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- Total expenditure on domestic trips by Irish residents in 2012 amounted to €1,345.4 million, of which almost €785 million was spent on holidays.
- The average length of stay by overseas travellers to Ireland fell marginally between 2011 and 2012, from 7.7 nights to 7.4 nights.
- The number of new private cars licensed for the first time fell by 12.3% in 2012 to 76,256 compared with 2011.
- Irish registered goods vehicles carried 110 million tonnes of goods by road in 2011 which was 12% less than in 2010.
- Irish ports handled 45.1 million tonnes of goods in 2011 which was virtually unchanged from 2010.

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Introduction

This chapter presents information on the tourism and transport sectors of the Irish economy. The tourism and travel information covers earnings and expenditure from tourism and travel as well as detailing the number of trips to Ireland classified by route of travel, area of residence, reason for journey and type of accommodation used. Details of foreign and domestic travel by Irish residents as well as information on registered hotels and guesthouses are also included. The transport tables cover vehicles under current licence, new vehicles by taxation class and by local authority, new cars by engine size and by make, driving tests, goods handled by Irish ports, and traffic by rail and bus. The final two tables in the chapter provide details on travel to work.

Inbound overseas tourism and travel

The data provided in tables 15.1-15.4 and 15.7 is based on the results of the Country of Residence Survey (CRS) and the Passenger Card Inquiry (PCI) which are carried out by the CSO at the airports and seaports in the Republic of Ireland. The data collected contains information on the country of residence, route of travel, purpose of trip and total expenditure in respect of overseas travellers to Ireland. Table 15.1 shows that between 2011 and 2012, the number of overseas trips by non-residents to Ireland for business purposes increased by 7.7% whereas trips to visit friends and relatives in Ireland fell by 7.9%.

Outbound overseas tourism and travel

Data on foreign travel by Irish residents is collected through the surveys mentioned above and the monthly Household Travel Survey (HTS). The HTS collects data on travel by postal questionnaire from a sample of over 4,600 households each month. The survey collects more detailed information such as trip destination, the age of travellers and the method of booking and travel used. Data on foreign travel is provided in tables 15.5-15.7 and 15.12-15.13. Table 15.12 shows that 6.6 million outbound trips were undertaken by Irish residents in 2012, 86% of these trips were to countries in the European Union.

Domestic tourism and travel

The HTS also collects detailed data on domestic travel by Irish residents and some of the available data is presented in tables 15.9-15.11 for the period 2003 to 2012. Table 15.10 shows that holidays accounted for 48% of all domestic trips undertaken in 2012 while almost 34% were for the purpose of visiting friends or relatives.

Accommodation statistics

Table 15.8 contains data received from Fáilte Ireland on the number of registered hotel and guesthouse premises together with the number of available bedrooms for the period 2003 to 2012. In 2012, 856 hotels were registered with over 34% more hotel bedrooms available when compared with the year 2003. However, for the same period, the number of guesthouses fell by 45% while the number of available bedrooms in guesthouses decreased by 39%.

Vehicle licensing

The CSO receives figures for vehicles licensed from the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport. The ensuing tables show the number of mechanically propelled vehicles under current licence and the number of new vehicles licensed for the first time.

Table 15.14 shows the significant increase in the number of mechanically propelled vehicles under current licence over the years 1996 to 2011. In this period, the total number of mechanically propelled vehicles increased by 81.2%. In the same period, the number of private cars and goods vehicles under current licence increased by 78.5% and 118.9% respectively.

Table 15.15 shows that the number of private cars licensed for the first time peaked at 180,754 in 2007. Since then, it has fallen sharply to 76,256 in 2012.

Road Freight

The CSO conducts the National Survey of Transport of Goods by Road from a sample of approximately 600 Irish registered goods vehicles each week. This survey collects information on, among other things, the weight and type of goods carried, journey origin/destination and distances travelled.

Table 15.18 shows that Irish registered goods vehicles carried 110.3 million tonnes of goods on 10.2 million laden journeys in 2011. These vehicles travelled 1.3 billion kilometers in total for both laden and empty journeys.

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 15.20 shows that the total tonnage of goods handled by Irish ports remained virtually unchanged at 45.1 million between 2010 and 2011.

Railways

Table 15.21 relates to railway operations services by Iarnród Éireann which is the only concern operating a rail service in this country. They provide the CSO with figures for goods and passengers transported. In 2012, there were 36.9 million passenger journeys undertaken covering 1.6 billion kilometres. Trains carried 567 thousand tonnes of goods resulting in 90.8 million tonnes-kilometres of economic activity.

Buses

Table 15.22 relates to scheduled bus passenger operations by Bus Éireann and Dublin Bus. In 2012, there were 192.4 million passenger journeys made on all services of which 60% were attributed to those in Dublin city. In total, 147.8 million vehicle kilometres were travelled by buses on all services in 2012.

Technical Notes

Table 15.1-15.7

Data is based on the results of both the Passenger Card Inquiry and the Country of Residence Survey. A trip is defined as a journey (usually including a return) from one place to another, for any purpose (both tourism and non-tourism) taken by a traveller to an overseas destination.

There is a discontinuity with the pre-2009 results due to methodological changes which include a revision to the weighting and imputation methodology and an extended and more refined editing procedure. There is also a slight discontinuity in the series from 2011 onwards due to a revision in the grossing methodology.

Tables 15.9-15.13

Data is sourced from the Household Travel Survey. There is a discontinuity in all of the series relating to outbound and domestic travel from 2010 onwards due to a number of methodological changes and therefore these results are not directly comparable with the results prior to 2010.

Table 15.19

Figures are for driving tests in all vehicle categories.

