

Tourism, Travel and Transport

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- Overseas visits to Ireland regained their 2000 level in 2003, having fallen back in 2001 and 2002.
- Visits abroad by Irish residents are up 30% since 2000.
- The expenditure figures for 2003 show a net outflow of €113m – earnings from visits to Ireland accounted for €4,046m, while expenditure by Irish visitors abroad amounted to €4,159m.
- Total number of vehicles under current licence at 31st December 2002 was 1,850,046 an increase of 4.5% on the previous year.
- New private cars licensed for the first time in 2003 were down by 5% on the figures for 2002.
- Driving tests conducted in 2002 totalled 148,983 – an overall pass rate of 54% was achieved.
- The highest number of new private cars licensed for the first time in 2003, classified by make, were Ford (17,231) followed by Toyota (16,736) and Volkswagen (14,396).

Tourism and travel

The data provided in Tables 14.1 to 14.16 is based on two sample surveys of passengers, the *Country of Residence Survey* and the *Passenger Card Inquiry* carried out by the Central Statistics Office. These surveys are used in conjunction with total passenger movement figures supplied by the transport companies to provide estimates for overseas tourism and travel.

From 1 January 2000, commercial drivers on sea routes are excluded from visitor numbers.

The agreed European interpretation of Annex 1 of Commission Decision of 9 December 1998 implementing Council Directive 95/57/EC is that commercial drivers should be considered travellers rather than visitors.

One of the fundamental criteria that are used to distinguish a visitor from a traveller is that the *trip should be to a place other than that of the usual environment*. Places that are frequently visited are part of a person's *usual environment* even though they may be located at a considerable distance (or in another country) from the place of residence. Persons who work in means of transport are included in visitor numbers under "Business" unless their trips consist of frequent routine travel, in which case they may be excluded by the *usual environment* criterion.

The *Country of Residence Survey* is a year round sample survey of passengers (both inward and outward) at all major air and seaports to provide an estimated distribution of passengers by country of residence. This distribution is applied to the total passenger movement figures supplied by the transport companies to provide estimates of the numbers of visits abroad by Irish residents and of visits to Ireland by non-residents. The visits to Ireland figure is further broken down to provide the data on area of residence. The sample size in the 2003 *Country of Residence Survey* was 574 thousand passengers (288 thousand inward and 286 thousand outward).

The *Passenger Card Inquiry* is a year round sample survey of incoming and departing passengers at major air and seaports. Survey cards are distributed and completed by passengers. These survey cards give information on the reason for journey, area of residence, length of stay, expenditure and fare costs. The *Passenger Card Inquiry* results are combined with the overall visitor estimates from the *Country of Residence Survey* to provide the overseas tourism and travel estimates shown. The sample size in the 2003 *Passenger Card Inquiry* at air and seaports was 519 thousand passengers (278 thousand inward and 241 thousand outward).

The estimates for cross-border visitors on rail and scheduled bus services are derived from the *Passenger Card Inquiry* on these services and from passenger movement statistics. In this case, the *Passenger Card Inquiry* results are used to estimate the area of residence distribution in addition to

the reason for journey, average length of stay, expenditure and fare costs. The sample size in the *Passenger Card Inquiry* on cross-border services in 2003 was 10 thousand passengers (5 thousand inward and 5 thousand outward). The estimates of expenditure by cross-border visitors using private cars (or unscheduled bus services) are based on very limited information and must be regarded as subject to error.

Household Travel Survey

The data provided in Tables 14.18 to 14.22 is based on the results of the quarterly *Household Travel Survey* of private households. The scope of the survey is domestic and international travel patterns involving overnight stays of all residents of the Republic of Ireland. The purpose of the *Household Travel Survey* (HTS) is to measure domestic and international travel patterns involving overnight stays and associated details (expenditure, purpose of trip, type of accommodation used, etc) of Irish residents.

Vehicle licensing

The CSO receives figures for vehicles licensed from the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Vehicle Registration Unit. The vehicle licensing tables show the number of mechanically propelled vehicles under current licence and the number of new motor vehicles licensed for the first time. Table 14.23 shows the significant increase in the number of mechanically propelled road vehicles under current licence over the years 1992 to 2002. The number of private cars and goods vehicles under current licence increased by 69% and 61% respectively in this period, while the total number of mechanically propelled vehicles increased by 64%. Tables 14.24 to 14.26 show that the total number of new motor vehicles licensed increased, each year, between 1994 and 2000, when they reached their highest level ever. This figure can be seen to drop in the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, with decreases of 25%, 30% and 32% respectively, when compared with the total for the year 2000.

Shipping

The Statistics of Port Traffic Survey carried out by the CSO collects quarterly data from 21 ports and harbours around the country. The statistics collected detail the movement of goods in sea going vessels by type of cargo and region of trade in addition to the type and size of the vessels used to carry out the transportation. Table 14.29 shows tonnage of goods handled by category of traffic for the period 1995 to 2003.

Railways

The tables relating to railway operations refer to services by Iarnród Éireann. They provide the CSO with figures for goods and passengers transported. Table 14.30 shows details of passenger and freight traffic conveyed by rail for the years 1997 to 2003 while Table 14.31 shows a breakdown of the principal commodities conveyed by rail over the same period.

Buses

The tables relating to scheduled bus passenger operations refer to services by Bus Éireann and Dublin Bus. Table 14.32 shows the number of passenger journeys and distances travelled by them for the years from 1998 to 2003.

All relevant tables

From the 1st January 2000, commercial drivers on sea routes are excluded from visitor numbers.

Table 14.1

Total expenditure (excluding international fares) plus passenger fare receipts of Irish carriers from visitors to Ireland.

Table 14.11

Total expenditure (including international fares) less passenger fare payments by Irish visitors abroad to Irish carriers.

Table 14.16

The 2003 rail figures which are sourced from Iarnród Eireann are provisional and subject to change.

Table 14.27

Figures are for driving tests in all vehicle categories.

Table 14.28

Daewoo was not sold in Ireland prior to 1999.

Prior to the year 2002 data for Land Rover and MG/Rover are included under the category 'Other makes'.

Table 14.32

Passenger journey data for the years 1998 to 2001 have been revised by Dublin Bus.



