

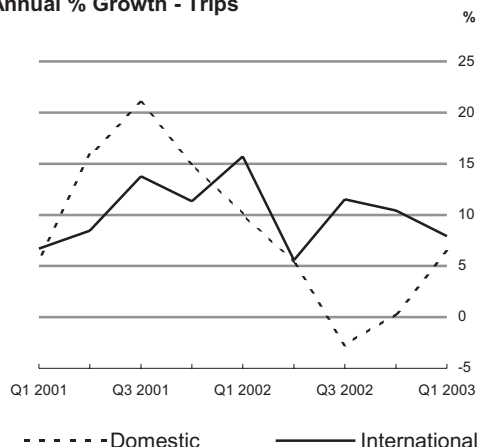


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Household Travel Survey Q1 2003

Annual % Growth - Trips



	Domestic Trips '000	International Trips '000
Q1 2000	1,169	716
Q1 2001	1,235	764
Q1 2002	1,360	884
Q1 2003	1,447	954

% Growth in international travel continues to outstrip domestic travel

1,447,000 domestic trips were taken in Q1 2003 and 1,360,000 trips in Q1 2002, a growth of 6.4%. 954,000 international trips were taken in the first quarter of 2003 compared with 884,000 in the same quarter last year, an increase of 7.9% - *See Tables 1 & 9.*

The West was the most popular domestic destination for Irish residents during Q1 2003 followed closely by the South-West, with 293,000 and 288,000 trips respectively. However more bed-nights were spent in the South-West (836,000) than the West (792,000) - *See Table 1.*

EU destinations accounted for the bulk of international trips during Q1 2003, with 794,000 trips or 83.2% of total international travel, but only accounted for 68.3% of bed-nights (4,431,000 nights). Travel to North America increased by 18.8% to 76,000 trips in Q1 2003 from the same period in 2002 but this figure is still well below the 97,000 trips taken in Q1 2000 - *See Table 9.*

- Trips to North America showed a year-on-year increase in Q4 2002 (+29.3%) and again in Q1 2003 (+18.8%) for the first time since 2000 - *See Table 9.*
- Fewer domestic trips were taken to the Midlands (72,000 in Q1 2003) than to any other region in the country and typically the average length of stay there was also the shortest - *See Table 1.*
- Most trips are taken (both domestic & international) by those aged between 30 and 49 - *See Tables 3 & 11.*
- Trips to non-EU European destinations increased from 145,000 in 2000 to 229,000 in 2002, a jump of 57.9% - *See Table 9.*
- Stays in Own Holiday Homes for international trips have increased by 175.9% during the period 2000-2002, rising from 29,000 in 2000 to 80,000 in 2002. The average length of stay has fallen from 17.2 nights in 2000 to 12.1 nights in 2002, a fall of almost 30% - *See Table 14.*
- Holidays accounted for 43.7% of all domestic trips and 61.6% of international trips in 2002. Holiday expenditure accounted for 59.1% of total domestic expenditure and 65.4% of total international expenditure in the same year - *See Tables 2, 7, 10 & 15.*
- Over the 3 year period to the end of 2002, estimated expenditure on trips to the EU amounted to €6.8bn, which is 63.9% of all estimated expenditure on international trips - *See Table 16.*

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Volume & Destination of Domestic Trips

The total number of domestic trips taken by Irish Residents grew from 5,478,000 in 2000 to 6,452,000 in 2002, an increase of 17.8%. Most of this growth occurred in 2001 when the number of trips rose by 15.1% to 6,307,000 - *See Table 1*.

The South West was the destination most frequently visited by Irish Residents in 2002 (22.1% of trips), 2001 (21.3% of trips) and 2000 (22.4% of trips). Trips to Dublin accounted for just over 13% of all trips taken in each of the years 2000, 2001 and 2002 - *See Table 1*.

Volume & Destination of International Trips

There were nearly 4.6 million international trips taken by Irish Residents in 2002 compared with 4.2 million in 2001, representing an increase of over 10%. There were over 3.7 million trips taken in 2000 - *See Table 9*.

The 3.8 million trips to EU countries in 2002 accounted for almost 83% of total international trips. In 2001 there were 3.4 million trips to EU countries accounting for almost 82% of trips. North America was the second most visited destination in each of the 3 years to 2002 although the number of trips fell from 439,000 in 2000 to 339,000 in 2002. Almost 12% of trips in 2000 were to North America but this figure fell to just over 7% in 2002. Non-EU European countries were the third most visited destination in each of the 3 years to 2002 followed by Africa, Asia, Australia, New Zealand & Oceania and Central & South America - *See Table 9*.

Reason for Journey

Domestic

There were over 2.8 million domestic Holiday trips taken in 2002, representing almost 44% of the total compared to 2.9 million (46% of total) in 2001. 583,000 Business trips were taken in 2002 (9% of total), compared with 652,000 trips in 2001 (approximately 10% of total). Visits to Friends/Relatives accounted for almost 2.3 million trips in 2002 (or approximately 35% of total) compared to almost 2.1 million trips in 2001 (or almost 33% of total). There were 763,000 trips taken for Other reasons in 2002, representing about 12% of the total compared to 690,000 (or about 11% of total) in 2001 - *See Table 2*.

International

There were over 2.8 million international holiday trips taken in 2002, or about 62% of the total number of trips. 856,000 trips were to visit Friends/Relatives and accounted for almost 19% of all trips. The number of Business trips fell from 638,000 in 2001 to 609,000 in 2002, a decrease of 4.5% - *See Table 10*.

Average Length of Stay

Overall, the Average Length of Stay (ALS) of domestic trips is falling, down from an average of 3.8 nights in 2000 to 3.4 nights in 2002. The same pattern is evident for international travel, falling from an average of 9.4 nights in 2000 to 8.8 nights in 2002 - *See Tables 1, 2, 6, 9, 10 & 14*.