Table 15.21

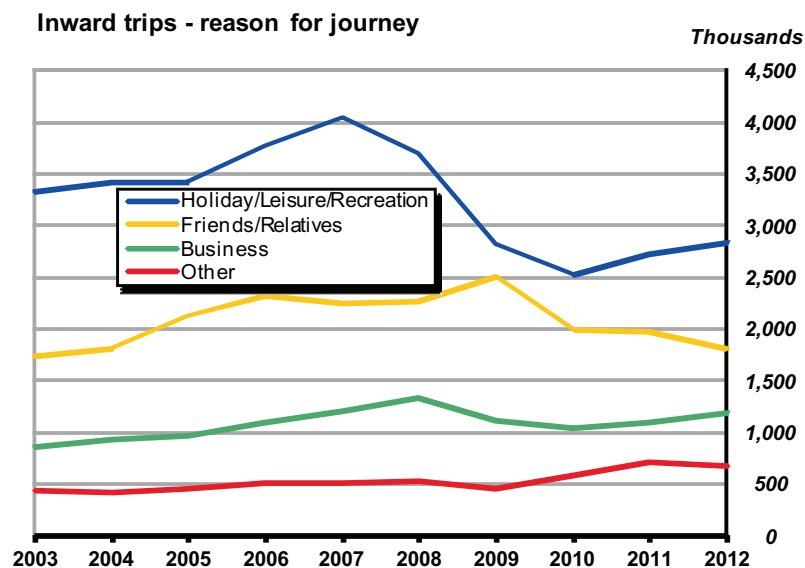
Total passenger journeys and passenger kilometres data for the years 2010 and 2011 have been revised by Iarnród Éireann.

Table 15.1 Overseas trips to Ireland by non-residents

Thousands

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2010	2011	2012
Route of travel										
All cross-channel	4,515	4,605	4,680	4,883	4,767	4,580	3,781	3,404	3,579	3,546
<i>Air cross-channel</i>	3,253	3,413	3,595	3,900	3,754	3,690	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>Sea cross-channel</i>	1,262	1,192	1,085	983	1,013	890	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Continental European	1,287	1,408	1,705	2,181	2,575	2,656	2,340	2,073	2,278	2,339
Transatlantic	567	561	592	645	669	603	787	662	648	631
Area of residence										
Great Britain	3,719	3,681	3,822	4,060	4,032	3,872	3,224	2,806	2,878	2,774
Other Europe	1,497	1,600	1,917	2,281	2,590	2,610	2,388	2,092	2,283	2,347
USA and Canada	904	977	953	1,055	1,073	1,005	991	929	987	1,017
Other areas	249	317	285	314	317	352	304	311	357	378
Reason for journey										
Business	854	926	967	1,100	1,211	1,334	1,119	1,038	1,098	1,182
Holiday/leisure/recreation	3,334	3,413	3,428	3,775	4,035	3,698	2,816	2,520	2,728	2,832
Visit to friends/relatives	1,736	1,807	2,125	2,323	2,247	2,276	2,513	1,993	1,973	1,818
Other	445	429	457	511	519	531	460	589	705	685
Duration of trips										
Same-day trips (no overnight stay in Ireland)	334	349	367	424	422	551	437	439	482	478
Trips with at least one overnight in Ireland	6,035	6,225	6,610	7,285	7,590	7,288	6,470	5,700	6,023	6,039
Total overseas trips	6,369	6,574	6,977	7,709	8,012	7,839	6,907	6,139	6,505	6,517

¹ Discontinuity in series from 2009 due to changes in methodology - see technical notes
Source: CSO



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Table 15.2 Expenditure by overseas travellers to Ireland by area of residence and reason for journey

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	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2010	2011	2012
Area of residence										
Great Britain	1,295	1,253	1,257	1,373	1,388	1,355	1,037	859	830	819
Other Europe	884	927	1,232	1,352	1,400	1,503	1,342	1,134	1,120	1,068
USA and Canada	784	769	731	803	806	660	722	695	679	742
Other areas	235	255	234	265	326	315	309	287	271	288
Reason for journey										
Business	402	424	457	473	554	594	528	460	478	529
Holiday/leisure/recreation	1,779	1,774	1,822	2,029	2,108	1,939	1,550	1,472	1,457	1,513
Visit to friends/relatives	708	755	884	936	914	899	955	743	641	588
Other	309	251	292	353	344	402	378	301	324	287
Total expenditure (excluding international fares)	3,198	3,204	3,455	3,793	3,920	3,834	3,410	2,976	2,899	2,916

¹ Discontinuity in series from 2009 due to changes in methodology - see technical notes
Source: CSO

Table 15.3 Overseas trips to Ireland: average length of stay by area of residence and reason for journey

Nights

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2010	2011	2012
Area of residence										
Great Britain	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.8	4.8	5.0	4.8	4.6
Other Europe	11.1	10.5	10.9	11.2	9.6	11.4	9.9	10.0	10.0	9.2
USA and Canada	10.0	9.3	9.5	9.0	9.1	9.3	9.0	9.3	8.8	8.5
Other areas	15.9	14.0	13.4	12.4	14.5	15.2	15.3	14.5	13.9	12.9
Reason for journey										
Business	5.6	5.4	5.5	4.2	5.2	4.7	5.0	5.4	5.1	5.0
Holiday/leisure/recreation	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.0	6.8	7.1	7.1	7.3	6.9	6.6
Visit to friends/relatives	7.8	7.9	8.2	8.5	7.9	8.3	7.7	7.9	7.5	7.3
Other	16.8	13.6	12.2	15.8	13.1	23.0	17.2	13.9	15.6	14.8
All overseas trips	7.8	7.5	7.6	7.6	7.3	8.1	7.6	7.8	7.7	7.4

¹ Discontinuity in series from 2009 due to changes in methodology - see technical notes
Source: CSO

Table 15.4 Overseas trips to Ireland with at least one overnight in Ireland – number of bednights by area of residence and type of accommodation used

