



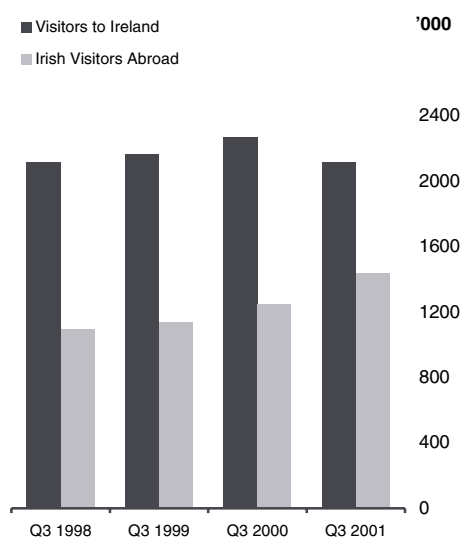
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Third Quarter 2001

Number of Visits



	Visitors to Ireland '000	Irish Visitors Abroad '000
Jul - Sep 2000	2,272	1,249
Jul - Sep 2001	2,117	1,440
% change	-6.8%	+15.3%

Number of Visitors to Ireland decreases by 6.8%

There were 2,117,000 Overseas Visitors to Ireland between July and September 2001 compared with 2,272,000 in the same period of 2000, a decrease of 6.8%. The number of Visitors travelling on the Sea Cross-Channel route fell by 12.2%. *See Table 1 and Graph.*

In the Third Quarter of 2001, the number of visits abroad by Irish Residents was 1,440,000, an increase of 15.3% on the corresponding quarter of 2000. Irish Visitors travelling abroad on Continental routes increased by 21.2% compared with the Third Quarter of 2000. *See Table 9 and Graph.*

The expenditure figures for July-September 2001 show a net inflow of €248m (£195m) - earnings from Visitors to Ireland accounted for €1,453m (£1,144m) while expenditure by Irish Visitors Abroad amounted to €1,205m (£949m). *See Table 15.*

The number of Overseas Visitors on Transatlantic routes decreased by 7.6% between Quarter 3 of 2000 and Quarter 3 of 2001. Taking all routes together the number of American and Canadian Residents visiting Ireland fell by 16.3%. *See Table 1.*

The total number of bednights spent by Overseas Visitors in Ireland decreased by 219,000 on the same period last year. Decreases in the number of bednights spent in Caravan/Camp Sites and Hostels were offset by a large increase in stays with Friends/Relatives. *See Table 6.*

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Table 1 Overseas Visitors to Ireland – Estimated Number of Overseas Visits Classified by Route of Travel, Area of Residence and Reason for Journey

Visits	2000	2000				2001		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Total Overseas Visits	6,409	1,065	1,768	2,272	1,305	1,040	1,647	2,117
Route of Travel								
Air Cross-Channel	3,039	606	782	928	724	600	753	893
Sea Cross-Channel	1,614	215	496	657	246	178	392	577
Continental European	1,197	156	338	477	225	172	342	451
Transatlantic	560	87	153	210	110	91	161	194
Area of Residence								
Great Britain	3,633	683	996	1,166	788	632	903	1,158
Other Europe	1,467	188	403	610	266	203	395	534
USA & Canada	1,047	155	297	398	196	160	274	333
Other Areas	260	38	69	97	55	43	76	93
Reason for Journey								
Business	1,085	270	251	278	285	257	251	231
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	3,402	398	1,062	1,396	546	417	955	1,282
Visit to Friends/ Relatives	1,589	336	364	475	414	311	378	498
Other	330	59	89	123	59	57	63	107

Table 2 Overseas Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents distinguishing Same-Day Visits

Visits	2000	2000				2001		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Total Overseas Visits	6,409	1,065	1,768	2,272	1,305	1,040	1,647	2,117
Same-day visits (i.e. no overnight in Ireland)	357	67	87	128	74	55	84	115
Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland	6,049	997	1,679	2,143	1,230	984	1,563	2,002

**Table 3 Overseas Same-day Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents –
Classified by Area of Residence and Reason for Journey, Jul - Sep 2001**

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Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	Visit to Friends/Relatives	Other	
Total Same-day Visits (i.e. no overnight in Ireland)	38	61	12	4	115
Area of Residence					
Great Britain	34	52	8	2	96
Other Europe	3	2	2	2	9
USA & Canada	1	5	1	0	7
Other Areas	1	2	-	-	3