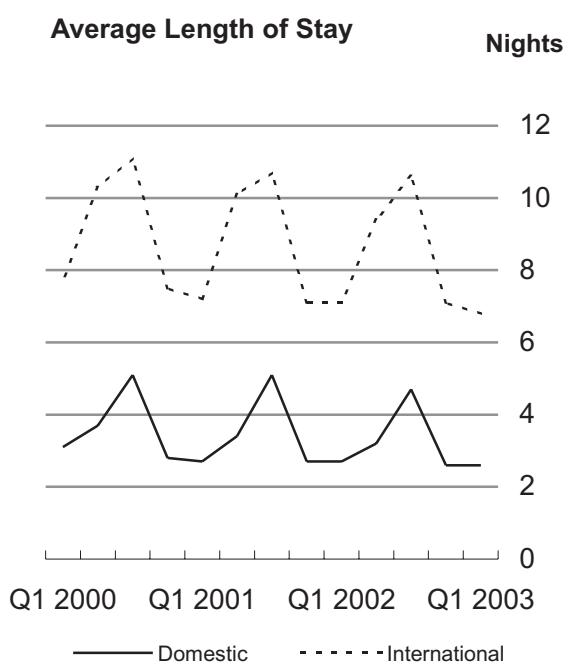
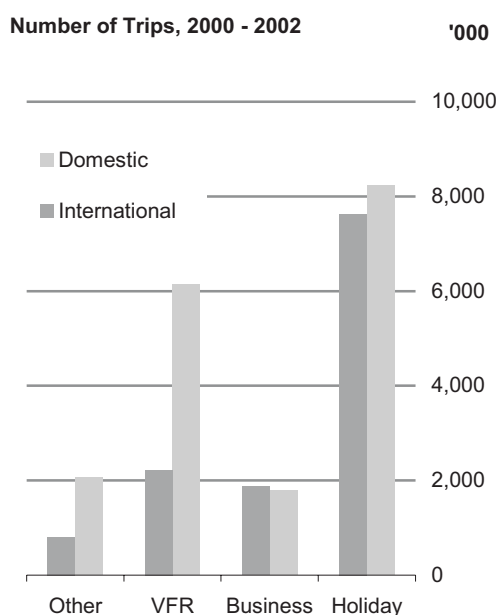
Domestic

The ALS is normally longest for trips to the South-West region (an average 4 nights in 2002) while the Midlands typically have the shortest length of stay (2.6 days in 2002). As a rule the ALS is longest for the 3rd quarter (July-September), in 2002 the ALS for Q3 was 4.7 nights compared with an annual average of 3.4 - *See Table 1*.

Holidays tend to account for the longest ALS, averaging 4.3 nights in 2002 compared with Business trips (2.8 nights) and Visiting Friends/Relatives (2.7 nights) - *See Table 2*.

International

Not surprisingly, trips to Australia, New Zealand & Oceania take longest (averaging 30.6 nights in 2002) while EU destinations account for the shortest ALS (7.7 nights in 2002). Like domestic travel, Holidays account for the longest ALS (10 nights in 2002) compared with Business trips (5.2 nights) - *See Tables 9 & 10*.



Type of Accommodation

Domestic

A shortening in the average length of stay of domestic trips from 3.7 in 2001 to 3.4 nights in 2002 led to a 4.2% decrease in the total number of bed-nights. The number of bed-nights spent in Guest Houses/B&B's in 2002 fell to 2,038,000 nights from 2,217,000 in 2001, a decrease of over 8%. Bed-nights spent in Self-Catering/Rented Houses fell to 3,168,000 in 2002 a decrease of 15.5% on the previous year. There was a small increase (less than 1%) in the number of nights spent in Hotels/Conference Centres bringing the total in 2002 to 5,357,000. The number of nights spent in Own Holiday Homes grew by 23.9% in 2002 to 1,742,000 nights in 2001 - See Table 6.

International

The total number of bed-nights spent abroad by Irish Residents in 2002 was almost 40.7 million nights, an increase of about 7% on the 38 million nights in 2001. Bed-nights spent in Own Holiday Homes grew by over 51% to 969,000 nights. Nights spent in Hotels/Conference Centres grew by over 10% to 12,570,000 nights in 2002, while nights spent in Guest Houses/B&B's grew by 404,000 nights to 1,873,000 - See Table 14.

Estimated Expenditure

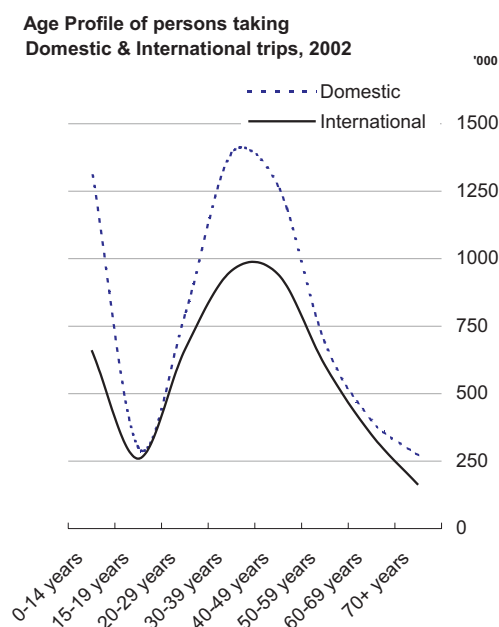
Estimated expenditure on domestic and international Holidays combined grew marginally from 62.5% of total domestic and international expenditure in 2000 to 64.2% in 2002. Expenditure on domestic and international Business trips accounted for 21.8% of total expenditure in 2000 and 19.9% in 2002 - See Tables 7 & 15.

Domestic

Estimated expenditure on domestic trips rose by 24.5% from €706.6m in 2000 to €879.9m in 2001. However it fell back to €849.4m in 2002, a decrease of 3.5%. There was expenditure of €447.7m on Holidays in 2000 and this figure increased by almost 23% to €549.7m in 2001. It fell by almost 9% to €501.6m in 2002 - See Table 7.

International

Estimated expenditure on international trips showed an increase of 23.1%, from €3.2bn in 2000 to €3.9bn in 2002. Expenditure on Holidays grew by over 13% in both 2001 and 2002 and accounted for 65.4% of total expenditure on international trips in 2002. Expenditure on Business trips fell by almost 2% from €810.5m in 2001 to €796.1m in 2002 - See Table 15.



Age Profile

Fewer international trips are taken by persons aged 70+ than by any other age group. 162,000 trips were taken in 2002 accounting for only 3.5% of international trips. By and large this pattern holds true for domestic travel also, with only 272,000 trips or 4.2% of total trips taken by that age category - See Tables 3 & 11.

Most domestic and international trips are taken by persons aged between 30 and 49. In 2002 these persons accounted for about 1.9 million international trips and almost 2.7 million domestic trips, or 41.3% of both total international and domestic travel - See Tables 3 & 11.