Thousands

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2010	2011	2012
Great Britain	16,986	16,961	17,895	17,487	17,057	15,595	13,901	13,846	12,869
Hotel	4,034	4,075	4,535	4,993	4,770	3,437	3,409	3,431	3,463
Guesthouse/B&B	1,891	1,649	1,627	1,552	1,329	894	809	763	607
Rented house/apartment	3,012	2,320	2,720	2,408	2,556	1,538	1,466	1,337	1,132
Friends/relatives	6,615	7,413	7,651	7,143	6,957	8,492	6,747	6,751	5,702
Other	1,434	1,504	1,362	1,391	1,446	1,234	1,470	1,565	1,965
Other Europe	16,481	19,981	24,902	24,288	28,608	23,606	20,880	22,810	21,492
Hotel	2,795	3,086	3,626	4,508	5,019	3,768	3,849	4,670	5,568
Guesthouse/B&B	2,930	2,817	3,232	2,578	2,595	2,252	2,034	2,267	2,165
Rented house/apartment	3,806	5,446	6,109	5,698	6,758	4,999	4,409	4,900	3,104
Friends/relatives	3,186	4,718	6,670	6,174	7,246	5,665	4,472	4,269	4,360
Other	3,764	3,914	5,265	5,330	6,990	6,922	6,116	6,704	6,294
USA and Canada	8,790	8,765	9,052	9,381	8,532	8,967	8,687	8,702	8,688
Hotel	3,199	2,984	3,167	3,356	3,106	3,162	3,266	3,464	4,036
Guesthouse/B&B	1,692	1,494	1,496	1,401	1,065	1,027	866	854	988
Rented house/apartment	1,167	1,308	1,209	1,376	1,435	1,727	1,543	1,269	976
Friends/relatives	1,713	2,199	2,261	2,149	1,794	2,127	1,884	1,818	1,429
Other	1,019	780	919	1,099	1,133	924	1,128	1,297	1,260
Other Areas	4,348	3,746	3,768	4,472	5,139	4,655	4,505	4,966	4,893
Hotel	635	471	735	617	690	819	740	987	1,113
Guesthouse/B&B	466	449	417	485	480	310	281	286	313
Rented house/apartment	833	665	617	906	1,703	1,158	928	988	836
Friends/relatives	1,517	1,585	1,647	1,826	1,849	1,893	2,008	1,947	1,840
Other	897	576	352	638	417	475	548	757	792

¹ Discontinuity in series from 2009 due to changes in methodology - see technical notes
Source: CSO

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Table 15.5 Overseas trips by Irish residents

Thousands

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2010	2011	2012
Route of travel										
All cross-channel	2,233	2,366	2,551	2,593	2,689	2,825	2,824	2,893	2,689	2,623
<i>Air cross-channel</i>	1,825	1,982	2,215	2,252	2,356	2,468	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>Sea cross-channel</i>	408	384	336	341	333	357	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Continental European	2,438	2,735	3,205	3,867	4,583	4,533	3,793	3,434	3,299	3,397
Transatlantic	259	309	357	387	441	520	403	333	305	306
Reason for journey										
Business	597	671	738	813	886	922	711	724	698	794
Holiday/leisure/recreation	2,876	3,081	3,518	3,864	4,654	4,824	4,506	4,076	3,922	3,901
Visit to friends/relatives	1,170	1,296	1,416	1,648	1,753	1,804	1,612	1,639	1,450	1,508
Other	287	361	441	523	420	328	193	220	222	123
Duration of trips										
Same-day trips (no overnight stay abroad)	176	195	195	191	205	201	132	126	148	147
Trips with at least one overnight abroad	4,754	5,212	5,918	6,657	7,508	7,676	6,889	6,534	6,145	6,178
Total overseas trips	4,929	5,409	6,113	6,848	7,713	7,877	7,021	6,660	6,293	6,326

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Source: CSO

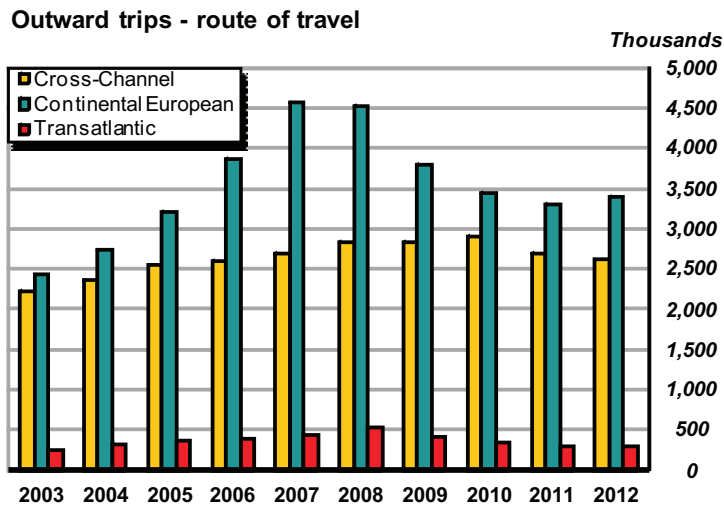


Table 15.6 Overseas trips by Irish residents: average length of stay, by route of travel and reason for journey

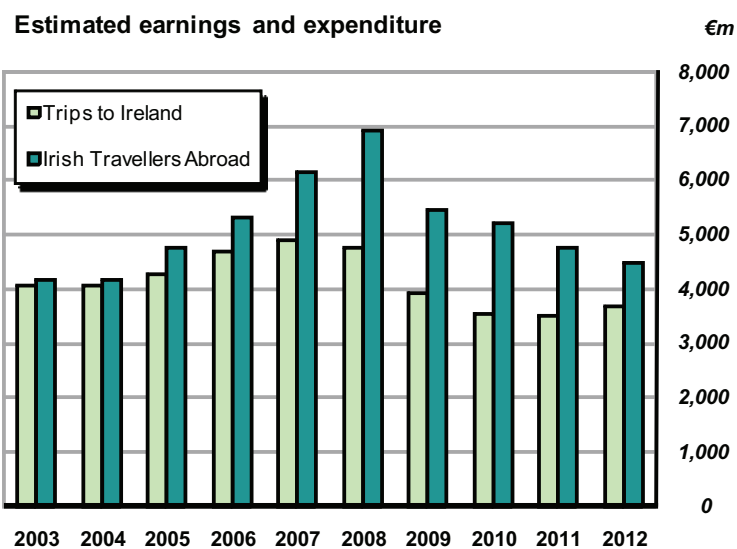
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2010	2011	2012
<i>Nights</i>										
Route of travel										
All cross-channel	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.7	7.4	7.0	6.7
<i>Air cross-channel</i>	8.9	8.4	8.3	7.5	8.5	8.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<i>Sea cross-channel</i>	8.2	8.4	6.5	7.1	6.5	7.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Continental European	9.0	8.0	8.3	8.0	7.8	8.5	9.0	9.3	9.5	9.2
Transatlantic	16.9	14.3	11.7	10.9	10.2	11.0	9.2	9.1	9.6	10.8
Reason for journey										
Business	7.3	6.3	6.6	6.3	6.1	6.5	3.3	3.8	4.6	4.3
Holiday/leisure/recreation	9.6	8.7	8.4	8.0	8.4	8.5	9.1	9.3	9.3	9.2
Visit to friends/relatives	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.0	8.3	8.8	7.1	7.9	7.4	7.4
Other	12.9	9.6	8.8	7.0	8.2	11.1	11.1	13.7	10.9	13.2
All overseas trips	9.3	8.5	8.4	8.0	8.1	8.5	8.1	8.5	8.4	8.3