**Table 4 Overseas Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents, with at least one overnight in Ireland–
Classified by Area of Residence and Reason for Journey, Jul -.Sep 2001**

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Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	Visit to Friends/Relatives	Other	
Total Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland	193	1,221	486	103	2,002
Area of Residence					
Great Britain	109	573	350	31	1,062
Other Europe	58	349	59	58	525
USA & Canada	16	242	58	10	326
Other Areas	10	57	18	5	90

Table 5 Overseas Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents with at least one overnight in Ireland – Average Length of Stay (Nights) Classified by Route of Travel, Area of Residence and Reason for Journey

		Nights						
Length of Stay	2000	2000				2001		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Total Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland	7.7	6.9	7.3	8.7	6.9	6.6	7.4	9.2
Route of Travel								
Air Cross-Channel	6.3	5.6	5.9	7.4	5.8	5.7	5.8	7.0
Sea Cross-Channel	7.7	7.6	7.1	8.5	7.3	6.5	7.2	9.6
Continental European	9.7	8.7	9.6	10.5	8.5	8.2	9.8	12.2
Transatlantic	10.4	10.3	10.1	11.0	9.9	9.8	9.9	11.2
Area of Residence								
Great Britain	5.7	5.5	5.5	6.6	5.0	4.9	5.2	6.8
Other Europe	10.0	8.4	9.7	11.4	8.6	8.5	10.0	12.7
USA & Canada	9.6	9.4	9.2	9.7	10.0	9.2	9.3	10.3
Other Areas	11.6	13.2	10.0	11.1	13.2	12.4	10.7	13.0
Reason for Journey								
Business	5.5	4.9	5.8	6.1	5.3	5.4	6.0	6.6
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	7.4	5.8	6.9	8.6	6.4	5.4	7.1	8.9
Visit to Friends/Relatives	8.4	8.6	7.9	9.1	7.8	8.0	7.7	9.3
Other	13.4	12.1	13.3	14.1	13.0	12.7	15.0	17.5

Table 6 Overseas Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents with at least one overnight in Ireland – Number of Bednights Classified by Type of Accommodation used

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Bednights	2000	2000				2001		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Accommodation	46,169	6,916	12,175	18,653	8,426	6,491	11,297	18,434
Hotel	8,897	1,233	2,677	3,274	1,713	1,339	2,465	3,537
Guest house/B&B	8,667	805	2,482	4,063	1,317	890	2,419	3,962
Rented house/ Apartment	7,506	780	2,466	2,923	1,336	1,002	1,948	3,061
Caravan/Camping	1,466	24	195	1,189	58	43	292	730
Hostel	1,746	190	404	804	349	285	466	674
Friends/Relatives	12,795	3,334	2,380	4,297	2,785	2,321	2,524	4,904
Other	5,092	550	1,571	2,102	868	611	1,183	1,566

Table 7 Overseas Visitors to Ireland with at least one overnight in Ireland - Number of Bednights Classified by Area of Residence and Type of Accommodation used

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Bednights	2000	2000				2001		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Great Britain	19,115	3,479	5,005	6,993	3,638	2,888	4,344	7,182
Hotel	3,353	631	1,036	991	694	675	960	1,280
Guest house/B&B	2,627	310	814	1,066	437	327	758	1,128
Rented house/ Apartment	3,010	239	983	1,292	496	239	691	1,239
Caravan/Camping	713	6	138	536	32	36	137	302
Hostel	264	32	53	125	55	65	38	104
Friends/Relatives	7,761	2,092	1,556	2,499	1,613	1,371	1,463	2,806
Other	1,388	169	425	483	310	176	297	323
Other Europe	14,276	1,511	3,801	6,813	2,153	1,663	3,706	6,698
Hotel	2,232	242	634	957	399	247	578	919
Guest house/B&B	2,914	178	724	1,677	335	283	846	1,675
Rented house/ Apartment	2,923	261	1,029	1,211	423	413	799	1,254
Caravan/Camping	664	1	52	592	19	3	135	384
Hostel	882	58	217	441	167	92	269	385
Friends/Relatives	2,152	499	350	805	498	354	498	1,099
Other	2,511	271	795	1,131	314	272	580	982
USA & Canada	9,847	1,442	2,680	3,804	1,921	1,419	2,450	3,363
Hotel	2,945	309	880	1,199	557	362	812	1,148
Guest house/B&B	2,392	216	724	1,024	427	230	626	901
Rented house/ Apartment	1,182	259	335	328	260	242	296	375
Caravan/Camping	53	2	4	42	5	1	5	17
Hostel	368	67	92	136	73	77	95	119
Friends/Relatives	1,924	501	336	678	409	367	360	615
Other	982	88	308	396	189	140	256	188
Other Areas	2,929	484	688	1,043	713	520	796	1,192
Hotel	367	51	126	127	63	55	114	191
Guest house/B&B	735	101	219	296	119	50	189	258
Rented house/ Apartment	391	21	120	92	157	108	162	194
Caravan/Camping	35	14	1	19	1	3	15	26
Hostel	231	33	42	101	54	51	64	66
Friends/Relatives	959	242	138	315	265	230	203	383
Other	211	22	42	92	54	24	49	74

