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WEEKLY VISITOR INSIGHTS

Measuring Canadian Travel Patterns

JANUARY 1 - OCTOBER 3, 2021

2021 DATA VINTAGE

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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 2021 and year over year 2019, and 2020).

- 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 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

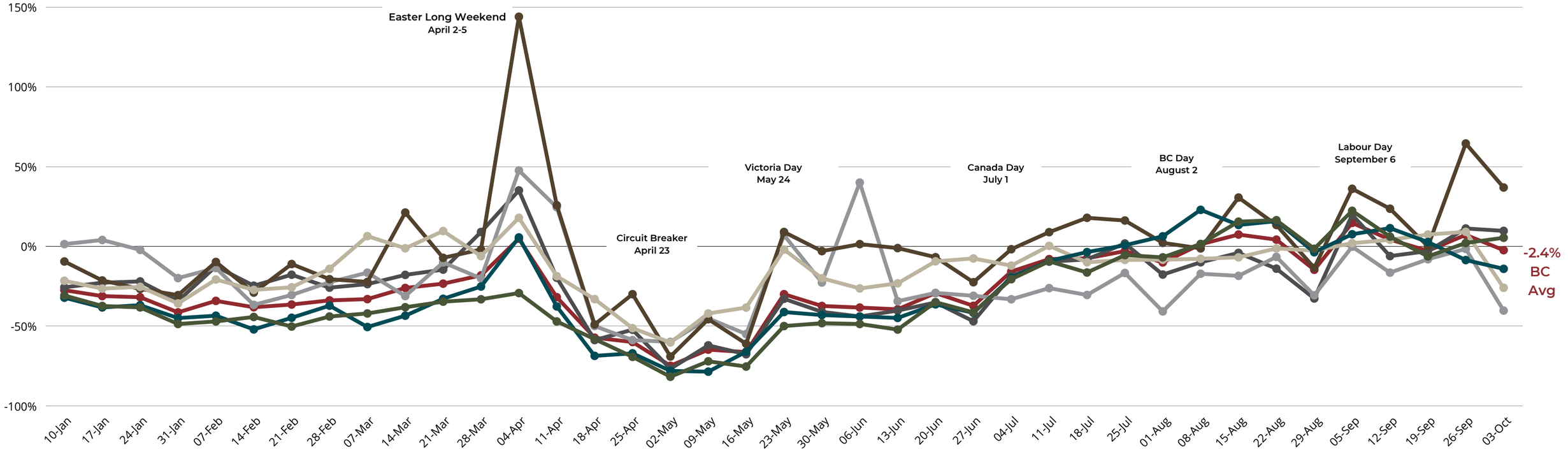
- Environics Analytics' Weekly Tourism Tracker filters data by Canada, Province or Territory. R1 or Region 1 is selected as the region from which to make comparisons, in this case, the province of BC.

- 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. 2021) VARIATION

B.C REGIONS



Key Findings:

- Average Domestic Overnight Visitation to BC for Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021) is down -2.4% compared to the same week in 2019.
- All regions with the exception of Vancouver, Coast & Mountains saw a decrease in visitation when comparing Week 38 (Sept 20-26, 2021) to Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).
- British Columbia decreased by 9.6% when comparing Week 38 (Sept 20-26, 2021) to Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).

Notes:

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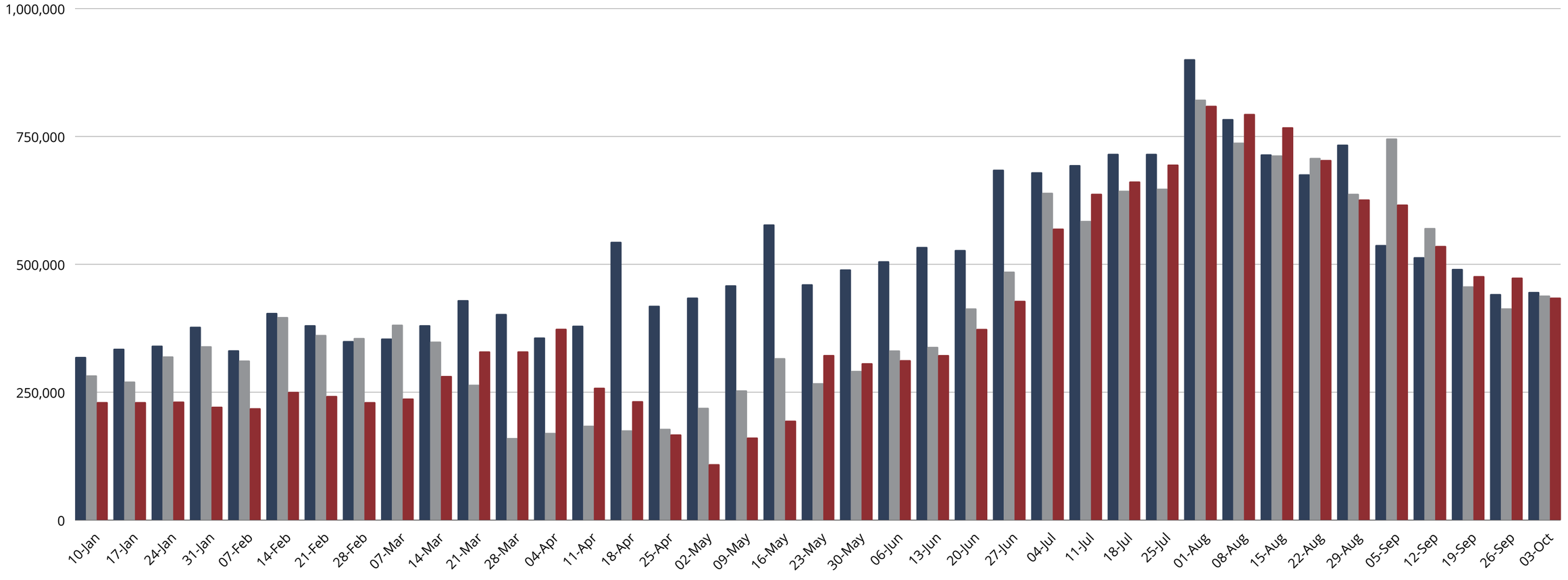
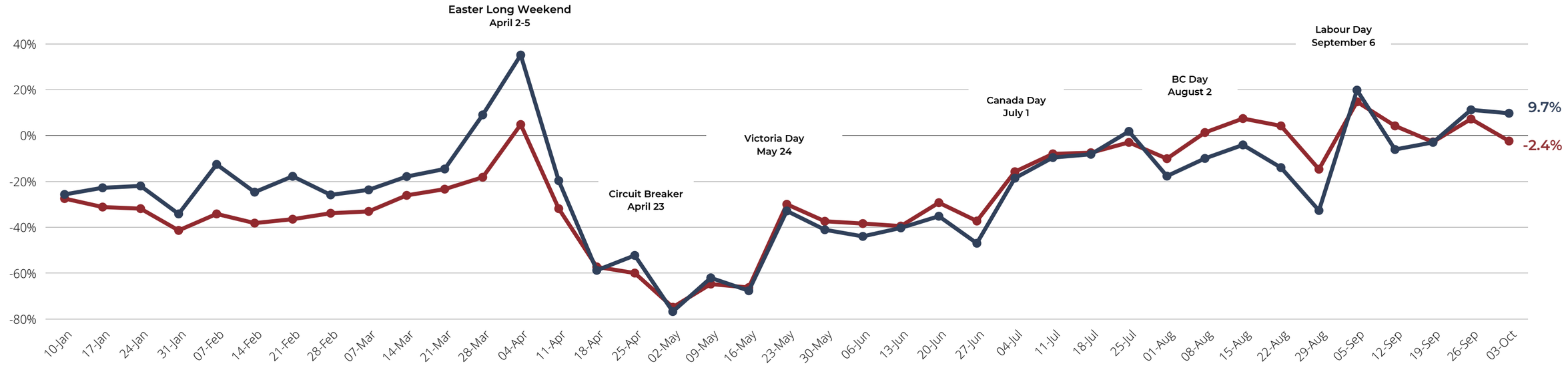
BRITISH COLUMBIA



DOMESTIC OVERNIGHT VISITORS - WEEKLY YEAR OVER YEAR (2019 VS. 2021) VARIATION

THOMPSON OKANAGAN REGION



Key Findings:

- Domestic Overnight Visitation to the Thompson Okanagan for Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021) is up 9.7% compared to the same week in 2019.
- The Thompson Okanagan saw 12.1% more visitation when compared to British Columbia during Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).
- Visitation to the Thompson Okanagan decreased by 1.5% and British Columbia decreased by 9.6% when comparing Week 38 (Sept 20-26, 2021) to Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).

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British Columbia (R1) Thompson Okanagan

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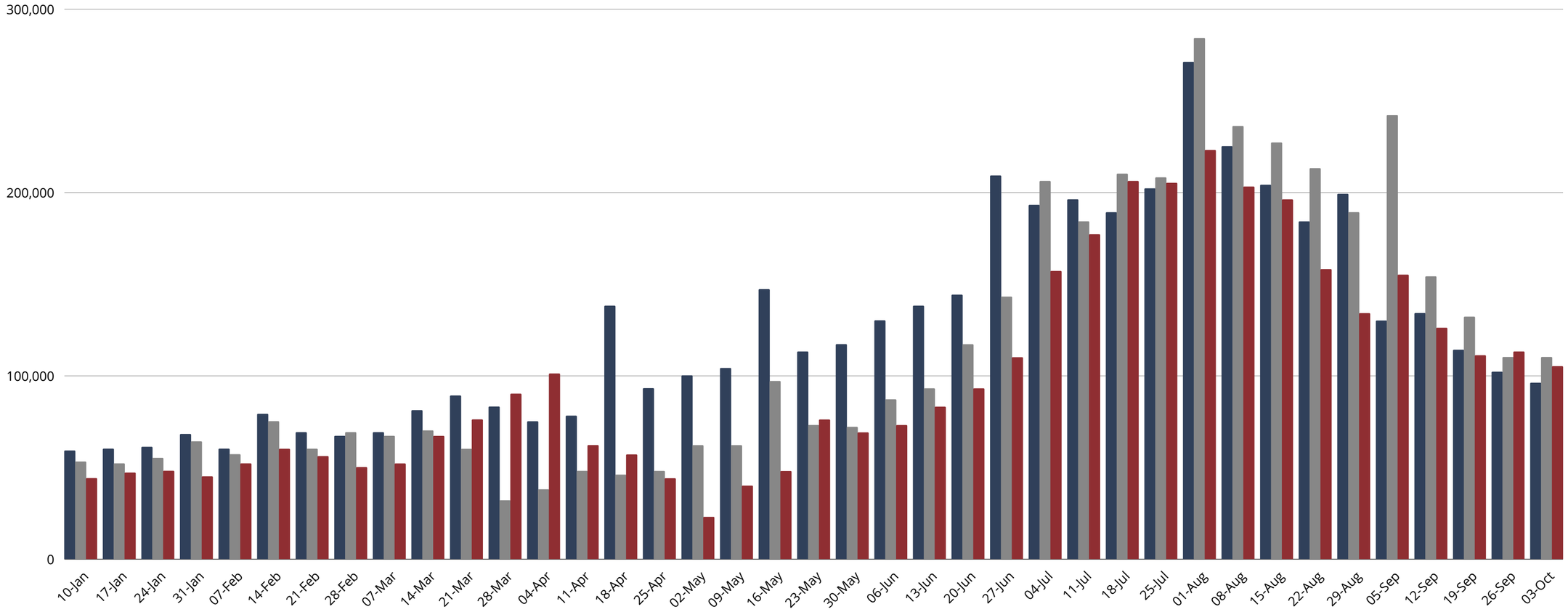
THOMPSON OKANAGAN REGION