¹ Discontinuity in series from 2009 due to changes in methodology - see technical notes
 Source: CSO

Table 15.7 Tourism and travel earnings and expenditure

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ¹	2010	2011	2012
<i>€m</i>										
Overseas tourism and travel earnings from trips to Ireland	4,057	4,065	4,272	4,692	4,902	4,781	3,934	3,556	3,675	3,771
Overseas tourism and travel expenditure by Irish travellers abroad	4,158	4,179	4,773	5,318	6,163	6,912	5,473	5,211	4,610	4,412
Tourism and travel balance	-101	-114	-501	-626	-1,261	-2,131	-1,539	-1,655	-935	-640

¹ Discontinuity in series from 2009 due to changes in methodology - see technical notes
 Source: CSO



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Table 15.8 Registered hotels and guesthouses and number of bedrooms available

Description	Number									
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Hotels	854	846	854	812	857	907	915	902	883	856
Bedrooms available	43,043	43,382	45,773	45,873	51,322	57,388	60,148	60,217	59,377	57,859
Guesthouses	480	461	448	409	387	360	336	303	281	264
Bedrooms available	5,310	5,226	5,115	4,632	4,429	4,221	4,050	3,643	3,397	3,243

Source: Fáilte Ireland

Table 15.9 Domestic travel (overnight trips) by Irish residents – number of trips, number of nights and average length of stay by region visited

	Thousands									
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 ¹	2011	2012
Total domestic – Trips	6,657	7,001	7,173	7,310	7,942	8,339	8,340	7,300	7,169	7,031
Border, Midland and Western	2,235	2,295	2,366	2,302	2,479	2,569	2,635	2,302	2,102	2,124
Southern and Eastern	4,422	4,706	4,807	5,008	5,463	5,770	5,704	4,998	5,067	4,907
Total domestic – Nights	23,616	24,189	24,607	24,203	26,328	26,195	26,027	22,540	21,628	20,120
Border, Midland and Western	7,800	7,657	8,199	7,538	7,947	8,016	8,404	7,205	6,387	6,118
Southern and Eastern	15,816	16,532	16,408	16,665	18,381	18,178	17,623	15,335	15,241	14,002
Average length of stay	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.9
Border, Midland and Western	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9
Southern and Eastern	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.9

¹ Discontinuity in series for 2010 due to changes in methodology - see technical notes
Source: CSO

Table 15.10 Domestic travel (overnight trips) by Irish residents - number of trips, number of nights and average length of stay by reason for journey

	<i>Thousands</i>									
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 ¹	2011	2012
Total domestic – Trips	6,657	7,001	7,173	7,310	7,942	8,339	8,340	7,300	7,169	7,031
Holiday	2,933	3,142	3,348	3,827	4,271	4,398	4,037	3,978	3,696	3,374
Business	619	624	770	761	711	658	600	370	350	322
Visiting friends/relatives	2,291	2,420	2,298	2,254	2,420	2,656	2,712	1,997	2,231	2,374
Education and training	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	173	129	83	118
Sporting events	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	282	237	238	254
Work/looking for work	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	113	121	99
Other	814	815	757	468	541	627	535	476	449	489
Total domestic – Nights	23,616	24,189	24,607	24,203	26,328	26,195	26,027	22,540	21,628	20,120
Holiday	13,009	13,506	13,676	14,374	16,359	15,654	14,320	13,981	12,972	10,777
Business	1,788	1,665	1,973	2,080	1,771	1,573	1,437	672	586	621
Visiting friends/relatives	6,509	6,478	6,535	6,168	6,587	6,969	6,868	5,346	5,817	6,194
Education and training	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,175	672	395	689
Sporting events	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	561	478	524	509
Work/looking for work	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	275	307	336
Other	2,310	2,540	2,422	1,581	1,611	2,000	1,664	1,115	1,028	994
Average length of stay	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.9
Holiday	4.4	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.2
Business	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4	1.8	1.7	1.9
Visiting friends/relatives	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.6
Education and training	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.8	5.2	4.7	5.8
Sporting events	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.0
Work/looking for work	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.4	2.5	3.4
Other	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.2	3.1	2.3	2.3	2.0

¹ Discontinuity in series for 2010 due to changes in methodology - see technical notes
Source: CSO

Table 15.11 Domestic travel (overnight trips) by Irish residents - total estimated expenditure by reason for journey

	<i>€m</i>									
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 ¹	2011	2012
Domestic - Expenditure	970.9	1,037.2	1,164.5	1,375.2	1,551.0	1,546.0	1,389.8	1,560.5	1,415.9	1,345.4
Holiday	575.9	624.9	706.8	872.7	1,028.1	1,027.9	843.3	971.9	864.9	784.8
Business	157.6	162.5	188.3	227.3	194.1	162.8	136.2	85.9	76.9	75.7
Visiting friends/relatives	114.0	121.1	142.4	181.8	219.7	215.7	171.1	270.5	265.9	269.6
Education and training	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	61.9	40.5	26.5	35.5
Sporting events	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	39.3	54.1	51.0	49.2
Work/looking for work	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	19.5	23.4	28.7
Other	123.4	128.7	127.0	93.4	109.1	139.6	138.0	118.1	107.2	101.9

¹ Discontinuity in series for 2010 due to changes in methodology - see technical notes
Source: CSO

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Table 15.12 Outbound travel (overnight trips) by Irish residents – number of trips, number of nights and average length of stay by region visited