Table 8 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, Jul-Sep 2001

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Bednights	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
Accommodation Used	1,265	10,836	4,504	1,829	18,434
Hotel	506	2,630	290	111	3,537
Guesthouse/B & B	132	3,158	389	283	3,962
Rented house/Apartment	334	1,947	412	368	3,061
Caravan/Camping	6	639	78	7	730
Hostel	21	507	55	91	674
Friends/Relatives	171	1,158	3,103	472	4,904
Other	95	797	177	497	1,566

Table 9 Visits Abroad by Irish Residents – Number of Visits Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey

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Visits	2000	2000				2001		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Total Overseas Visits	3,811	723	1,036	1,249	803	767	1,143	1,440
Route of Travel								
Air Cross-Channel	1,584	371	404	421	388	358	417	466
Sea Cross-Channel	442	79	119	161	83	73	114	185
Continental European	1,543	229	452	595	266	282	546	721
Transatlantic	242	45	61	71	65	54	66	68
Reason for Journey								
Business	637	156	143	172	166	149	150	122
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	1,969	311	571	756	331	346	662	949
Visit to Friends/ Relatives	961	198	242	262	258	227	257	300
Other	244	57	79	60	48	45	74	69

Table 10 Overseas Visits by Irish Residents distinguishing Same-Day Visits

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Visits	2000	2000				2001		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr – Jun	Jul-Sep
Total Overseas Visits	3,811	723	1,036	1,249	803	767	1,143	1,440
Same-day visits (i.e. no overnight abroad)	190	32	45	74	39	35	61	101
Visits with at least one overnight abroad	3,621	691	991	1,175	764	732	1,082	1,339

Table 11 Same-day Visits Abroad by Irish Residents - Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey

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Visits	2000	2000				2001		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Total Overseas Visits	190	32	45	74	39	35	61	101
Route of Travel								
Air Cross-Channel	78	21	14	17	26	23	22	30
Sea Cross-Channel	64	8	25	25	7	5	24	46
Continental European	42	2	5	30	4	3	11	23
Transatlantic	6	0	1	2	2	3	4	2
Reason for Journey								
Business	70	23	13	11	22	19	18	24
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	91	5	24	56	7	8	30	62
Visit to Friends/ Relatives	22	3	4	5	9	3	11	14
Other	8	1	3	2	2	4	3	1

Table 12 Same-day Visits Abroad by Irish Residents – Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey, Jul – Sep 2001

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Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
Total Same-day Visits (i.e. no overnight abroad)	24	62	14	1	101
Route of Travel					
Air Cross Channel	21	5	4	0	30
Sea Cross Channel	2	39	5	—	46
Continental	1	18	3	0	23
Transatlantic	0	0	2	—	2

Table 13 Visits Abroad by Irish Residents, with at least one overnight – Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey, Jul–Sep 2001

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Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
Total Visits with at least one overnight abroad	99	891	287	61	1,339
Route of Travel					
Air Cross Channel	55	182	176	23	436
Sea Cross Channel	12	69	51	7	139
Continental	26	607	41	23	698
Transatlantic	6	33	20	8	66

Table 14 Visits Abroad by Irish Residents with at least one overnight - Average Length of Stay (Nights) Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey

								Nights
Length of Stay	2000	2000				2001		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
All Overseas Visits	9.6	8.0	9.1	11.4	9.1	8.3	9.0	12.1
Route of Travel								
Air Cross-Channel	9.4	8.6	8.8	11.1	9.1	8.9	8.7	11.3
Sea Cross-Channel	6.8	6.6	6.3	7.2	6.7	6.9	6.5	8.0
Continental European	9.5	7.0	9.3	11.4	8.3	7.4	9.0	12.6
Transatlantic	16.0	11.4	14.2	21.1	15.3	11.4	13.6	22.4
Reason for Journey								
Business	7.1	6.2	7.5	7.7	7.0	6.3	7.2	8.1
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	10.3	8.5	9.7	12.0	9.3	8.5	9.3	12.5
Visit to Friends/ Relatives	9.3	8.7	8.3	10.4	9.4	9.2	8.7	10.0
Other	11.9	8.1	9.3	18.9	12.6	8.1	10.4	22.9

