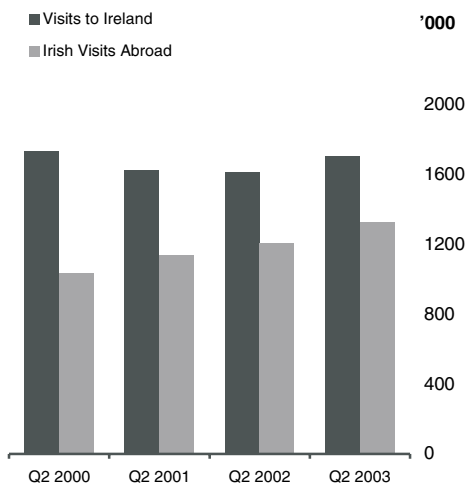




Tourism and Travel Second Quarter 2003

Number of Visits



| | Visits to Ireland '000 | Irish Visits Abroad '000 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Apr - Jun 2000 | 1,732 | 1,036 |
| Apr - Jun 2001 | 1,624 | 1,137 |
| Apr - Jun 2002 | 1,613 | 1,208 |
| Apr - Jun 2003 | 1,704 | 1,323 |

Number of Visits to Ireland increases by 5.6%

There were 1,704,000 Overseas Visits to Ireland in the Second Quarter of 2003 compared with 1,613,000 in the same period last year, an increase of 5.6%. The number of Overseas Visits on Cross-Channel routes grew by 3.2% while the number on Continental routes increased by 6.6% on the same quarter in 2002. The number of Visits by residents of the USA and Canada grew by 6.3% on the Second Quarter of 2002. However the number of Overseas Visits to Ireland remains slightly below the number in the same period of 2000. *See Table 1(a), Table 1(b) and Graph.*

The number of Irish Visits abroad between April and June 2003 was 1,323,000, an increase of 9.5% on the corresponding period last year. Irish residents travelling abroad on Continental routes grew by 17% compared with the second quarter in 2002, while the number travelling on Cross-Channel routes remained stable. *See Table 9(a) and Graph.*

The expenditure figures for April – June 2003 show a net outflow of €18m, earnings from Visitors to Ireland accounted for €1,060m while expenditure by Irish Visitors Abroad amounted to €1,078m. *See Table 15.*

The Tourism figures in this release also show that:

- ◆ The average length of stay of Overseas Visitors to Ireland with at least one overnight fell from 7.5 nights in the Second Quarter of 2002 to 7.2 nights in the same period of 2003. *See Table 5.*
- ◆ In the Second Quarter of 2003 the number of Bednights spent in Ireland by Overseas Visitors increased by 0.4% compared with the same period last year. The number of Bednights spent in Hotels fell by 1.3%. *See Table 6.*

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Table 1 (a) Overseas Visits to Ireland - Estimated Number of Overseas Visits Classified by Route of Travel, Area of Residence and Reason for Journey

'000

| Visits | 2002 | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total Overseas Visits | 6,065 | 1,121 | 1,613 | 2,045 | 1,286 | 1,118 | 1,704 |
| Route of Travel | | | | | | | |
| Air Cross-Channel | 3,072 | 668 | 762 | 898 | 744 | 673 | 826 |
| Sea Cross-Channel | 1,335 | 193 | 389 | 544 | 209 | 152 | 362 |
| Continental European | 1,174 | 184 | 333 | 430 | 227 | 203 | 355 |
| Transatlantic | 484 | 75 | 129 | 174 | 106 | 89 | 161 |
| Area of Residence | | | | | | | |
| Great Britain | 3,579 | 731 | 916 | 1,131 | 801 | 707 | 977 |
| Other Europe | 1,391 | 212 | 394 | 526 | 259 | 233 | 416 |
| USA & Canada | 848 | 134 | 239 | 301 | 174 | 141 | 254 |
| Other Areas | 246 | 45 | 63 | 86 | 52 | 37 | 58 |
| Reason for Journey | | | | | | | |
| Business | 907 | 226 | 251 | 210 | 220 | 199 | 203 |
| Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation | 3,242 | 485 | 904 | 1,254 | 599 | 500 | 955 |
| Visit to Friends/ Relatives | 1,602 | 330 | 383 | 476 | 413 | 343 | 416 |
| Other | 313 | 80 | 73 | 106 | 54 | 76 | 130 |