	<i>Thousands</i>								
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 ¹	2011	2012
Total outbound – Trips	5,465	6,189	6,981	7,830	8,042	7,292	6,917	6,514	6,600
EU-27	–	–	–	6,460	6,678	6,169	5,797	5,563	5,673
<i>of which EU-25</i>	4,614	5,101	5,775	6,385	6,611	6,141	5,765	5,531	5,641
EU-15	4,455	4,927	5,548	6,141	6,366	5,954	5,589	5,350	5,474
Other Europe	167	238	256	228	237	212	281	222	202
North America	449	571	577	685	716	559	452	410	370
Central, South and Other Americas	28	41	59	47	52	50	62	56	69
Asia and Middle East	89	95	135	163	142	111	163	127	165
Africa	69	77	105	153	143	114	110	70	58
Australia, New Zealand and Oceania	50	68	75	94	73	76	52	66	64
Total outbound – Nights	46,302	51,503	54,266	62,236	63,498	55,667	57,473	54,014	53,046
EU-27	–	–	–	43,160	44,140	39,995	42,235	40,038	39,710
<i>of which EU-25</i>	33,924	36,168	38,161	42,447	43,478	39,787	41,815	39,533	39,168
EU-15	32,938	34,996	36,752	40,938	41,960	38,580	40,307	38,228	37,796
Other Europe	1,681	2,092	2,563	1,777	2,310	1,946	2,369	1,966	1,444
North America	6,200	7,726	6,834	8,941	9,651	7,134	5,947	5,725	5,576
Central, South and Other Americas	488	654	867	728	915	804	825	904	985
Asia and Middle East	1,543	1,559	2,195	2,710	2,303	1,920	3,001	2,232	2,755
Africa	991	1,108	1,376	1,917	1,854	1,546	1,582	1,344	984
Australia, New Zealand and Oceania	1,475	2,196	2,270	3,003	2,326	2,321	1,515	1,805	1,592
Average length of stay	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.6	8.3	8.3	8.0
EU-27	–	–	–	6.7	6.6	6.5	7.3	7.2	7.0
<i>of which EU-25</i>	7.4	7.1	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.5	7.3	7.1	6.9
EU-15	7.4	7.1	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.5	7.2	7.1	6.9
Other Europe	10.1	8.8	10.0	7.8	9.7	9.2	8.4	8.8	7.2
North America	13.8	13.5	11.8	13.1	13.5	12.8	13.1	14.0	15.1
Central, South and Other Americas	17.4	16.0	14.7	15.5	17.6	16.1	13.2	16.1	14.3
Asia and Middle East	17.3	16.4	16.3	16.6	16.2	17.3	18.4	17.5	16.7
Africa	14.4	14.4	13.1	12.5	13.0	13.6	14.4	19.3	17.0
Australia, New Zealand and Oceania	29.5	32.3	30.3	31.9	31.9	30.5	29.0	27.5	25.0

¹ Discontinuity in series for 2010 due to changes in methodology - see technical notes
Source: CSO

Table 15.13 Outbound travel (overnight trips) by Irish residents – number of trips, number of nights and average length of stay by reason for journey

Thousands

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 ¹	2011	2012
Total outbound – Trips	4,974	5,465	6,189	6,981	7,830	8,042	7,292	6,917	6,514	6,600
Holiday	3,162	3,472	3,931	4,612	5,448	5,557	4,499	3,964	3,433	3,743
Business	621	684	791	783	723	668	638	621	651	551
Visiting friends/relatives	876	985	1,118	1,317	1,356	1,455	1,523	1,592	1,662	1,580
Education and training	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	137	121	90	85
Sporting events	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	275	224	252	273
Work/looking for work	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	98	113	121
Other	315	325	351	268	303	362	220	297	313	248
Total outbound – Nights	43,702	46,302	51,503	54,266	62,236	63,498	55,667	57,473	54,014	53,046
Holiday	31,115	33,692	36,714	38,884	47,019	46,229	37,869	37,657	32,183	33,761
Business	3,421	3,430	3,870	4,282	3,669	4,133	2,961	2,495	2,714	2,017
Visiting friends/relatives	6,150	6,906	7,706	9,063	9,304	10,400	10,358	12,415	13,462	11,750
Education and training	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,360	1,160	1,129	978
Sporting events	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	884	955	969	984
Work/looking for work	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,060	1,069	1,804
Other	3,015	2,274	3,211	2,037	2,244	2,736	2,234	1,732	2,488	1,752
										<i>Nights</i>
Average length of stay	8.8	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.9	7.9	7.6	8.3	8.3	8.0
Holiday	9.8	9.7	9.3	8.4	8.6	8.3	8.4	9.5	9.4	9.0
Business	5.5	5.0	4.9	5.5	5.1	6.2	4.6	4.0	4.2	3.7
Visiting friends/relatives	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.1	6.8	7.8	8.1	7.4
Education and training	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	9.9	9.6	12.6	11.5
Sporting events	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	3.2	4.3	3.8	3.6
Work/looking for work	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10.8	9.4	15.0
Other	9.6	7.0	9.1	7.6	7.4	7.6	10.2	5.8	7.9	7.1

¹ Discontinuity in series for 2010 due to changes in methodology - see technical notes
 Source: CSO

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Table 15.14 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
2003	1,507,106	35,094	251,130	76,425	19,856	7,392	17,185	23,241	1,937,429
2004	1,582,833	34,854	268,082	76,697	20,744	7,430	18,847	26,820	2,036,307
2005	1,662,157	34,300	286,548	76,307	21,888	7,625	20,321	29,534	2,138,680
2006	1,778,861	34,927	318,604	78,520	23,284	7,997	22,117	32,083	2,296,393
2007	1,882,901	37,178	345,874	80,239	26,654	8,451	24,761	35,506	2,441,564
2008	1,924,281	39,409	351,307	79,613	29,053	8,911	26,441	38,553	2,497,568
2009	1,902,429	39,552	343,940	75,318	28,284	8,556	26,954	42,627	2,467,660
2010	1,872,715	38,145	327,096	71,457	26,680	8,245	27,092	44,957	2,416,387
2011	1,887,810	36,582	320,966	71,677	25,129	8,276	27,769	46,947	2,425,156

