

Immigration

Q19. Is this deal a good idea in light of the problems so many Canadians experience when seeking entry to the United States?

A. Every year, over 100 million travellers are processed by U.S. Customs and Immigration.

The number of people who encounter difficulties is very small.

Last year, only 49 Canadians reported substantial difficulties to the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

In the majority of these cases, individuals acknowledged that there was a valid reason for the action taken by U.S. authorities.

Many of the problems are the result of individuals having insufficient documentation or evidence of their bonafides for travel to the United States.

Q20. How many Canadians have been refused entry to the U.S. at preclearance sites in Canadian airports?

A. Of 8.5 million passengers processed at U.S. preclearance sites in 1997, less than .002% were denied entry to the U.S.