Table 1: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region Visited, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Total Domestic - Trips	5,478	6,307	6,452	1,169	1,185	1,759	1,365	1,235	1,373	2,128	1,570	1,360	1,446	2,070	1,575	1,447
Border	597	682	675	145	126	195	132	142	129	249	162	148	151	234	142	139
Dublin	722	843	856	197	156	152	217	216	145	178	305	207	164	194	291	233
Mid-East	313	352	368	57	66	100	90	61	90	100	101	74	87	91	116	77
Mid-West	583	685	689	118	109	198	157	136	157	241	151	137	169	220	163	134
Midland	209	225	270	57	50	44	58	42	53	66	63	72	59	67	73	72
South-East	882	1,008	1,024	154	221	317	190	180	235	369	225	193	247	364	221	212
South-West	1,227	1,341	1,425	237	264	422	304	238	301	504	299	265	323	520	317	288
West	944	1,171	1,144	204	194	331	216	222	262	422	265	265	247	381	252	293
Total Domestic - Nights	20,703	23,207	22,222	3,578	4,340	8,957	3,828	3,341	4,663	10,899	4,305	3,645	4,621	9,818	4,138	3,819
Border	2,329	2,604	2,301	368	482	1,083	396	388	454	1,267	495	448	485	982	385	388
Dublin	2,230	2,331	2,260	602	552	526	549	596	375	608	751	533	532	553	642	550
Mid-East	1,033	1,089	976	170	176	452	234	193	202	415	279	154	213	343	266	154
Mid-West	2,273	2,476	2,514	484	390	1,002	397	398	591	1,077	410	337	598	1,147	432	360
Midland	637	587	704	168	158	167	144	90	109	232	156	165	127	193	219	149
South-East	3,403	3,971	3,815	429	734	1,700	541	462	814	2,143	553	489	651	2,107	568	589
South-West	5,090	5,802	5,720	749	1,062	2,382	898	632	1,187	3,060	922	795	1,134	2,813	977	836
West	3,708	4,348	3,932	608	786	1,646	668	581	931	2,097	739	723	882	1,680	648	792
Average Length of Stay	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.7	5.1	2.8	2.7	3.4	5.1	2.7	2.7	3.2	4.7	2.6	2.6
Border	3.9	3.8	3.4	2.5	3.8	5.6	3.0	2.7	3.5	5.1	3.1	3.0	3.2	4.2	2.7	2.8
Dublin	3.1	2.8	2.6	3.1	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.8	2.6	3.4	2.5	2.6	3.2	2.9	2.2	2.4
Mid-East	3.3	3.1	2.7	3.0	2.7	4.5	2.6	3.2	2.2	4.2	2.8	2.1	2.4	3.8	2.3	2.0
Mid-West	3.9	3.6	3.6	4.1	3.6	5.1	2.5	2.9	3.8	4.5	2.7	2.5	3.5	5.2	2.7	2.7
Midland	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.9	3.2	3.8	2.5	2.1	2.1	3.5	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.9	3.0	2.1
South-East	3.9	3.9	3.7	2.8	3.3	5.4	2.8	2.6	3.5	5.8	2.5	2.5	2.6	5.8	2.6	2.8
South-West	4.1	4.3	4.0	3.2	4.0	5.6	3.0	2.7	3.9	6.1	3.1	3.0	3.5	5.4	3.1	2.9
West	3.9	3.7	3.4	3.0	4.1	5.0	3.1	2.6	3.6	5.0	2.8	2.7	3.6	4.4	2.6	2.7

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Table 2: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Reason for Journey, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

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	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Total Domestic - Trips	5,478	6,307	6,452	1,169	1,185	1,759	1,365	1,235	1,373	2,128	1,570	1,360	1,446	2,070	1,575	1,447
Holiday	2,516	2,902	2,819	408	554	1,098	456	483	650	1,248	521	485	652	1,179	504	536
Business	554	652	583	161	127	92	174	162	144	147	199	143	143	123	174	167
Visiting Friends/Relatives	1,800	2,063	2,286	468	355	407	570	446	438	518	661	582	467	541	697	568
Other	607	690	763	132	148	163	164	144	141	216	189	151	184	227	200	175
Total Domestic - Nights	20,703	23,207	22,222	3,578	4,340	8,957	3,828	3,341	4,663	10,899	4,305	3,645	4,621	9,818	4,138	3,819
Holiday	11,465	13,227	12,098	1,279	2,201	6,601	1,384	1,331	2,596	7,773	1,527	1,389	2,343	6,980	1,386	1,464
Business	1,672	1,778	1,633	517	410	343	401	416	362	506	494	349	462	379	444	446
Visiting Friends/Relatives	5,651	5,823	6,120	1,261	1,234	1,545	1,611	1,117	1,221	1,725	1,759	1,424	1,158	1,718	1,820	1,350
Other	1,916	2,380	2,371	521	495	469	431	476	484	895	525	483	658	741	489	559
Average Length of Stay	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.7	5.1	2.8	2.7	3.4	5.1	2.7	2.7	3.2	4.7	2.6	2.6
Holiday	4.6	4.6	4.3	3.1	4.0	6.0	3.0	2.8	4.0	6.2	2.9	2.9	3.6	5.9	2.8	2.7
Business	3.0	2.7	2.8	3.2	3.2	3.7	2.3	2.6	2.5	3.4	2.5	2.4	3.2	3.1	2.6	2.7
Visiting Friends/Relatives	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.7	3.5	3.8	2.8	2.5	2.8	3.3	2.7	2.4	2.5	3.2	2.6	2.4
Other	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.9	3.3	2.9	2.6	3.3	3.4	4.1	2.8	3.2	3.6	3.3	2.4	3.2

Table 3: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Age, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

