

# Putting Canada on the Map: Enhanced Tourism Insights from Coast to Coast, to Coast

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# Agenda

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- Welcome!
- VisitorView Reloaded: What's New
- Sneak Peek!
- On the ground: Use Cases
- Thank you

# VisitorView Reloaded: What's New

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# VisitorView: A Comprehensive Tourism Intelligence Product

A class-defining solution for analyzing and understanding overnight visitor travel patterns across Canadian destinations.



Where are most visitors coming from?  
(Domestic, US, International)



What are the peak travel months in my region?



Which areas experience the highest overnight visitor activity?



How long do overnight visitors typically stay in a destination?



Integrate with PRIZM to gain deeper insight into visitor lifestyles



# What's New with VisitorView: Enhanced Methodology & Coverage

## Expanded Geographic Detail for Destinations

- Province
- Tourism Region
- NEW Census Subdivisions (CSD)
- NEW Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA)
- NEW Census Divisions (CD)
- NEW Client Destinations (Custom)

## Aligned Methodologies

- Consistent modelling across **VisitorView** for domestic, American and international visitors for holistic comparisons

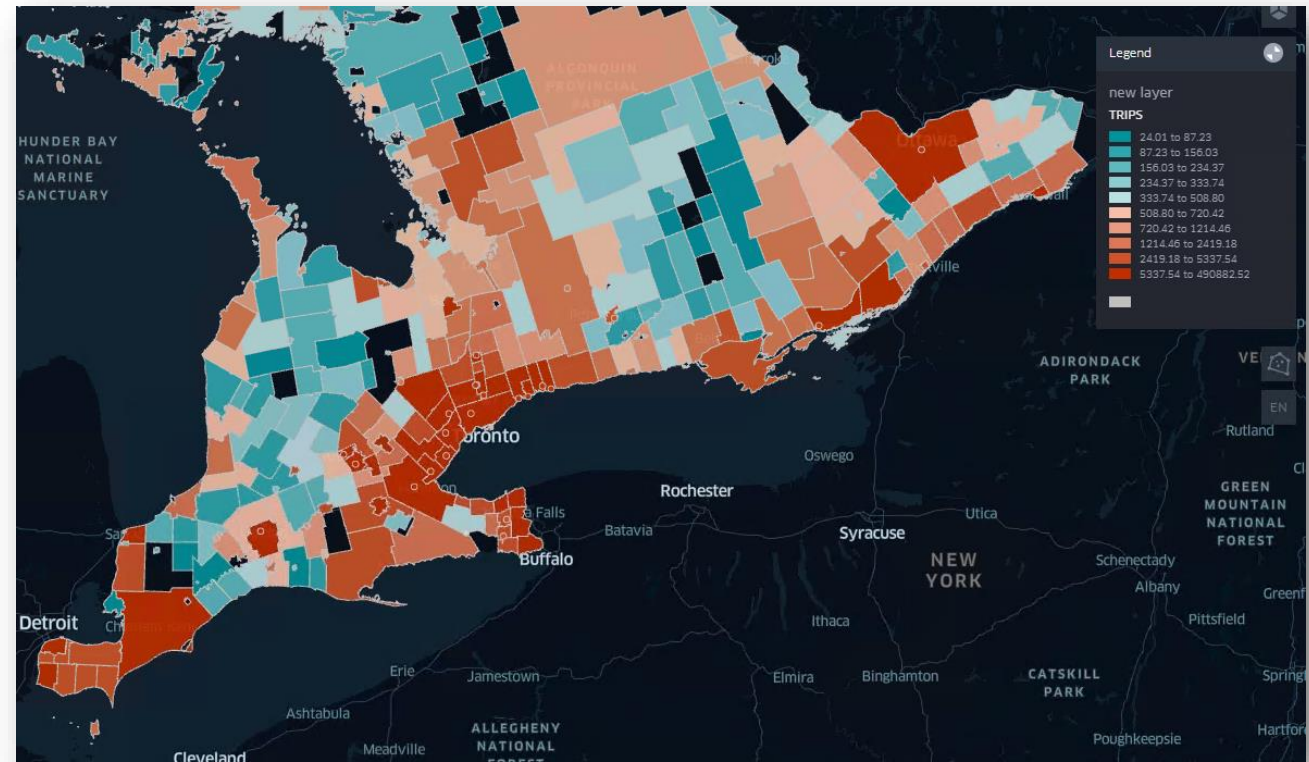
## Improved Destination Accuracy

- Enhanced detection of overnight stays using advanced cellular network data analysis

## Refined Tourism Filters

- Reduce noise from non-tourism movement and redefine trip length thresholds to better identify visitor activity

*Distribution of Trips from US to Ontario at CSD Level*



# What's New with VisitorView: Product Specific Enhancements

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## VisitorView Canada

- Updated visitor definition now includes visitors venturing 40+ km from home, aligning with industry standards of overnight visitors

## VisitorView U.S.

- Improved origin estimation using two years of Visitor Travel Survey data (VTS), resulting in superior trip matching, and integration of vehicle border entry data to enhance trip estimates

## VisitorView International

- Destination estimates are now controlled at the province of entry level for upgraded regional-level projections

# What Variables are Available?

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## Measures

Visitors (CA)

Trips

Nights

Nights/Trip

Nights/Visitor (CA)