Table 1 (b) Overseas Visits to Ireland - Estimated Number of Overseas Visits Classified by Route of Travel, Area of Residence and Reason for Journey (Quarter 2)

'000

| Visits | Apr – Jun | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
| Total Overseas Visits | 1,732 | 1,624 | 1,613 | 1,704 |
| Route of Travel | | | | |
| Air Cross-Channel | 782 | 754 | 762 | 826 |
| Sea Cross-Channel | 468 | 369 | 389 | 362 |
| Continental European | 329 | 341 | 333 | 355 |
| Transatlantic | 152 | 160 | 129 | 161 |
| Area of Residence | | | | |
| Great Britain | 975 | 884 | 916 | 977 |
| Other Europe | 394 | 392 | 394 | 416 |
| USA & Canada | 295 | 273 | 239 | 254 |
| Other Areas | 68 | 75 | 63 | 58 |
| Reason for Journey | | | | |
| Business | 248 | 250 | 251 | 203 |
| Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation | 1,038 | 941 | 904 | 955 |
| Visit to Friends/ Relatives | 357 | 374 | 383 | 416 |
| Other | 89 | 59 | 73 | 130 |

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

'000

| Visits | 2002 | | 2002 | | 2003 | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | |
| Total Overseas Visits | 6,065 | 1,121 | 1,613 | 2,045 | 1,286 | 1,118 | 1,704 |
| Same-day visits (i.e. no overnight in Ireland) | 305 | 63 | 68 | 97 | 77 | 55 | 81 |
| Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland | 5,760 | 1,058 | 1,545 | 1,948 | 1,209 | 1,063 | 1,624 |

Table 3 Overseas Same-day Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents - Classified by Area of Residence and Reason for Journey, Apr-Jun 2003

'000

| Visits | Reason for Journey | | | | Total |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Business | Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation | Visit to Friends/ Relatives | Other | |
| Total Same-day Visits (i.e. no overnight in Ireland) | 26 | 21 | 10 | 24 | 81 |
| Area of Residence | | | | | |
| Great Britain | 23 | 14 | 7 | 23 | 67 |
| Other Europe | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| USA & Canada | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Other Areas | 0 | 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 2003

'000

| Visits | Reason for Journey | | | | Total |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| | Business | Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation | Visit to Friends/ Relatives | Other | |
| Total Visits with at least one night in Ireland | 177 | 934 | 406 | 106 | 1,624 |
| Area of Residence | | | | | |
| Great Britain | 90 | 506 | 282 | 33 | 910 |
| Other Europe | 59 | 233 | 68 | 48 | 409 |
| USA & Canada | 19 | 171 | 42 | 16 | 247 |
| Other Areas | 8 | 25 | 14 | 9 | 57 |

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 | | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2002 | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
| | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland | 7.7 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 7.3 | 6.6 | 7.2 |
| Route of Travel | | | | | | | |
| Air Cross-Channel | 5.7 | 5.3 | 5.6 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 5.2 | 5.3 |
| Sea Cross-Channel | 8.3 | 7.8 | 7.6 | 9.3 | 7.5 | 7.8 | 7.4 |
| Continental European | 10.8 | 8.8 | 10.8 | 11.4 | 11.0 | 9.4 | 9.4 |
| Transatlantic | 10.6 | 8.9 | 10.2 | 11.6 | 10.6 | 8.6 | 11.1 |
| Area of Residence | | | | | | | |
| Great Britain | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 4.6 | 4.5 | 4.9 |
| Other Europe | 11.2 | 9.7 | 10.7 | 12.0 | 11.4 | 9.2 | 9.5 |
| USA & Canada | 9.6 | 8.4 | 9.0 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 8.5 | 10.4 |
| Other Areas | 15.1 | 18.9 | 14.8 | 12.5 | 16.6 | 22.2 | 13.3 |
| Reason for Journey | | | | | | | |
| Business | 5.9 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 6.7 | 6.5 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation | 7.1 | 5.0 | 6.9 | 8.3 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 6.7 |
| Visit to Friends/ Relatives | 8.1 | 7.8 | 8.2 | 8.6 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.2 |
| Other | 16.7 | 14.7 | 18.8 | 16.2 | 18.0 | 12.6 | 14.2 |