Table 14.1 Expenditure of visitors to Ireland by route of travel

	€m				
Expenditure	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Route of travel					
Air Cross-Channel	965	1,145	1,244	1,282	1,334
Sea Cross-Channel	494	485	513	566	515
Continental European	509	603	690	747	794
Transatlantic	314	385	445	451	555
All overseas routes	2,280	2,617	2,893	3,045	3,198
Cross-Border	192	207	222	221	228
Total expenditure (excluding international fares)	2,473	2,824	3,115	3,266	3,426
Passenger fare receipts of Irish carriers from visitors to Ireland	641	813	820	723	620
Total international tourism and travel earnings	3,115	3,637	3,935	3,989	4,046

Source: CSO

Table 14.2 Expenditure of visitors to Ireland by area of residence and reason for journey

	€m				
Expenditure	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total expenditure (excluding international fares)	2,280	2,617	2,893	3,045	3,198
Area of residence					
Great Britain	968	1,042	1,163	1,251	1,295
Other Europe	623	721	810	862	884
USA and Canada	549	679	713	705	784
Other areas	141	175	207	227	235
Reason for journey					
Business	438	486	460	445	402
Holiday/leisure/recreation	1,228	1,386	1,594	1,696	1,779
Visit to friends/relatives	453	569	648	675	708
Other	161	175	191	230	309

Source: CSO

Table 14.3 Overseas and Cross-Border visits to Ireland – number of overseas visits by route of travel, area of residence and reason for journey and Cross-Border visits on rail and scheduled bus services

Thousands

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total overseas visits	6,068	6,310	5,990	6,065	6,369
Route of travel					
Air Cross-Channel	2,836	3,047	2,969	3,073	3,253
Sea Cross-Channel	1,677	1,518	1,313	1,335	1,262
Continental European	1,065	1,187	1,170	1,173	1,287
Transatlantic	489	560	539	484	567
Area of residence					
Great Britain	3,558	3,559	3,462	3,579	3,719
Other Europe	1,333	1,453	1,357	1,392	1,497
USA and Canada	943	1,043	912	849	904
Other areas	233	256	260	245	249
Reason for journey					
Business	994	1,074	975	906	854
Holiday/leisure/recreation	3,306	3,346	3,177	3,242	3,334
Visit to friends/relatives	1,439	1,564	1,566	1,603	1,736
Other	328	328	273	314	445
Cross-Border visits					
Rail					
Length of stay - 1 day or less	79	98	99	95	91
- over 1 day	147	153	151	141	129
Scheduled bus					
Length of stay - 1 day or less	193	200	126	119	115
- over 1 day	97	94	192	176	162

Source: CSO

Inward visits - reason for journey

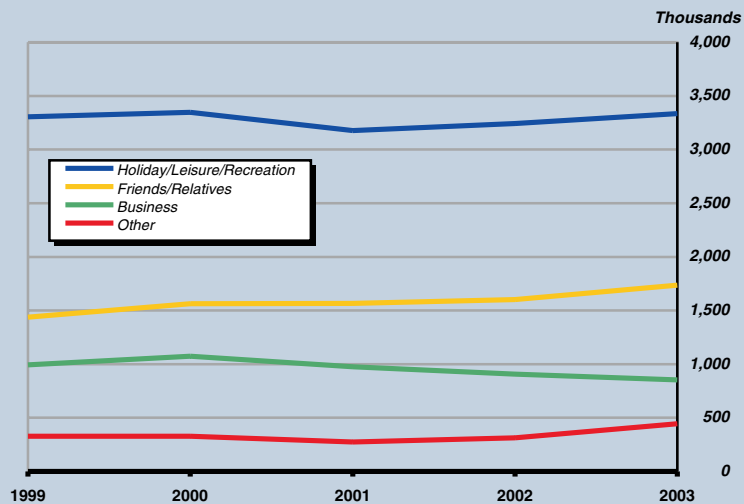


Table 14.4 Overseas visits to Ireland: average length of stay (nights) by route of travel, area of residence and reason for journey

	<i>Nights</i>				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
All overseas visits	7.7	7.6	7.9	7.7	7.8
Route of travel					
Air Cross-Channel	6.0	6.3	6.3	5.7	5.7
Sea Cross-Channel	7.9	7.7	8.0	8.3	7.9
Continental European	10.4	9.7	10.7	10.8	11.1
Transatlantic	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.6	10.9
Area of residence					
Great Britain	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.2
Other Europe	10.3	10.0	11.1	11.2	11.1
USA and Canada	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.6	10.0
Other areas	11.5	11.6	13.8	15.1	15.9
Reason for journey					
Business	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.9	5.6
Holiday/leisure/recreation	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.1	7.1
Visit to friends/relatives	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.1	7.8
Other	13.0	13.2	16.5	16.7	16.8

Source: CSO

Table 14.5 Overseas visits to Ireland by non-residents distinguishing same-day visits

	<i>Thousands</i>				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total overseas visits	6,068	6,310	5,990	6,065	6,369
Same-day visits (ie no overnight in Ireland)	344	345	344	305	334
Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland	5,723	5,966	5,646	5,760	6,035

Source: CSO

TABLE 14.4

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Table 14.6 Overseas same-day visits to Ireland by area of residence and reason for journey, 2003

Thousands

Visits to Ireland	Reason for journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/leisure/ recreation	Visit to friends/relatives	Other	
Total same-day visits (ie no overnight in Ireland)	129	115	46	43	334
Area of residence					
Great Britain	114	97	32	37	280
Other Europe	11	5	6	3	25
USA and Canada	3	10	6	3	22
Other areas	2	2	2	0	6

Source: CSO

Table 14.7 Overseas visits to Ireland by area of residence and reason for journey, 2003

Thousands

Visits to Ireland	Reason for journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/leisure/ recreation	Visit to friends/relatives	Other	
Total visits with at least one overnight in Ireland	725	3,219	1,690	402	6,035
Area of residence					
Great Britain	412	1,727	1,175	125	3,439
Other Europe	212	764	275	221	1,472
USA and Canada	68	608	171	35	882
Other areas	32	120	69	21	243

Source: CSO

Table 14.8 Overseas visits to Ireland by non-residents with at least one overnight in Ireland – number of bednights classified by type of accommodation used

Thousands

Bednights	2001	2002	2003
Accommodation	44,552	44,339	46,846
Hotel	9,127	10,199	10,278
Guest house/B&B	8,347	7,122	7,470
Rented house/Apartment	7,990	8,350	8,744
Caravan/Camping	1,071	1,056	1,077
Hostel	1,710	1,580	1,709
Friends/Relatives	12,226	12,012	13,122
Other	4,081	4,020	4,446

Source: CSO

Table 14.9 Overseas visits to Ireland with at least one overnight in Ireland – number of bednights classified by area of residence and type of accommodation used