## Time Frames

Full Year

Quarters

Seasons

Months

## Years

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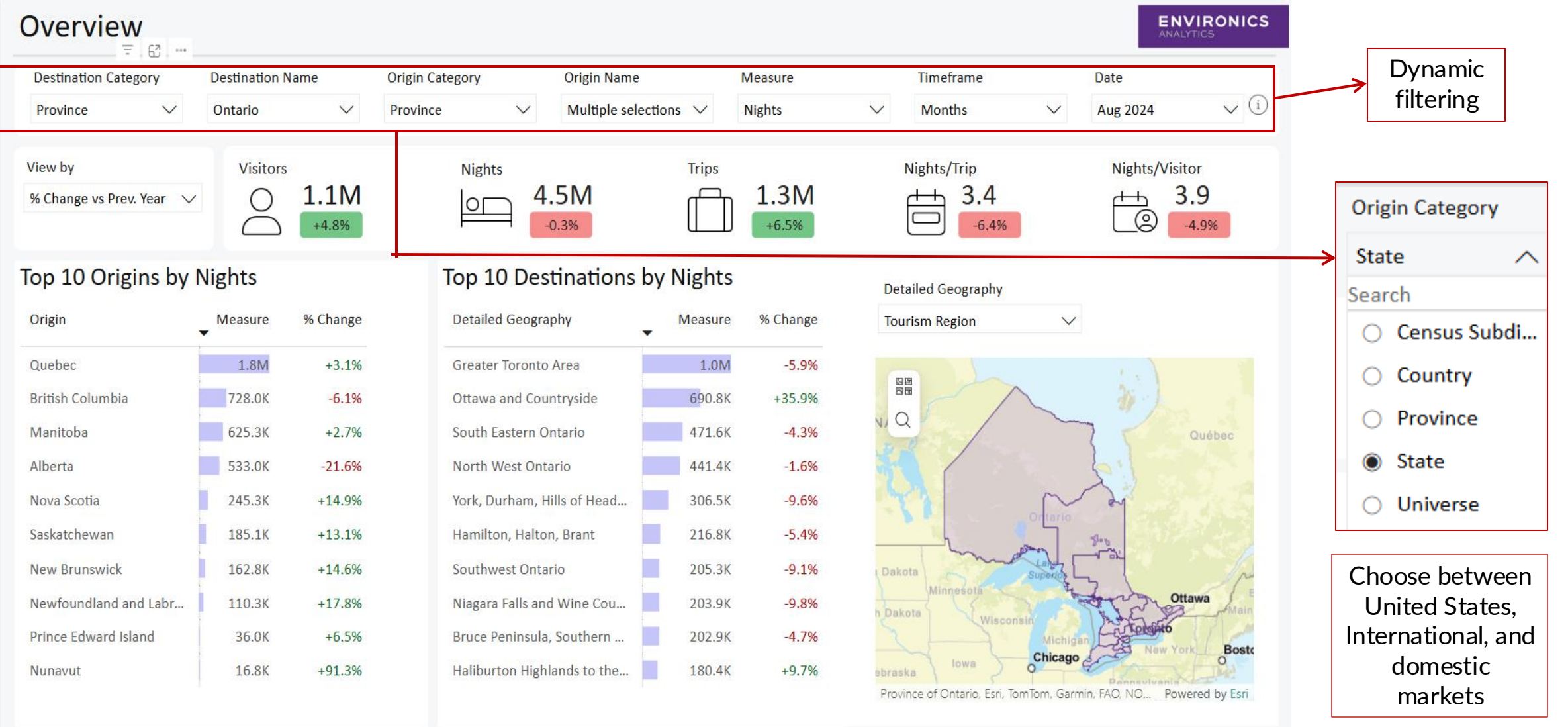
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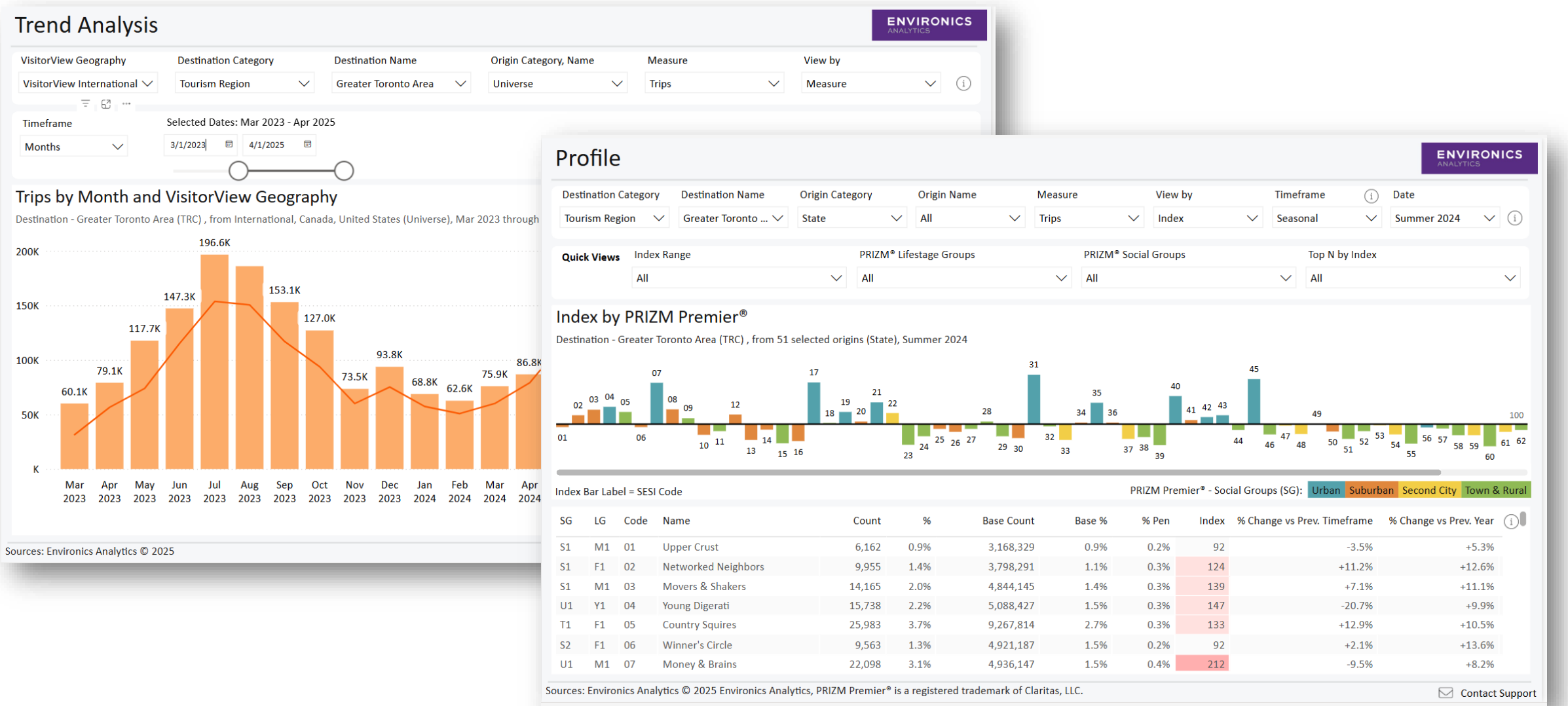
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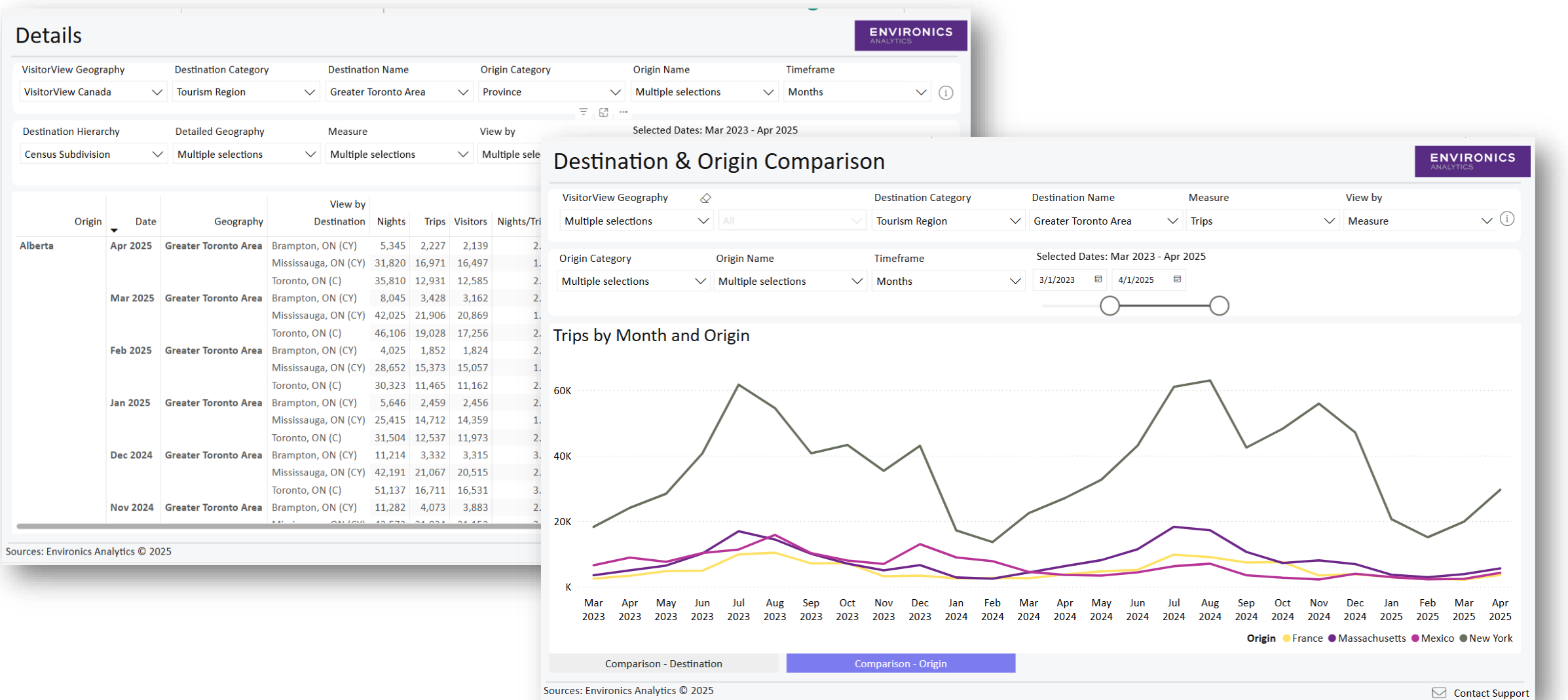
# A Look Inside the New VisitorView Dashboards



