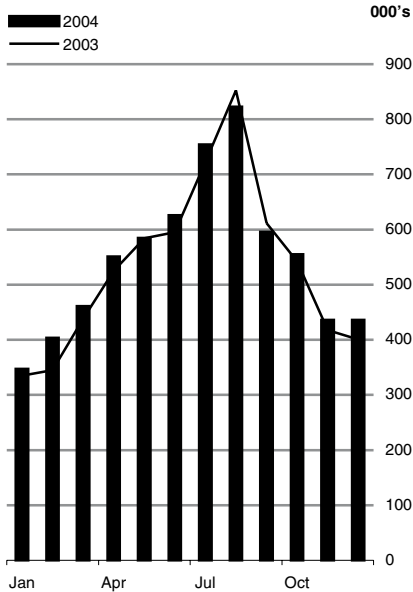




Overseas Travel December 2004

Trips to Ireland



Area of Residence

	Irish		Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
	Trips Abroad	Trips to Ireland				
Dec 2000	216,400	371,200	229,100	79,700	47,000	15,300
Dec 2001	248,800	358,900	235,300	69,600	38,200	15,700
Dec 2002	303,300	373,100	238,900	76,000	43,500	14,600
Dec 2003	322,500	400,400	255,400	78,700	44,600	21,800
Dec 2004	348,200	436,200	261,600	100,600	51,600	22,400

Number of Trips to Ireland increases by 8.9%

There were 436,200 Overseas Trips to Ireland in December 2004 compared with 400,400 in the same month of 2003, an increase of 8.9%. In the year 2004 there were 6,574,500 Overseas Trips to Ireland, an increase of 3.2% on the figure of 6,369,000 for 2003.

The number of Trips to Ireland in December 2004 by Residents of Great Britain grew by 2.4% compared with the same month in 2003. In the year 2004 the number is down 1% on 2003.

In December 2004, Trips to Ireland by Residents of Other European Countries grew by 27.8% to 100,600 on the corresponding December 2003 figure of 78,700.

Trips to Ireland by Residents of North America in December 2004 increased by 15.7% when compared with December 2003. In the year 2004 the number was up 8% on 2003.

There were 22,400 Trips to Ireland by Residents of Other Areas in December 2004, an increase of 600 on the same month in 2003.

Irish Residents made 348,200 Overseas Trips in December 2004, an increase of 8% on the figure of 322,500 in December 2003.

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Table 1 Overseas Trips by Area of Residence

Year	Period	Irish Trips Abroad	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
				Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2000	December	216,400	371,200	229,100	79,700	47,000	15,300
2001	January	227,300	306,200	188,800	61,900	40,200	15,200
	February	262,200	317,500	202,500	61,900	41,000	12,100
	March	270,200	395,800	223,100	78,100	78,800	15,800
	April	321,600	477,100	281,100	106,600	67,400	22,100
	May	372,700	527,800	280,500	132,100	90,400	24,800
	June	446,600	619,500	322,300	153,700	114,800	28,600
	July	481,200	711,100	354,200	198,700	125,900	32,300
	August	491,600	800,600	439,500	205,300	124,400	31,500
	September	466,700	580,300	344,500	126,400	81,500	28,000
	October	365,000	512,500	341,100	90,200	62,200	19,100
	November	275,900	383,000	249,300	72,000	47,000	14,700
	December	248,800	358,900	235,300	69,600	38,200	15,700
2002	January	258,200	310,500	202,400	63,100	32,000	13,000
	February	286,900	349,500	237,500	60,500	35,800	15,600
	March	347,900	461,300	290,400	88,900	66,100	15,900
	April	322,000	460,300	277,700	103,400	61,000	18,200
	May	406,900	549,800	319,900	131,500	79,100	19,200
	June	482,100	602,600	318,600	158,800	99,900	25,300
	July	523,900	682,700	355,000	190,900	107,700	29,100
	August	553,700	768,800	423,900	210,400	103,300	31,100
	September	479,800	593,300	352,700	125,100	90,100	25,400
	October	395,700	520,800	317,700	102,800	79,000	21,300
	November	284,600	392,200	243,900	80,200	51,800	16,300
	December	303,300	373,100	238,900	76,000	43,500	14,600
2003	January	293,700	334,800	214,100	65,400	41,800	13,400
	February	302,000	344,800	226,500	67,200	40,100	11,000
	March	346,300	438,100	266,100	100,000	59,600	12,400
	April	355,000	524,800	335,100	120,200	56,500	13,100
	May	443,100	584,200	332,700	142,300	90,400	18,700
	June	527,500	595,200	309,300	153,200	106,600	26,000
	July	547,300	722,800	372,000	203,600	118,700	28,500
	August	566,600	852,500	478,600	225,200	111,000	37,700
	September	483,100	611,700	343,200	145,700	94,200	28,600
	October	432,000	542,300	324,700	116,200	79,300	22,000
	November	321,000	417,500	261,200	79,100	61,200	16,000
	December	322,500	400,400	255,400	78,700	44,600	21,800
2004	January	332,900	347,200	213,900	71,500	44,000	17,800
	February	346,500	403,700	260,300	76,500	50,200	16,700
	March	361,900	461,000	271,200	92,700	78,800	18,400
	April	409,000	551,200	330,600	127,900	69,200	23,400
	May	473,600	584,700	297,200	159,200	96,300	32,000
	June	550,800	626,200	317,000	166,300	109,300	33,600
	July	618,800	754,200	362,200	234,000	121,100	36,900
	August	594,700	822,800	466,900	215,100	107,300	33,500
	September	538,400	596,000	322,000	135,300	104,300	34,300
	October	507,600	555,100	314,300	127,600	86,500	26,600
	November	335,400	436,300	263,500	93,400	58,100	21,400
	December	348,200	436,200	261,600	100,600	51,600	22,400