Thousands

Bednights	2001	2002	2003
Great Britain	17,686	17,507	17,823
Hotel	3,792	4,452	4,306
Guest house/B&B	2,589	2,204	2,156
Rented house/Apartment	2,637	2,777	2,660
Caravan/Camping	481	411	401
Hostel	245	283	261
Friends/Relatives	7,004	6,604	7,184
Other	938	776	855
Other Europe	14,677	15,231	16,320
Hotel	2,084	2,520	2,414
Guest house/B&B	3,154	2,609	3,106
Rented house/Apartment	3,457	3,687	3,594
Caravan/Camping	519	617	656
Hostel	882	749	954
Friends/Relatives	2,445	2,481	2,823
Other	2,136	2,568	2,773
USA and Canada	8,668	7,998	8,834
Hotel	2,793	2,770	3,095
Guest house/B&B	2,024	1,808	1,798
Rented house/Apartment	1,154	974	1,362
Caravan/Camping	25	12	8
Hostel	333	322	313
Friends/Relatives	1,658	1,703	1,722
Other	681	409	536
Other Areas	3,522	3,602	3,868
Hotel	458	457	463
Guest house/B&B	580	501	410
Rented house/Apartment	743	912	1,127
Caravan/Camping	46	15	11
Hostel	250	226	181
Friends/Relatives	1,118	1,224	1,394
Other	327	267	282

Source: CSO

TABLE 14.9

Table 14.10 Overseas visits to Ireland by non-residents, with at least one overnight in Ireland – number of bednights classified by type of accommodation used and reason for journey, 2003

Thousands

Bednights	Reason for journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/leisure/ recreation	Visit to friends/relatives	Other	
Accommodation used	4,029	22,841	13,251	6,726	46,846
Hotel	1,830	7,021	840	587	10,278
Guest house/B&B	358	5,307	835	970	7,470
Rented house/Apartment	1,104	4,345	1,444	1,851	8,744
Caravan/Camping	14	983	70	9	1,077
Hostel	77	1,157	198	278	1,709
Friends/Relatives	416	2,565	9,339	803	13,122
Other	230	1,463	525	2,228	4,446

Source: CSO

Table 14.11 Expenditure (including international fares) on visits abroad by Irish residents by route of travel

€m

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Route of travel					
Air Cross-Channel	1,164	1,232	1,265	1,464	1,393
Sea Cross-Channel	171	172	208	213	220
Continental European	1,112	1,382	1,699	2,237	2,452
Transatlantic	344	402	429	395	521
All overseas routes	2,792	3,187	3,600	4,310	4,586
Cross-Border	108	112	121	120	114
Total expenditure (including international fares)	2,900	3,300	3,721	4,429	4,700
Passenger fare payments by Irish visitors abroad to Irish carriers	436	495	497	477	541
Total net international tourism and travel expenditure	2,465	2,804	3,224	3,952	4,159

Source: CSO

Table 14.12 Expenditure (including international fares) on overseas visits by Irish residents classified by reason for journey

	<i>€m</i>				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total expenditure (including international fares)	2,792	3,187	3,600	4,310	4,586
Reason for journey					
Business	556	657	521	581	605
Holiday/leisure/recreation	1,501	1,737	2,205	2,720	2,895
Visit to friends/relatives	555	598	678	754	796
Other	180	195	196	255	290

Source: CSO

Table 14.13 Visits abroad by Irish residents – number of overseas visits by Irish residents by route of travel and reason for journey and Cross-Border visits on rail and scheduled bus services

	<i>Thousands</i>				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total overseas visits	3,576	3,783	4,216	4,634	4,929
Route of travel					
Air Cross-Channel	1,618	1,577	1,670	1,825	1,825
Sea Cross-Channel	454	414	439	413	408
Continental European	1,276	1,550	1,864	2,190	2,438
Transatlantic	227	242	243	206	259
Reason for journey					
Business	594	631	542	559	597
Holiday/leisure/recreation	1,752	1,963	2,402	2,706	2,876
Visit to friends/relatives	958	946	1,048	1,099	1,170
Other	261	243	224	270	287
Cross-Border visits					
Rail					
Length of stay - 1 day or less	131	137	112	131	135
- over 1 day	65	77	56	58	51
Scheduled bus					
Length of stay - 1 day or less	246	243	142	163	170
- over 1 day	5	7	71	72	65

Source: CSO

TABLE 14.12

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Table 14.14 Visits abroad by Irish residents: average length of stay (nights) of overseas visits of Irish residents by route of travel and reason for journey

	<i>Nights</i>				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
All overseas visits	9.4	9.6	9.8	9.6	9.3
Route of travel					
Air Cross-Channel	8.9	9.4	9.4	9.6	8.9
Sea Cross-Channel	6.4	6.8	7.4	8.0	8.2
Continental European	9.7	9.5	9.8	9.3	9.0
Transatlantic	17.2	16.0	15.6	16.6	16.9
Reason for journey					
Business	6.6	7.1	7.2	7.6	7.3
Holiday/leisure/recreation	10.0	10.3	10.4	10.0	9.6
Visit to friends/relatives	9.2	9.3	8.9	9.2	8.8
Other	12.6	11.9	13.7	11.3	12.9

Source: CSO

Table 14.15 Tourism and travel earnings and expenditure

	<i>€m</i>				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
International tourism and travel earnings from visitors to Ireland	3,115	3,637	3,935	3,989	4,046
Net international tourism and travel expenditure by Irish visitors abroad	2,465	2,804	3,224	3,952	4,159
Tourism and travel balance	+650	+832	+711	+37	-113

Source: CSO

Outward visits - route of travel

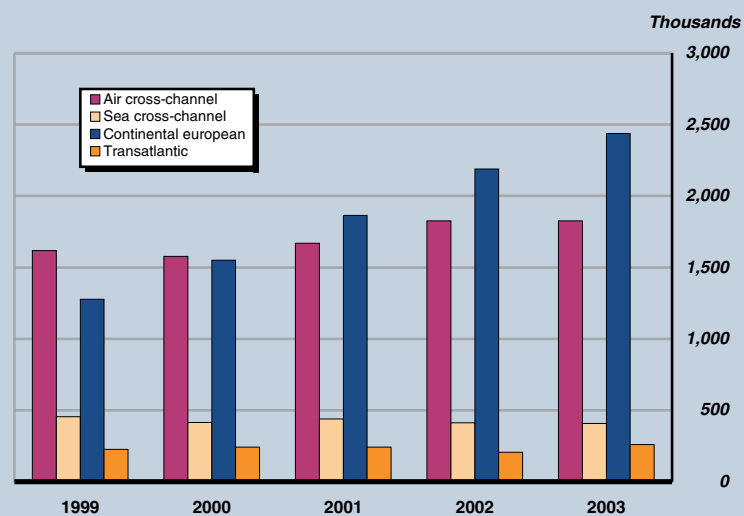


Table 14.16 Passenger movement by sea, rail, scheduled bus and air classified by route