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# Sneak Peek!

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What's next for VisitorView in 2025?





# Coming Soon – Mode of Entry

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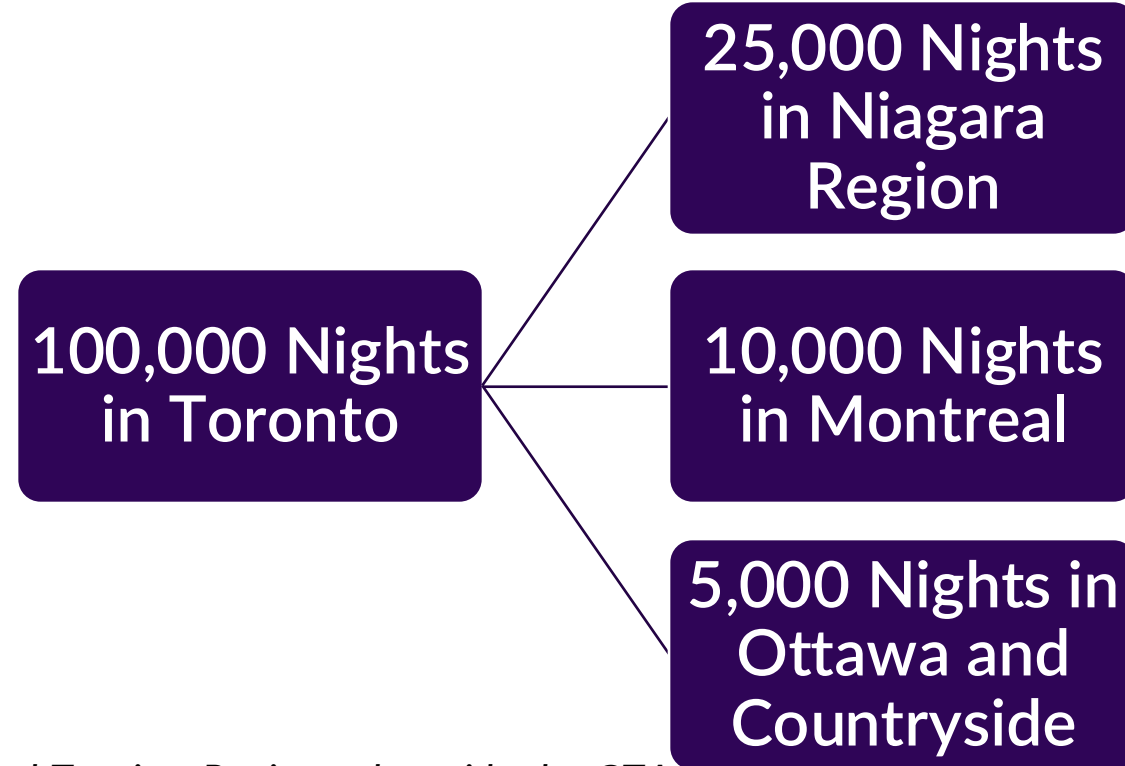
Mode of Entry - Land, Air and Sea breakdown of trips



# Coming Soon – Travel Diaries

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**Travel Diaries** - Cross-visitation of destination pairs



*EXAMPLE ONLY: Top 5 most visited Tourism Regions alongside the GTA*



# Coming Soon – Locations of Interest

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## Locations of Interest - DAs containing attractions





# VisitorView On the Ground

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- Seasonality
- Shifting Traveller Sentiment
- Major Events Planning





