

The volume of travel documents issued in Canada was 7.7 per cent higher than in 1992–93. Apart from the travel advisory, other factors influencing the demand for travel documents were the marginal recovery

of the economy in 1993 (less than predicted), and the consistency of the Canadian dollar in the countries outside North America most visited by Canadians.

The very cold winter of 1994, and the perceived danger of travel to the United States (especially to Florida where reports indicated some hostility towards tourists), led many Canadians to visit other warm countries last winter and thus to acquire passports. Statistics Canada indicates that there were 5.3 per cent more trips to countries other than the United States in 1993–94 than in 1992–93.

A major reason for a slower growth than predicted in the 1993–94 Business Plan was the decline, for the second consecutive year, in the value of the Canadian dollar in relation to the American dollar. The exchange rate fell by 6.7 per cent in 1993, and according to Statistics Canada, visits of more than one night's duration to the United States fell by 6.9 per cent. (Statistics Canada, Travel-log Vol.13, No. 2, p. 12.)

Since September 1993, we have issued 11,433 passports to Canadians residing in the United States from our central office in Canada.

Travel Documents by Type