Source: Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

Table 15.15 New motor vehicles licensed for the first time by taxation class

Number

Taxation class	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Private cars	142,992	149,635	166,270	173,273	180,754	146,470	54,432	84,907	86,932	76,256
Goods vehicles	30,532	31,165	38,396	43,619	46,043	31,459	10,051	10,510	11,188	10,855
Tractors	2,970	2,881	3,168	3,687	4,442	4,154	1,883	1,359	1,731	1,996
Motor cycles	4,993	3,833	3,240	3,206	3,522	3,194	1,879	1,321	1,102	955
Exempt vehicles	4,022	5,099	4,851	6,169	7,422	6,286	3,690	4,207	4,014	3,930
Public service vehicles	1,081	1,181	1,400	1,732	1,956	1,614	493	306	297	531
<i>Small</i>	599	652	902	1,033	1,283	893	190	193	195	275
<i>Large</i>	482	529	498	699	673	721	303	113	102	256
Machines or contrivances	1,123	1,241	1,359	1,327	1,445	906	409	222	294	409
Other classes	396	472	600	714	862	734	288	244	203	161
Total	188,109	195,507	219,284	233,727	246,446	194,817	73,125	103,076	105,761	95,093

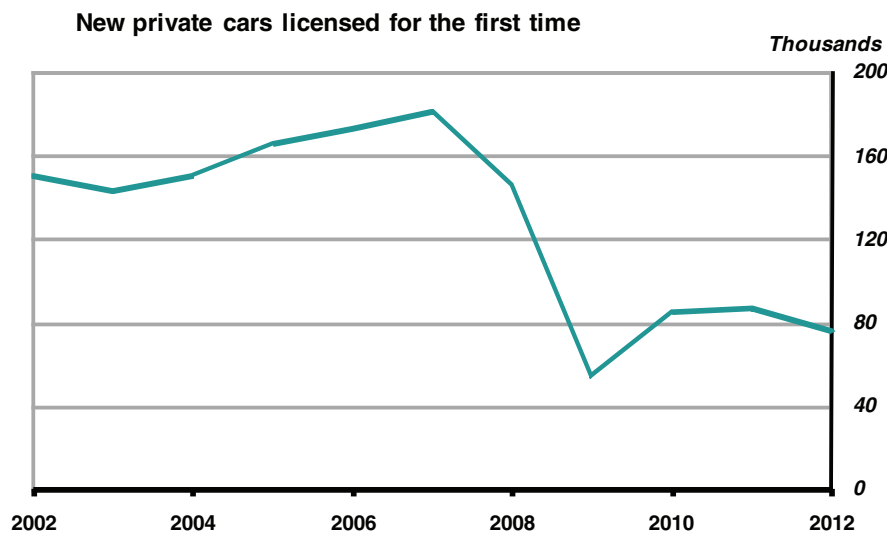
Source: CSO

Table 15.16 New private cars licensed for the first time by type of fuel

Number

Fuel Type	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Petrol	117,765	121,196	129,209	128,634	128,346	92,298	22,802	27,124	23,246	17,788
Diesel	25,217	28,209	36,750	44,010	50,560	50,283	30,645	53,998	61,730	56,520
Electric	1	1	0	1	2	6	9	23	48	163
Petrol and electric	8	228	310	620	1,032	1,182	280	713	538	591
Petrol and ethanol	0	0	0	0	812	2,701	696	3,049	1,370	1,194
Other fuel types	1	1	1	8	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total	142,992	149,635	166,270	173,273	180,754	146,470	54,432	84,907	86,932	76,256

Source: CSO



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Table 15.17 New vehicles licensed for the first time by licensing authority

Licensing authority	Number									
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Carlow	2,166	2,218	2,523	2,919	3,268	2,619	959	1,371	1,357	1,149
Cavan	2,263	2,506	2,989	3,241	3,465	2,676	929	1,285	1,315	1,153
Clare	3,979	4,329	4,783	5,119	5,526	4,470	1,451	2,356	2,377	1,869
Donegal	4,156	4,435	5,024	5,446	6,014	4,465	1,828	2,909	2,515	2,193
Galway	8,065	8,624	9,463	10,265	10,839	8,403	2,940	4,560	4,571	3,701
Kerry	3,829	4,067	4,865	5,412	5,651	4,513	1,694	2,705	2,508	2,193
Kildare	8,431	9,042	10,004	10,651	11,130	8,697	2,902	4,152	4,267	3,693
Kilkenny	3,278	3,447	4,053	4,415	4,996	3,910	1,417	2,072	2,143	1,864
Laois	2,326	2,507	3,028	3,134	3,509	3,034	974	1,408	1,416	1,131
Leitrim	849	883	994	1,182	1,223	940	355	529	542	450
Limerick County	5,731	6,334	6,888	7,525	8,193	6,190	2,179	3,412	3,448	3,129
Longford	1,224	1,220	1,494	1,523	1,776	1,381	519	677	723	602
Louth	4,426	4,525	5,150	5,647	6,018	4,725	1,818	2,562	2,469	2,067
Mayo	4,189	4,494	5,458	5,962	5,780	4,314	1,586	2,293	2,195	1,961
Meath	7,226	7,752	8,933	9,456	9,996	7,641	2,553	3,584	3,398	2,933
Monaghan	1,920	2,019	2,381	2,726	2,705	2,071	719	1,138	1,110	979
Offaly	2,702	2,933	3,244	3,516	3,751	3,038	952	1,417	1,303	1,223
Roscommon	2,523	2,978	3,670	3,533	4,154	3,277	1,449	2,142	2,369	3,203
Sligo	2,290	2,350	2,657	2,835	2,918	2,359	907	1,280	1,246	1,063
North Tipperary	2,547	2,637	3,176	3,982	4,295	3,574	1,261	1,958	2,105	1,884
South Tipperary	3,278	3,314	3,685	3,511	3,753	2,992	1,015	1,430	1,229	1,119
Waterford County	1,942	2,079	2,510	3,240	3,637	2,746	996	1,739	1,612	1,342
Westmeath	3,077	3,144	3,537	4,028	4,201	3,147	1,140	2,041	1,842	1,689
Wexford	5,673	6,407	7,516	8,927	8,789	7,121	2,481	3,636	3,657	3,031
Wicklow	5,057	5,161	5,812	6,398	6,782	5,284	1,793	2,550	2,316	2,020
Cork County and City Council	25,131	26,330	28,568	30,114	31,767	25,026	10,031	14,544	14,385	11,141
Dublin County and City Council	64,415	64,287	70,492	72,997	76,716	60,159	24,070	30,997	34,501	34,268
Limerick City Council	2,074	2,097	2,259	2,022	1,940	2,387	1,278	1,083	1,425	584
Waterford City Council	3,342	3,388	4,128	4,001	3,654	3,658	929	1,246	1,417	1,459
Total	188,109	195,507	219,284	233,727	246,446	194,817	73,125	103,076	105,761	95,093