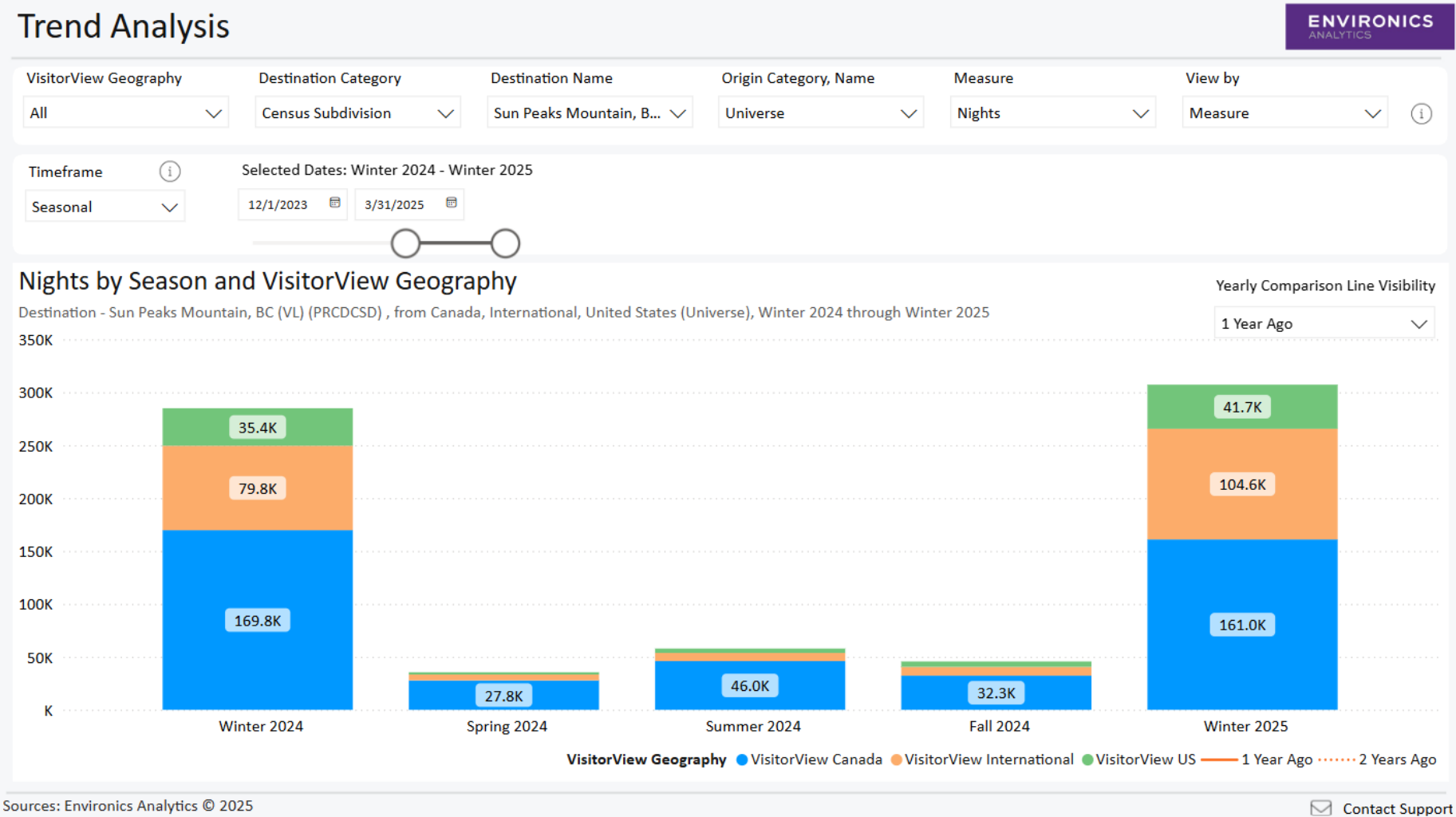
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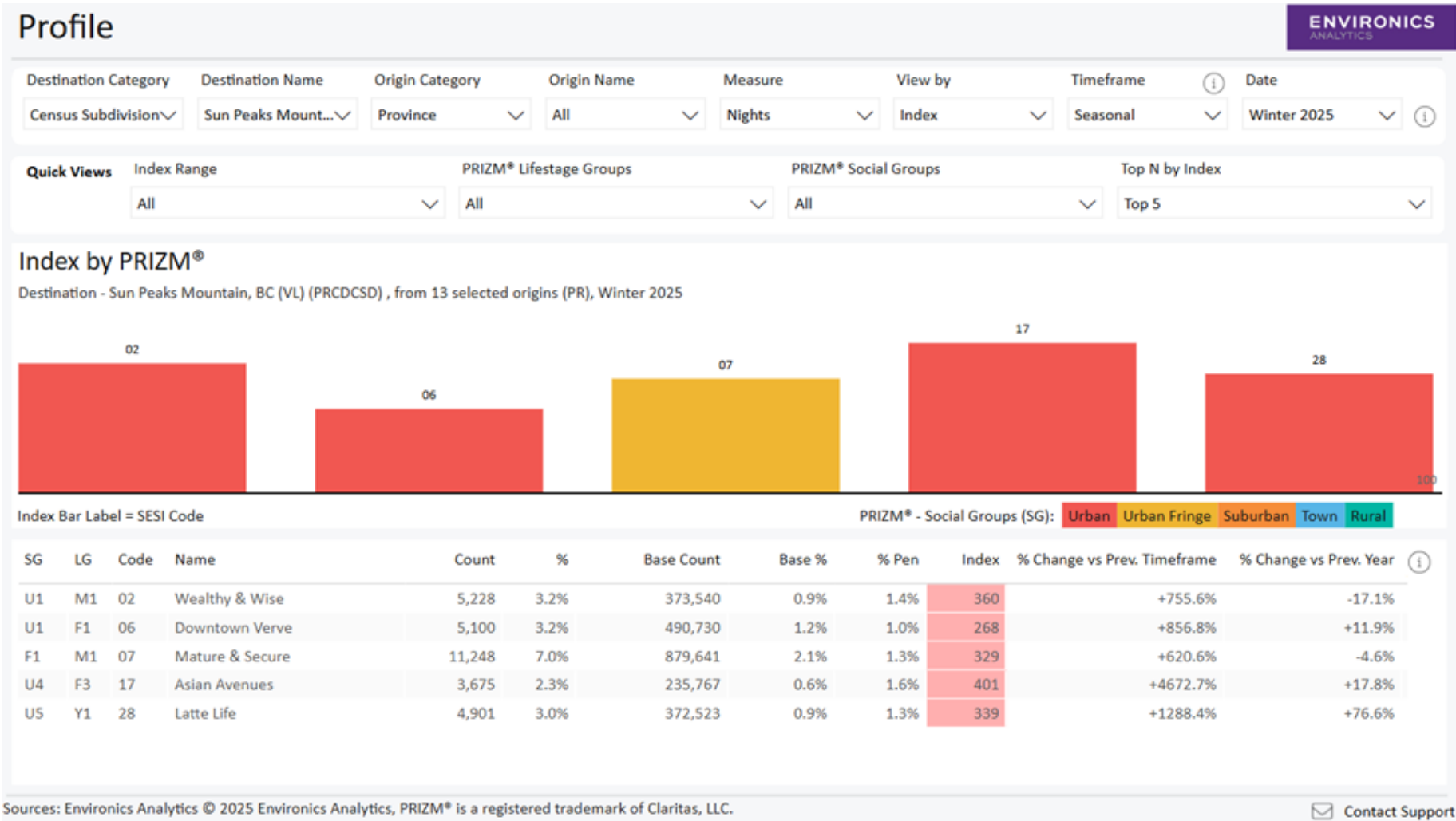
- Seasonality