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	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Total Domestic - Trips	5,478	6,307	6,452	1,169	1,185	1,759	1,365	1,235	1,373	2,128	1,570	1,360	1,446	2,070	1,575	1,447
0-14 years	1,154	1,410	1,337	209	231	450	264	214	310	571	315	282	285	493	277	236
15-19 years	236	266	300	52	51	85	48	54	51	98	64	68	67	108	58	57
20-29 years	677	667	790	168	167	171	171	161	150	185	170	158	184	211	237	192
30-39 years	1,046	1,324	1,391	216	213	326	290	268	299	433	325	302	331	428	330	326
40-49 years	993	1,339	1,270	231	195	304	263	289	259	416	376	286	279	398	307	298
50-59 years	701	689	689	155	157	207	183	134	165	221	169	153	142	202	193	180
60-69 years	431	368	402	93	111	136	91	72	80	123	93	74	90	134	105	97
70+ years	240	244	272	47	59	79	55	44	60	81	59	38	70	97	68	60
Total Domestic - Nights	20,703	23,207	22,222	3,578	4,340	8,957	3,828	3,341	4,663	10,899	4,305	3,645	4,621	9,818	4,138	3,819
0-14 years	4,990	6,159	5,585	617	847	2,766	760	547	1,113	3,634	864	756	1,069	2,966	794	604
15-19 years	1,144	1,228	1,373	184	263	534	164	163	229	646	189	246	330	642	155	181
20-29 years	2,233	2,312	2,368	498	541	687	507	496	515	789	512	463	553	696	656	600
30-39 years	3,482	4,096	3,962	595	707	1,426	755	625	833	1,861	777	706	887	1,623	747	755
40-49 years	3,466	4,432	4,151	680	650	1,460	676	707	765	1,968	992	717	810	1,882	742	690
50-59 years	2,556	2,384	2,194	496	584	955	521	381	547	998	458	373	421	899	501	509
60-69 years	1,667	1,377	1,462	312	464	662	229	268	329	500	281	237	288	612	325	276
70+ years	1,165	1,220	1,127	195	285	468	217	154	331	503	232	147	264	498	218	203

Table 4: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Sex, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

	'000															
	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Total Domestic - Trips	5,478	6,307	6,452	1,169	1,185	1,759	1,365	1,235	1,373	2,128	1,570	1,360	1,446	2,070	1,575	1,447
Male	2,613	3,049	3,143	558	525	861	669	595	650	1,030	773	661	708	1,008	766	697
Female	2,865	3,259	3,309	611	660	899	696	641	723	1,098	797	700	738	1,062	809	750
Total Domestic - Nights	20,703	23,207	22,222	3,578	4,340	8,957	3,828	3,341	4,663	10,899	4,305	3,645	4,621	9,818	4,138	3,819
Male	9,767	11,100	10,728	1,728	1,873	4,294	1,872	1,629	2,146	5,236	2,088	1,785	2,259	4,642	2,042	1,834
Female	10,937	12,108	11,494	1,850	2,467	4,664	1,955	1,711	2,517	5,663	2,216	1,860	2,362	5,176	2,096	1,985

Table 5: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Region of Residence, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

	'000															
	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Total Domestic - Trips	5,478	6,307	6,452	1,169	1,185	1,759	1,365	1,235	1,373	2,128	1,570	1,360	1,446	2,070	1,575	1,447
Border	498	558	480	106	104	182	106	112	101	191	155	106	90	173	111	147
Dublin	1,818	2,036	2,257	356	408	588	465	369	498	696	473	467	560	681	549	445
Mid-East	656	700	775	176	130	190	161	144	154	239	162	178	174	248	176	164
Mid-West	471	638	601	91	89	160	131	125	124	197	192	99	122	218	162	112
Midland	257	297	278	49	53	108	48	54	57	105	82	48	51	110	69	67
South-East	498	582	585	108	112	147	131	97	100	219	167	142	116	186	141	144
South-West	835	905	910	170	191	273	201	200	199	305	202	196	201	308	205	221
West	445	590	565	113	99	111	122	135	141	176	138	124	131	146	164	146
Total Domestic - Nights	20,703	23,207	22,222	3,578	4,340	8,957	3,828	3,341	4,663	10,899	4,305	3,645	4,621	9,818	4,138	3,819
Border	1,713	1,965	1,506	240	378	803	292	285	388	862	430	280	291	643	292	403
Dublin	7,359	8,031	8,375	1,241	1,497	3,280	1,342	982	1,723	3,907	1,419	1,296	1,873	3,680	1,526	1,178
Mid-East	2,276	2,486	2,776	451	473	891	462	430	558	1,069	430	441	586	1,278	472	473
Mid-West	1,740	2,219	2,042	304	333	770	335	332	366	1,052	469	238	360	1,056	388	351
Midland	938	980	924	141	173	506	118	134	189	478	178	131	145	462	186	134
South-East	1,808	2,106	1,757	307	382	760	359	320	359	995	433	381	330	730	316	406
South-West	3,343	3,521	3,128	542	745	1,495	561	533	669	1,762	557	504	631	1,436	558	544
West	1,526	1,899	1,712	354	360	452	359	326	410	773	389	374	404	534	400	330

Table 6: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Type of Accommodation, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

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	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Total Domestic - Trips	5,478	6,307	6,452	1,169	1,185	1,759	1,365	1,235	1,373	2,128	1,570	1,360	1,446	2,070	1,575	1,447
Caravan/Camping	295	323	293	16	87	180	11	15	98	195	15	28	74	176	14	17
Guest House/B&B	724	675	729	136	172	301	115	100	162	285	129	111	193	301	124	149
Own Holiday Home	185	211	289	30	49	52	54	34	68	81	29	68	55	98	68	50
Hotel/Conference Centre	1,669	2,042	2,041	392	360	423	494	521	396	553	572	472	455	552	561	521
Self Catering/Rented House	456	550	494	54	92	242	68	56	114	296	84	64	114	246	70	67
Friends/Relatives	1,935	2,241	2,359	499	372	484	581	471	466	625	679	562	496	607	694	584
Other	214	264	246	42	52	78	42	38	69	94	64	55	58	90	44	59
Total Domestic - Nights	20,703	23,207	22,222	3,578	4,340	8,957	3,828	3,341	4,663	10,899	4,305	3,645	4,621	9,818	4,138	3,819
Caravan/Camping	1,808	2,177	1,706	48	334	1,379	47	48	406	1,685	37	85	289	1,287	44	41
Guest House/B&B	2,275	2,217	2,038	360	593	1,070	252	262	507	1,103	345	274	570	962	232	440
Own Holiday Home	1,082	1,405	1,742	119	272	523	168	104	357	819	125	264	244	1,035	198	168
Hotel/Conference Centre	4,689	5,316	5,357	1,065	1,021	1,400	1,202	1,240	1,025	1,737	1,315	1,109	1,184	1,770	1,294	1,253
Self Catering/Rented House	3,090	3,749	3,168	367	477	1,948	297	305	679	2,367	399	280	616	1,953	319	353
Friends/Relatives	6,594	7,023	6,912	1,464	1,337	2,128	1,665	1,248	1,339	2,583	1,853	1,414	1,381	2,241	1,876	1,371
Other	1,165	1,320	1,298	155	305	508	197	134	351	605	231	219	336	569	174	194
Average Length of Stay	3.8	3.7	3.4	3.1	3.7	5.1	2.8	2.7	3.4	5.1	2.7	2.7	3.2	4.7	2.6	2.6
Caravan/Camping	6.1	6.7	5.8	3.0	3.8	7.7	4.3	3.2	4.1	8.6	2.5	3.0	3.9	7.3	3.1	2.4
Guest House/B&B	3.1	3.3	2.8	2.6	3.4	3.6	2.2	2.6	3.1	3.9	2.7	2.5	3.0	3.2	1.9	3.0
Own Holiday Home	5.8	6.7	6.0	4.0	5.6	10.1	3.1	3.1	5.3	10.1	4.3	3.9	4.4	10.6	2.9	3.4
Hotel/Conference Centre	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.8	3.3	2.4	2.4	2.6	3.1	2.3	2.3	2.6	3.2	2.3	2.4
Self Catering/Rented House	6.8	6.8	6.4	6.8	5.2	8.0	4.4	5.4	6.0	8.0	4.8	4.4	5.4	7.9	4.6	5.3
Friends/Relatives	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.9	3.6	4.4	2.9	2.6	2.9	4.1	2.7	2.5	2.8	3.7	2.7	2.3
Other	5.4	5.0	5.3	3.7	5.9	6.5	4.7	3.5	5.1	6.4	3.6	4.0	5.8	6.3	4.0	3.3

