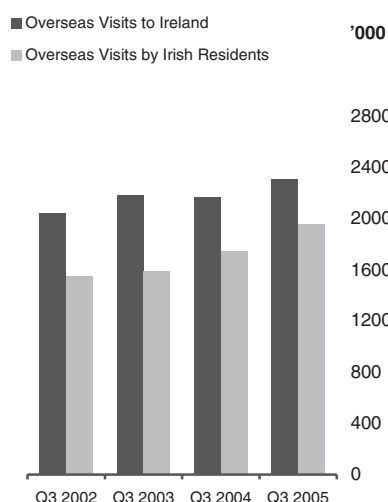




Tourism and Travel

Quarter 3 2005

Number of Visits



	Visits to Ireland '000	Irish Visits Abroad '000
Jul - Sep 2002	2,045	1,554
Jul - Sep 2003	2,187	1,593
Jul - Sep 2004	2,173	1,749
Jul - Sep 2005	2,308	1,963

12% increase in Number of Irish Visits Abroad

The number of Irish Visits abroad between July and September 2005 was 1,963,000, an increase of 12% on the corresponding period last year. Irish residents travelling abroad on Continental European routes grew by 18% compared with the Third Quarter in 2004, while the number travelling on Sea Cross-Channel routes fell by 14%. The number of Irish residents travelling on Air Cross-Channel routes in the Third Quarter of 2005 was 10% higher than in the same period of 2004. *See Table 9(a), Table 9(b) and Graph.*

There were 2,308,000 Overseas Visits to Ireland in the Third Quarter of 2005 compared with 2,173,000 in the same period last year, an increase of 6%. The number of Overseas Visits by residents of Other European Countries grew by 13% while the number of Visits by residents of the USA and Canada increased by 5% on the same quarter in 2004. The number of Visits by residents of Great Britain grew by 4% on the Third Quarter of 2004. The number of Third Quarter Overseas Visits to Ireland by residents of Other Areas fell from 105,000 in 2004 to 100,000 in 2005. *See Table 1(a), Table 1(b) and Graph.*

The expenditure figures for July – September 2005 show a net outflow of €204m, earnings from Visitors to Ireland accounted for €1,506m while expenditure by Irish Visitors Abroad amounted to €1,710m. *See Table 15.*

The Tourism figures in this release also show that:

- ◆ The number of Bednights spent in Rented Houses/Apartments by Overseas Visitors to Ireland increased by 12% in the Third Quarter of 2005 when compared to the same period in 2004. Bednights spent in Hotels by inward visitors in Q3 2005 recorded a drop of 6% on Q3 2004. *See Table 6.*
- ◆ The number of Overseas Visits to Ireland to visit Friends/Relatives in Q3 2005 grew by 22% on the same period in 2004. *See Table 1(a).*
- ◆ Visits to Ireland on Cross-Channel Sea routes in the Third Quarter of 2005 decreased by 9% on the corresponding Quarter of 2004. *See Table 1(b).*

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

'000

Visits	2004	2004				2005		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Total Overseas Visits	6,574	1,212	1,762	2,173	1,428	1,290	1,803	2,308
Route of Travel								
Air Cross-Channel	3,413	743	861	967	841	767	876	1,055
Sea Cross-Channel	1,192	136	358	512	186	151	297	467
Continental European	1,408	229	393	502	285	287	462	561
Transatlantic	561	103	150	192	116	86	169	224
Area of Residence								
Great Britain	3,681	745	945	1,151	839	767	953	1,196
Other Europe	1,600	241	453	584	322	321	504	662
USA & Canada	977	173	275	333	196	154	272	350
Other Areas	317	53	89	105	70	49	74	100
Reason for Journey								
Business	926	246	203	225	252	237	248	229
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	3,413	514	994	1,310	595	533	971	1,313
Visit to Friends/Relatives	1,807	351	443	506	507	414	474	616
Other	429	101	122	132	74	106	111	149

Table 1 (b) Overseas Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents - Estimated Number of Overseas Visits Classified by Route of Travel, Area of Residence and Reason for Journey (Quarter 3)