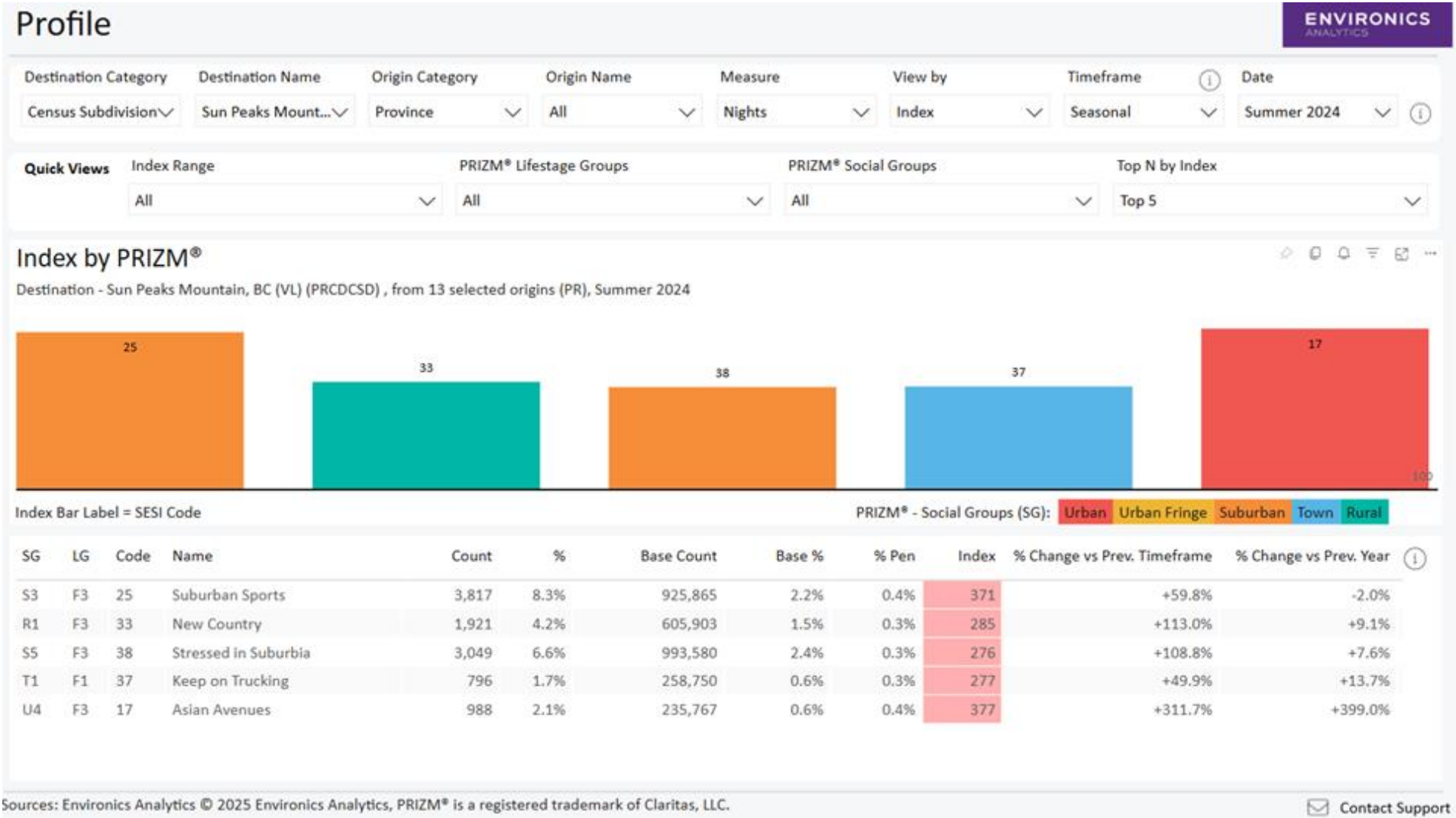
# Sun Peaks, BC has a strong Winter season.



Winter visitors are upscale, with a mix of family, mature and young , they are heavily centered in urban areas.



# Interestingly Summer visitors are more town and suburban middle-income families





# Strategic Implications

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## Marketing

- How can you segment audience by season to better target their needs?
- What incentives can attract diverse traveler groups?
- How can you align marketing with traveler behavior and social values

## Destination Development

- What investments are needed to enhance summer infrastructure?
- How can we improve transport options for visitors?
- Are businesses open year-round?

## Engagement

- Are these the types of visitors you want to attract? Do our visitors share values with residents?
- How can we use visitor insights to boost community sentiment?