Thompson Okanagan 2019

Thompson Okanagan 2020

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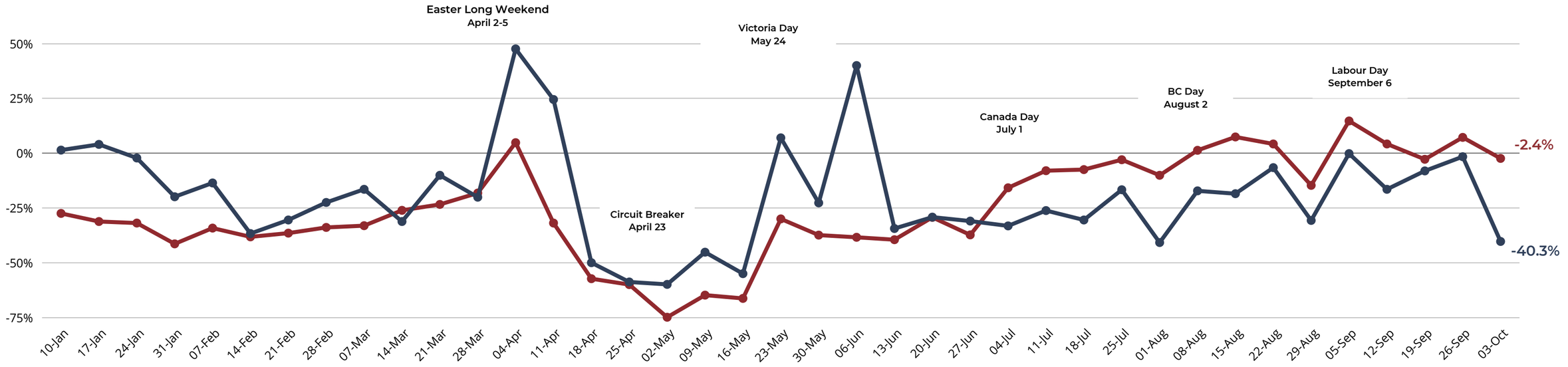
DOMESTIC OVERNIGHT VISITORS - WEEKLY YEAR OVER YEAR (2019 VS. 2021) VARIATION

CARIBOO CHILCOTIN COAST



Key Findings:

- Domestic Overnight Visitation to the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast for Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021) is down -40.3% compared to the same week in 2019.
- The Cariboo Chilcotin Coast saw 38% less visitation when compared to British Columbia during Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).
- Visitation to the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast decreased by 39% and British Columbia decreased by 9.6% when comparing Week 38 (Sept 20-26, 2021) to Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).

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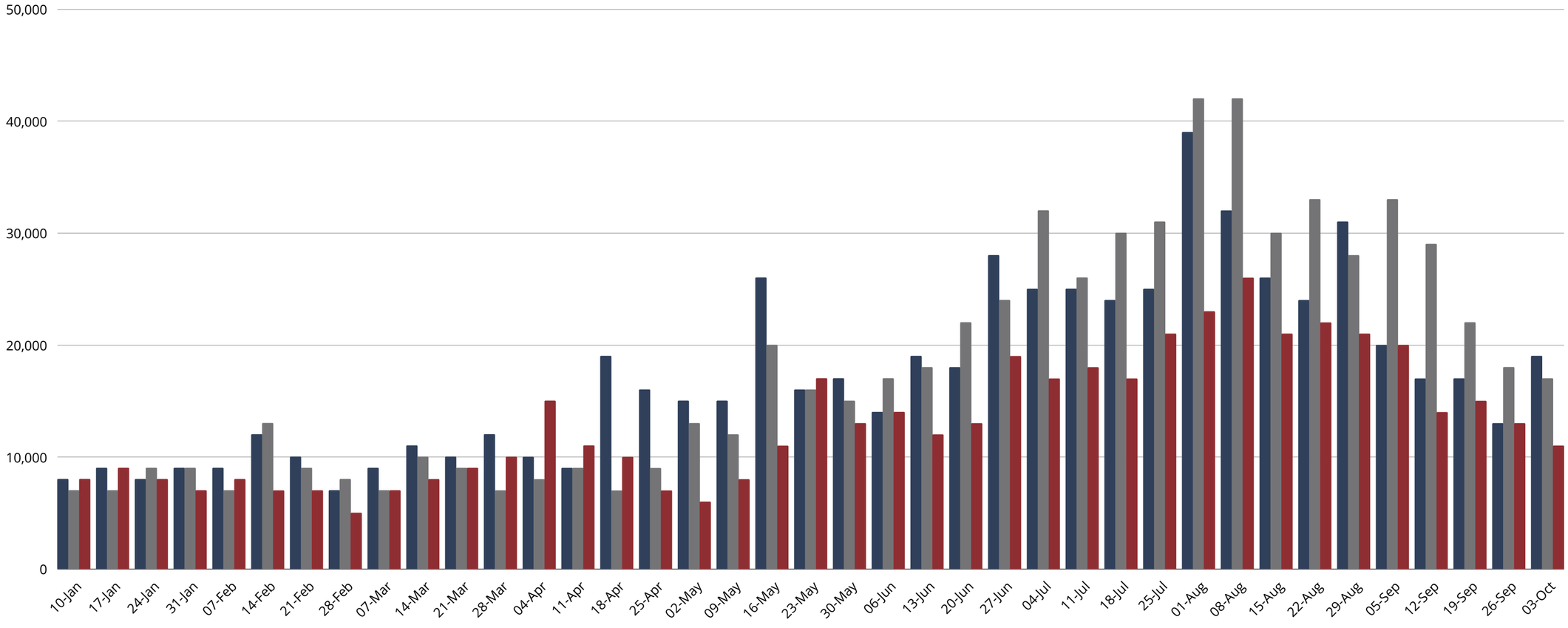