Thousands

Mode	Year	Routes to/from							
		Great Britain		Northern Ireland		Other places		Total	
		Outwards	Inwards	Outwards	Inwards	Outwards	Inwards	Outwards	Inwards
Sea	1998	2,290	2,306	-	-	131	128	2,421	2,434
	1999	2,151	2,195	-	-	135	134	2,286	2,328
	2000	2,121	2,111	-	-	138	137	2,259	2,248
	2001	1,933	1,949	-	-	140	138	2,074	2,087
	2002	1,960	1,962	-	-	148	147	2,109	2,110
	2003	1,889	1,913	-	-	147	146	2,036	2,059
Rail	1998	-	-	354	371	-	-	354	371
	1999	-	-	416	428	-	-	416	428
	2000	-	-	460	470	-	-	460	470
	2001	-	-	414	422	-	-	414	422
	2002	-	-	418	433	-	-	418	433
	2003	-	-	454	456	-	-	454	456
Bus (scheduled)	1998	-	-	579	579	-	-	579	579
	1999	-	-	540	541	-	-	540	541
	2000	-	-	544	545	-	-	544	545
	2001	-	-	530	532	-	-	530	532
	2002	-	-	527	532	-	-	527	532
	2003	-	-	508	514	-	-	508	514
Air	1998	4,300	4,240	-	-	2,548	2,526	6,849	6,766
	1999	4,518	4,482	-	-	3,023	3,005	7,541	7,487
	2000	4,690	4,649	-	-	3,548	3,496	8,238	8,146
	2001	4,703	4,672	-	-	3,833	3,822	8,536	8,494
	2002	4,966	4,919	-	-	4,070	4,050	9,036	8,969
	2003	5,132	5,096	-	-	4,556	4,556	9,688	9,652
Total	1998	6,591	6,546	933	951	2,679	2,654	10,203	10,150
	1999	6,669	6,677	956	969	3,158	3,139	10,783	10,784
	2000	6,811	6,761	1,004	1,015	3,686	3,633	11,500	11,409
	2001	6,637	6,621	944	954	3,973	3,960	11,553	11,535
	2002	6,926	6,881	945	965	4,218	4,198	12,089	12,044
	2003	7,021	7,009	962	970	4,704	4,702	12,686	12,681

TABLE 14.16

Source: CSO

Estimated earnings and expenditure

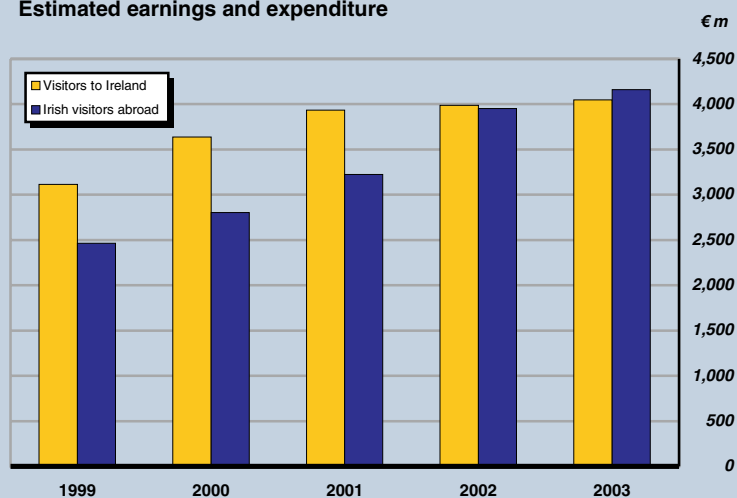


Table 14.17 Registered hotels and guest houses and number of bedrooms available

Description	Number					
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Hotels	819	836	844	849	858	854
Bedrooms available	36,090	36,677	38,000	40,000	42,000	43,043
Guest houses	459	491	481	489	486	480
Bedrooms available	4,869	5,153	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,310

Source: Fáilte Ireland

Table 14.18 Domestic travel by Irish residents – number of trips, number of nights and average length of stay by region visited

	000			
	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total Domestic – Trips	5,478	6,307	6,452	6,657
Border	597	682	675	699
Dublin	722	843	856	893
Mid-East	313	352	368	395
Mid-West	583	685	689	692
Midland	209	225	270	287
South-East	882	1,008	1,024	1,042
South-West	1,227	1,341	1,425	1,400
West	944	1,171	1,144	1,249
Total Domestic – Nights	20,703	23,207	22,222	23,616
Border	2,329	2,604	2,301	2,567
Dublin	2,230	2,331	2,260	2,544
Mid-East	1,033	1,089	976	1,049
Mid-West	2,273	2,476	2,514	2,644
Midland	637	587	704	742
South-East	3,403	3,971	3,815	3,764
South-West	5,090	5,802	5,720	5,814
West	3,708	4,348	3,932	4,491
Average Length of Stay	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.5
Border	3.9	3.8	3.4	3.7
Dublin	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.8
Mid-East	3.3	3.1	2.7	2.7
Mid-West	3.9	3.6	3.6	3.8
Midland	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.6
South-East	3.9	3.9	3.7	3.6
South-West	4.1	4.3	4.0	4.2
West	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.6

Source: CSO

TABLE 14.17

TABLE 14.18

Table 14.19 Domestic travel by Irish residents – number of trips, number of nights and average length of stay by reason for journey

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	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total Domestic – Trips	5,478	6,307	6,452	6,657
Holiday	2,516	2,902	2,819	2,933
Business	554	652	583	619
Visiting Friends/Relatives	1,800	2,063	2,286	2,291
Other	607	690	763	814
Total Domestic – Nights	20,703	23,207	22,222	23,616
Holiday	11,465	13,227	12,098	13,009
Business	1,672	1,778	1,633	1,788
Visiting Friends/Relatives	5,651	5,823	6,120	6,509
Other	1,916	2,380	2,371	2,310
Average Length of Stay	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.5
Holiday	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.4
Business	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.9
Visiting Friends/Relatives	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.8
Other	3.2	3.4	3.1	2.8

Source: CSO

Table 14.20 Domestic travel by Irish residents – total estimated expenditure by reason for journey

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	2000	2001	2002	2003
Domestic - Expenditure	706.6	879.9	849.4	970.9
Holiday	447.7	549.7	501.6	575.9
Business	109.5	149.3	152.9	157.6
Visiting Friends/Relatives	81.3	86.6	97.2	114.0
Other	68.1	94.3	97.7	123.4

Source: CSO

TABLE 14.19

TABLE 14.20

Table 14.21 International travel by Irish residents – number of trips, number of nights and average length of stay by region visited