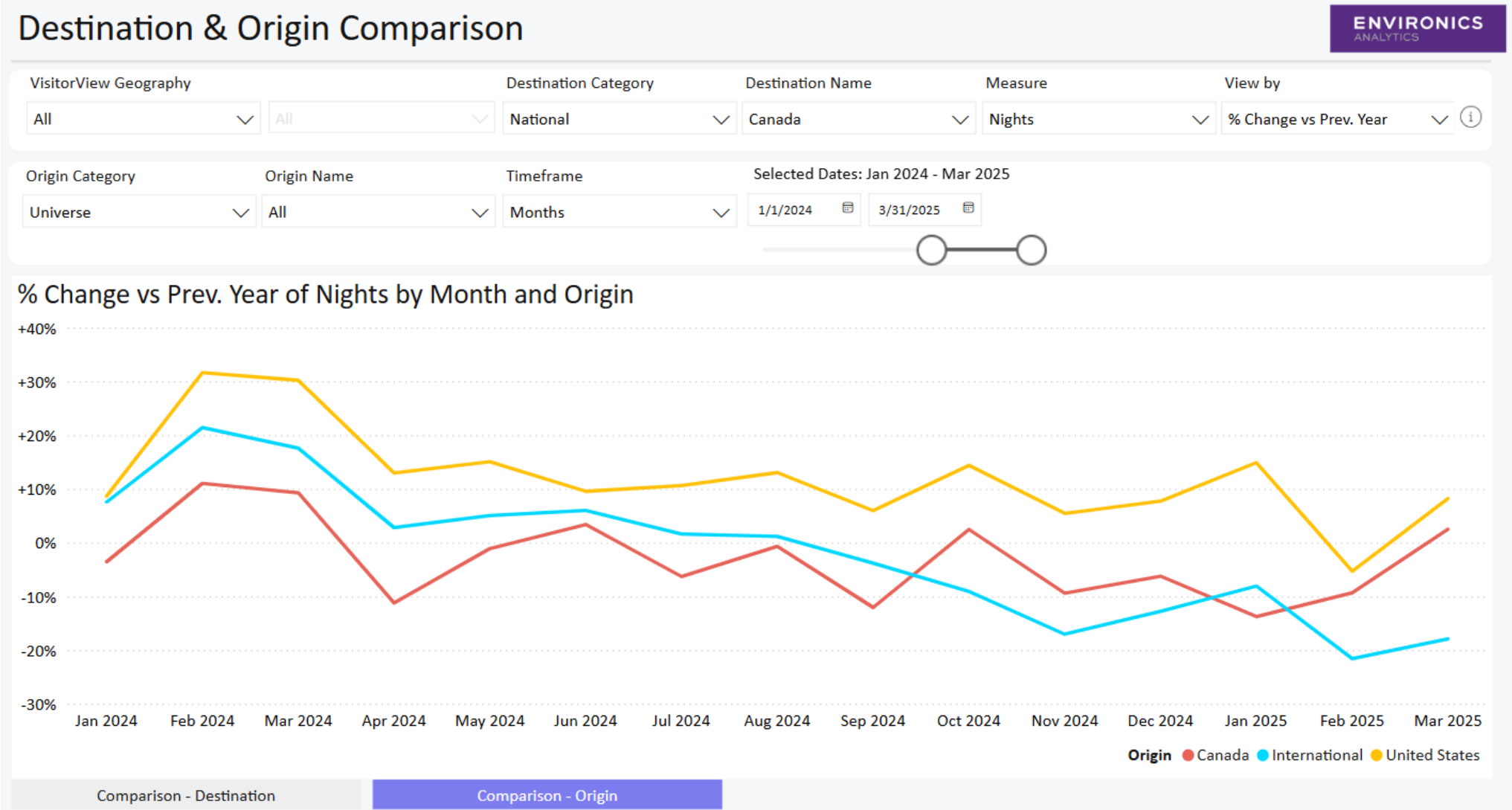
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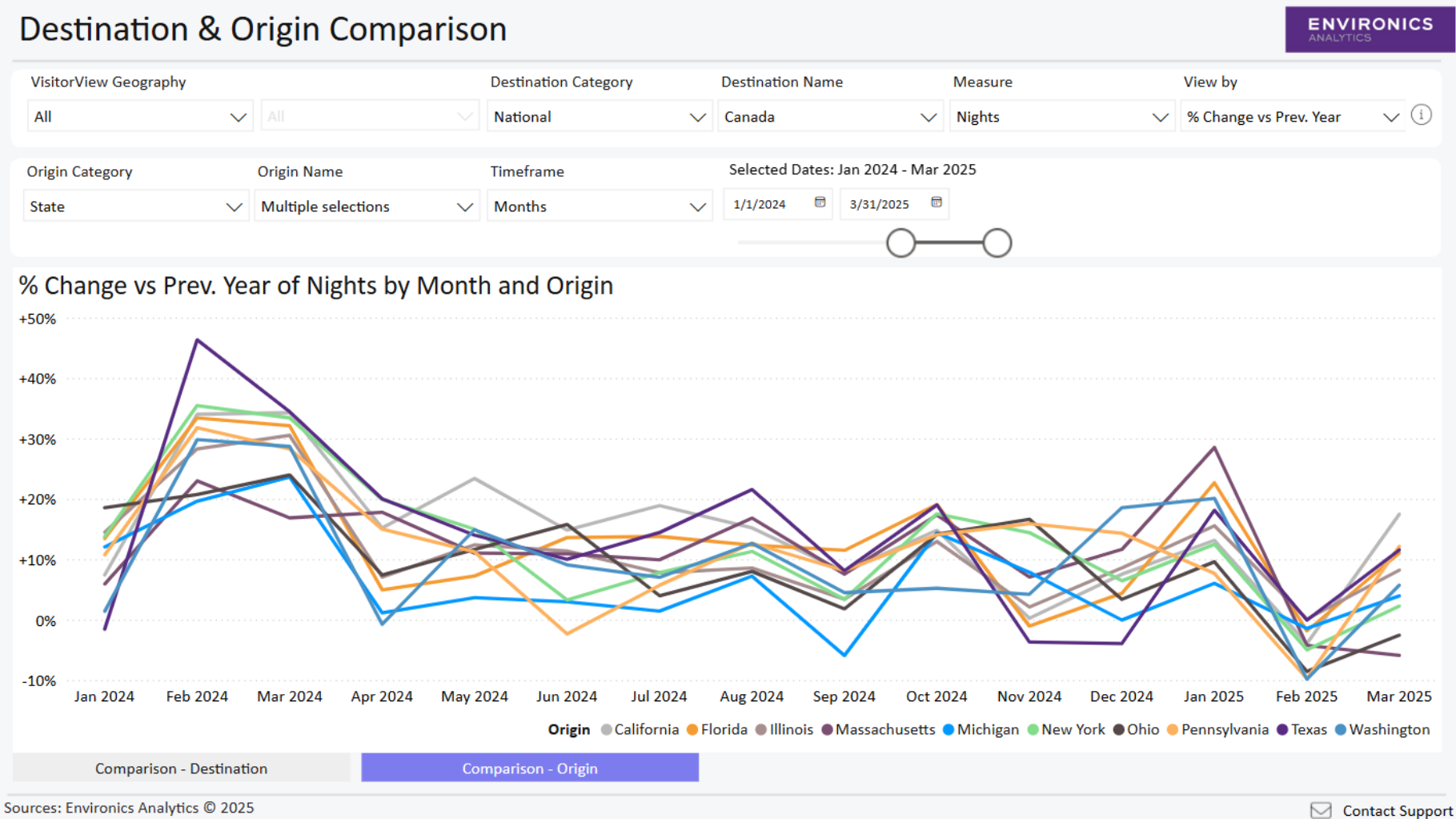
- Shifting visitation sentiments



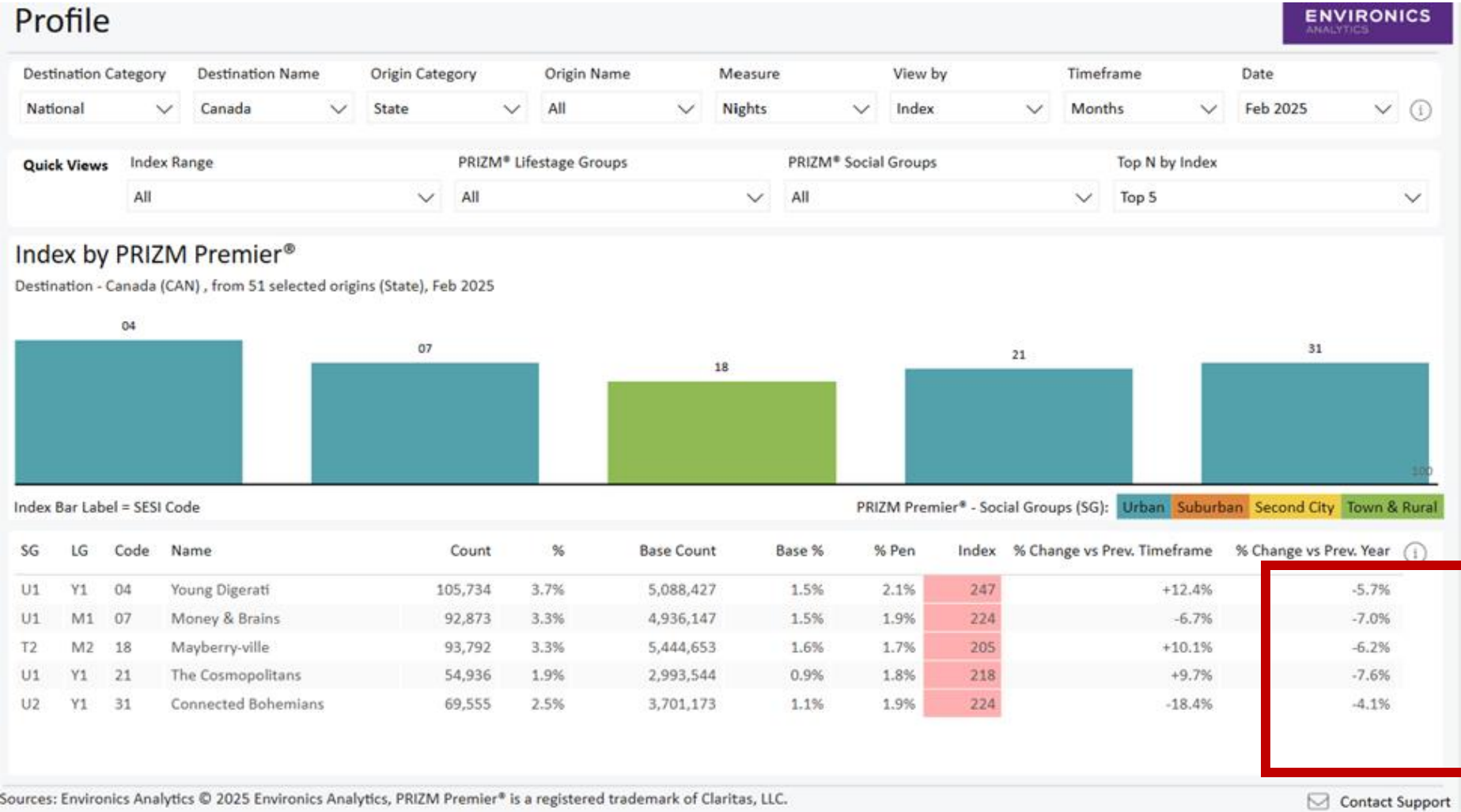
# There is some YOY softness, especially on the international tourism front, with a 20% decline in February and March nights