Table 7: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

€ million

	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Domestic - Expenditure	706.6	879.9	849.4	113.8	155.7	286.2	150.9	147.5	159.2	373.6	199.6	163.8	182.3	298.7	204.6	184.0
Holiday	447.7	549.7	501.6	59.4	97.3	217.0	74.0	72.8	91.4	280.4	105.1	81.0	105.5	219.3	95.8	95.8
Business	109.5	149.3	152.9	27.0	25.0	22.9	34.6	41.5	28.6	35.9	43.3	40.0	35.6	27.2	50.1	36.2
Visiting Friends/Relatives	81.3	86.6	97.2	16.6	13.8	28.1	22.8	15.1	17.9	25.8	27.8	22.8	16.5	26.4	31.5	19.5
Other	68.1	94.3	97.7	10.8	19.6	18.2	19.5	18.1	21.3	31.5	23.4	20.0	24.7	25.8	27.2	32.5

Table 8: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Region Visited, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

€ million

	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Domestic - Expenditure	706.6	879.9	849.4	113.8	155.7	286.2	150.9	147.5	159.2	373.6	199.6	163.8	182.3	298.7	204.6	184.0
Border	73.6	91.4	80.3	12.7	15.6	32.9	12.4	15.5	11.7	45.7	18.5	16.5	17.1	32.3	14.4	15.9
Dublin	82.8	108.5	105.0	18.9	21.8	15.6	26.5	30.4	14.7	28.4	35.0	28.7	20.3	20.4	35.6	25.5
Mid-East	22.1	26.4	34.1	3.2	3.0	9.7	6.2	5.9	4.9	10.3	5.3	7.1	6.7	8.7	11.6	9.1
Mid-West	69.9	87.3	82.6	14.6	12.2	29.9	13.2	18.0	18.6	35.8	14.9	19.6	18.5	29.0	15.5	17.8
Midland	12.7	23.9	25.5	2.0	3.3	4.8	2.6	4.5	5.4	6.2	7.8	6.8	6.6	4.1	8.0	5.6
South-East	99.9	135.7	132.5	14.7	22.6	45.2	17.4	17.0	26.2	66.5	26.0	19.1	27.5	52.7	33.2	22.5
South-West	190.8	218.8	215.3	25.6	38.7	85.8	40.7	26.3	45.2	102.1	45.2	34.3	45.9	87.3	47.8	46.0
West	154.8	187.9	174.1	22.1	38.5	62.3	31.9	29.9	32.5	78.6	46.9	31.7	39.7	64.2	38.5	41.6

Table 9: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region Visited, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

	'000															
	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Total International - Trips	3,768	4,162	4,597	716	1,028	1,213	811	764	1,115	1,380	903	884	1,177	1,539	997	954
EU	2,988	3,400	3,802	548	830	985	625	590	907	1,158	745	742	981	1,282	796	794
Other Europe	145	197	229	28	41	52	24	34	61	66	35	27	63	102	37	31
North America	439	360	339	97	106	125	111	80	104	101	75	64	82	96	97	76
Central & South America	27	23	21	6	6	9	6	10	5	5	4	6	4	5	6	5
Asia	55	62	65	11	15	15	14	17	18	17	11	10	19	19	17	12
Africa	65	71	86	12	20	19	15	19	12	21	20	17	17	24	27	23
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	48	49	56	14	10	9	15	15	8	12	13	18	11	10	17	12
Total International - Nights	35,544	37,953	40,660	5,518	10,537	13,411	6,078	5,523	11,221	14,821	6,388	6,272	11,081	16,260	7,047	6,491
EU	24,020	26,844	29,191	3,403	7,280	9,656	3,681	3,208	8,127	11,231	4,278	4,281	8,248	12,303	4,359	4,431
Other Europe	1,352	1,873	2,185	191	404	580	176	205	601	787	279	213	578	1,139	255	228
North America	6,506	5,412	5,046	1,177	1,849	2,231	1,249	982	1,769	1,805	856	747	1,319	1,771	1,208	892
Central & South America	411	378	313	64	99	143	104	171	82	68	57	78	58	87	90	82
Asia	873	1,012	1,060	177	271	202	223	269	280	242	221	153	375	292	240	190
Africa	857	859	1,153	133	276	263	185	265	137	259	197	199	219	364	372	347
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	1,525	1,576	1,713	372	358	335	461	423	224	428	500	603	284	304	522	321
Average Length of Stay	9.4	9.1	8.8	7.7	10.3	11.1	7.5	7.2	10.1	10.7	7.1	7.1	9.4	10.6	7.1	6.8
EU	8.0	7.9	7.7	6.2	8.8	9.8	5.9	5.4	9.0	9.7	5.7	5.8	8.4	9.6	5.5	5.6
Other Europe	9.3	9.5	9.5	6.8	9.9	11.2	7.3	6.0	9.9	11.9	8.0	7.9	9.2	11.2	6.9	7.4
North America	14.8	15.0	14.9	12.1	17.4	17.8	11.3	12.3	17.0	17.9	11.4	11.7	16.1	18.4	12.5	11.7
Central & South America	15.2	16.4	14.9	10.7	16.5	15.9	17.3	17.1	16.4	13.6	14.3	13.0	14.5	17.4	15.0	16.4
Asia	15.9	16.3	16.3	16.1	18.1	13.5	15.9	15.8	15.6	14.2	20.1	15.3	19.7	15.4	14.1	15.8
Africa	13.2	12.1	13.4	11.1	13.8	13.8	12.3	13.9	11.4	12.3	9.9	11.7	12.9	15.2	13.8	15.1
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	31.8	32.2	30.6	26.6	35.8	37.2	30.7	28.2	28.0	35.7	38.5	33.5	25.8	30.4	30.7	26.8

