northern BC saw 20% less visitation when compared to British Columbia during Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021).
- Visitation to Northern BC decreased by 18% and British Columbia decreased by 0.4% when comparing Week 65 (April 26-May 2, 2021) to Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021).

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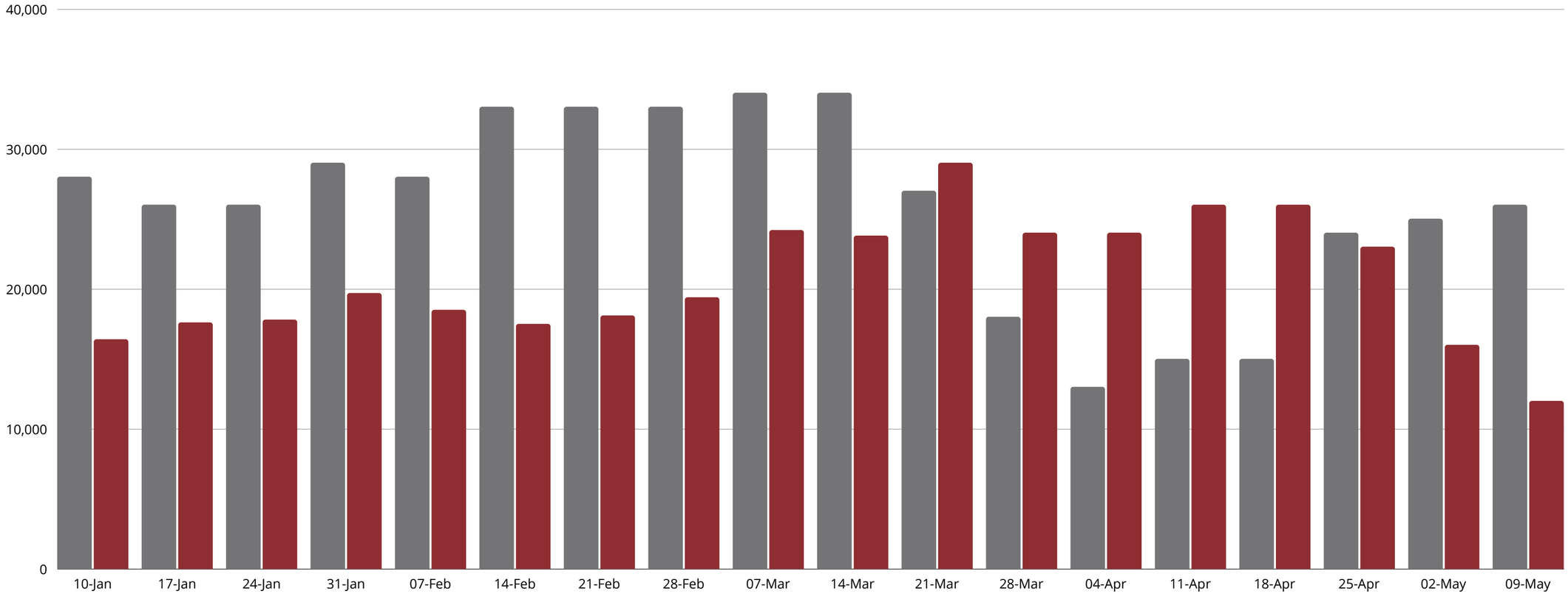

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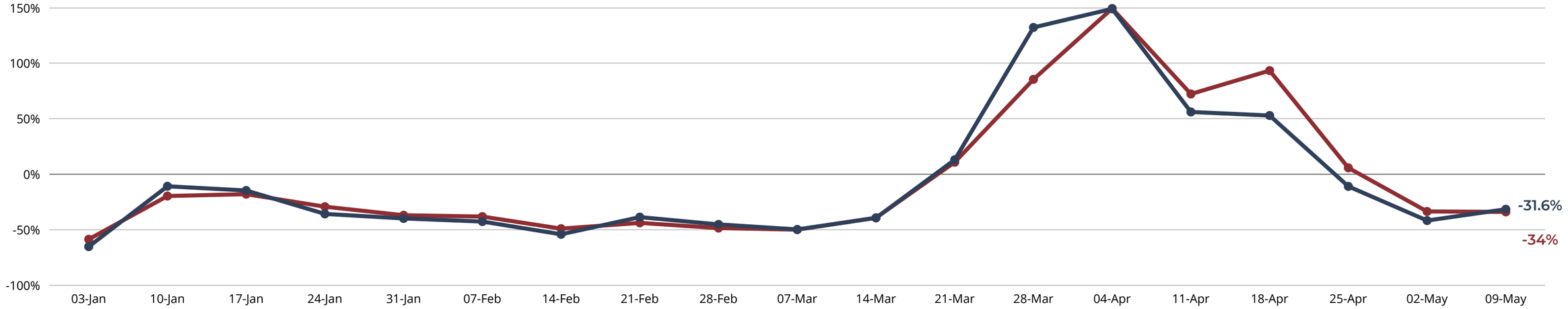
VANCOUVER ISLAND