# The top 10 States show similar trends with a drop in February but show a rebound in March.



# Even top visitor types to Canada are showing a YOY decline



# Strategic Implications

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- Do you want to prioritize attracting more Canadian visitors? What unique opportunities or challenges does the in the current situation present?
- Is maintaining your current U.S. market share a priority? What trends or shifts might influence this decision?
- Is your destination prepared to welcome a new or different visitor profile? What infrastructure, services, or messaging might need to evolve?
- Do American visitors feel genuinely welcomed in our community? How do local perceptions and cultural alignment influence this, should you be concern?



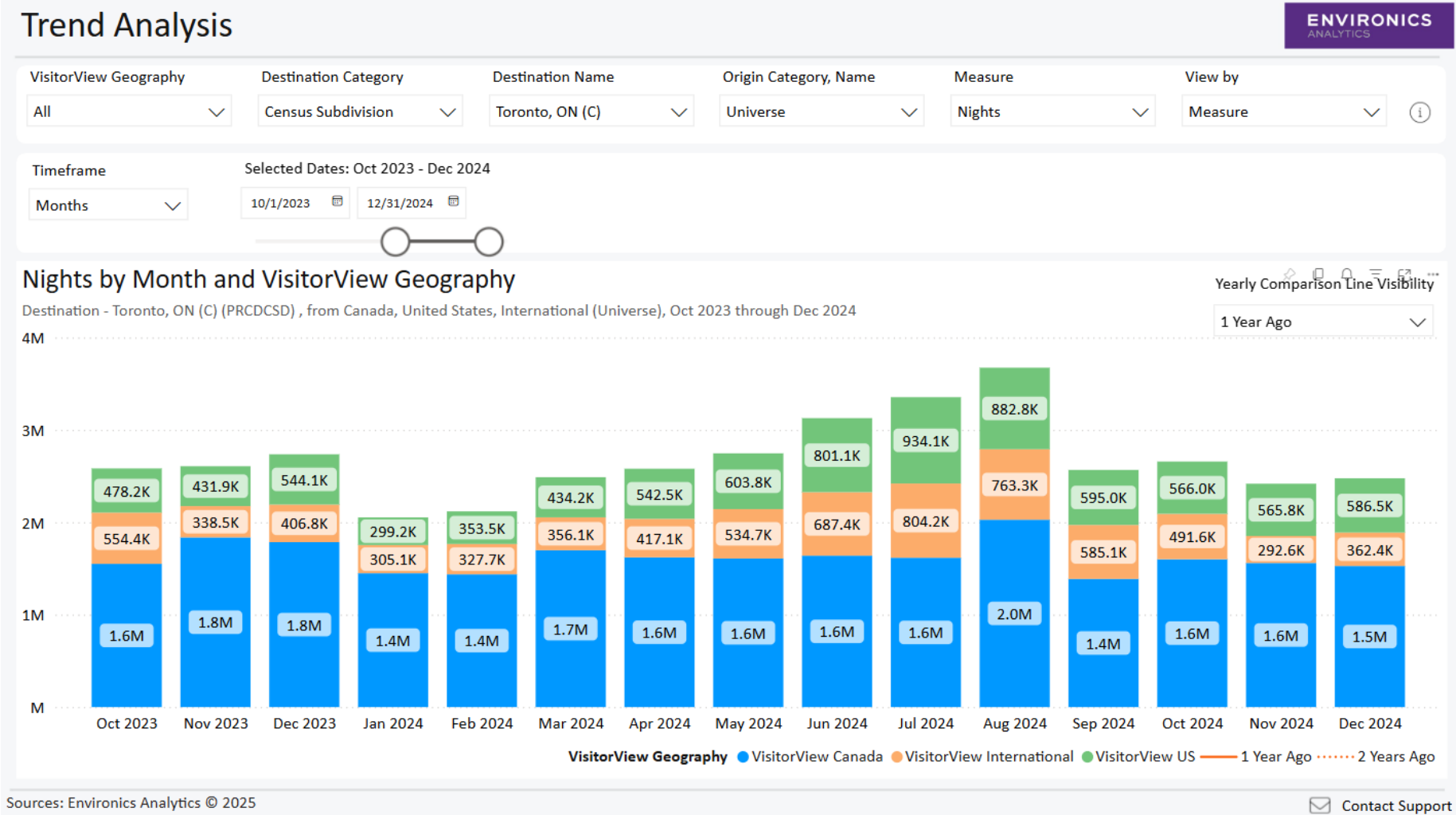
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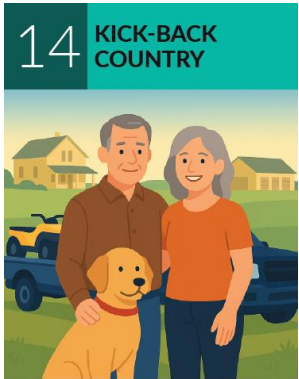
- Major Events Planning



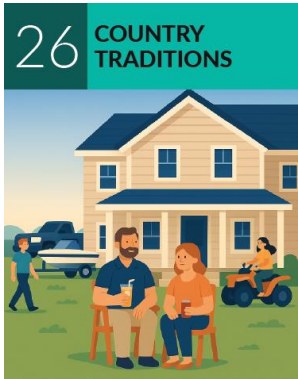
# Americans spent 100K more nights in Tayronto in November 2024!