Table 10: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Reason for Journey, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

	'000															
	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Total International - Trips	3,768	4,162	4,597	716	1,028	1,213	811	764	1,115	1,380	903	884	1,177	1,539	997	954
Holiday	2,226	2,569	2,833	344	642	847	393	374	749	1,007	439	459	771	1,112	491	533
Business	622	638	609	175	148	129	170	189	161	127	162	164	145	140	160	147
Visiting Friends/Relatives	663	704	856	142	160	166	196	153	141	177	234	189	181	211	275	193
Other	257	251	299	54	78	72	53	48	64	70	69	72	79	77	71	81
Total International - Nights	35,544	37,953	40,660	5,518	10,537	13,411	6,078	5,523	11,221	14,821	6,388	6,272	11,081	16,260	7,047	6,491
Holiday	23,883	26,786	28,353	2,849	7,249	10,359	3,426	3,113	8,431	11,666	3,576	3,539	8,093	12,798	3,922	3,902
Business	3,728	3,462	3,163	928	972	1,039	789	899	937	897	728	690	807	934	732	739
Visiting Friends/Relatives	5,123	5,175	6,415	1,147	1,305	1,233	1,439	1,013	988	1,551	1,624	1,373	1,320	1,788	1,934	1,162
Other	2,810	2,530	2,730	594	1,012	780	424	498	866	707	459	671	861	739	459	687
Average Length of Stay	9.4	9.1	8.8	7.7	10.3	11.1	7.5	7.2	10.1	10.7	7.1	7.1	9.4	10.6	7.1	6.8
Holiday	10.7	10.4	10.0	8.3	11.3	12.2	8.7	8.3	11.3	11.6	8.1	7.7	10.5	11.5	8.0	7.3
Business	6.0	5.4	5.2	5.3	6.6	8.1	4.6	4.8	5.8	7.1	4.5	4.2	5.6	6.7	4.6	5.0
Visiting Friends/Relatives	7.7	7.4	7.5	8.1	8.2	7.4	7.3	6.6	7.0	8.8	6.9	7.3	7.3	8.5	7.0	6.0
Other	10.9	10.1	9.1	11.0	13.0	10.8	8.0	10.4	13.5	10.1	6.7	9.3	10.9	9.6	6.5	8.5

Table 11: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Age, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

	'000															
	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Total International - Trips	3,768	4,162	4,597	716	1,028	1,213	811	764	1,115	1,380	903	884	1,177	1,539	997	954
0-14 years	503	645	661	59	177	184	83	72	209	261	102	100	198	264	99	94
15-19 years	202	236	259	24	53	100	26	31	58	110	36	46	59	122	32	39
20-29 years	627	569	663	136	152	224	115	113	123	211	122	120	156	231	156	162
30-39 years	691	827	956	123	194	210	165	181	230	225	190	182	251	301	223	199
40-49 years	702	914	942	144	175	195	187	171	238	297	208	215	240	287	200	200
50-59 years	568	561	606	129	148	168	123	114	140	158	149	138	138	184	146	147
60-69 years	330	273	348	70	96	91	73	63	74	74	62	59	90	99	100	82
70+ years	145	137	162	30	34	42	39	18	42	43	34	24	46	51	41	30
Total International - Nights	35,544	37,953	40,660	5,518	10,537	13,411	6,078	5,523	11,221	14,821	6,388	6,272	11,081	16,260	7,047	6,491
0-14 years	5,406	6,704	6,513	471	2,074	2,246	616	537	2,378	3,044	745	682	2,099	3,070	661	651
15-19 years	2,401	2,780	2,818	184	729	1,264	225	285	803	1,393	300	289	750	1,507	272	259
20-29 years	7,052	6,315	6,896	1,218	1,819	2,986	1,029	1,063	1,635	2,681	937	1,198	1,664	2,839	1,195	1,153
30-39 years	5,436	6,058	7,022	729	1,684	1,990	1,033	1,001	1,891	2,022	1,144	1,066	1,955	2,691	1,311	1,092
40-49 years	5,470	7,045	7,230	832	1,570	1,942	1,127	921	2,062	2,873	1,190	1,189	2,043	2,802	1,196	1,173
50-59 years	4,943	4,662	4,925	1,024	1,304	1,678	937	840	1,216	1,594	1,013	901	1,209	1,806	1,009	987
60-69 years	3,234	2,825	3,443	609	948	938	739	645	787	760	633	632	879	997	936	789
70+ years	1,602	1,564	1,812	452	410	367	373	233	449	454	427	315	482	547	468	387

Table 12: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Sex, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

																'000
	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Total International - Trips	3,768	4,162	4,597	716	1,028	1,213	811	764	1,115	1,380	903	884	1,177	1,539	997	954
Male	1,870	2,084	2,283	370	473	589	438	406	533	666	480	477	571	737	498	500
Female	1,897	2,077	2,314	345	555	625	372	359	582	713	423	407	605	802	499	453
Total International - Nights	35,544	37,953	40,660	5,518	10,537	13,411	6,078	5,523	11,221	14,821	6,388	6,272	11,081	16,260	7,047	6,491
Male	16,666	17,975	19,552	2,563	4,696	6,325	3,083	2,738	5,059	6,974	3,203	3,167	5,209	7,704	3,472	3,262
Female	18,878	19,979	21,107	2,955	5,842	7,086	2,995	2,785	6,162	7,846	3,185	3,105	5,872	8,556	3,575	3,228

