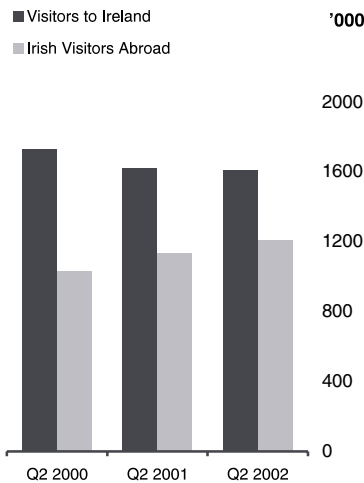




## Tourism and Travel Second Quarter 2002

### Number of Visits



	Visitors to Ireland '000	Irish Visitors Abroad '000
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<b>Apr - Jun 2000</b>	1,732	1,036
<b>Apr - Jun 2001</b>	1,624	1,137
<b>Apr - Jun 2002</b>	1,613	1,208

### Number of Visitors to Ireland decreases by 0.7%

There were 1,613,000 Overseas Visitors to Ireland in the Second Quarter of 2002 compared with 1,624,000 in the same period last year, a decrease of 0.7% *See Table 1 and Graph*. The number of Overseas Visitors on Continental routes fell by 2.3% while the number on Transatlantic routes fell by 19.4% on the same quarter in 2001.

The number of Irish Visitors going abroad between April and June 2002 was 1,208,000, an increase of 6.2% on the corresponding period last year. *See Table 9 and Graph*. Irish residents travelling abroad on Continental routes increased by 12.1% compared with the second quarter in 2001 but the number on Transatlantic routes fell by 28.8%.

The expenditure figures for April – June 2002 show a net inflow of €104m. Earnings from Visitors to Ireland accounted for €1,081m while expenditure by Irish Visitors Abroad amounted to €977m. *See Table 15*.

The Tourism figures in this release also show that:

- ◆ In the period April–June 2002, there were 904,000 Visits to Ireland in the Holiday/Leisure/Recreation category, a decrease of almost 4% on the same period in 2001 (*see Table 1*) and a decrease of 12.9% on Quarter 2 2000.
- ◆ In the Second Quarter of 2002, there were 68,000 Same-Day Visits to Ireland compared to 84,000 in the same period in 2001. *See Table 2*.
- ◆ The average length of stay for Visitors to Ireland during the period April–June 2002 was 7.5 nights. This compares with 8.8 nights for Irish Residents going abroad. *See Table 5 and Table 14*.

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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**

'000

Visits	2001	2001				2002	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
<b>Total Overseas Visits</b>	<b>5,990<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,020<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,624<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,092<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,255<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,121<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,613</b>
<b>Route of Travel</b>							
Air Cross-Channel	2,969	600	754	894	722	668	762
Sea Cross-Channel	1,313 <sup>1</sup>	157 <sup>1</sup>	369 <sup>1</sup>	552 <sup>1</sup>	235 <sup>1</sup>	193 <sup>1</sup>	389
Continental European	1,170	172	341	451	205	184 <sup>1</sup>	333
Transatlantic	539	91	160	194	93	75	129
<b>Area of Residence</b>							
Great Britain	3,462 <sup>1</sup>	614 <sup>1</sup>	884 <sup>1</sup>	1,138 <sup>1</sup>	826 <sup>1</sup>	731 <sup>1</sup>	916
Other Europe	1,357 <sup>1</sup>	202 <sup>1</sup>	392 <sup>1</sup>	531 <sup>1</sup>	231 <sup>1</sup>	212 <sup>1</sup>	394
USA & Canada	912 <sup>1</sup>	160 <sup>1</sup>	273 <sup>1</sup>	332 <sup>1</sup>	148	134	239
Other Areas	260 <sup>1</sup>	43	75 <sup>1</sup>	92 <sup>1</sup>	49 <sup>1</sup>	45	63
<b>Reason for Journey</b>							
Business	975 <sup>1</sup>	250 <sup>1</sup>	250 <sup>1</sup>	229 <sup>1</sup>	244 <sup>1</sup>	226 <sup>1</sup>	251
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	3,177 <sup>1</sup>	410 <sup>1</sup>	941 <sup>1</sup>	1,266 <sup>1</sup>	561 <sup>1</sup>	485 <sup>1</sup>	904
Visit to Friends/ Relatives	1,566 <sup>1</sup>	304 <sup>1</sup>	374 <sup>1</sup>	491 <sup>1</sup>	397 <sup>1</sup>	330 <sup>1</sup>	383
Other	273 <sup>1</sup>	55 <sup>1</sup>	59	107	52 <sup>1</sup>	80 <sup>1</sup>	73