'000				
Visits	Jul - Sep			
	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Overseas Visits	2,045	2,187	2,173	2,308
Route of Travel				
Air Cross-Channel	898	957	967	1,055
Sea Cross-Channel	544	539	512	467
Continental European	429	488	502	561
Transatlantic	174	202	192	224
Area of Residence				
Great Britain	1,131	1,194	1,151	1,196
Other Europe	526	575	584	662
USA & Canada	301	324	333	350
Other Areas	86	95	105	100
Reason for Journey				
Business	210	214	225	229
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	1,254	1,266	1,310	1,313
Visit to Friends/Relatives	476	529	506	616
Other	106	178	132	149

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

'000								
Visits	2004	2004				2005		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Total Overseas Visits	6,574	1,212	1,762	2,173	1,428	1,290	1,803	2,308
Same-day visits (i.e. no overnight in Ireland)	349	78	73	96	103	66	85	111
Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland	6,225	1,134	1,689	2,077	1,325	1,224	1,719	2,197

Table 3 Overseas Same-Day Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents - Classified by Area of Residence and Reason for Journey, Jul - Sep 2005

'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)	36	47	19	10	111
Area of Residence					
Great Britain	29	38	12	4	83
Other Europe	4	3	3	2	12
USA & Canada	3	5	4	4	15
Other Areas	0	1	0	0	2

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, Jul - Sep 2005

'000					
Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
Total Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland	194	1,266	597	139	2,197
Area of Residence					
Great Britain	94	565	393	60	1,113
Other Europe	71	407	106	67	651
USA & Canada	18	241	68	9	335
Other Areas	11	54	30	3	98

Table 5 Overseas Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents with at least one overnight in Ireland - Estimated Average Length of Stay (Nights) - Classified by Route of Travel, Area of Residence and Reason for Journey

Nights								
Length of Stay	2004	2004				2005		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Total Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland	7.5	6.5	7.3	8.5	7.0	6.4	7.1	8.6
Route of Travel								
Air Cross-Channel	5.7	5.2	5.8	6.3	5.2	5.1	5.1	6.0
Sea Cross-Channel	7.7	6.3	7.1	9.0	6.8	7.4	7.3	9.4
Continental European	10.5	9.8	9.6	11.2	11.0	8.9	9.5	11.9
Transatlantic	9.9	8.0	9.7	11.2	10.0	8.3	10.0	10.7
Area of Residence								
Great Britain	5.0	4.2	4.9	6.1	4.3	4.2	4.6	5.8
Other Europe	10.5	9.6	10.0	11.3	10.5	9.5	9.4	12.4
USA & Canada	9.3	8.1	9.5	9.7	9.5	8.1	9.3	9.9
Other Areas	14.0	16.1	11.3	15.4	13.7	14.9	13.5	11.8
Reason for Journey								
Business	5.4	4.8	4.7	6.2	5.8	5.1	4.8	6.4
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	7.0	5.2	6.9	8.3	6.1	5.6	6.8	8.3
Visit to Friends/Relatives	7.9	7.4	7.0	9.0	8.1	7.8	7.5	9.1
Other	13.6	13.7	15.4	12.9	11.4	7.8	12.7	12.4

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

'000								
Bednights	2004	2004				2005		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Accommodation	46,604	7,312	12,275	17,729	9,288	7,875	12,173	18,973
Hotel	10,663	1,697	2,977	3,867	2,121	1,807	3,026	3,645
Guest house/B&B	6,979	747	2,150	3,031	1,051	602	1,882	3,009
Rented house/Apartment	8,818	1,383	2,588	3,047	1,800	1,688	2,440	3,398
Caravan/Camping	970	3	256	676	35	15	323	469
Hostel	1,624	319	514	502	289	248	363	647
Friends/Relatives	13,031	2,529	2,855	4,392	3,255	2,909	3,182	5,870
Other	4,519	634	935	2,214	737	606	957	1,935