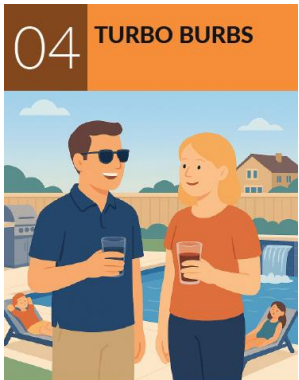
# Suburban and Rural families shied away from Tayronto in November 2024 with a double-digit drop in YOY nights to the city



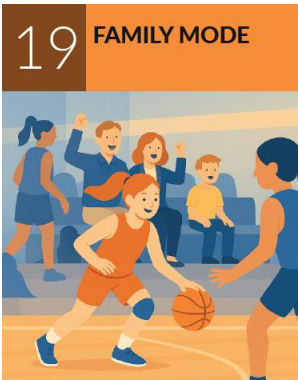
**14 KICK-BACK COUNTRY**  
R1 Upper-Middle Rural Middle-Age Families F3  
Rural, middle-aged and older couples and families



**26 COUNTRY TRADITIONS**  
R1 Upper-Middle Rural Middle-Age Families F3  
Rural, upper-middle-income couples and families



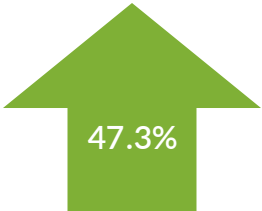
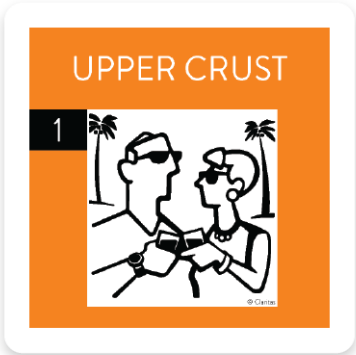
**04 TURBO BURBS**  
S1 Suburban Elite Middle-Age Families F3  
High-income, middle-aged, suburban families and couples



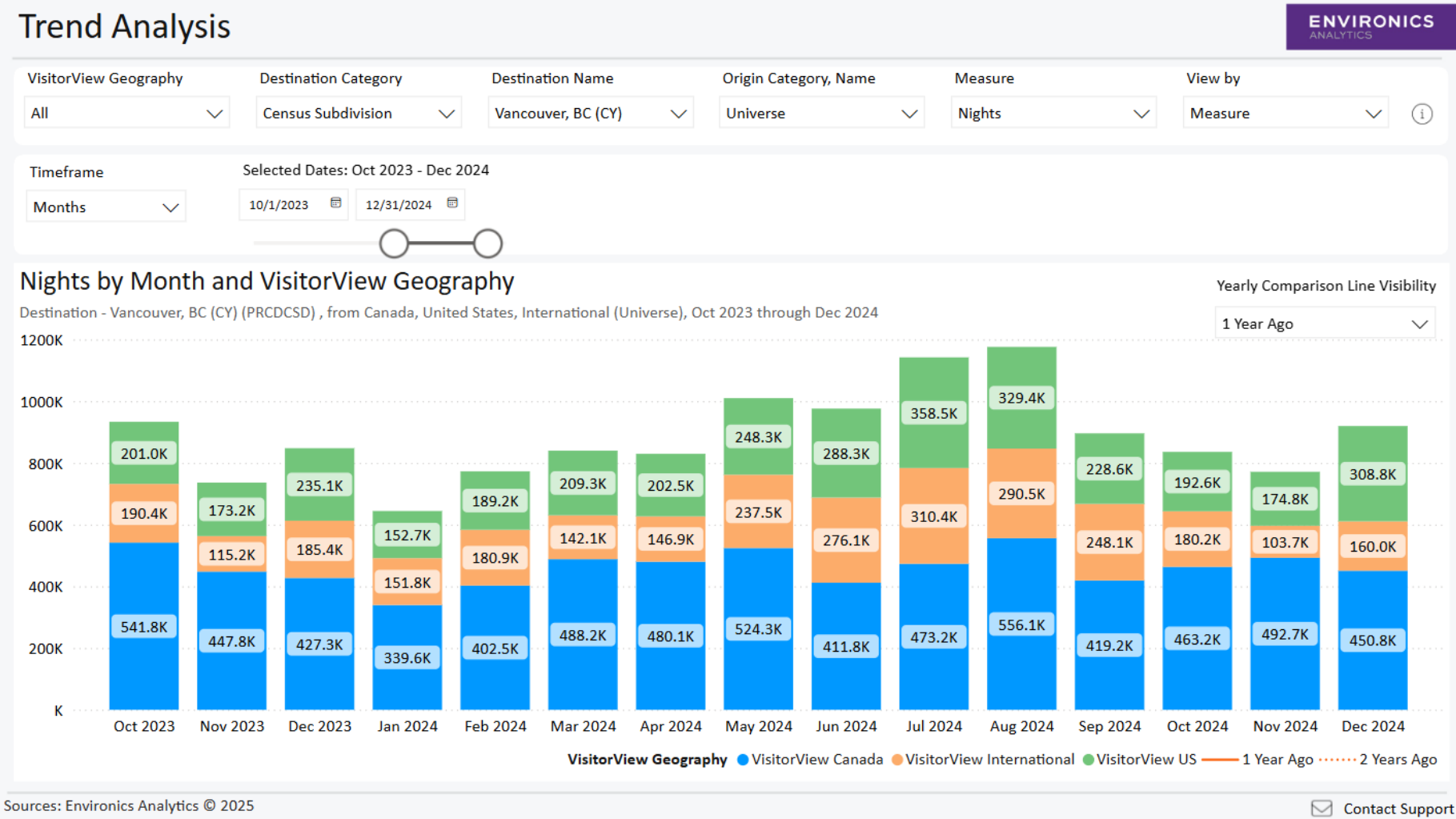
**19 FAMILY MODE**  
S3 Upper-Middle Suburbia Middle-Age Families F3  
Suburban, financially comfortable, middle-aged families



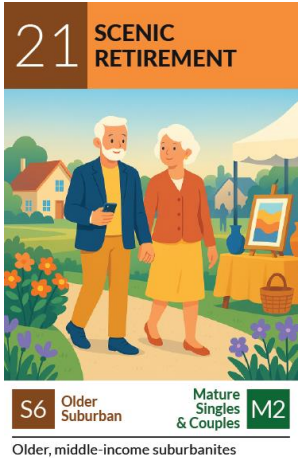
# The types of visitors differed as well, with more affluent US visitors heading to Tayronto



# Swiftcouver saw an uptick in both domestic and US visitors in December 2024; 5.5% and 31.5% respectively



# Domestically, there are some typical visitor types who stayed away during this major event, primarily younger families





# While Tayronto saw an influx of new visitor types, Swiftcouver welcomed familiar faces from our American neighbours



# Strategic Implications

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## New Visitor Types:

- How do I embrace these new visitors to my region?
- With new visitor profiles coming, how can I encourage them to visit our attractions and not just event-related activities?
- Knowing there are new visitor types coming to a major event, how do I, as an adjacent DMO encourage disbursement to my area?

## Familiar Faces:

- Recognizing familiar faces are opting out of big events, how can I encourage them to come another time?
- As a DMO at a distance from the major event location, how do I attract the familiar faces to visit here instead?

# Thank You

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