

Stay-Over Visitors and Cruise Ship Passenger Arrivals

March 2018 saw positive growth in visitor arrivals. Among stay-over visitors, arrivals increased by **4,720** tourists (or **7.2%**) to **70,445** compared to **65,725** in the year 2017. Total cruise arrivals increased by **6.5%** over the review period to **115,862** passengers.

Stay-over Arrivals by Country of Residence

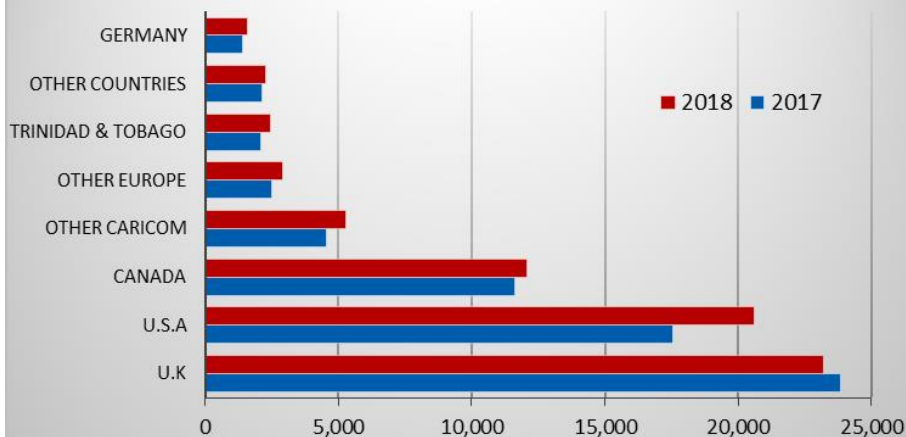


Figure 1

Arrivals by Cruise

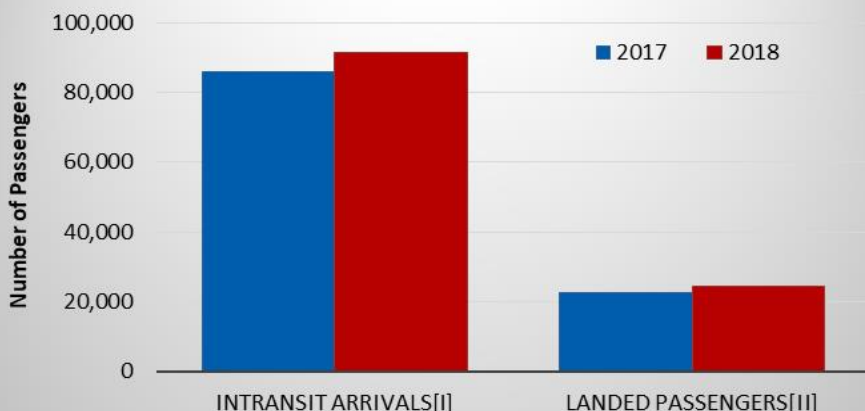


Figure 2

An increase was observed among stay-over arrivals from Trinidad & Tobago (**↑17.8%**)

U.S.A stay-over visitors totalled 20,607 (**↑17.4%**)

Tourists arrivals from Germany rose to 1,600 (**↑15.7%**)

Tourist arrivals from the U.K totalled 23,212 (**↓2.7%**)