Source: CSO

Table 15.18 Key indicators for transport of goods by road

	Number							
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Tonnes carried (thousand)	273,557	291,883	299,030	299,307	245,788	148,328	125,865	110,260
Tonnes-kilometres (million)	17,011	17,819	17,322	18,707	17,289	12,071	10,924	9,941
Vehicle kilometres (million)	2,139	2,312	2,242	2,332	2,207	1,585	1,457	1,338
Average number of vehicles	73,075	79,916	87,135	97,752	97,640	87,616	84,025	81,178
Laden journeys (thousand)	20,767	22,425	23,248	23,646	20,085	12,659	11,177	10,168

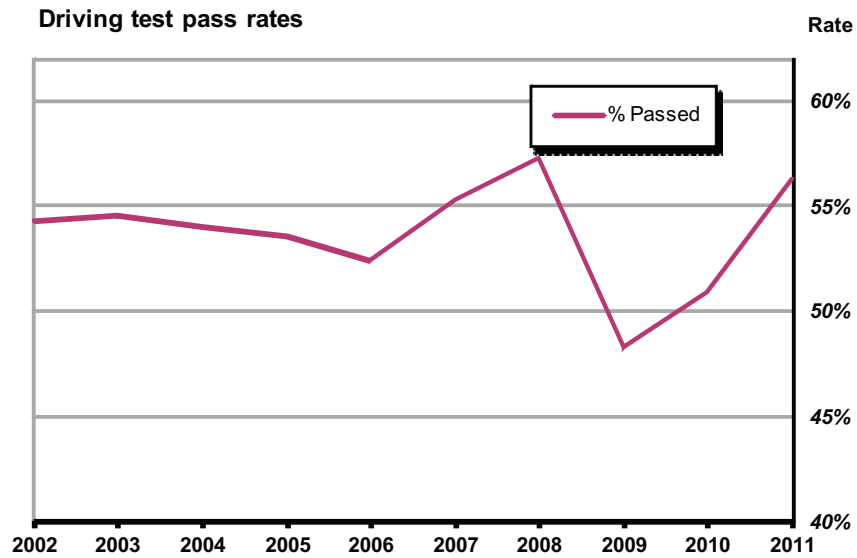
Source: CSO

Table 15.19 Driving test pass rates by sex

Number and rates

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Male										
Pass	42,545	41,821	43,531	39,937	43,992	55,880	104,880	35,214	34,993	37,553
Fail	34,157	31,949	34,920	32,653	38,853	44,041	76,547	34,796	30,732	31,995
% Pass	55.5	56.7	55.5	55.0	53.1	55.9	57.8	50.3	53.2	54.0
Female										
Pass	38,326	43,478	39,647	33,757	39,176	53,486	117,291	25,512	24,435	28,143
Fail	33,955	39,167	35,885	31,153	36,720	44,459	89,648	30,301	26,665	30,255
% Pass	53.0	52.6	52.5	52.0	51.6	54.6	56.7	45.7	47.8	48.2
Total tests	148,983	156,415	153,983	137,500	158,741	197,866	388,366	125,823	116,825	127,946

Source: Road Safety Authority



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Table 15.20 Tonnage of goods handled by Irish ports, by category of traffic

Thousands of tonnes

Category of traffic	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total goods handled	44,919	46,165	47,720	52,146	53,318	54,139	51,081	41,836	45,071	45,078
Roll-on/roll-off traffic	9,449	9,857	10,570	11,816	11,915	12,547	12,080	10,928	12,256	12,066
Lift-on/lift-off traffic	5,919	6,574	7,022	7,803	8,472	8,876	7,945	6,659	6,457	6,311
Liquid bulk	13,154	12,966	13,315	14,759	14,301	14,348	13,315	12,100	12,019	11,804
Dry bulk	14,775	15,024	14,828	15,589	16,215	15,822	15,905	11,185	13,435	13,932
Break bulk and all other goods	1,622	1,743	1,984	2,179	2,415	2,548	1,836	964	904	965
Goods received	32,182	33,234	34,703	37,654	38,555	38,907	36,049	28,998	30,712	29,838
Roll-on/roll-off traffic	5,517	5,792	6,261	7,260	7,079	7,369	7,015	6,052	6,728	6,527
Lift-on/lift-off traffic	3,566	3,956	4,291	4,770	5,379	5,716	4,912	3,767	3,656	3,318
Liquid bulk	10,880	10,666	11,111	11,977	11,692	11,517	10,937	9,906	9,551	9,212
Dry bulk	10,945	11,444	11,445	11,911	12,465	12,367	11,990	8,789	10,364	10,354
Break bulk and all other goods	1,274	1,376	1,596	1,736	1,940	1,938	1,196	484	413	427
Goods forwarded	12,737	12,931	13,017	14,492	14,763	15,232	15,031	12,839	14,359	15,240
Roll-on/roll-off traffic	3,931	4,066	4,308	4,557	4,836	5,178	5,065	4,876	5,529	5,540
Lift-on/lift-off traffic	2,353	2,617	2,732	3,032	3,093	3,160	3,033	2,892	2,800	2,993
Liquid bulk	2,273	2,301	2,205	2,781	2,609	2,831	2,379	2,195	2,468	2,592
Dry bulk	3,830	3,580	3,383	3,679	3,750	3,455	3,915	2,396	3,071	3,578
Break bulk and all other goods	348	367	388	443	475	609	640	480	491	538

Source: CSO

Table 15.21 Traffic by rail

Thousands

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Passenger journeys								
Mainline and other services	11,068	8,917	10,537	10,324	8,877	9,697	10,656	10,350
Dublin suburban services	9,556	13,862	13,880	13,645	11,768	10,861	9,911	9,934
DART	16,256	19,689	20,244	19,865	17,520	16,793	15,924	15,747
International journeys	775	884	850	813	647	719	731	806
Total	37,655	43,352	45,511	44,647	38,812	38,070	37,222	36,837
Passenger kilometres	1,781,000	1,872,067	2,007,065	1,975,733	1,683,081	1,677,939	1,638,464	1,577,607
Freight traffic tonnes	1,820	1,090	825	717	631	568	611	567
Freight traffic tonnes kilometres	303,223	206,777	128,908	103,235	79,310	92,456	105,033	90,839