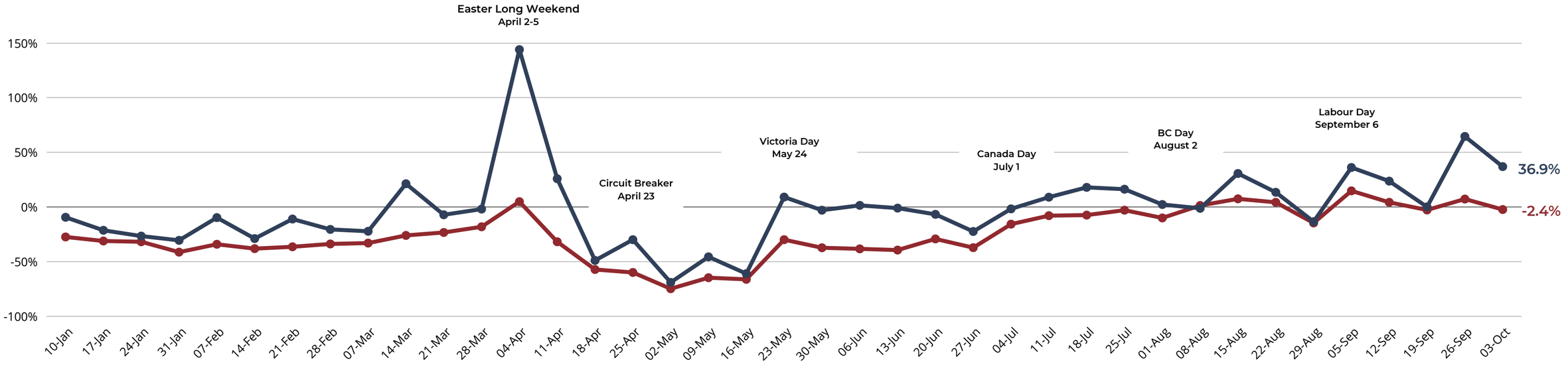
Cariboo Chilcotin Coast 2019

Cariboo Chilcotin Coast 2020

Cariboo Chilcotin Coast 2021

DOMESTIC OVERNIGHT VISITORS - WEEKLY YEAR OVER YEAR (2019 VS. 2021) VARIATION

KOOTENAY ROCKIES



Key Findings:

- Domestic Overnight Visitation to the Kootenay Rockies for Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021) is up 36.9% compared to the same week in 2019
- The Kootenay Rockies saw 34.5% more visitation when compared to British Columbia during Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).
- Visitation to the Kootenay Rockies decreased by 27.6% and British Columbia decreased by 9.6% when comparing Week 38 (Sept 20-26, 2021) to Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).