Key Findings:

- Vancouver Island saw 2% more visitation when compared to British Columbia during Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021).
- Visitation to Vancouver Island increased by 10% and British Columbia decreased by 0.4% when comparing Week 65 (April 26-May 2, 2021) to Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021).

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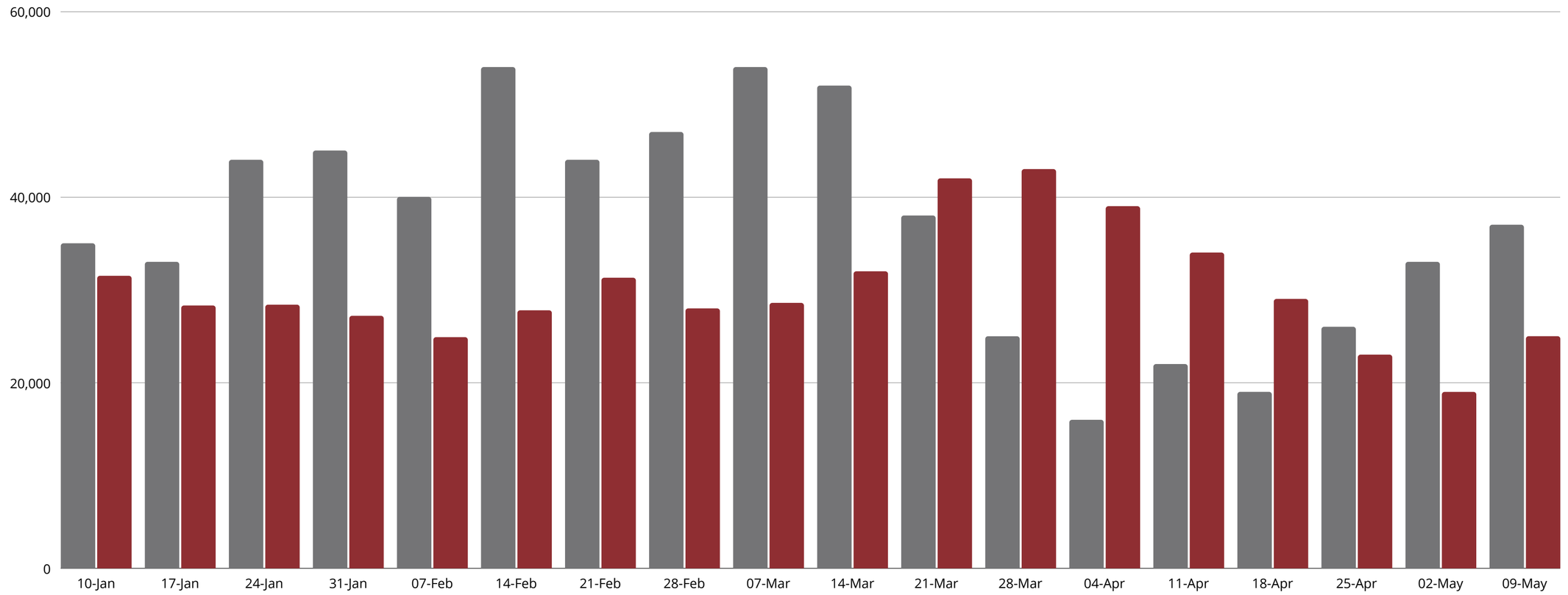