Cruise

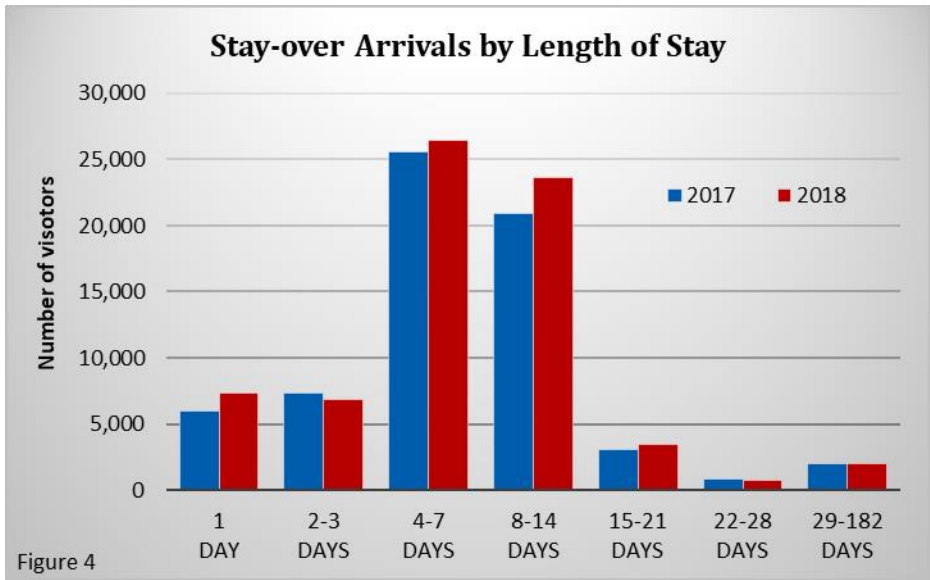
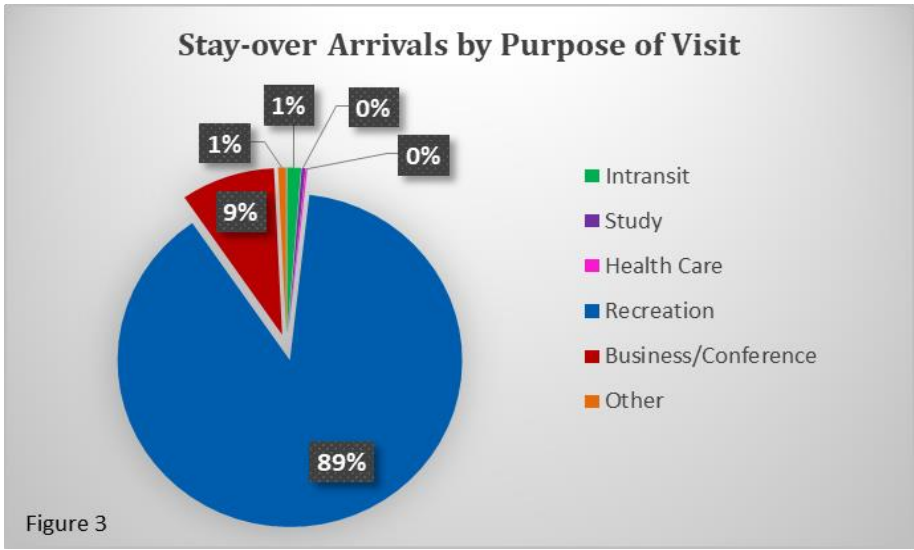
Landed passengers grew to 24,544 (**↑7.9%**)

Intransit cruise passengers numbered 91,318 (**↑6.1%**)

The number of cruise calls totalled 77 (**↑1.3%**)

Other Highlights:

Among the **70,445** stay-over arrivals recorded for this period, **62,419** (or 88.6%) visited for recreational purposes, predominantly for holiday (**59,893** tourists). This represents an increase of **12.9%** among all recreational visitors. The average number of days spent in Barbados among stay-over visitor arrivals was approximately **8.95** days over the review period.



Visits for sports significantly decreased to 390 (↓52.7%)

Other purposes of visit totalled 535 (↓44.7%)

Visits for the purpose of visiting friends declined to 1,584 (↓36.4%)

Recreation visits totalled 62,419 (↑12.9%)

Intransit arrivals declined to 911 (↓15.5%)

Health care visits fell to 121 (↓6.9%)