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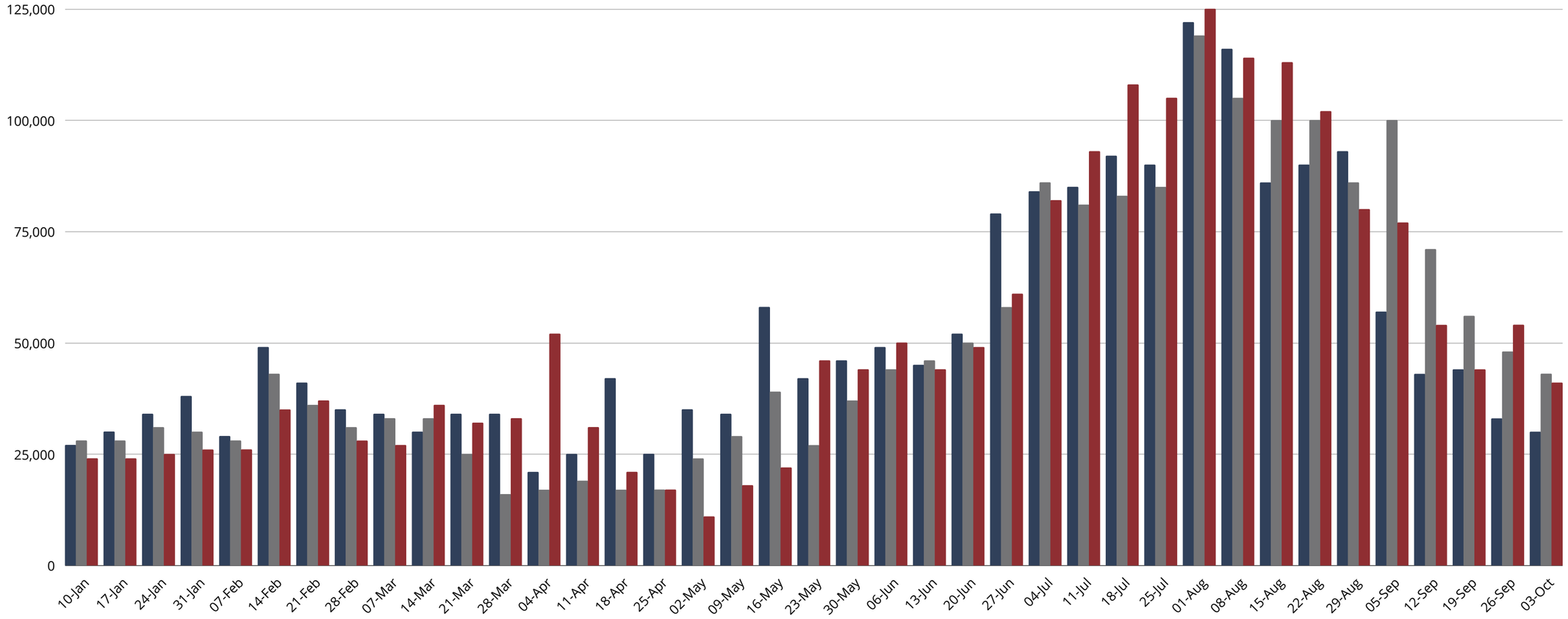
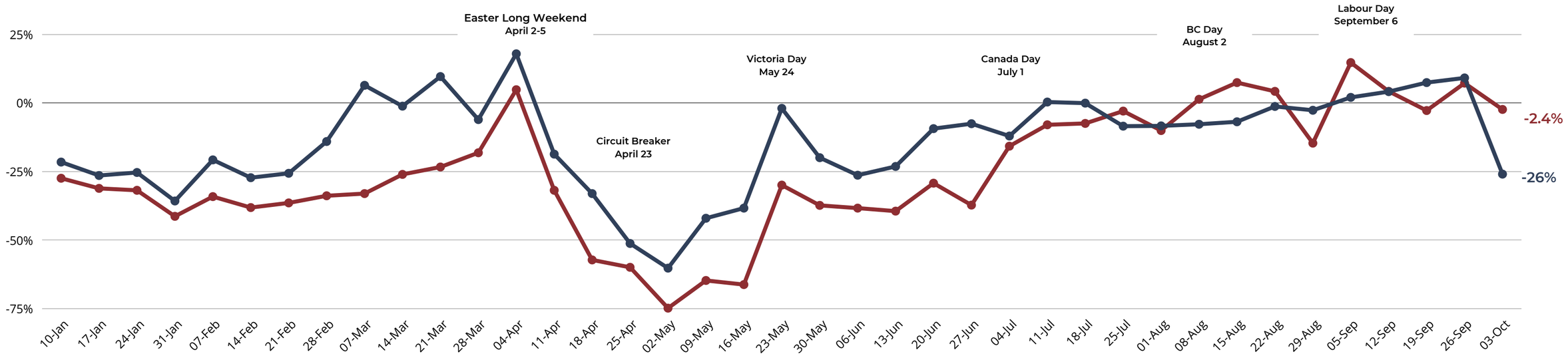


Kootenay Rockies 2019 Kootenay Rockies 2020 Kootenay Rockies 2021

DOMESTIC OVERNIGHT VISITORS - WEEKLY YEAR OVER YEAR (2019 VS. 2021) VARIATION
NORTHERN BC



Key Findings:

- Domestic Overnight Visitation to Northern BC for Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021) is down 26% compared to the same week in 2019.
- Northern BC saw 23.6% less visitation when compared to British Columbia during Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).
- Visitation to Northern BC decreased by 35% and British Columbia decreased by 9.6% when comparing Week 38 (Sept 20-26, 2021) to Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).

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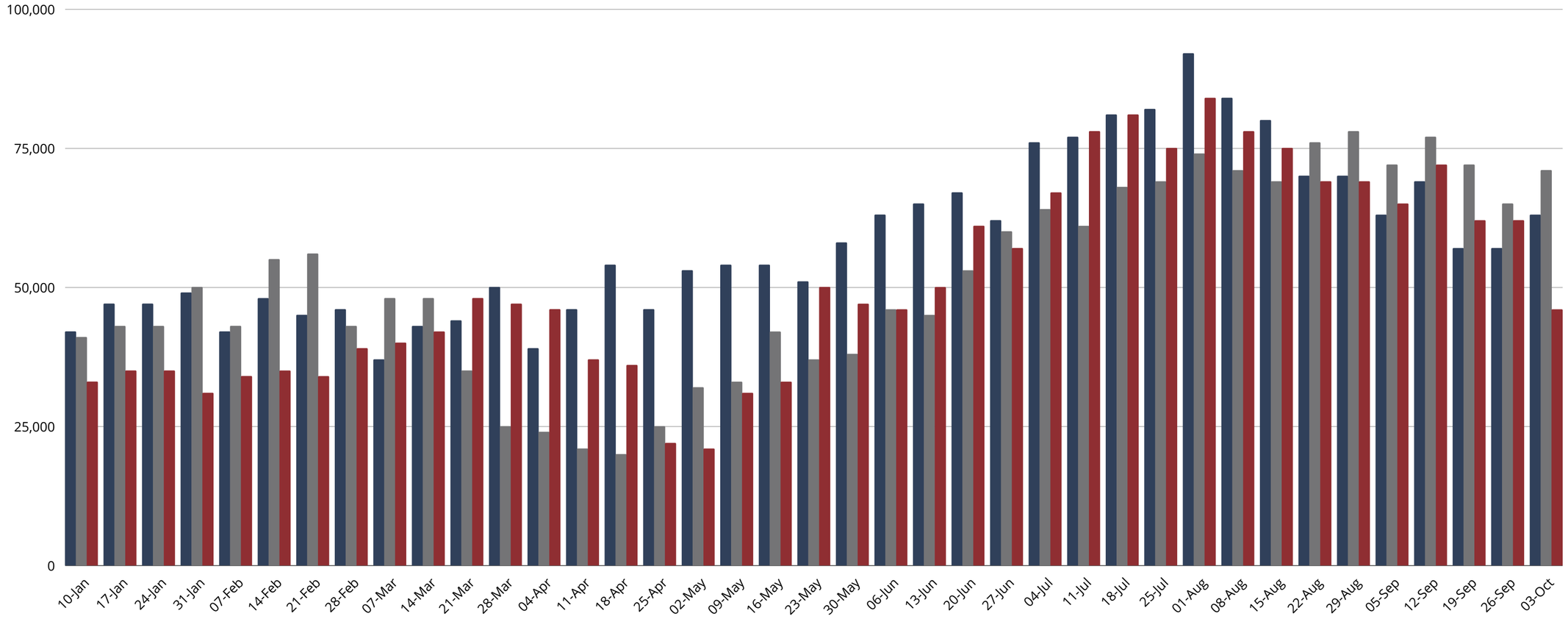