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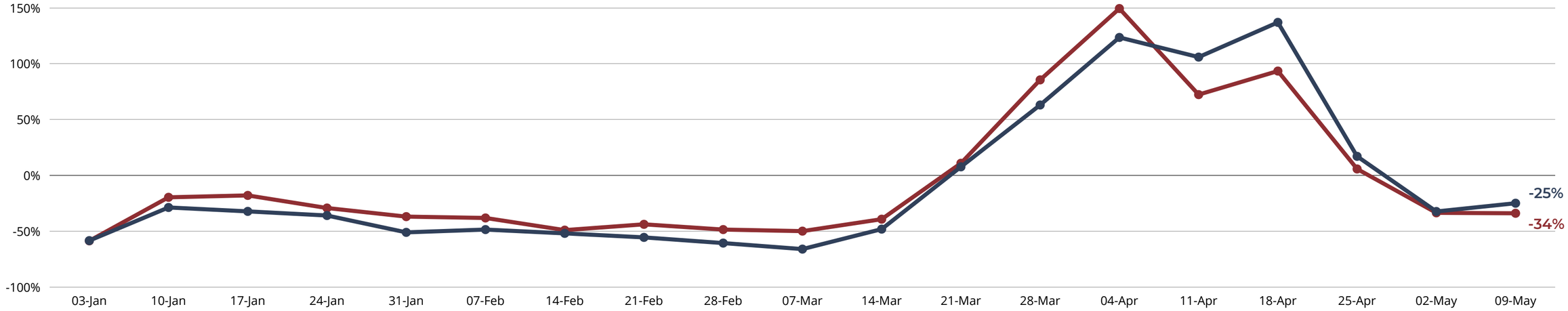
VANCOUVER, COAST & MOUNTAINS



Key Findings:

- Vancouver, Coast & Mountains saw 9% more visitation when compared to British Columbia during Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021).
- Visitation to Vancouver, Coast & Mountains increased by 7% and British Columbia decreased by 0.4% when comparing Week 65 (April 26-May 2, 2021) to Week 66 (May 3-9, 2021).

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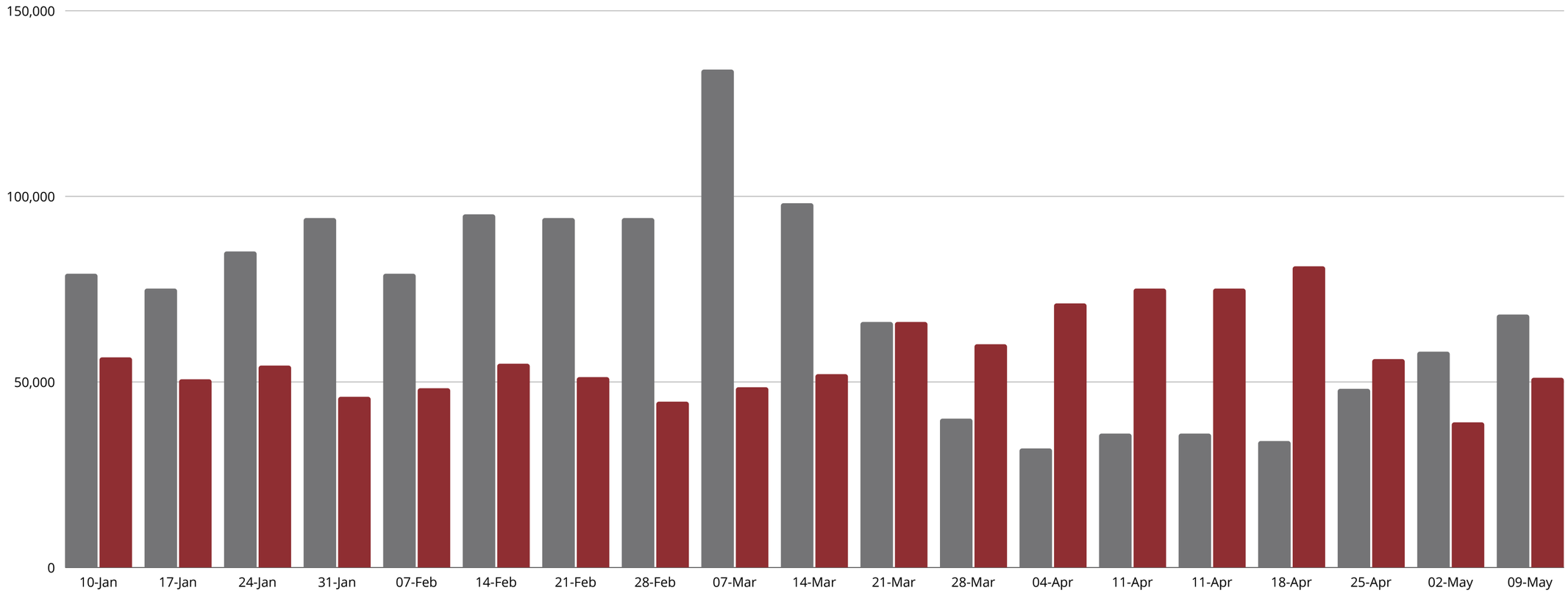

