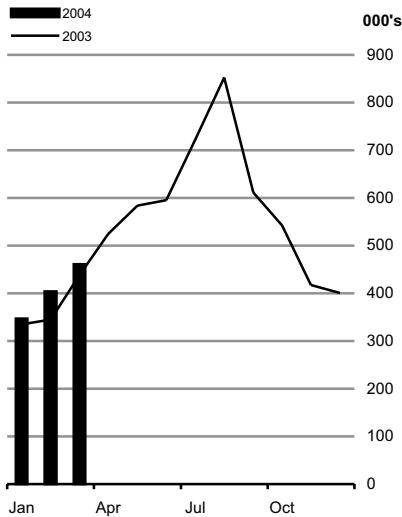




Overseas Travel March 2004

Trips to Ireland



Area of Residence

	Irish		Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
	Trips Abroad	Trips to Ireland				
Mar 2000	279,400	422,700	258,100	77,600	73,700	13,200
Mar 2001	270,200	395,800	223,100	78,100	78,800	15,800
Mar 2002	347,900	461,300	290,400	88,900	66,100	15,900
Mar 2003	346,300	438,100	266,100	100,000	59,600	12,400
Mar 2004	361,900	461,000	271,200	92,700	78,800	18,400

Number of Trips to Ireland increases by 5.2%

There were 461,000 Overseas Trips to Ireland in March 2004 compared with 438,100 in the same month last year, an increase of 5.2%.

In the year to date to the end of March 2004 there were 1,212,000 Overseas Trips to Ireland, an increase of 8.4% on the figure of 1,117,700 for the first 3 months of 2003.

The number of Trips to Ireland by Residents of Great Britain in March 2004 grew by 1.9% when compared with the same month in 2003.

The number of Trips to Ireland by Residents of Other European Countries in March 2004 was 7.3% below the corresponding 2003 figure.

The number of Trips to Ireland by Residents of North America in March 2004 increased by 32.2% when compared with March 2003.

There were 18,400 Trips to Ireland by Residents of Other Areas in March 2004, an increase of 6,000 on the same month in 2003.

Irish Residents made 361,900 Overseas Trips in March 2004, an increase of 4.5% on the figure of 346,300 in March 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	January	211,500	296,800	191,800	54,700	37,500	12,800
	February	219,500	332,000	221,100	55,200	44,100	11,500
	March	279,400	422,700	258,100	77,600	73,700	13,200
	April	306,900	523,100	332,500	106,100	67,300	17,200
	May	337,900	563,800	316,800	125,600	99,200	22,200
	June	393,200	647,100	325,700	162,700	130,200	28,500
	July	434,200	772,900	367,400	234,600	140,600	30,300
	August	399,900	847,600	441,900	238,400	134,000	33,400
	September	414,600	624,400	336,500	133,000	122,300	32,600
	October	342,400	529,400	316,000	99,900	89,200	24,300
	November	239,600	382,200	222,300	85,200	59,600	15,000
	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 ¹	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

¹Revised

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

Year	Irish Trips Abroad	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2001	-3.3	-6.4	-13.6	0.6	6.9	19.7
2002	28.8	16.5	30.2	13.8	-16.1	0.6
2003	-0.5	-5.0	-8.4	12.5	-9.8	-22.0
2004	4.5	5.2	1.9	-7.3	32.2	48.4

Table 3 Overseas Trips for Year to Date to the end of March

Year	Irish Trips Abroad	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2000	710,400	1,051,500	671,100	187,600	155,200	37,600
2001	759,700	1,019,500	614,400	202,000	160,000	43,100
2002	893,000	1,121,200	730,300	212,500	133,900	44,500
2003	942,000	1,117,700	706,700	232,600	141,500	36,900
2004	1,041,300	1,212,000	745,400	240,700	172,900	52,900

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

Year	Irish Trips Abroad	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2001	6.9	-3.0	-8.4	7.7	3.1	14.6
2002	17.5	10.0	18.9	5.2	-16.3	3.2
2003	5.5	-0.3	-3.2	9.5	5.7	-17.1
2004	10.5	8.4	5.5	3.5	22.2	43.4

Background Notes

Periodicity	Monthly.
Scope	Overseas Travel.
Coverage	All Overseas Travel into and out of Ireland.
Data collection	Information is collected via interview at air and sea ports.
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 March 2004 Country of Residence Survey was just over 38,500 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>