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	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total International – Trips	3,768	4,162	4,597	4,974
EU-15	2,988	3,400	3,802	4,117
Other Europe	145	197	229	260
North America	439	360	339	384
Central and South America	27	23	21	30
Asia	55	62	65	64
Africa	65	71	86	76
Australia, New Zealand and Oceania	48	49	56	42
Total International – Nights	35,544	37,953	40,660	43,702
EU-15	24,020	26,844	29,191	31,758
Other Europe	1,352	1,873	2,185	2,285
North America	6,506	5,412	5,046	5,722
Central and South America	411	378	313	513
Asia	873	1,012	1,060	999
Africa	857	859	1,153	1,080
Australia, New Zealand and Oceania	1,525	1,576	1,713	1,344
Average Length of Stay	9.4	9.1	8.8	8.8
EU-15	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.7
Other Europe	9.3	9.5	9.5	8.8
North America	14.8	15.0	14.9	14.9
Central and South America	15.2	16.4	14.9	17.1
Asia	15.9	16.3	16.3	15.6
Africa	13.2	12.1	13.4	14.2
Australia, New Zealand and Oceania	31.8	32.2	30.6	32.0

Source: CSO

Table 14.22 International travel by Irish residents – number of trips, number of nights and average length of stay by reason for journey

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	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total International – Trips	3,768	4,162	4,597	4,974
Holiday	2,226	2,569	2,833	3,162
Business	622	638	609	621
Visiting Friends/Relatives	663	704	856	876
Other	257	251	299	315
Total International – Nights	35,544	37,953	40,660	43,702
Holiday	23,883	26,786	28,353	31,115
Business	3,728	3,462	3,163	3,421
Visiting Friends/Relatives	5,123	5,175	6,415	6,150
Other	2,810	2,530	2,730	3,015
Average Length of Stay	9.4	9.1	8.8	8.8
Holiday	10.7	10.4	10.0	9.8
Business	6.0	5.4	5.2	5.5
Visiting Friends/Relatives	7.7	7.4	7.5	7.0
Other	10.9	10.1	9.1	9.6

Source: CSO

Table 14.23 Mechanically propelled vehicles under current licence*Number*

Year	Private cars	Motor cycles	Goods vehicles	Tractors, excavators, dumpers etc	Public service vehicles		Exempt vehicles	Others	Total
					Small	Large			
1976	551,117	36,025	53,532	67,577	4,143	2,573	7,432	2,417	724,816
1977	572,692	33,649	53,251	71,819	3,674	2,598	7,413	2,574	747,670
1978	638,740	30,866	59,585	71,762	2,879	2,635	5,447	2,657	814,571
1979	682,958	28,785	61,543	67,189	2,716	2,672	4,744	2,604	853,211
1980	734,371	28,488	65,052	69,118	2,444	2,722	6,141	2,695	911,031
1981	774,594	28,140	67,014	66,273	2,366	2,844	5,835	2,753	949,819
1982	709,000	25,676	68,087	64,382	3,453	2,955	5,847	2,740	882,140
1983	718,555	25,208	69,978	67,595	3,960	2,949	6,407	2,729	897,381
1984	711,098	26,305	84,103	68,392	4,329	3,107	6,085	2,690	906,109
1985	709,546	26,025	93,369	68,552	4,358	3,295	6,905	2,708	914,758
1986	711,087	25,735	101,475	66,149	4,710	3,422	7,146	2,760	922,484
1987	736,595	25,828	111,023	67,597	4,826	3,521	7,525	2,838	959,753
1988	749,459	24,877	118,764	69,219	4,952	3,701	7,598	2,726	981,296
1989	773,396	24,492	130,020	72,707	5,061	3,834	7,238	2,812	1,019,560
1990	796,408	22,744	143,166	72,814	4,977	4,047	7,255	2,848	1,054,259
1991	836,583	24,652	148,331	75,742	5,363	4,388	7,119	3,367	1,105,545
1992	858,498	24,649	144,798	76,784	5,711	4,557	7,514	3,962	1,126,473
1993	891,027	23,921	135,225	77,115	6,144	4,835	7,874	5,097	1,151,238
1994	939,022	23,632	135,809	77,680	6,925	4,985	8,052	6,168	1,202,273
1995	990,384	23,452	141,785	77,925	8,086	5,282	8,336	7,253	1,262,503
1996	1,057,383	23,847	146,601	78,696	9,219	5,535	8,661	8,674	1,338,616
1997	1,134,429	24,424	158,158	78,405	10,340	5,845	10,336	10,393	1,432,330
1998	1,196,901	24,398	170,866	78,047	11,249	6,096	11,748	11,548	1,510,853
1999	1,269,245	26,677	188,814	75,591	13,076	6,564	12,248	15,941	1,608,156
2000	1,319,250	30,638	205,575	73,806	13,637	6,957	13,864	18,494	1,682,221
2001	1,384,704	32,913	219,510	73,719	16,547	7,084	14,965	20,242	1,769,684
2002	1,447,908	33,147	233,069	73,956	18,252	7,090	16,186	20,438	1,850,046

Source: Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government

TABLE 14.23

Table 14.24 New motor vehicles licensed for the first time by taxation class

Taxation class	Number									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Private cars	77,773	82,730	109,333	125,818	138,538	170,322	225,269	160,908	150,485	142,992
Goods vehicles	12,845	13,790	16,445	18,895	23,811	30,066	33,606	30,622	28,412	30,532
Tractors	1,830	2,108	2,233	1,848	2,318	2,762	2,816	2,681	2,868	2,970
Motor cycles	1,837	1,911	2,412	2,717	3,117	4,955	6,871	6,919	5,596	4,993
Exempt vehicles	1,178	1,489	1,887	2,042	2,481	2,664	3,321	3,709	4,114	4,022
Public service vehicles	906	1,039	1,100	1,051	1,380	1,795	1,774	1,335	1,149	1,081
<i>Small</i>	620	728	759	633	991	1,109	873	843	713	599
<i>Large</i>	286	311	341	418	389	686	901	492	436	482
Machines or contrivances	272	351	481	636	739	709	1,003	938	819	1,123
Other classes	44	61	73	79	140	327	330	329	300	396
Total	96,685	103,479	133,964	153,086	172,524	213,600	274,990	207,441	193,743	188,109

Source: CSO

Table 14.25 New private cars licensed for the first time by engine cubic capacity

Engine cubic capacity	Number									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Up to 1000 cc	4,995	4,667	7,151	14,349	16,190	24,714	34,800	19,750	10,971	9,561
1001-1300 cc	16,059	19,268	27,266	27,637	24,148	31,834	44,684	25,429	25,403	24,638
1301-1400 cc	22,320	23,535	34,960	37,930	40,559	52,261	67,667	40,959	39,905	37,457
1401-1500 cc	1,484	2,621	1,885	2,010	1,998	1,021	3,341	7,389	5,822	5,682
1501-1600 cc	10,507	9,811	12,587	16,504	21,463	22,578	27,029	21,638	21,343	20,338
1601-2400 cc	21,403	21,233	23,589	25,012	31,067	34,427	43,194	41,469	42,451	40,198
2401 cc and over	1,005	1,595	1,895	2,376	3,113	3,487	4,554	4,274	4,590	5,118
Total	77,773	82,730	109,333	125,818	138,538	170,322	225,269	160,908	150,485	142,992