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 | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 2002 | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
| | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Accommodation | 44,339 | 6,962 | 11,642 | 16,896 | 8,839 | 7,041 | 11,693 |
| Hotel | 10,199 | 1,562 | 2,975 | 3,662 | 1,999 | 1,523 | 2,935 |
| Guest house/B&B | 7,122 | 846 | 2,046 | 3,163 | 1,068 | 682 | 2,119 |
| Rented house/ Apartment | 8,350 | 1,383 | 2,128 | 2,857 | 1,982 | 1,420 | 2,344 |
| Caravan/Camping | 1,056 | 32 | 304 | 687 | 33 | 20 | 319 |
| Hostel | 1,580 | 280 | 381 | 549 | 370 | 350 | 372 |
| Friends/Relatives | 12,012 | 2,376 | 2,824 | 4,212 | 2,600 | 2,566 | 2,652 |
| Other | 4,020 | 483 | 984 | 1,766 | 787 | 480 | 952 |

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

'000

| Bednights | 2002 | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Great Britain | 17,507 | 3,086 | 4,485 | 6,545 | 3,391 | 3,005 | 4,469 |
| Hotel | 4,452 | 872 | 1,221 | 1,374 | 986 | 813 | 1,153 |
| Guest house/B&B | 2,204 | 300 | 710 | 843 | 351 | 217 | 622 |
| Rented house/ Apartment | 2,777 | 309 | 646 | 1,359 | 463 | 307 | 804 |
| Caravan/Camping | 411 | 27 | 126 | 244 | 14 | 16 | 146 |
| Hostel | 283 | 77 | 57 | 92 | 56 | 61 | 75 |
| Friends/Relatives | 6,604 | 1,381 | 1,479 | 2,390 | 1,354 | 1,467 | 1,470 |
| Other | 776 | 120 | 246 | 243 | 167 | 124 | 199 |
| Other Europe | 15,231 | 1,974 | 4,107 | 6,270 | 2,879 | 2,066 | 3,898 |
| Hotel | 2,520 | 282 | 809 | 1,023 | 406 | 294 | 770 |
| Guest house/B&B | 2,609 | 245 | 731 | 1,362 | 271 | 168 | 864 |
| Rented house/ Apartment | 3,687 | 667 | 935 | 1,028 | 1,057 | 634 | 891 |
| Caravan/Camping | 617 | 3 | 175 | 426 | 14 | 4 | 166 |
| Hostel | 749 | 98 | 176 | 286 | 189 | 208 | 175 |
| Friends/Relatives | 2,481 | 430 | 706 | 781 | 563 | 548 | 555 |
| Other | 2,568 | 249 | 575 | 1,364 | 379 | 210 | 477 |
| USA & Canada | 7,998 | 1,095 | 2,129 | 3,037 | 1,737 | 1,171 | 2,567 |
| Hotel | 2,770 | 318 | 826 | 1,086 | 539 | 358 | 904 |
| Guest house/B&B | 1,808 | 213 | 479 | 765 | 352 | 265 | 534 |
| Rented house/ Apartment | 974 | 154 | 271 | 305 | 244 | 123 | 486 |
| Caravan/Camping | 12 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Hostel | 322 | 56 | 91 | 112 | 63 | 51 | 91 |
| Friends/Relatives | 1,703 | 292 | 379 | 647 | 385 | 286 | 388 |
| Other | 409 | 61 | 81 | 114 | 153 | 88 | 160 |
| Other Areas | 3,602 | 806 | 923 | 1,044 | 834 | 797 | 757 |
| Hotel | 457 | 90 | 120 | 179 | 69 | 58 | 108 |
| Guest house/B&B | 501 | 88 | 126 | 193 | 95 | 32 | 98 |
| Rented house/ Apartment | 912 | 253 | 276 | 165 | 218 | 356 | 163 |
| Caravan/Camping | 15 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| Hostel | 226 | 48 | 57 | 59 | 62 | 29 | 30 |
| Friends/Relatives | 1,224 | 273 | 260 | 393 | 298 | 265 | 239 |
| Other | 267 | 53 | 82 | 45 | 88 | 57 | 116 |