Table 15 Tourism and Travel Estimated Earnings and Expenditure

		£ Million/€ Million					
Period		Earnings from all Visitors to Ireland ¹		Expenditure by all Irish Visitors abroad ²		Balance ³	
		£	€	£	€	£	€
1995	Year	1,679	2,132	1,267	1,609	+ 412	+ 523
1996	Year	1,889	2,399	1,371	1,741	+ 518	+ 658
1997	Year	2,107	2,675	1,481	1,880	+ 626	+ 795
1998	Year	2,281	2,896	1,701	2,160	+ 581	+ 738
1999	Year	2,453	3,115	1,941	2,465	+ 512	+ 650
2000	Year	2,888	3,667	2,217	2,815	+ 670	+ 851
1995	January – March	242	307	210	267	+ 32	+ 41
	April – June	420	533	298	378	+ 122	+ 155
	July – September	686	871	489	621	+ 197	+ 250
	October – December	332	422	270	343	+ 62	+ 79
1996	January – March	265	336	245	311	+ 20	+ 25
	April – June	518	658	337	428	+ 181	+ 230
	July – September	741	941	514	653	+ 227	+ 288
	October – December	366	465	276	350	+ 90	+ 114
1997	January – March	296	376	255	324	+ 41	+ 52
	April – June	571	725	369	469	+ 202	+ 256
	July – September	822	1,044	560	711	+ 263	+ 334
	October – December	418	531	297	377	+ 120	+ 152
1998	January – March	333	423	284	361	+ 49	+ 62
	April – June	620	787	454	576	+ 168	+ 213
	July – September	861	1,093	626	795	+ 235	+ 298
	October – December	468	594	337	428	+ 131	+ 166
1999	January – March	379	481	334	424	+ 45	+ 57
	April – June	667	847	522	663	+ 146	+ 185
	July – September	899	1,141	702	891	+ 197	+ 250
	October – December	508	645	383	486	+ 124	+ 157
2000	January – March	436	554	354	449	+ 82	+ 104
	April – June	786	998	574	729	+ 212	+ 269
	July – September	1,066	1,354	837	1,063	+ 229	+ 291
	October – December	600	762	453	575	+ 148	+ 188
2001	January – March	463	588	403	512	+ 61	+ 77
	April – June	806	1,023	662	841	+ 144	+ 183
	July – September	1,144	1,453	949	1,205	+ 195	+ 248

¹ Expenditure (excluding international fares) plus passenger fare receipts of Irish carriers from visitors to Ireland

² Expenditure (including international fares) less passenger fare payments by Irish visitors abroad to Irish carriers

³ + = Net inflow

Background Notes

Introduction This quarterly series gives details on the number of visits made by Overseas Visitors to Ireland and by Irish Residents travelling abroad for the quarter. It includes data on the reason for journey, average number of nights and expenditure. The quarterly series supplements the annual release which provides more extensive annual information on tourism and travel.

Reason for Journey From the 1st January, 1999 the classification by reason for journey was changed in accordance with Council Directive 95/57/EC. The new classification (business, holiday/leisure/recreation; visits to friend or relatives and other) also accords with recommendations of the World Tourism Organisation (W.T.O.).

Sources Two sample surveys of passengers, the Country of Residence Survey and the Passenger Card Inquiry are carried out by the Central Statistics Office. These are used in conjunction with passenger movement figures supplied by the transport companies to provide estimates for overseas tourism and travel.

The Country of Residence Survey is a continuous sample survey of passengers (both inward and outward) at all major air and sea ports to provide an estimated distribution of passengers by country of residence. This distribution is applied to the total passenger movement figures to provide estimates of Irish residents travelling abroad and visits to Ireland by non-residents. Visitors to Ireland are further broken down into the areas of residence shown in this release.

The Passenger Card Inquiry is a continuous sample survey of incoming and departing passengers at air and sea ports. This survey provides information on the reason for journey, area of residence, length of stay, expenditure and fare costs. The results are combined with the overall visitor estimates from the Country of Residence Survey to provide the overseas tourism and travel estimates shown in this release.