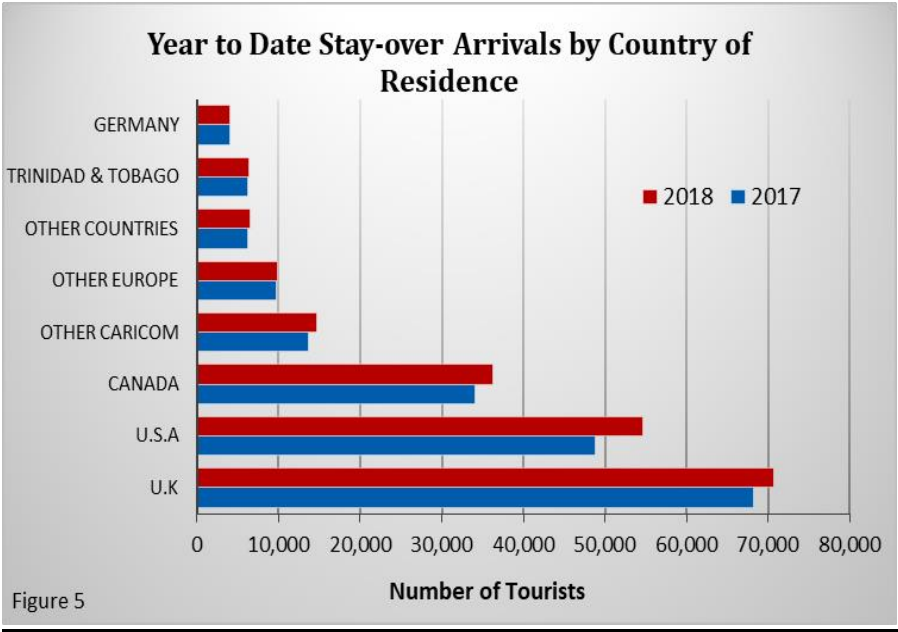
Length of stay

One day stay totalled 7,326 (↑21.6%)

Average length of stay was 8.95 days (↓0.6%)

YEAR TO DATE

January - March 2018 saw positive growth in visitor arrivals. Among stay-over visitors, arrivals increased by **12,304** tourists (or **6.4%**) to **203,332** compared to **191,028** in the year 2017 (**Figure 5**). Total cruise arrivals increased by **1.5%** over the review period to **384,116** passengers.



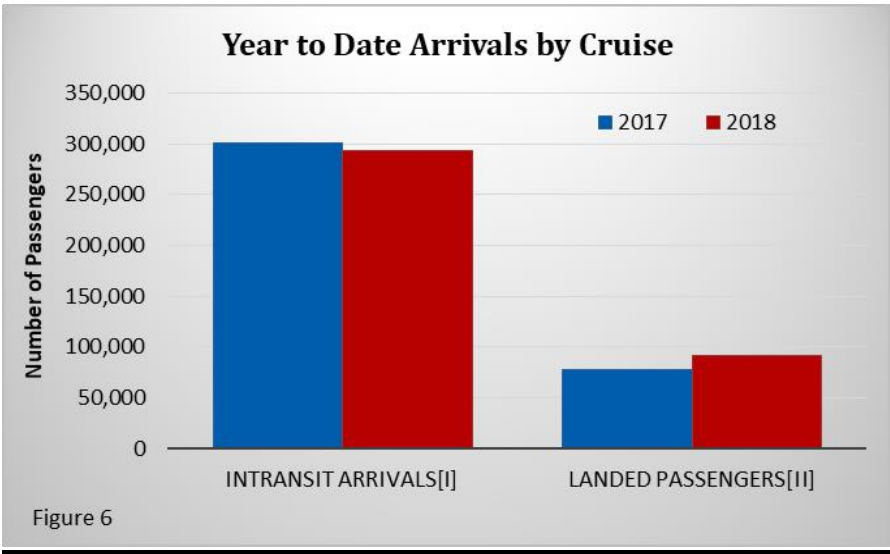
Stay-over Arrivals

An increase was observed among stay-over arrivals from the U.S.A (↑12.2%)

Tourist arrivals from Other CARICOM totalled 14,611 (↑6.8%)

Canada stay-over visitors totalled 36,314 (↑6.7%)

Tourists arrivals from the U.K rose to 70,780 (↑3.6%)