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 2003

| | | | | | '000 |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Bednights | Reason for Journey | | | | Total |
| | Business | Holiday/Leisure /Recreation | Visit to Friends/ Relatives | Other | |
| Accommodation Used | 1,012 | 6,261 | 2,913 | 1,507 | 11,693 |
| Hotel | 517 | 1,975 | 213 | 230 | 2,935 |
| Guest house/B&B | 107 | 1,546 | 230 | 237 | 2,119 |
| Rented house/Apartment | 236 | 1,319 | 320 | 468 | 2,344 |
| Caravan/Camping | 4 | 300 | 13 | 2 | 319 |
| Hostel | 18 | 240 | 48 | 66 | 372 |
| Friends/Relatives | 87 | 508 | 1,982 | 75 | 2,652 |
| Other | 43 | 373 | 107 | 429 | 952 |

Table 9 (a) Visits Abroad by Irish Residents - Number of Visits Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey

| Visits | '000 | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| | 2002 | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
| | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total Overseas Visits | 4,634 | 891 | 1,208 | 1,554 | 981 | 939 | 1,323 |
| Route of Travel | | | | | | | |
| Air Cross-Channel | 1,825 | 432 | 439 | 492 | 463 | 428 | 427 |
| Sea Cross-Channel | 413 | 71 | 110 | 153 | 80 | 72 | 116 |
| Continental European | 2,190 | 340 | 613 | 848 | 388 | 391 | 717 |
| Transatlantic | 206 | 48 | 47 | 61 | 51 | 47 | 62 |
| Reason for Journey | | | | | | | |
| Business | 559 | 139 | 149 | 126 | 148 | 140 | 161 |
| Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation | 2,706 | 455 | 724 | 1,053 | 472 | 500 | 801 |
| Visit to Friends/ Relatives | 1,099 | 238 | 258 | 302 | 300 | 250 | 270 |
| Other | 270 | 59 | 77 | 73 | 61 | 49 | 91 |

Table 9 (b) Visits Abroad by Irish Residents - Number of Visits Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey (Quarter 2)

| Visits | '000 | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Apr-Jun | | | |
| | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 |
| Total Overseas Visits | 1,036 | 1,137 | 1,208 | 1,323 |
| Route of Travel | | | | |
| Air Cross-Channel | 404 | 416 | 439 | 427 |
| Sea Cross-Channel | 112 | 107 | 110 | 116 |
| Continental European | 459 | 547 | 613 | 717 |
| Transatlantic | 61 | 66 | 47 | 62 |
| Reason for Journey | | | | |
| Business | 143 | 149 | 149 | 161 |
| Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation | 573 | 661 | 724 | 801 |
| Visit to Friends/ Relatives | 241 | 255 | 258 | 270 |
| Other | 79 | 72 | 77 | 91 |

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

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| Visits | 2002 | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|--|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total Overseas Visits | 4,634 | 891 | 1,208 | 1,554 | 981 | 939 | 1,323 |
| Same-day visits (i.e. no overnight abroad) | 243 | 55 | 71 | 68 | 49 | 36 | 50 |
| Visits with at least one overnight abroad | 4,392 | 836 | 1,137 | 1,487 | 932 | 903 | 1,273 |

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

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| Visits | 2002 | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
|--------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total Overseas Visits | 243 | 55 | 71 | 68 | 49 | 36 | 50 |
| Route of Travel | | | | | | | |
| Air Cross-Channel | 134 | 38 | 34 | 35 | 26 | 28 | 31 |
| Sea Cross-Channel | 60 | 10 | 17 | 22 | 11 | 4 | 14 |
| Continental European | 44 | 6 | 17 | 10 | 11 | 3 | 3 |
| Transatlantic | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Reason for Journey | | | | | | | |
| Business | 108 | 32 | 23 | 28 | 25 | 21 | 17 |
| Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation | 81 | 12 | 29 | 29 | 11 | 8 | 22 |
| Visit to Friends/ Relatives | 37 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 6 | 8 |
| Other | 16 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 |