Source: CSO

TABLE 14.24
TABLE 14.25

New private cars licensed for the first time

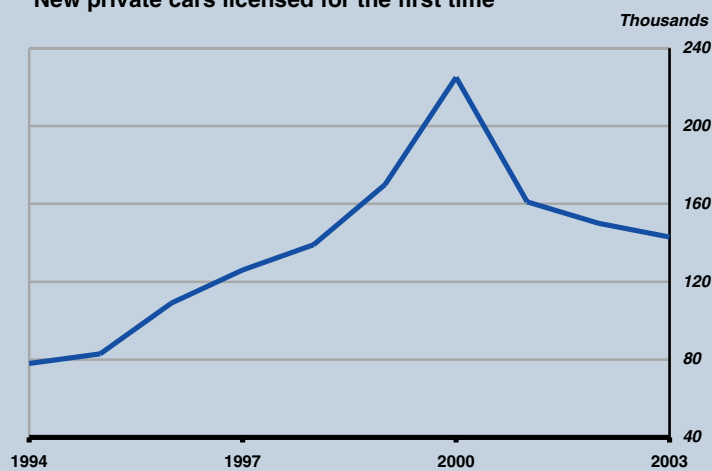


Table 14.26 New vehicles licensed for the first time, by local authority

Authority	Number									
	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Carlow	984	1,010	1,405	1,667	1,795	2,535	3,136	2,197	2,233	2,166
Cavan	1,125	1,118	1,291	1,603	1,946	2,334	3,315	2,477	2,308	2,263
Clare	2,161	2,276	2,825	3,998	4,267	5,107	6,080	4,522	4,032	3,979
Donegal	2,192	2,089	2,537	3,048	3,807	4,769	6,103	4,688	4,727	4,156
Galway	3,873	4,575	5,802	7,030	7,750	9,155	11,734	8,351	8,570	8,065
Kerry	2,204	2,330	2,827	3,582	3,883	4,424	6,129	4,077	4,099	3,829
Kildare	3,384	3,624	4,800	5,251	6,879	9,058	12,135	9,357	8,654	8,431
Kilkenny	1,879	2,006	2,504	2,789	3,244	4,003	5,132	3,563	3,433	3,278
Laois	1,193	1,379	1,686	1,926	2,178	2,568	3,433	2,404	2,385	2,326
Leitrim	374	408	569	641	644	865	1,231	868	890	849
Limerick County	2,878	3,380	4,206	5,523	5,931	6,506	9,157	6,220	6,019	5,731
Longford	607	677	867	990	1,023	1,288	1,632	1,261	1,271	1,224
Louth	2,168	2,262	2,929	3,151	3,821	5,040	6,700	5,110	4,725	4,426
Mayo	1,948	2,087	2,715	3,157	3,477	4,384	5,937	4,216	4,136	4,189
Meath	2,635	2,966	4,039	4,771	5,602	7,180	9,245	7,423	6,951	7,226
Monaghan	1,120	1,104	1,415	1,483	1,753	2,217	2,938	2,023	2,107	1,920
Offaly	1,245	1,372	1,742	2,212	2,283	2,990	4,100	2,798	2,803	2,702
Roscommon	1,145	1,192	1,486	1,823	1,952	2,429	3,361	2,453	2,585	2,523
Sligo	1,420	1,518	1,893	2,171	2,240	2,914	3,503	2,444	2,496	2,290
North Tipperary	1,441	1,612	1,945	2,247	2,577	3,045	3,811	2,592	2,616	2,547
South Tipperary	1,658	1,809	2,520	2,719	3,024	3,612	5,002	3,201	3,197	3,278
Waterford County	1,096	1,185	1,550	1,731	1,964	2,470	3,193	2,070	2,158	1,942
Westmeath	1,601	1,781	2,172	2,565	2,845	3,476	4,435	3,053	3,118	3,077
Wexford	2,809	3,369	4,202	4,629	5,133	6,418	8,218	6,358	6,033	5,473
Wicklow	2,269	2,357	3,367	4,100	4,639	5,978	7,879	5,866	5,075	5,057
Cork County and City Council	12,485	13,028	17,319	18,097	21,284	27,841	35,801	25,697	24,053	25,131
Dublin County and City Council	35,800	37,663	49,351	55,975	61,679	74,385	93,752	76,307	67,779	64,415
Limerick City Council	1,595	1,712	1,841	1,990	2,058	2,894	3,532	2,601	2,171	2,074
Waterford City Council	1,396	1,590	2,159	2,217	2,846	3,715	4,366	3,244	3,119	3,342
Total	96,685	103,479	133,964	153,086	172,524	213,600	274,990	207,441	193,743	188,109

Source: CSO

Table 14.27 Driving test pass rates by sex

	Number and rates							
	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Male								
Pass	29,073	32,239	32,699	31,694	45,624	50,557	51,016	42,545
Fail	22,586	24,178	23,685	21,826	29,010	34,510	38,174	34,157
% Pass	56.3	57.1	58.0	59.2	61.1	59.4	57.2	55.5
Female								
Pass	22,112	25,601	25,428	25,130	36,240	42,758	44,553	38,326
Fail	19,672	21,494	21,555	21,462	27,302	34,871	38,633	33,955
% Pass	52.9	54.4	54.1	53.9	57.0	55.1	53.6	53.0
Total tests	93,443	103,512	103,367	100,112	138,176	162,696	172,376	148,983