Table 13: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Region of Residence, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

																'000
	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Total International - Trips	3,768	4,162	4,597	716	1,028	1,213	811	764	1,115	1,380	903	884	1,177	1,539	997	954
Border	292	316	355	60	82	87	64	45	87	115	70	53	85	140	78	66
Dublin	1,579	1,748	1,907	289	421	525	344	320	461	571	396	395	498	601	413	427
Mid-East	437	535	558	82	119	134	102	107	147	167	114	108	149	176	126	123
Mid-West	250	293	317	45	69	83	53	52	82	90	70	64	77	109	67	57
Midland	161	145	179	31	48	50	32	20	51	48	25	30	42	72	35	43
South-East	294	331	393	44	90	101	59	55	92	108	77	78	89	143	83	68
South-West	523	495	566	106	139	167	111	96	131	184	85	105	145	196	119	107
West	231	298	320	58	60	65	47	70	64	98	66	52	92	101	76	63
Total International - Nights	35,544	37,953	40,660	5,518	10,537	13,411	6,078	5,523	11,221	14,821	6,388	6,272	11,081	16,260	7,047	6,491
Border	2,848	2,905	3,243	483	842	983	539	336	901	1,085	584	435	806	1,448	553	452
Dublin	14,450	15,564	16,603	1,974	4,233	5,873	2,371	2,202	4,584	6,401	2,377	2,752	4,573	6,488	2,790	2,809
Mid-East	3,940	4,722	4,607	609	1,208	1,494	630	651	1,437	1,964	669	643	1,328	1,790	846	763
Mid-West	2,488	2,632	2,885	437	746	861	445	377	754	905	595	521	745	1,159	461	530
Midland	1,400	1,474	1,523	229	401	509	261	135	478	551	310	170	367	705	281	278
South-East	2,755	2,903	3,527	373	857	1,063	462	425	914	1,012	552	565	782	1,502	678	431
South-West	5,161	4,894	5,423	835	1,558	1,861	907	830	1,511	1,863	690	799	1,616	2,129	879	751
West	2,502	2,860	2,850	579	692	767	463	567	641	1,040	611	387	866	1,039	559	478

Table 14: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Type of Accommodation, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

	'000															
	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
Total International - Trips	3,768	4,162	4,597	716	1,028	1,213	811	764	1,115	1,380	903	884	1,177	1,539	997	954
Caravan/Camping	105	166	161	0	38	63	4	4	64	94	4	3	50	99	9	7
Guest House/B&B	203	208	254	42	56	60	45	38	46	81	43	47	61	85	61	62
Own Holiday Home	29	47	80	5	3	14	7	7	8	15	18	11	18	28	23	18
Hotel/Conference Centre	1,567	1,716	1,868	370	378	443	376	403	430	473	410	439	459	544	425	454
Self Catering/Rented House	789	926	934	74	282	330	104	88	335	395	108	104	309	392	129	123
Friends/Relatives	919	936	1,095	194	233	248	243	197	198	252	289	246	221	317	311	243
Other	155	162	206	31	38	55	32	28	34	70	31	35	59	73	39	46
Total International - Nights	35,544	37,953	40,660	5,518	10,537	13,411	6,078	5,523	11,221	14,821	6,388	6,272	11,081	16,260	7,047	6,491
Caravan/Camping	1,546	2,547	2,231	0	576	921	48	59	1,065	1,379	45	44	708	1,397	82	60
Guest House/B&B	1,418	1,469	1,873	260	401	477	281	267	331	669	202	255	495	757	367	325
Own Holiday Home	500	639	969	105	31	299	65	49	120	240	230	107	218	482	161	183
Hotel/Conference Centre	11,090	11,367	12,570	2,087	2,989	3,941	2,074	2,244	3,181	3,905	2,035	2,446	3,262	4,544	2,319	2,278
Self Catering/Rented House	10,298	11,538	11,276	873	3,778	4,533	1,115	962	4,348	4,970	1,258	1,278	3,752	4,950	1,296	1,397
Friends/Relatives	8,421	7,858	8,996	1,759	2,168	2,429	2,064	1,421	1,786	2,467	2,184	1,771	1,782	3,062	2,381	1,726
Other	2,271	2,535	2,745	434	594	811	431	521	390	1,191	434	372	864	1,068	441	522
Average Length of Stay	9.4	9.1	8.8	7.7	10.3	11.1	7.5	7.2	10.1	10.7	7.1	7.1	9.4	10.6	7.1	6.8
Caravan/Camping	14.7	15.3	13.9	0	15.2	14.6	12.0	14.8	16.6	14.7	11.3	14.7	14.2	14.1	9.1	8.6
Guest House/B&B	7.0	7.1	7.4	6.2	7.2	8.0	6.2	7.0	7.2	8.3	4.7	5.4	8.1	8.9	6.0	5.2
Own Holiday Home	17.2	13.6	12.1	21.0	10.3	21.4	9.3	7.0	15.0	16.0	12.8	9.7	12.1	17.2	7.0	10.2
Hotel/Conference Centre	7.1	6.6	6.7	5.6	7.9	8.9	5.5	5.6	7.4	8.3	5.0	5.6	7.1	8.4	5.5	5.0
Self Catering/Rented House	13.1	12.5	12.1	11.8	13.4	13.7	10.7	10.9	13.0	12.6	11.6	12.3	12.1	12.6	10.0	11.4
Friends/Relatives	9.2	8.4	8.2	9.1	9.3	9.8	8.5	7.2	9.0	9.8	7.6	7.2	8.1	9.7	7.7	7.1
Other	14.7	15.6	13.3	14.0	15.6	14.7	13.5	18.6	11.5	17.0	14.0	10.6	14.6	14.6	11.3	11.3

Table 15: International travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

€ million

	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
International - Expenditure	3,187.3	3,549.7	3,924.0	559.8	875.7	1,047.9	703.9	704.5	949.2	1,180.7	715.3	733.9	982.5	1,358.5	849.1	745.6
Holiday	1,984.5	2,252.0	2,565.3	268.2	578.4	780.4	357.5	341.7	637.2	882.9	390.2	408.2	647.0	1,041.3	468.8	435.4
Business	740.3	810.5	796.1	195.5	180.0	143.4	221.4	251.8	205.1	163.1	190.5	209.5	199.6	172.3	214.7	185.2
Visting Friends/Relatives	297.5	290.4	351.2	65.1	67.6	76.5	88.3	66.7	50.5	81.5	91.7	69.4	77.0	86.7	118.1	77.7
Other	165.0	196.8	211.4	31.0	49.7	47.6	36.7	44.3	56.4	53.2	42.9	46.8	58.9	58.2	47.5	47.3