<sup>1</sup> Revised due to change in methodology. See Background Notes

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

'000

Visits	2001 <sup>1</sup>	2001				2002	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun <sup>1</sup>	Jul-Sep <sup>1</sup>	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Jun
<b>Total Overseas Visits</b>	<b>5,990</b>	<b>1,020<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>2,092</b>	<b>1,255<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>1,613</b>
Same-day visits (i.e. no overnight in Ireland)	344	58	84	114	88	63	68
Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland	5,646	962 <sup>1</sup>	1,540	1,978	1,167 <sup>1</sup>	1,058	1,545

<sup>1</sup> Revised due to change in methodology. See Background Notes

**Table 3 Overseas Same-Day Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents - Classified by Area of Residence and Reason for Journey, Apr-Jun 2002**

'000

Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
<b>Total Same-day Visits (i.e. no overnight in Ireland)</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>68</b>
<b>Area of Residence</b>					
Great Britain	27	20	5	2	54
Other Europe	3	2	1	2	9
USA & Canada	1	1	1	1	4
Other Areas	0	0	0	-	1

**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, Apr-Jun 2002**

'000

Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
<b>Total Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>1,545</b>
<b>Area of Residence</b>					
Great Britain	120	462	251	28	862
Other Europe	65	221	70	29	385
USA & Canada	23	166	39	7	235
Other Areas	11	32	16	3	62

**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**

Length of Stay	Nights						
	2001	2001				2002	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
<b>Total Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>
<b>Route of Travel</b>							
Air Cross-Channel	6.3	5.7	5.8	7.0	6.4	5.3	5.6
Sea Cross-Channel	8.0	6.4 <sup>1</sup>	7.1 <sup>1</sup>	9.5 <sup>1</sup>	6.8 <sup>1</sup>	7.8 <sup>1</sup>	7.6
Continental European	10.7	8.2	9.4	12.2	11.4	8.8	10.8
Transatlantic	10.3	9.8	9.6	11.2	10.3	8.9	10.2
<b>Area of Residence</b>							
Great Britain	5.6	4.8 <sup>1</sup>	5.2	6.7 <sup>1</sup>	4.9 <sup>1</sup>	4.5 <sup>1</sup>	5.2
Other Europe	11.1	8.5	9.7	12.7	12.1	9.7 <sup>1</sup>	10.7
USA & Canada	9.7	9.2	9.1	10.3	10.1	8.4	9.0
Other Areas	13.8	12.4	10.8	13.0	21.2	18.9 <sup>1</sup>	14.8
<b>Reason for Journey</b>							
Business	5.9	5.3 <sup>1</sup>	6.0	6.6	5.7 <sup>1</sup>	5.3	5.4
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	7.4	5.4	7.0	8.8 <sup>1</sup>	6.5	5.0	6.9
Visit to Friends/Relatives	8.4	8.0	7.7	9.3	8.3	7.8 <sup>1</sup>	8.2
Other	16.5 <sup>1</sup>	12.8 <sup>1</sup>	13.0 <sup>1</sup>	17.4 <sup>1</sup>	22.7 <sup>1</sup>	14.7 <sup>1</sup>	18.8

<sup>1</sup> Revised due to change in methodology. See Background Notes

**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**

Bednights	'000						
	2001 <sup>1</sup>	2001 <sup>1</sup>				2002	
		Jan-Mar <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Jun <sup>1</sup>	Jul-Sep <sup>1</sup>	Oct-Dec <sup>1</sup>	Jan-Mar <sup>1</sup>	Apr-Jun
<b>Accommodation</b>	<b>44,552</b>	<b>6,357</b>	<b>11,131</b>	<b>18,191</b>	<b>8,876</b>	<b>6,962</b>	<b>11,642</b>
Hotel	9,127	1,322	2,486	3,513	1,807	1,562	2,975
Guest house/B&B	8,347	872	2,359	3,923	1,193	846	2,046
Rented house/ Apartment	7,990	985	1,927	2,999	2,079	1,383	2,128
Caravan/Camping	1,071	38	284	703	47	32	304
Hostel	1,710	283	459	672	297	280	381
Friends/Relatives	12,226	2,259	2,478	4,829	2,660	2,376	2,824
Other	4,081	598	1,138	1,552	793	483	984