Cruise

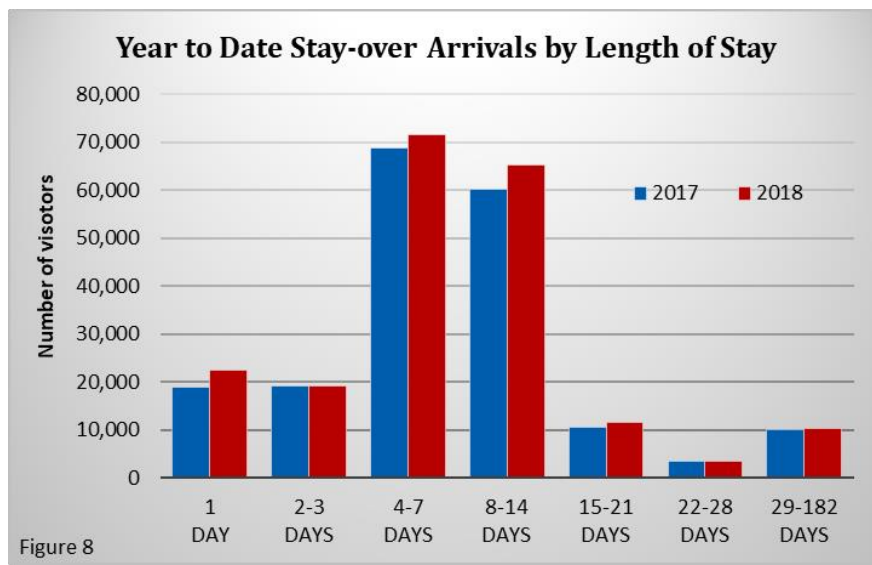
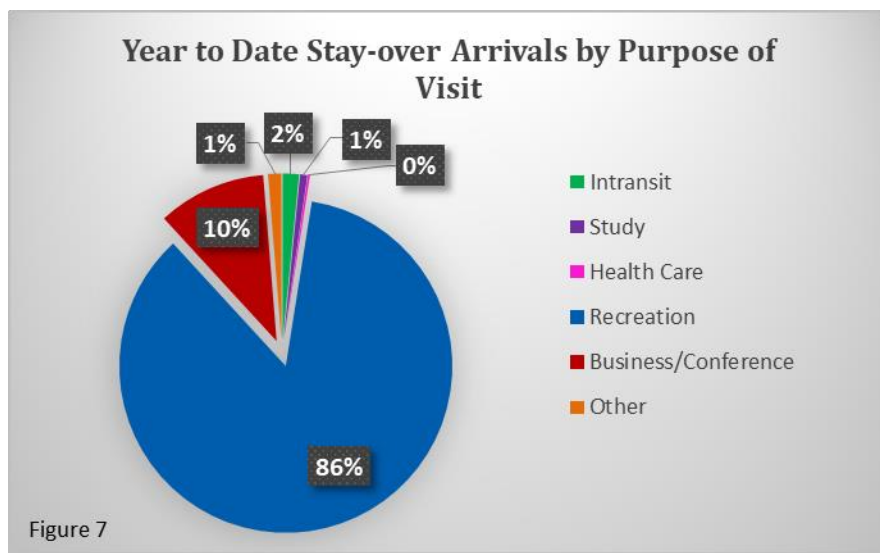
Landed passengers grew to 91,251 (↑18.3%)

Intransit cruise passengers numbered 292,865 (↓2.7%)

The number of cruise calls totalled 221 (↓3.1%)

Other Highlights:

Among the **203,331** stay-over arrivals recorded for this period, **174,180** (or 85.7%) visited for recreational purposes, predominantly for holiday (**164,732** tourists). This represents an increase of **8.7%** among all recreational visitors. The average number of days spent in Barbados among stay-over visitor arrivals was approximately **10.5** days over the review period.



Sporting visits totalled 1,053 (↓30%)

Visits for the purpose of visiting friends declined to 6,086 (↓20.5%)

Health care visits increased to 425 (↑18.7%)

Visits for honeymoon/getting married increased to 909 (↑15.4%)

Intransit arrivals totalled 3,224 (↓10.3%)

Recreation visits totalled 174,180 (↑8.7%)

Length of stay

One day stays totalled 22,513 (↑18.5%)

Average length of stay was 10.5 days (↓1.9%)

Table 1
Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence; 2017 and 2018

Country Of Residence	March		Actual Change	% Change
	2017 ^(R)	2018 ^(P)		
U.S.A	17,554	20,607	3,053	17.4
Canada	11,626	12,063	437	3.8
U.K	23,849	23,212	-637	-2.7
Germany	1,383	1,600	217	15.7
Other Europe	2,516	2,921	405	16.1
Trinidad & Tobago	2,101	2,474	373	17.8
Other CARICOM	4,565	5,281	716	15.7
Other Countries	2,131	2,287	156	7.3
TOTAL	65,725	70,445	4,720	7.2