Source: Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government

TABLE 14.26

TABLE 14.27

Table 14.28 New private cars licensed for the first time by make

Make	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Alfa Romeo	885	1,971	2,547	2,087	1,319	836
Audi	1,917	1,840	2,197	2,260	3,060	2,950
BMW	2,163	2,687	3,898	4,008	4,147	3,708
Citroen	3,333	3,623	4,842	3,783	4,289	3,935
Daewoo	–	3,814	6,675	2,394	1,370	1,457
Daihatsu	10	689	911	433	242	267
Fiat	10,563	12,311	16,821	10,558	8,899	5,632
Ford	16,015	19,004	25,064	17,936	17,146	17,231
Honda	3,654	3,723	3,207	2,806	2,905	2,632
Hyundai	3,218	4,434	7,204	4,518	4,421	5,080
Isuzu	71	122	167	94	83	56
Land Rover	–	–	–	–	1,089	1,076
Mazda	4,701	5,202	4,545	2,711	2,290	3,533
Mercedes-Benz	2,733	3,589	4,139	4,455	3,734	4,890
MG/Rover	–	–	–	–	1,706	976
Mitsubishi	4,210	5,004	5,495	2,503	1,949	1,614
Nissan	12,921	16,016	23,231	15,791	13,745	13,347
Opel	15,654	17,739	21,205	14,954	11,971	10,611
Peugeot	5,763	8,355	10,016	8,510	9,108	7,916
Renault	8,924	9,114	13,728	11,088	10,897	9,723
Saab	653	706	976	975	846	1,111
Seat	3,193	3,814	6,204	3,921	3,142	3,382
Skoda	1,397	2,750	4,233	3,971	4,079	3,459
Subaru	527	622	844	354	341	407
Suzuki	1,161	1,622	2,108	1,653	1,704	1,864
Toyota	15,653	18,727	25,189	16,531	16,655	16,736
Volkswagen	12,670	16,214	22,538	16,967	15,803	14,396
Volvo	1,579	1,470	1,973	1,938	1,738	1,844
Other Makes	4,970	5,160	5,312	3,709	1,807	2,323
Total	138,538	170,322	225,269	160,908	150,485	142,992

Source: CSO

TABLE 14.28

Driving test pass rates

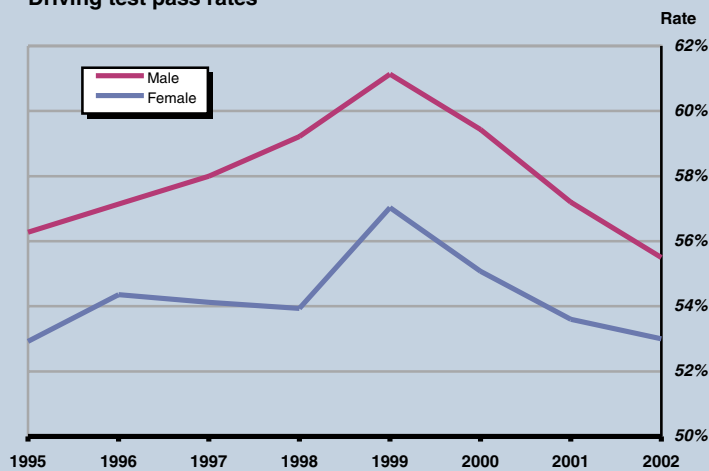


Table 14.29 Tonnage of goods handled by category of traffic

Thousands

Category of traffic	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total goods handled	32,380	33,918	36,330	39,954	42,928	45,273	45,795	44,919	46,165
Roll-on/roll-off traffic	3,894	5,857	6,354	7,504	8,174	8,947	9,253	9,449	9,857
Lift-on/lift-off traffic	4,175	4,404	4,423	4,906	5,755	6,262	5,731	5,919	6,574
Liquid bulk	9,384	9,828	11,117	12,166	12,993	14,008	14,247	13,154	12,966
Dry bulk	13,538	12,266	12,739	13,783	14,416	14,463	14,832	14,775	15,024
Break bulk and all other goods	1,389	1,564	1,697	1,595	1,589	1,593	1,732	1,622	1,743
Goods received	23,197	24,351	25,593	28,694	30,726	31,679	32,634	32,182	33,234
Roll-on/roll-off traffic	2,138	3,316	3,507	4,267	4,713	5,245	5,532	5,517	5,792
Lift-on/lift-off traffic	2,176	2,415	2,381	2,777	3,089	3,344	3,485	3,566	3,956
Liquid bulk	7,623	8,090	8,901	9,836	10,814	11,124	11,463	10,880	10,666
Dry bulk	10,487	9,692	9,830	10,879	11,166	10,910	10,883	10,945	11,444
Break bulk and all other goods	774	837	974	936	945	1,055	1,271	1,274	1,376
Goods forwarded	9,183	9,568	10,737	11,260	12,202	13,594	13,161	12,737	12,931
Roll-on/roll-off traffic	1,757	2,541	2,847	3,237	3,461	3,702	3,722	3,931	4,066
Lift-on/lift-off traffic	1,999	1,989	2,042	2,129	2,667	2,917	2,246	2,353	2,617
Liquid bulk	1,760	1,737	2,216	2,330	2,180	2,885	2,784	2,273	2,301
Dry bulk	3,052	2,574	2,909	2,905	3,250	3,552	3,949	3,830	3,580
Break bulk and all other goods	615	726	724	659	644	538	461	348	367

Source: CSO

Table 14.30 Details of traffic by rail

Thousands

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Passenger journeys							
Mainline and other services	8,906	9,831	10,219	9,695	10,833	11,250	11,256
Dublin suburban services	20,561	22,315	22,546	22,026	23,373	24,120	24,302
Total	29,467	32,146	32,765	31,721	34,206	35,370	35,558
Passenger kilometres	1,387,422	1,420,675	1,457,650	1,389,138	1,515,303	1,628,000	1,601,000
Freight traffic tonnes	2,917	2,790	2,901	2,707	2,612	2,246	2,251
Freight traffic tonnes kilometres	522,377	465,941	525,991	490,825	515,754	426,307	398,309

Source: Iarnród Éireann

TABLE 14.29

TABLE 14.30

Table 14.31 Principal commodities conveyed by rail

Thousand tonnes

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Ale, beer, stout	274	303	338	350	374	381	379
Beet and beet pulp	163	168	158	162	172	160	149
Cement	707	719	694	550	570	510	510
Fertiliser	150	137	139	96	93	55	15
Mineral ores	583	534	530	528	475	360	546
Petrol and oil	52	38	30	29	35	28	26
General freight	988	891	1,012	992	893	752	626
Total	2,917	2,790	2,901	2,707	2,612	2,246	2,251

Source: Iarnród Éireann

Table 14.32 Scheduled bus passenger services

Thousands

Scheduled services	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Passenger journeys						
Dublin city services	134,405	139,050	134,191	142,912	146,600	149,900
Provincial city services	18,900	18,731	19,156	20,051	20,954	21,391
Other scheduled services	18,610	19,525	21,364	23,729	25,104	26,969
School transport scheme	46,882	45,593	43,797	43,610	43,300	43,554
Total	218,797	222,899	218,508	230,302	235,958	241,814
Vehicle kilometres						
Dublin city services	52,880	53,297	54,126	56,873	57,602	57,903
Provincial city services	5,856	5,927	7,197	7,593	7,745	8,201
Other scheduled services	58,739	60,605	66,363	70,457	71,840	77,095
Total	117,475	119,829	127,686	134,923	137,187	143,199

Source: Bus Éireann, Dublin Bus

TABLE 14.31

TABLE 14.32

Table 14.33 Persons usually resident in each county, by means of travel to work, school or college, 2002