Table 7 Overseas Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents 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	2004	2004				2005		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Great Britain	16,986	2,872	4,354	6,514	3,246	2,998	4,119	6,401
Hotel	4,034	810	1,021	1,311	892	824	1,047	1,308
Guest house/B&B	1,891	203	598	796	294	188	502	715
Rented house/Apartment	3,012	354	822	1,475	361	357	692	954
Caravan/Camping	334	2	96	219	17	4	88	182
Hostel	255	76	88	46	45	43	67	66
Friends/Relatives	6,615	1,268	1,527	2,370	1,450	1,405	1,473	2,750
Other	845	159	202	297	187	177	250	426
Other Europe	16,481	2,260	4,410	6,517	3,293	2,950	4,666	8,079
Hotel	2,795	355	825	1,156	459	462	919	1,064
Guest house/B&B	2,930	316	844	1,384	387	232	733	1,463
Rented house/Apartment	3,806	677	1,174	1,083	872	947	1,214	2,027
Caravan/Camping	573	0	154	402	17	11	224	247
Hostel	822	109	235	325	152	132	171	405
Friends/Relatives	3,186	513	670	911	1,091	822	930	1,640
Other	2,369	290	508	1,256	315	344	475	1,233
USA & Canada	8,790	1,358	2,525	3,105	1,803	1,219	2,434	3,314
Hotel	3,199	452	949	1,169	629	417	930	1,129
Guest house/B&B	1,692	190	557	661	284	131	521	651
Rented house/Apartment	1,167	176	355	315	321	199	398	315
Caravan/Camping	21	1	3	16	1	1	2	7
Hostel	315	72	117	80	46	50	83	94
Friends/Relatives	1,713	406	354	535	418	373	419	939
Other	683	61	190	329	104	48	81	179
Other Areas	4,348	822	986	1,592	946	709	954	1,177
Hotel	635	80	182	231	141	104	130	143
Guest house/B&B	466	38	152	191	86	50	127	180
Rented house/Apartment	833	176	237	174	245	186	136	102
Caravan/Camping	42	0	2	39	1	0	9	33
Hostel	233	62	74	51	46	23	42	82
Friends/Relatives	1,517	342	304	575	296	310	359	540
Other	622	124	35	331	131	36	151	97

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, Jul - Sep 2005

Bednights	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
Accommodation Used	1,236	10,566	5,437	1,733	18,973
Hotel	434	2,788	328	95	3,645
Guest house/B&B	89	2,395	343	182	3,009
Rented house/Apartment	316	2,246	499	337	3,398
Caravan/Camping	6	386	71	6	469
Hostel	21	504	72	50	647
Friends/Relatives	174	1,445	3,915	335	5,870
Other	196	802	209	728	1,935

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

'000								
Visits	2004	2004				2005		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Total Overseas Visits	5,409	1,039	1,431	1,749	1,190	1,208	1,626	1,963
Route of Travel								
Air Cross-Channel	1,982	485	485	514	498	526	588	566
Sea Cross-Channel	384	65	103	138	78	73	85	118
Continental European	2,735	432	773	1,006	524	534	874	1,183
Transatlantic	309	57	70	92	90	75	79	95
Reason for Journey								
Business	671	160	178	168	166	168	191	182
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	3,081	523	837	1,105	616	618	965	1,252
Visit to Friends/Relatives	1,296	280	336	356	324	316	345	392
Other	361	76	80	120	85	106	125	137

Table 9 (b) Overseas Visits by Irish Residents - Estimated Number of Visits Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey (Quarter 3)

'000				
Visits	Jul - Sep			
	2002	2003	2004	2005
Total Overseas Visits	1,554	1,593	1,749	1,963
Route of Travel				
Air Cross-Channel	492	476	514	566
Sea Cross-Channel	153	147	138	118
Continental European	848	892	1,006	1,183
Transatlantic	61	79	92	95
Reason for Journey				
Business	126	142	168	182
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	1,053	1,049	1,105	1,252
Visit to Friends/Relatives	302	317	356	392
Other	73	85	120	137

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

	'000							
Visits	2004	2004				2005		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Total Overseas Visits	5,409	1,039	1,431	1,749	1,190	1,208	1,626	1,963
Same-day visits (i.e. no overnight abroad)	195	30	54	60	50	45	39	66
Visits with at least one overnight abroad	5,212	1,007	1,376	1,689	1,140	1,163	1,587	1,897

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

	'000							
Visits	2004	2004				2005		
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Total Overseas Visits	195	30	54	60	50	45	39	66
Route of Travel								
Air Cross-Channel	105	21	29	25	31	30	23	35
Sea Cross-Channel	55	6	14	23	12	10	10	17
Continental European	30	3	10	11	6	4	5	14
Transatlantic	4	1	1	1	1	2	0	-
Reason for Journey								
Business	77	17	20	19	20	16	20	28
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	67	7	21	25	13	18	9	23
Visit to Friends/Relatives	35	5	8	9	12	7	9	13
Other	17	1	5	7	4	4	1	2