Table 12 Same-day Visits Abroad by Irish Residents – Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey, Apr–Jun 2003

| Visits | Reason for Journey | | | | Total |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| | Business | Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation | Visit to Friends/ Relatives | Other | |
| Total Same-day Visits (i.e. no overnight abroad) | 17 | 22 | 8 | 3 | 50 |
| Route of Travel | | | | | |
| Air Cross-Channel | 14 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 31 |
| Sea Cross-Channel | 2 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 14 |
| Continental European | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Transatlantic | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |

Table 13 Visits Abroad by Irish Residents, with at least one overnight – Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey, Apr–Jun 2003

| Visits | Reason for Journey | | | | Total |
|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| | Business | Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation | Visit to Friends/ Relatives | Other | |
| Total Visits with at least one overnight abroad | 134 | 782 | 266 | 90 | 1,273 |
| Route of Travel | | | | | |
| Air Cross-Channel | 73 | 145 | 156 | 22 | 396 |
| Sea Cross-Channel | 9 | 42 | 43 | 8 | 102 |
| Continental European | 42 | 569 | 45 | 58 | 714 |
| Transatlantic | 10 | 26 | 21 | 2 | 60 |

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 | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2002 | 2002 | | | | 2003 | |
| | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| All Overseas Visits | 9.6 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 11.5 | 9.2 | 8.0 | 8.9 |
| Route of Travel | | | | | | | |
| Air Cross-Channel | 9.6 | 7.8 | 8.9 | 11.3 | 9.8 | 8.6 | 8.4 |
| Sea Cross-Channel | 8.0 | 8.0 | 6.6 | 9.8 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 10.9 |
| Continental European | 9.3 | 7.2 | 8.7 | 11.0 | 8.3 | 7.0 | 8.2 |
| Transatlantic | 16.6 | 13.6 | 13.7 | 23.1 | 14.0 | 13.0 | 15.4 |
| Reason for Journey | | | | | | | |
| Business | 7.6 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 10.1 | 7.8 | 6.8 | 7.3 |
| Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation | 10.0 | 7.9 | 9.1 | 11.9 | 9.2 | 7.7 | 8.6 |
| Visit to Friends/ Relatives | 9.2 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 9.9 | 9.0 | 9.1 | 9.0 |
| Other | 11.3 | 8.3 | 9.6 | 14.5 | 12.3 | 8.1 | 13.0 |

Table 15 Tourism and Travel Estimated Earnings and Expenditure

€ million

| Period | | Earnings from all Visitors to Ireland ¹ | Expenditure by all Irish Visitors abroad ² | Balance ³ |
|--------|---------------------------------|--|---|----------------------|
| 1997 | Year | 2,675 | 1,880 | + 795 |
| 1998 | Year | 2,896 | 2,160 | + 738 |
| 1999 | Year | 3,115 | 2,465 | + 650 |
| 2000 | Year | 3,637 | 2,804 | + 832 |
| 2001 | Year ⁴ | 3,935 | 3,224 | + 711 |
| 2002 | Year ⁴ | 3,989 | 3,952 | + 37 |
| 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 | January – March | 554 | 441 | + 113 |
| | April – June | 984 | 732 | + 252 |
| | July – September | 1,345 | 1,060 | + 284 |
| | October – December | 754 | 571 | + 183 |
| 2001 | January – March ⁴ | 625 | 512 | + 113 |
| | April – June ⁴ | 1,058 | 861 | + 197 |
| | July – September ⁴ | 1,453 | 1,203 | + 251 |
| | October – December ⁴ | 798 | 649 | + 150 |
| 2002 | January – March ⁴ | 664 | 649 | + 15 |
| | April – June ⁴ | 1,082 | 976 | + 106 |
| | July – September ⁴ | 1,416 | 1,491 | - 75 |
| | October – December | 828 | 837 | - 9 |
| 2003 | January – March ⁴ | 725 | 742 | - 17 |
| | April – June ⁵ | 1,060 | 1,078 | - 18 |

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 - = Net outflow

⁴ Revised owing to fare data updates

⁵ Provisional

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 friends or relatives and other) also accords with recommendation of the World Tourism Organisation (W.T.O.).

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

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

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

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.