<sup>1</sup> Revised due to change in methodology. See Background Notes

**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	2001	2001				2002	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>17,686<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,764<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>4,219<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>6,998<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>3,706<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>3,086<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>4,485</b>
Hotel	3,792 <sup>1</sup>	658 <sup>1</sup>	952 <sup>1</sup>	1,262 <sup>1</sup>	920 <sup>1</sup>	872 <sup>1</sup>	1,221
Guest house/B&B	2,589 <sup>1</sup>	315 <sup>1</sup>	710 <sup>1</sup>	1,100 <sup>1</sup>	463 <sup>1</sup>	300 <sup>1</sup>	710
Rented house/ Apartment	2,637 <sup>1</sup>	224 <sup>1</sup>	676 <sup>1</sup>	1,189 <sup>1</sup>	548 <sup>1</sup>	309 <sup>1</sup>	646
Caravan/Camping	481 <sup>1</sup>	31 <sup>1</sup>	136 <sup>1</sup>	286 <sup>1</sup>	28 <sup>1</sup>	27 <sup>1</sup>	126
Hostel	245 <sup>1</sup>	63 <sup>1</sup>	38	103 <sup>1</sup>	41 <sup>1</sup>	77	57
Friends/Relatives	7,004 <sup>1</sup>	1,309 <sup>1</sup>	1,424 <sup>1</sup>	2,744 <sup>1</sup>	1,528 <sup>1</sup>	1,381 <sup>1</sup>	1,479
Other	938 <sup>1</sup>	164 <sup>1</sup>	283 <sup>1</sup>	314 <sup>1</sup>	178 <sup>1</sup>	120 <sup>1</sup>	246
<b>Other Europe</b>	<b>14,677<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,657<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>3,682<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>6,647<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,690<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,974<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>4,107</b>
Hotel	2,084 <sup>1</sup>	245 <sup>1</sup>	584	917 <sup>1</sup>	338 <sup>1</sup>	282 <sup>1</sup>	809
Guest house/B&B	3,154 <sup>1</sup>	279 <sup>1</sup>	840 <sup>1</sup>	1,666 <sup>1</sup>	369 <sup>1</sup>	245 <sup>1</sup>	731
Rented house/ Apartment	3,457 <sup>1</sup>	412 <sup>1</sup>	797 <sup>1</sup>	1,242 <sup>1</sup>	1,005 <sup>1</sup>	667 <sup>1</sup>	935
Caravan/Camping	519 <sup>1</sup>	3	128 <sup>1</sup>	373 <sup>1</sup>	15 <sup>1</sup>	3	175
Hostel	882 <sup>1</sup>	92	269 <sup>1</sup>	384 <sup>1</sup>	138	98 <sup>1</sup>	176
Friends/Relatives	2,445 <sup>1</sup>	353 <sup>1</sup>	496 <sup>1</sup>	1,088 <sup>1</sup>	508 <sup>1</sup>	430 <sup>1</sup>	706
Other	2,136 <sup>1</sup>	273 <sup>1</sup>	568 <sup>1</sup>	977 <sup>1</sup>	317	249	575
<b>USA &amp; Canada</b>	<b>8,668<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,417<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,442<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>3,352<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,454<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,095<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>2,129</b>
Hotel	2,793 <sup>1</sup>	364 <sup>1</sup>	834 <sup>1</sup>	1,142 <sup>1</sup>	453	318	826
Guest house/B&B	2,024 <sup>1</sup>	228 <sup>1</sup>	624 <sup>1</sup>	899 <sup>1</sup>	272	213	479
Rented house/ Apartment	1,154 <sup>1</sup>	242	295 <sup>1</sup>	373 <sup>1</sup>	243 <sup>1</sup>	154	271
Caravan/Camping	25	1	4	17	2	1	2
Hostel	333	78	88	119	48	56	91
Friends/Relatives	1,658 <sup>1</sup>	367	355 <sup>1</sup>	614 <sup>1</sup>	322	292	379
Other	681	137	242	188	114	61 <sup>1</sup>	81
<b>Other Areas</b>	<b>3,522<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>519<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>786<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,191<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,025<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>806<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>923</b>
Hotel	458 <sup>1</sup>	55	117 <sup>1</sup>	191	96	90	120
Guest house/B&B	580 <sup>1</sup>	50	184 <sup>1</sup>	257 <sup>1</sup>	89 <sup>1</sup>	88 <sup>1</sup>	126
Rented house/ Apartment	743 <sup>1</sup>	107 <sup>1</sup>	158 <sup>1</sup>	194 <sup>1</sup>	284 <sup>1</sup>	253	276
Caravan/Camping	46	3	15	26 <sup>1</sup>	1	1	2
Hostel	250 <sup>1</sup>	50 <sup>1</sup>	64	66	69 <sup>1</sup>	48	57
Friends/Relatives	1,118 <sup>1</sup>	230	202 <sup>1</sup>	383 <sup>1</sup>	302	273	260
Other	327	24	46	74	184	53	82