Vancouver, Coast & Mountains 2020

Vancouver, Coast & Mountains 2021

2021 Weekly Report

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STR Destination Report

MAY 2-8, 2021

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Source: STR/NCHA/BCRTS Destination Weekly Report - Week ending May 8, 2021

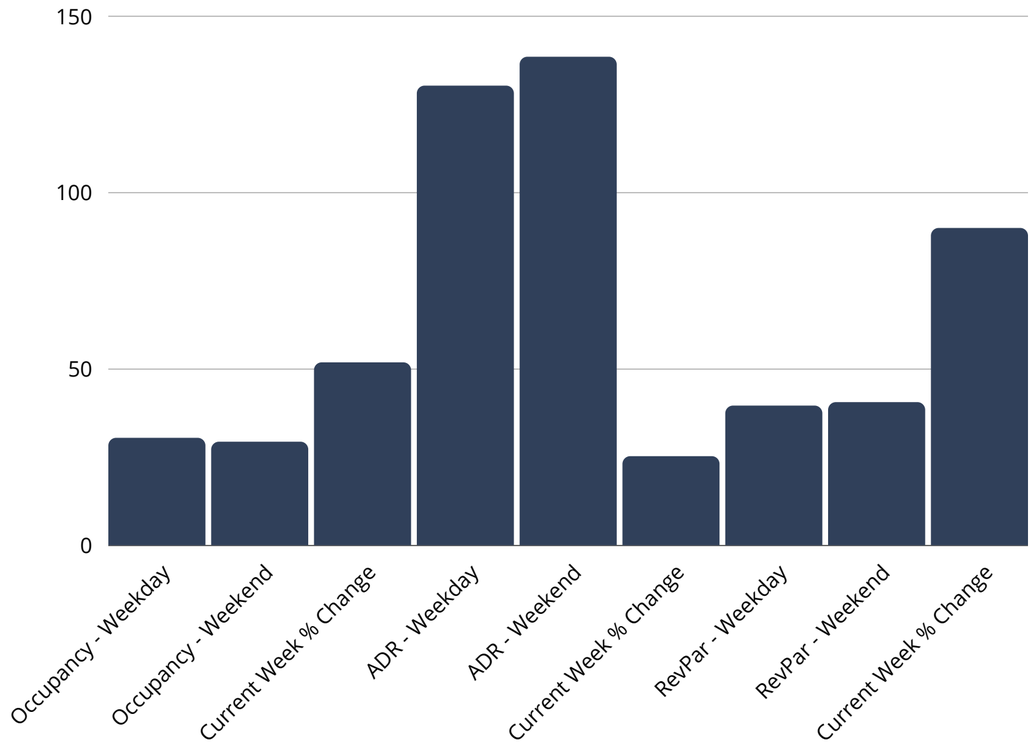
BRITISH COLUMBIA SUMMARY

MAY 2-8, 2021

- British Columbia had a **30.3%** occupancy from Monday-Friday and a **29.2%** occupancy during the weekend
    - Compared to the week of May 3, 2020, total occupancy is up **51.7%**

- British Columbia had an ADR of **130.15** from Monday-Friday and an ADR of **138.34** during the weekend
    - Compared to the week of May 3, 2020, total ADR is up **25.1%**

- British Columbia had a RevPAR of **39.44** from Monday-Friday and a RevPAR of **40.42** during the weekend
    - Compared to the week of May 3, 2020, total RevPAR is up **89.8%**



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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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