Table 2
Cruise Ship Arrivals; 2017 and 2018

Details	March		Actual Change	% Change
	2017 [*]	2018 ^(P)		
Total Cruise Arrivals	108,840	115,862	7,022	6.5
Intransit Arrivals ^[i]	86,092	91,318	5,226	6.1
Landed Passengers ^[ii]	22,748	24,544	1,796	7.9
No. of Cruise Calls	76	77	1	1.3

Table 3
Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Purpose of Visit; 2017 and 2018

Purpose of Visit	March		Actual Change	% Change
	2017 ^(R)	2018 ^(P)		
Intransit	1,078	911	-167	-15.5
Study	241	238	-3	-1.2
Health Care	130	121	-9	-6.9
Recreation	55,311	62,419	7,108	12.9
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>51,254</i>	<i>59,893</i>	<i>8,639</i>	<i>16.9</i>
<i>Visiting Friends etc.</i>	<i>2,492</i>	<i>1,584</i>	<i>-908</i>	<i>-36.4</i>
<i>Honeymoon/Get Married</i>	<i>227</i>	<i>220</i>	<i>-7</i>	<i>-3.1</i>
<i>Sports</i>	<i>825</i>	<i>390</i>	<i>-435</i>	<i>-52.7</i>
<i>Other Recreation</i>	<i>513</i>	<i>332</i>	<i>-181</i>	<i>-35.3</i>
Business/Conference	7,997	6,221	-1,776	-22.2
Other	968	535	-433	-44.7
Total	65,725	70,445	4,720	7.2

Table 4
Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Intended Length of Stay; 2017 and 2018

Length of Stay	March		Actual Change	% Change
	2017 [*]	2018 ^(P)		
1 Day	6,024	7,326	1,302	21.6
2-3 Days	7,305	6,859	-446	-6.1
4-7 Days	25,589	26,467	878	3.4
8-14 Days	20,929	23,643	2,714	13.0
15-21 Days	3,107	3,471	364	11.7
22-28 Days	799	715	-84	-10.5
29-182 Days	1,972	1,964	-8	-0.4
Total	65,725	70,445	4,720	7.2
Average	9	8.95	0	-0.6

Table 5
Year to date Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Country of Residence; 2017 and 2018

Country Of Residence	Year-To-Date		Actual Change	% Change
	2017 [*]	2018 ^(P)		
U.S.A	48,786	54,732	5,946	12.2
Canada	34,031	36,314	2,283	6.7
U.K	68,316	70,780	2,464	3.6
Germany	3,976	4,040	64	1.6
Other Europe	9,754	9,922	168	1.7
Trinidad & Tobago	6,226	6,409	183	2.9
Other CARICOM	13,677	14,611	934	6.8
Other Countries	6,262	6,524	262	4.2
TOTAL	191,028	203,332	12,304	6.4

Table 6
Year to date Cruise Ship Arrivals; 2017 and 2018

Details	Year-To-Date		Actual Change	% Change
	2017 ^(R)	2018 ^(P)		
Total Cruise Arrivals	378,269	384,116	5,847	1.5
Intransit Arrivals ^[i]	301,114	292,865	-8,249	-2.7
Landed Passengers ^[iii]	77,155	91,251	14,096	18.3
No. of Cruise Calls	228	221	-7	-3.1