Table 16: International travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Region visited, Q1 2000 - Q1 2003

€ million

	2000	2001	2002	2000				2001				2002				2003
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar
International - Expenditure	3,187.3	3,549.7	3,924.0	559.8	875.7	1,047.9	703.9	704.5	949.2	1,180.7	715.3	733.9	982.5	1,358.5	849.1	745.6
EU	1,961.4	2,262.4	2,584.2	300.0	576.8	687.2	397.4	387.4	635.5	812.3	427.2	482.0	657.6	970.2	474.4	495.6
Other Europe	148.1	218.9	250.7	23.0	42.4	52.8	29.9	37.5	56.7	74.6	50.1	31.2	64.4	114.2	40.9	34.4
North America	693.1	620.0	582.8	151.6	170.8	205.8	164.9	150.7	168.0	182.2	119.1	103.2	145.5	162.7	171.4	105.8
Central & South America	56.2	52.3	59.2	9.8	12.7	19.7	14.0	19.2	8.6	11.2	13.3	14.0	11.0	12.3	21.9	10.5
Asia	109.0	156.1	149.5	25.1	23.6	29.7	30.6	40.7	41.8	40.6	33.0	30.2	50.0	37.8	31.5	27.8
Africa	93.4	121.9	148.7	16.2	26.9	27.8	22.5	37.3	19.9	28.4	36.3	25.9	28.5	36.0	58.3	37.4
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	126.1	118.1	148.9	34.1	22.5	24.9	44.6	31.7	18.7	31.4	36.3	47.4	25.5	25.3	50.7	34.1

Background Notes

Reference period	Calendar quarters
Scope	Domestic and International travel patterns involving overnight stays of all residents of the Republic of Ireland
Coverage	All private households
Purpose	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. The survey is one of several Central Statistics Office (CSO) tourism surveys conducted to comply with the requirements of Council Directive 95/57/EC of 23 November 1995 concerning the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism.
Data collection	Information is collected via postal survey on a quarterly basis by the Central Statistics Office.
Sample Design	The HTS is a random stratified sample. Each quarter, 12,000 households (or approximately 1% of all private households) are randomly selected from the Electoral Register, where the selection is stratified by District Electoral Division.

A two stage weighting process is used. Firstly, survey results are weighted to agree with household population estimates broken down by *household type* (the number of persons 18 or over) and *region* (NUTS 3). The household population estimates are provided by the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS). Secondly, these results are further weighted to agree with the Tourism & Travel frontier results.

NUTS regions	The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS 3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities)(Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS 2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS 3 regions. The composition of the regions is set out below.
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Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region		Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region	
Border	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	Dublin	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
Midland	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath	Mid-East	Kildare Meath Wicklow
West	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon	Mid-West	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
		South-East	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
		South-West	Cork City Cork County Kerry

Definitions

Tourism The activities of persons travelling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business or other purposes. Stays in prison, military service and hospital or clinics etc. are excluded. Trips taken for the purposes of work, which is distinguished from business trips by where that activity is remunerated, are also excluded.

Domestic tourism is defined as the activities of residents of the Republic of Ireland travelling to and staying in places only within the Republic of Ireland but outside their usual environment.

International tourism is defined as the activities of residents of the Republic of Ireland travelling to and staying in places outside the Republic of Ireland and outside their usual environment.

National tourism is defined as *Domestic* tourism plus *International* tourism.

Overnight Visitor An overnight visitor is a visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place, county or country visited. A visitor is defined as any person travelling to a place other than that of usual environment for less than 12 months and whose main purpose of trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited (i.e. work). Consequently the following are excluded:

- Short-distance local transport and commuting i.e. more or less regular trips between place of work/study and place of residence.
- Routine or regular visits e.g. visiting parents every weekend.
- For visits of more than 12 consecutive months, a traveller will be considered a resident of that place (from a statistical standpoint).
- Migratory movements for work purposes.

The following are excluded from international travel:

Persons leaving the country as migrants, including dependants accompanying or joining them.
Persons, known as border workers, residing near the border in the Republic of Ireland but working in the North of Ireland.
Diplomats, consular officers and members of the armed forces when travelling outside of the Republic of Ireland on assignment. This includes dependants and household employees accompanying or joining them.
Persons travelling as refugees or nomads.

The following are excluded from outbound travel:

Persons leaving the country as migrants, including dependants accompanying or joining them.
Persons, known as border workers, residing near the border in the Republic of Ireland but working in the North of Ireland.
Diplomats, consular officers and members of the armed forces when travelling outside of the Republic of Ireland on assignment. This includes dependants and household employees accompanying or joining them.
Persons travelling as refugees or nomads.

Tourism Expenditure Total consumption expenditure is any expenditure made by a visitor or on behalf of a visitor for and during their trip and stay at destination.

Tourism expenditure includes purchases of consumer goods and services inherent in travel and stay, purchases of small durable goods for personal use, souvenirs and gifts for family and friends.

The following outlays or acquisitions are excluded:

- Purchases for commercial purposes, for resale, purchases made on behalf of an employer during a business trip.
- Capital type investments or transactions engaged in by visitors, such as land, housing, real estate, works of art and other important acquisitions (such as cars, caravans, boats, second houses), even though they may be used in the future for tourism travel purposes.
- Cash given to relatives or friends during the trip, which does not represent payment of tourism goods or services, as well as donations made to institutions.

Other Accommodation

Other Accommodation includes:

Health farms
 Stays on board ships, buses and trains
 Stays at moorings or marinas
 Other commercial accommodation
 Any other accommodation n.e.c.

Other Europe

Other Europe includes the following states:

Andorra	Liechtenstein
Albania	Lithuania
Armenia	Malta
Azerbaijan	Moldavia (Republic of)
Belarus	Norway
Bosnia Herzegovina	Poland
Bulgaria	Romania
Croatia	Russian Federation
Cyprus	San Marino
Czech Republic	Slovak Republic
Estonia	Slovenia
FYROM	Switzerland
Georgia	Turkey
Hungary	Ukraine
Iceland	Vatican City
Latvia	Yugoslavia (Federal Republic of)