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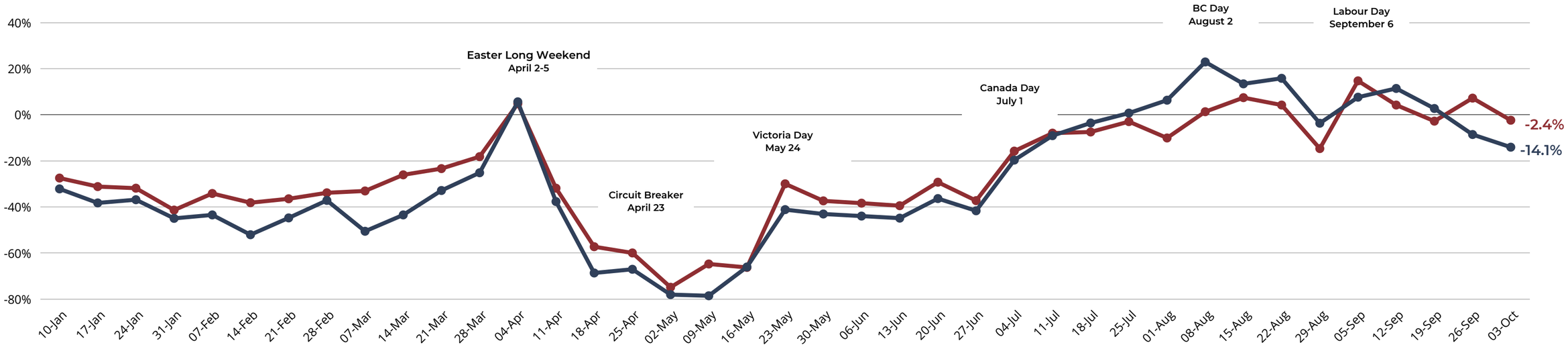
VANCOUVER ISLAND



Key Findings:

- Domestic Overnight Visitation to Vancouver Island for Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021) is down 14.1% compared to the same week in 2019.
- Vancouver Island saw 11.7% less visitation when compared to British Columbia during Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).
- Visitation to Vancouver Island decreased by 5.5% and British Columbia decreased by 9.6% when comparing Week 38 (Sept 20-26, 2021) to Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).

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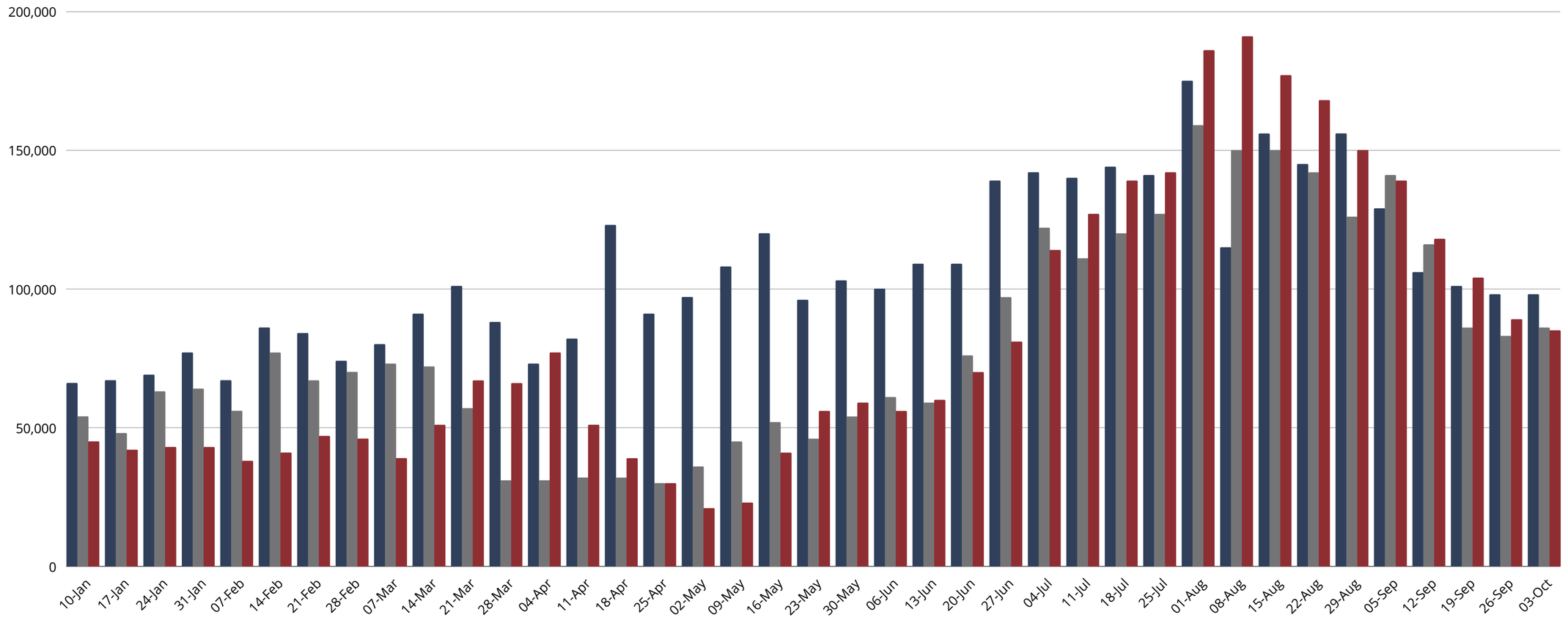