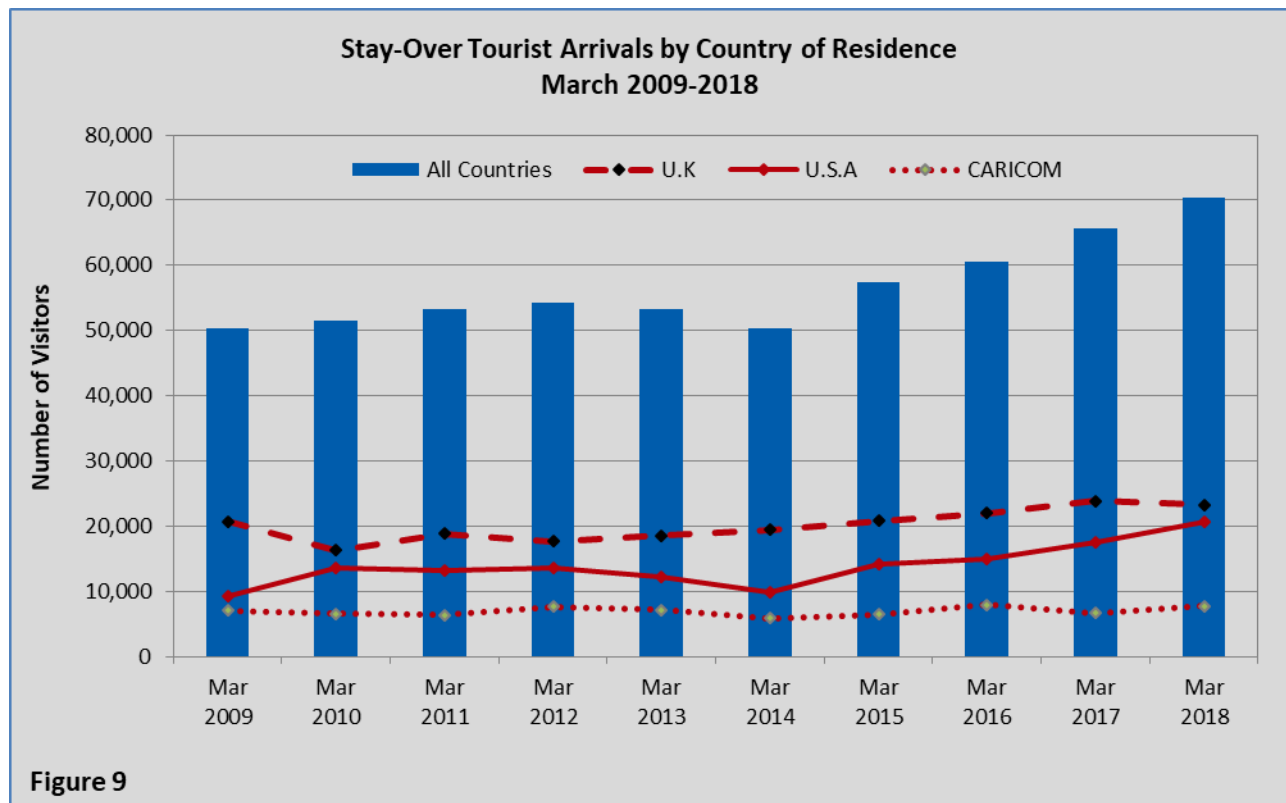
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Year to Date Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Purpose of Visit; 2017 and 2018

Purpose of Visit	Year-To-Date		Actual Change	% Change
	2017 ^(R)	2018 ^(P)		
Intransit	3,595	3,224	-371	-10.3
Study	1,531	1,437	-94	-6.1
Health Care	358	425	67	18.7
Recreation	160,240	174,180	13,940	8.7
<i>Holiday</i>	<i>148,728</i>	<i>164,732</i>	<i>16,004</i>	<i>10.8</i>
<i>Visiting Friends etc.</i>	<i>7,654</i>	<i>6,086</i>	<i>-1,568</i>	<i>-20.5</i>
<i>Honeymoon/Get Married</i>	<i>788</i>	<i>909</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>15.4</i>
<i>Sports</i>	<i>1,504</i>	<i>1,053</i>	<i>-451</i>	<i>-30.0</i>
<i>Other Recreation</i>	<i>1,566</i>	<i>1,400</i>	<i>-166</i>	<i>-10.6</i>
Business/Conference	22,763	21,441	-1,322	-5.8
Other	2,541	2,624	83	3.3
Total	191,028	203,331	12,303	6.4

Table 8
Year to Date Stay-Over Tourist Arrivals by Intended Length of Stay; 2017 and 2018

Length of Stay	Year-To-Date		Actual Change	% Change
	2017 ^(R)	2018 ^(P)		
1 Day	18,996	22,513	3,517	18.5
2-3 Days	19,236	19,137	-99	-0.5
4-7 Days	68,794	71,507	2,713	3.9
8-14 Days	60,163	65,126	4,963	8.2
15-21 Days	10,620	11,462	842	7.9
22-28 Days	3,338	3,379	41	1.2
29-182 Days	9,881	10,208	327	3.3
Total	191,028	203,332	12,304	6.4
Average	10.7	10.5	0	-1.9

Annual Time Series



Year to Date Time Series