<sup>1</sup> Revised due to change in methodology. See Background Notes

**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, Apr-Jun 2002**

Bednights	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure /Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
<b>Accommodation Used</b>					
Hotel	551	2,107	221	96	2,975
Guest house/B & B	145	1,552	248	100	2,046
Rented house/Apartment	220	919	416	573	2,128
Caravan/Camping	4	287	9	4	304
Hostel	8	270	41	64	381
Friends/Relatives	174	522	1,961	168	2,824
Other	77	445	190	273	984

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

Visits	2001	2001				2002	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
<b>Total Overseas Visits</b>	<b>4,216<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>757<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,137<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,434<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>887<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>891<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,208</b>
<b>Route of Travel</b>							
Air Cross-Channel	1,670	358	416	466	430	432	439
Sea Cross-Channel	439 <sup>1</sup>	63 <sup>1</sup>	107 <sup>1</sup>	178 <sup>1</sup>	90 <sup>1</sup>	71 <sup>1</sup>	110
Continental European	1,864	282	547	722	313	340	613
Transatlantic	243	54	66	68	55	48	47
<b>Reason for Journey</b>							
Business	542 <sup>1</sup>	143 <sup>1</sup>	149 <sup>1</sup>	119 <sup>1</sup>	131 <sup>1</sup>	139 <sup>1</sup>	149
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	2,402 <sup>1</sup>	352 <sup>1</sup>	661 <sup>1</sup>	949 <sup>1</sup>	440 <sup>1</sup>	455 <sup>1</sup>	724
Visit to Friends/ Relatives	1,048 <sup>1</sup>	225 <sup>1</sup>	255 <sup>1</sup>	296 <sup>1</sup>	272 <sup>1</sup>	238 <sup>1</sup>	258
Other	224 <sup>1</sup>	37 <sup>1</sup>	72	70 <sup>1</sup>	44 <sup>1</sup>	59 <sup>1</sup>	77

<sup>1</sup> Revised due to change in methodology. See Background Notes

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

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Visits	2001	2001				2002	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
<b>Total Overseas Visits</b>	<b>4,216<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>757<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,137<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,434<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>887<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>891<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1,208</b>
Same-day visits (i.e. no overnight abroad)	238 <sup>1</sup>	33	60	101 <sup>1</sup>	44 <sup>1</sup>	55 <sup>1</sup>	71
Visits with at least one overnight abroad	3,978 <sup>1</sup>	724 <sup>1</sup>	1,077 <sup>1</sup>	1,333 <sup>1</sup>	844 <sup>1</sup>	836 <sup>1</sup>	1,137

<sup>1</sup> Revised due to change in methodology. See Background Notes**Table 11 Same-Day Visits Abroad by Irish Residents - Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey**

'000

Visits	2001	2001				2002	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
<b>Total Overseas Visits</b>	<b>236<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>33</b>	<b>59<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>101<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>43<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>55<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Route of Travel</b>							
Air Cross-Channel	91	22	21	30	18	38	34
Sea Cross-Channel	92 <sup>1</sup>	5	22 <sup>1</sup>	46	19 <sup>1</sup>	10	17
Continental European	43 <sup>1</sup>	3	11 <sup>1</sup>	23	6	6	17
Transatlantic	9	3	4	2	0	0	3
<b>Reason for Journey</b>							
Business	75 <sup>1</sup>	18 <sup>1</sup>	17	24	16 <sup>1</sup>	32	23
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	115 <sup>1</sup>	8	28 <sup>1</sup>	62	17 <sup>1</sup>	12 <sup>1</sup>	29
Visit to Friends/ Relatives	37 <sup>1</sup>	3	12	14	8 <sup>1</sup>	7	11
Other	9	4	2	1	2	4	7