Vancouver Island 2019 Vancouver Island 2020 Vancouver Island 2021

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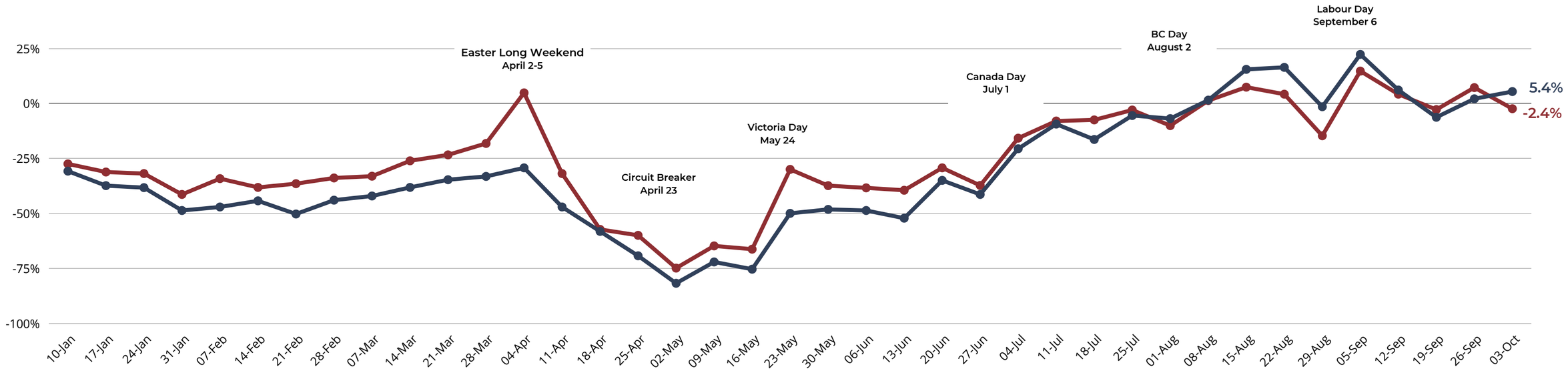
VANCOUVER, COAST & MOUNTAINS



Key Findings:

- Domestic Overnight Visitation to Vancouver Coast & Mountains for Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021) is up 5.4% compared to the same week in 2019.
- Vancouver, Coast & Mountains saw 7.8% more visitation when compared to British Columbia Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).
- Visitation to Vancouver, Coast & Mountains increased by 3.3% and British Columbia decreased by 9.6% when comparing Week 38 (Sept 20-26, 2021) to Week 39 (Sept 27-Oct 3, 2021).

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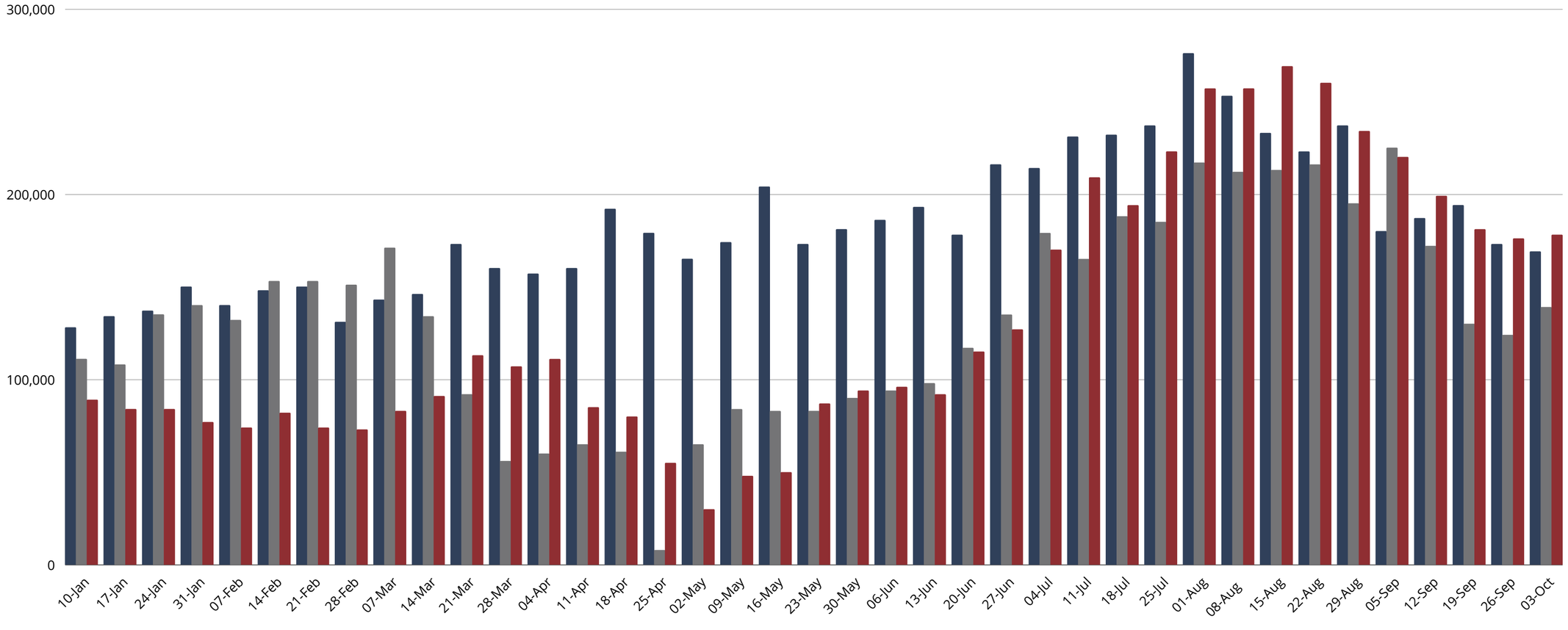