Table 2 Annual Percentage Change in Overseas Trips for the Month of December

Year	Irish Trips Abroad	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2001	15.0	-3.3	2.7	-12.7	-18.7	2.6
2002	21.9	4.0	1.5	9.2	13.9	-7.0
2003	6.3	7.3	6.9	3.6	2.5	49.3
2004	8.0	8.9	2.4	27.8	15.7	2.8

Table 3 Overseas Trips for Year to the end of December

Year	Irish Trips Abroad	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2000	3,795,600	6,313,200	3,559,300	1,452,900	1,044,600	256,400
2001	4,229,800	5,990,400	3,462,300	1,356,500	911,700	259,800
2002	4,645,100	6,064,800	3,578,800	1,391,700	849,300	245,100
2003	4,940,100	6,369,000	3,718,900	1,496,800	904,000	249,300
2004	5,417,800	6,574,500	3,680,600	1,600,200	976,700	317,100

Table 4 Annual Percentage Change in Overseas Trips for Year to the end of December

Year	Irish Trips Abroad	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2001	11.4	-5.1	-2.7	-6.6	-12.7	1.3
2002	9.8	1.2	3.4	2.6	-6.8	-5.7
2003	6.4	5.0	3.9	7.6	6.4	1.7
2004	9.7	3.2	-1.0	6.9	8.0	27.2

Background Notes

Periodicity	Monthly.
Scope	Overseas Travel.
Coverage	All Overseas Travel into and out of Ireland.
Data Collection	Information is collected via interview at airports and seaports.
Sample Design	<p>A sample of sailings and flights is selected and a systematic sample of passengers on each is surveyed. The selection of sailings and flights is done in such a way as to ensure proper representation of day and night sailings/flights and weekday and weekend sailings/flights.</p> <p>On the selected sailings/flights, a 1 in 5 systematic sample of passengers is selected and their country of residence is recorded.</p> <p>Sample results are grossed up to total passenger numbers provided by the airports and ferry companies.</p>
Sample Size	The sample size in the December 2004 Country of Residence Survey was just over 38,000 passengers.
Definitions	<p>Trips</p> <p>Eurostat methodology defines a Visitor as “any person travelling to a place other than that of his/her usual environment for less than twelve months and whose main purpose of trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited”. However, as the Country of Residence Survey does not establish the reason for an individual’s trip or length of stay, those travelling for reason of remuneration or for more than one year to this country cannot be excluded. Therefore for the purposes of this Survey “Trips” includes those travelling for remuneration in Ireland. Commercial Drivers travelling on sea routes are excluded.</p> <p>Country of Residence</p> <p>Country of Residence is defined as the country in which a person has resided during the past year.</p>