<sup>1</sup> Revised due to change in methodology. See Background Notes

**Table 12 Same-Day Visits Abroad by Irish Residents – Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey, Apr-Jun 2002**

'000					
Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
<b>Total Same-day Visits (i.e. no overnight abroad)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>71</b>
<b>Route of Travel</b>					
Air Cross-Channel	20	4	6	4	34
Sea Cross-Channel	1	12	2	1	17
Continental European	2	11	2	2	17
Transatlantic	1	2	1	-	3

**Table 13 Visits Abroad by Irish Residents, with at least one overnight – Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey, Apr-Jun 2002**

'000					
Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
<b>Total Visits with at least one overnight abroad</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1,137</b>
<b>Route of Travel</b>					
Air Cross-Channel	72	153	151	29	405
Sea Cross-Channel	8	40	39	5	92
Continental European	38	484	40	35	596
Transatlantic	8	19	16	1	44



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

Length of Stay	Nights						
	2001	2001				2002	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep <sup>1</sup>	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
<b>All Overseas Visits</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>8.8</b>
<b>Route of Travel</b>							
Air Cross-Channel	8.9	8.9 <sup>1</sup>	8.7	11.5	8.3	7.8	8.9
Sea Cross-Channel	5.8 <sup>1</sup>	6.9	6.5	8.5	6.9 <sup>1</sup>	8.0	6.6
Continental European	9.6	7.4 <sup>1</sup>	8.7	12.5	8.0	7.2	8.7
Transatlantic	14.9	11.4 <sup>1</sup>	13.5 <sup>1</sup>	22.6	13.4	13.6	13.7
<b>Reason for Journey</b>							
Business	6.2	6.3 <sup>1</sup>	7.0 <sup>1</sup>	8.2	7.7	6.3 <sup>1</sup>	6.6
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	9.9	8.5	9.2 <sup>1</sup>	12.7	8.8	7.9	9.1
Visit to Friends/ Relatives	8.6 <sup>1</sup>	9.2	8.7	9.7	7.9 <sup>1</sup>	8.6	8.9
Other	13.1	8.1 <sup>1</sup>	9.5 <sup>1</sup>	23.4	9.4	8.3	9.6

<sup>1</sup> Revised due to change in methodology. See Background Notes

**Table 15 Tourism and Travel Estimated Earnings and Expenditure**

		€ million		
Period		Earnings from all Visitors to Ireland <sup>1</sup>	Expenditure by all Irish Visitors abroad <sup>2</sup>	Balance <sup>3</sup>
		€	€	€
1996	Year	2,399	1,741	+ 658
1997	Year	2,675	1,880	+ 795
1998	Year	2,896	2,160	+ 738
1999	Year	3,115	2,465	+ 650
2000	Year <sup>4</sup>	3,637	2,804	+ 832
2001	Year <sup>4</sup>	3,922	3,209	+ 713
1996	January – March	336	311	+ 25
	April – June	658	428	+ 230
	July – September	941	653	+ 288
	October – December	465	350	+ 114
1997	January – March	376	324	+ 52
	April – June	725	469	+ 256
	July – September	1,044	711	+ 334
	October – December	531	377	+ 152
1998	January – March	423	361	+ 62
	April – June	787	576	+ 213
	July – September	1,093	795	+ 298
	October – December	594	428	+ 166
1999	January – March	481	424	+ 57
	April – June	847	663	+ 185
	July – September	1,141	891	+ 250
	October – December	645	486	+ 157
2000 <sup>4</sup>	January – March	554	441	+ 113
	April – June	984	732	+ 252
	July – September	1,345	1,060	+ 284
	October – December	754	571	+ 183
2001 <sup>4</sup>	January – March	616	500	+ 116
	April – June	1,058	862	+ 197
	July – September	1,448	1,202	+ 247
	October – December	799	647	+ 153
2002	January – March <sup>4</sup>	658	655	+ 3
	April – June	1,081	977	+ 104

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

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

<sup>3</sup> + = Net inflow

<sup>4</sup> Revised due to change in methodology. See Background Notes

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 friends or relatives and other) also accords with recommendation of the World Tourism Organisation (W.T.O.).

**Commercial Drivers** From the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.

**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 airports and seaports 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 airports and seaports. 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.