Vancouver, Coast & Mountains 2019

Vancouver, Coast & Mountains 2020

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2021 Weekly Report

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STR Destination Report

SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 2, 2021

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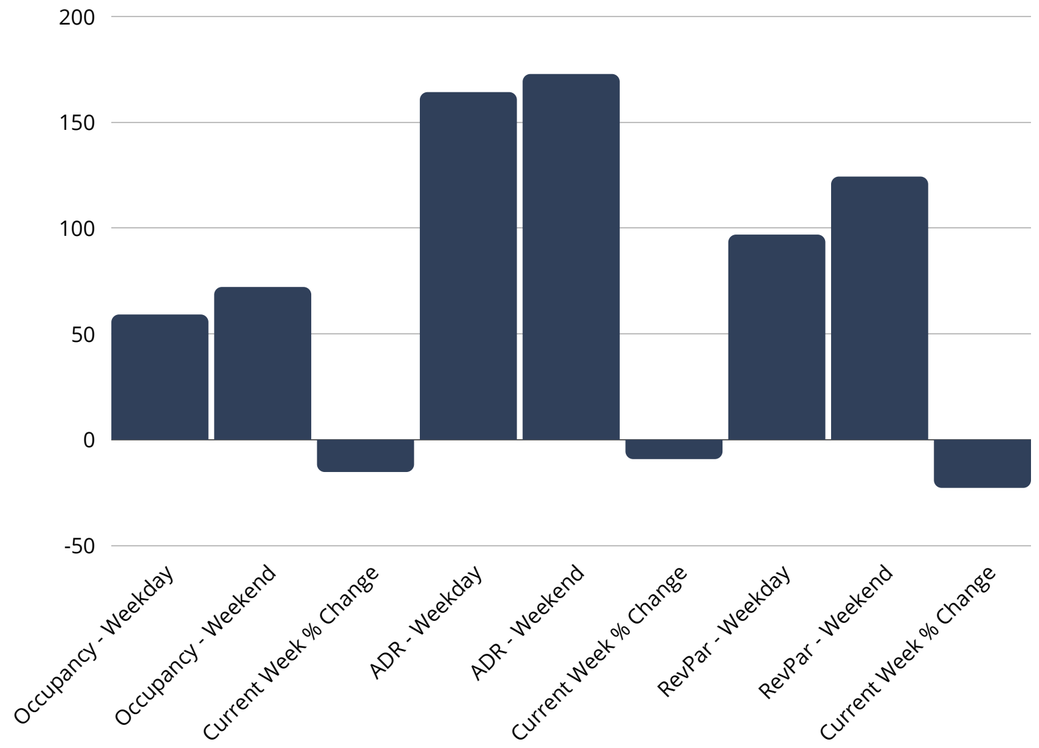
STR SUMMARY BC & REGIONS

SEPT 26 - OCT 2, 2021

- British Columbia had a **58.9%** occupancy from Sunday-Thursday and a **71.9%** occupancy during the weekend, down **-15%** compared to the same week in 2019.
- British Columbia had an ADR of **$163.98** from Sunday-Thursday and an ADR of **$172.53** during the weekend, down **-8.9%** compared to the same week in 2019.
- British Columbia had a RevPAR of **$96.65** from Sunday-Thursday and a RevPAR of **$124.07** during the weekend, down **-22.5%** compared to the same week in 2019.

REGIONAL STATS WEEKEND OF October 1-2, 2021:

- Cariboo Chilcotin Coast: OCC 66% ADR $138.06 REVPAR $91.08
- Kootenay Rockies: OCC 57.8% ADR $142.13 REVPAR $82.21
- Northern BC: OCC 61.8% ADR $123.32 REVPAR $76.16
- Thompson Okanagan: OCC 74.6% ADR $143.24 REVPAR $106.81
- Vancouver Island: OCC 80% ADR $204.64 REVPAR $163.76
- Vancouver: OCC 71.6% ADR $181.88 REVPAR $130.30
- Whistler: OCC 79.4% ADR $253.34 REVPAR $201.25



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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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