Table 12 Overseas Same-Day Visits by Irish Residents - Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey, Jul - Sep 2005

'000					
Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
Total Same-Day Visits (i.e. no overnight abroad)	28	23	13	2	66
Route of Travel					
Air Cross-Channel	24	2	7	1	35
Sea Cross-Channel	2	13	2	-	17
Continental European	2	8	4	0	14
Transatlantic	-	-	-	-	-

Table 13 Overseas Visits by Irish Residents, with at least one overnight abroad - Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey, Jul - Sep 2005

'000					
Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
Total Visits with at least one overnight abroad	158	1,224	380	135	1,897
Route of Travel					
Air Cross-Channel	69	232	190	40	531
Sea Cross-Channel	7	59	33	3	101
Continental European	74	878	129	88	1,169
Transatlantic	8	55	28	4	95

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

									Nights
Length of Stay	2004	2004				2005			
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	
All Overseas Visits	8.5	7.7	7.9	10.3	7.4	7.6	7.0	10.5	
Route of Travel									
Air Cross-Channel	8.4	7.9	7.9	10.4	7.5	7.5	6.3	11.1	
Sea Cross-Channel	8.4	5.5	9.3	9.3	8.2	6.2	6.5	6.7	
Continental European	8.0	7.2	7.3	9.6	6.5	7.4	7.2	10.0	
Transatlantic	14.3	12.1	12.2	19.7	11.7	10.0	11.2	16.7	
Reason for Journey									
Business	6.3	5.7	5.5	7.8	6.3	5.3	6.2	8.0	
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	8.7	7.6	7.9	10.6	7.6	7.0	7.0	10.9	
Visit to Friends/Relatives	8.8	8.9	8.6	9.9	7.6	9.1	7.7	10.7	
Other	9.6	7.6	9.4	12.6	7.5	9.7	7.1	8.8	

Table 15 Tourism and Travel Estimated Earnings and Expenditure

€ million

Period	Earnings from all Visits to Ireland ¹	Expenditure by all Irish Visitors abroad ²	Balance ³
1999 Year	3,115	2,465	+650
2000 Year	3,637	2,804	+832
2001 Year	3,935	3,224	+711
2002 Year	3,989	3,952	+37
2003 Year	4,057	4,158	-101
2004 Year ⁴	4,067	4,180	-114
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	625	512	+113
April – June	1,058	861	+197
July – September	1,453	1,203	+251
October – December	798	649	+150
2002 January – March	664	649	+15
April – June	1,082	976	+106
July – September	1,416	1,491	-75
October – December	828	837	-9
2003 January – March	641	739	-98
April – June	1,059	1,071	-12
July – September	1,495	1,536	-41
October – December	861	811	+50
2004 January – March	675	768	-93
April – June	1,113	1,048	+65
July – September	1,427	1,521	-93
October – December ⁴	851	844	+8
2005 January – March ⁴	714	877	-164
April – June ⁴	1,124	1,151	-27
July – September ⁵	1,506	1,710	-204

¹ Expenditure (excluding international fares) plus passenger fare receipts of Irish carriers from visitors to Ireland² Expenditure (including international fares) less passenger fare payments by Irish visitors abroad to Irish carriers³ + = Net inflow - = Net outflow⁴ Revised⁵ Provisional

Background Notes

Introduction This quarterly series gives details on the number of overseas visits to Ireland and Irish visits abroad for the quarter. It includes data on the reason for journey, average length of stay (nights) and expenditure. The quarterly series supplements the annual release, which provides more extensive annual information on tourism and travel.

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 The Central Statistics Office carries out two sample surveys of passengers, the Country of Residence Survey and the Passenger Card Inquiry. The results of these surveys 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 visits abroad and visits to Ireland by non-residents. Visits to Ireland are further categorised into the areas of residence shown in this release. The sample size of the Country of Residence Survey in Quarter 3 2005 was almost 249,000 passengers.

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 visit estimates from the Country of Residence Survey to provide the overseas tourism and travel estimates shown in this release. The sample size of the Passenger Card Inquiry in Quarter 3 2005 was almost 109,000 passengers.