Source: Iamród Éireann

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Table 15.22 Scheduled bus passenger services

Thousands

Scheduled services	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Passenger journeys									
Dublin city services	149,851	145,691	146,292	147,532	143,483	128,289	118,977	116,958	115,198
Provincial city services	21,070	21,574	21,940	22,085	21,217	18,323	16,620	16,389	16,728
Other scheduled services	26,803	27,467	27,783	28,136	26,948	23,929	20,640	20,112	20,046
School transport scheme	42,402	43,596	42,367	45,507	45,709	42,388	42,327	41,814	40,398
Total	240,126	238,328	238,382	243,260	237,357	212,929	198,564	195,273	192,370
Vehicle kilometres									
Dublin city services	58,285	59,750	59,779	63,234	67,592	64,856	61,767	60,086	57,372
Provincial city services	8,027	8,236	8,317	8,529	8,841	8,784	8,267	8,061	7,805
Other scheduled services	77,551	83,074	83,401	84,400	87,007	85,341	82,779	82,409	82,633
Total	143,863	151,060	151,497	156,163	163,440	158,981	152,813	150,556	147,810

Source: Bus Éireann, Dublin Bus

Table 15.23 Persons at work aged 15 years and over (excluding those who work mainly at or from home) usually resident and present in the State on Census Night, by time leaving home and time taken to travel to work, 2011

Time travelling	Total	Departure time								Not stated
		Before 06.30	06.31 07.00	07.01 07.30	07.31 08.00	08.01 08.30	08.31 09.00	09.01 09.30	After 09.30	
Under ¼ hour	427,993	23,592	27,797	29,856	66,447	61,201	99,847	44,475	71,226	3,552
¼ hour - under ½ hour	520,128	32,049	37,435	56,884	87,301	106,123	99,631	37,829	59,592	3,284
½ hour - under ¾ hour	352,362	24,013	34,077	56,605	67,514	82,096	39,837	16,772	29,379	2,069
¾ hour - under 1 hour	123,298	9,980	16,645	22,293	28,818	24,606	8,754	3,758	7,813	631
1 hour - under 1½ hours	112,701	13,488	22,092	22,169	25,746	13,824	5,579	2,485	6,721	597
1½ hours and over	39,764	11,398	9,715	6,980	4,592	2,435	1,282	641	2,455	266
Not stated	118,828	5,081	5,502	6,242	8,240	7,646	6,097	3,711	7,515	68,794
Total	1,695,074	119,601	153,263	201,029	288,658	297,931	261,027	109,671	184,701	79,193

Source: CSO

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Table 15.24 Persons, males and females at work aged 15 years and over, usually resident in the State, classified by means of travel and travelling time to work, 2011

Means of travel	Total	< 15 mins	15 mins - < 30 mins	30 mins - < 45 mins	45 mins - < 60 mins	60 mins - < 90 mins	90 mins and over	Not stated	Average travelling time (mins)
Persons									
On foot	170,510	85,196	54,235	19,782	3,531	1,843	–	5,923	15.1
Bicycle	39,803	10,291	18,013	8,186	1,657	768	–	888	21.2
Bus, minibus or coach	91,676	3,876	18,962	28,056	15,128	16,783	6,102	2,769	42.2
Train, DART or LUAS	52,749	712	6,409	14,974	10,704	13,668	5,493	789	50.2
Motor cycle or scooter	8,443	1,704	3,494	2,164	506	262	75	238	24.5
Motor car (driver)	1,067,451	273,529	361,654	236,772	80,708	63,405	20,741	30,642	25.9
Motor car (passenger)	69,164	25,477	24,547	10,666	2,727	2,573	940	2,234	20.8
Van	116,248	22,973	28,802	28,414	7,548	12,007	5,328	11,176	31.4
Other (including lorry)	14,770	3,287	3,300	2,847	663	1,222	993	2,458	32.2
Not stated	64,260	948	712	501	126	170	92	61,711	24.7
Total	1,695,074	427,993	520,128	352,362	123,298	112,701	39,764	118,828	26.6
Males									
On foot	73,714	39,085	21,427	7,843	1,336	855	–	3,168	14.2
Bicycle	29,075	7,670	12,818	6,030	1,273	591	–	693	21.3
Bus, minibus or coach	38,595	1,618	7,466	11,826	6,322	7,159	2,745	1,459	42.9
Train, DART or LUAS	25,652	322	3,020	7,199	5,138	6,748	2,781	444	50.8
Motor cycle or scooter	7,332	1,450	3,057	1,899	449	218	68	191	24.6
Motor car (driver)	515,813	125,611	163,607	115,891	40,313	36,036	13,607	20,748	27.4
Motor car (passenger)	25,818	8,192	8,999	4,482	1,080	1,278	588	1,199	23.2
Van	113,522	22,192	28,054	27,912	7,347	11,799	5,232	10,986	31.5
Other (including lorry)	14,309	3,167	3,187	2,791	643	1,192	920	2,409	31.9
Not stated	36,067	545	382	301	74	115	68	34,582	26.1
Total	879,897	209,852	252,017	186,174	63,975	65,991	26,009	75,879	27.9
Females									
On foot	96,796	46,111	32,808	11,939	2,195	988	–	2,755	15.8
Bicycle	10,728	2,621	5,195	2,156	384	177	–	195	20.9
Bus, minibus or coach	53,081	2,258	11,496	16,230	8,806	9,624	3,357	1,310	41.6
Train, DART or LUAS	27,097	390	3,389	7,775	5,566	6,920	2,712	345	49.6
Motor cycle or scooter	1,111	254	437	265	57	44	7	47	23.8
Motor car (driver)	551,638	147,918	198,047	120,881	40,395	27,369	7,134	9,894	24.6
Motor car (passenger)	43,346	17,285	15,548	6,184	1,647	1,295	352	1,035	19.4
Van	2,726	781	748	502	201	208	96	190	27.2
Other (including lorry)	461	120	113	56	20	30	73	49	40.6
Not stated	28,193	403	330	200	52	55	24	27,129	22.7
Total	815,177	218,141	268,111	166,188	59,323	46,710	13,755	42,949	25.2

Source: CSO