County of usual residence	Means of travel											
	Total	On foot	Bicycle	Bus, minibus or coach	Train or DART	Motor cycle or scooter	Motor car Driver	Motor car Passenger	Lorry or van	Other means	Work mainly at or from home	Not stated
Carlow	28,871	5,370	619	2,580	165	173	10,484	5,745	1,625	101	1,631	378
Dublin County and City	740,428	155,563	31,183	124,853	30,900	9,966	247,371	84,906	18,587	1,424	15,514	20,161
Kildare	112,454	16,601	2,347	13,447	3,969	1,001	45,745	18,818	5,205	309	3,562	1,450
Kilkenny	51,125	6,943	1,293	6,015	94	394	19,163	10,166	2,684	196	3,478	699
Laois	36,909	4,512	630	5,115	714	143	13,363	7,125	2,234	159	2,434	480
Longford	18,947	2,664	242	2,802	75	60	6,748	3,432	1,093	81	1,306	444
Louth	62,155	11,418	1,550	8,198	1,784	373	21,891	11,030	3,136	214	1,890	671
Meath	89,428	10,639	879	13,264	1,042	500	36,809	15,803	5,179	248	3,915	1,150
Offaly	40,123	6,421	822	5,147	293	152	14,530	7,213	2,272	180	2,263	830
Westmeath	45,802	7,268	836	5,042	210	199	17,296	9,118	2,475	195	2,423	740
Wexford	70,898	10,756	720	8,394	175	478	25,612	14,514	4,686	247	4,606	710
Wicklow	73,646	11,629	691	7,897	4,499	638	27,357	12,993	3,639	174	3,214	915
Clare	65,730	9,178	1,012	6,314	35	276	26,276	13,921	3,226	259	4,141	1,092
Cork County and City	285,093	47,617	3,133	27,867	1,027	2,361	111,592	59,615	12,951	1,077	13,799	4,054
Kerry	79,630	11,067	1,984	10,285	54	325	28,758	14,978	4,401	241	6,081	1,456
Limerick County and City	111,040	21,279	2,032	11,447	94	755	42,228	21,813	4,546	320	5,176	1,350
Tipperary	87,510	13,511	1,187	9,856	300	433	32,096	17,674	4,235	320	6,453	1,445
Waterford County and City	63,066	11,422	1,159	6,033	42	641	24,347	13,194	2,379	201	2,750	898
Galway County and City	133,258	20,439	2,819	16,508	166	533	49,071	27,569	6,563	494	6,777	2,319
Leitrim	15,641	1,915	148	2,635	21	57	5,995	2,432	958	60	1,155	265
Mayo	71,361	9,277	800	10,648	91	186	25,438	14,443	4,469	280	4,818	911
Roscommon	33,291	3,284	404	4,773	68	95	12,592	6,797	2,243	141	2,485	409
Sligo	37,165	6,099	571	4,587	36	161	13,995	7,009	2,010	146	1,926	625
Cavan	34,859	3,529	228	6,423	30	88	12,703	6,183	2,357	157	2,667	494
Donegal	79,990	10,769	359	15,638	49	176	26,743	15,299	5,509	434	4,044	970
Monaghan	33,215	4,313	194	5,531	43	86	11,619	6,172	2,344	136	2,313	464
State	2,501,635	423,483	57,842	341,299	45,976	20,250	909,822	427,962	111,006	7,794	110,821	45,380

Source: CSO

TABLE 14.33

Table 14.34 Persons usually resident in each county, by distance travelled to work, school or college, 2002

County of usual residence	Distance travelled									Not stated
	Total	0 miles	1 mile	2 miles	3 to 4 miles	5 to 9 miles	10 to 14 miles	15 to 29 miles	30 miles and over	
Carlow	28,871	1,550	7,152	3,212	3,203	3,287	2,368	2,270	2,583	3,246
Dublin County and City	740,428	13,238	145,436	87,204	127,860	160,938	63,501	34,089	5,806	102,356
Kildare	112,454	3,065	23,087	9,164	10,356	15,167	13,392	20,414	7,940	9,869
Kilkenny	51,125	2,696	9,842	5,621	6,499	8,154	5,491	4,309	2,363	6,150
Laois	36,909	2,000	6,967	3,785	4,217	5,865	2,994	3,294	3,956	3,831
Longford	18,947	871	3,346	1,867	2,512	2,999	1,710	1,767	1,058	2,817
Louth	62,155	1,581	15,245	8,648	8,054	8,062	3,495	4,879	5,935	6,256
Meath	89,428	3,217	14,222	7,337	8,404	12,847	9,360	15,344	10,399	8,298
Offaly	40,123	1,819	8,516	3,706	4,007	6,048	3,188	4,008	3,377	5,454
Westmeath	45,802	1,795	9,695	5,900	5,770	6,153	4,004	3,076	4,166	5,243
Wexford	70,898	3,713	15,512	6,890	8,224	10,504	6,721	6,374	4,616	8,344
Wicklow	73,646	2,700	15,296	6,305	6,154	9,414	8,616	12,072	5,430	7,659
Clare	65,730	3,122	12,763	6,919	8,118	9,984	6,272	8,211	2,673	7,668
Cork County and City	285,093	11,024	58,805	32,060	41,463	49,751	23,105	26,457	9,798	32,630
Kerry	79,630	4,633	16,460	9,554	10,294	11,576	6,927	7,308	2,632	10,246
Limerick County and City	111,040	4,103	24,015	13,196	17,136	16,338	8,712	11,798	3,615	12,127
Tipperary	87,510	4,686	19,817	9,060	9,182	12,428	7,386	8,296	4,857	11,798
Waterford County and City	63,066	2,167	15,173	9,187	9,728	9,015	4,939	3,245	2,256	7,356
Galway County and City	133,258	4,825	26,655	16,175	19,185	19,490	10,819	14,486	5,738	15,885
Leitrim	15,641	777	2,534	1,161	2,012	2,774	1,620	1,868	805	2,090
Mayo	71,361	3,356	15,441	8,108	9,053	11,255	5,995	5,996	3,591	8,566
Roscommon	33,291	1,674	5,495	3,255	4,517	6,291	3,242	3,059	1,850	3,908
Sligo	37,165	1,378	8,077	4,769	5,165	5,927	2,877	3,194	1,182	4,596
Cavan	34,859	1,790	5,631	3,387	4,630	6,136	3,498	3,201	2,141	4,445
Donegal	79,990	3,092	17,015	8,926	10,876	12,759	7,124	7,636	3,286	9,276
Monaghan	33,215	1,704	6,224	3,102	4,691	6,178	2,851	2,504	1,696	4,265
State	2,501,635	86,576	508,421	278,498	351,310	429,340	220,207	219,155	103,749	304,379

Source: CSO

