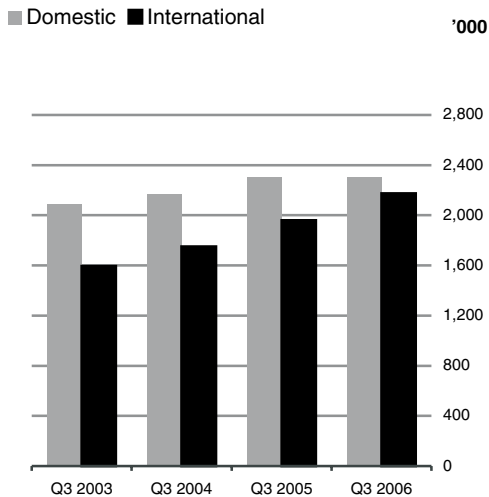




## Household Travel Survey Q3 2006

### Number of Trips Q3, 2003-2006



	Domestic Trips '000	International Trips '000
Q3 2002	2,070	1,539
Q3 2003	2,087	1,595
Q3 2004	2,167	1,751
Q3 2005	2,300	1,961
Q3 2006	2,301	2,174

### International Expenditure up 33% on Q3 2005

Overall expenditure on international trips grew from €1,597.1m in Q3 2005 to €2128.8m in Q3 2006, an increase of 33%. Expenditure on Holiday trips accounted for 78% of total international expenditure for Q3 2006. International trip expenditure on Visiting Friends/Relatives increased by 62% on the same period in 2005. *See Table 15.*

While the number of international Holiday trips taken in the third quarter of 2006 increased by 12% on the same period in 2005, the number of international trips for Visiting Friends/Relatives increased by 26%. *See Table 10.*

Total international trips increased by 11% while international nights grew by 3%. The average length of stay of international trips fell to 9.4 nights from 10.1 nights in the same period of 2005. A quarter of all international trips were to Spain, an increase of 16% on Q3 2005. *See Tables 9 and 9a.*

Domestic expenditure increased by 22% in Q3 2006 to €541.7m from €442.4m in Q3 2005. While domestic Holidays accounted for 66% of total trips, 76% of total nights and 76% of total expenditure in Q3 2006, the largest percentage growth in expenditure was for Visiting Friends/Relatives which increased by 54% on Q3 2005. *See Tables 2 and 7.*

The South-West region still remains the most popular region visited recording the highest number of domestic trips (588,000), nights (3,257,000) and expenditure (€158.3m) in Q3 2006. *See Tables 1 and 8.*

The total number of bednights spent on domestic trips in Q3 2006 remained almost unchanged when compared with Q3 2005. There were 13% fewer bednights spent in Guest House/B&B and 11% less in Self Catering/Rented House. Nights spent in Own Holiday Homes grew by 12% with a decreased average length of stay, while Caravan/Camping bednights increased by 31%. *See Table 6.*

The Internet is the primary booking method for international trips accounting for 58% of trips taken in Q3 2006. This compares to 17% for domestic trips taken. After the Internet the next most popular method of booking an international trip is through a Travel Agent with 29%. In the domestic market more trips were taken without prebooking (42%) than by any other method. Direct bookings account for a larger percentage (36%) of domestic trips compared to just 6% of international trips. *See tables 4b and 12b.*

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**Table 1: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region Visited, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>2,301</b>
Border	682	675	699	709	793	129	169	247	164	150	184	268	191	136	214	227
Dublin	843	856	893	976	1,054	262	191	220	302	200	255	240	359	298	251	275
Mid-East	352	368	395	414	430	105	84	103	121	106	101	123	100	66	97	120
Mid-West	685	689	692	658	699	137	152	210	159	156	151	242	150	151	160	234
Midland	225	270	287	335	341	94	58	76	107	85	82	100	74	57	62	95
South-East	1,008	1,024	1,042	1,113	1,099	222	260	371	259	234	256	401	208	224	266	343
South-West	1,341	1,425	1,400	1,547	1,525	339	343	547	318	294	369	524	338	291	386	588
West	1,171	1,144	1,249	1,251	1,232	297	277	393	285	266	308	401	257	233	284	419
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>4,174</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>10,653</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>4,170</b>	<b>5,195</b>	<b>10,685</b>	<b>4,557</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>10,659</b>
Border	2,604	2,301	2,567	2,501	2,973	296	482	1,279	445	470	608	1,288	607	352	680	879
Dublin	2,331	2,260	2,544	2,639	2,817	716	503	625	794	480	670	676	991	766	676	712
Mid-East	1,089	976	1,049	1,125	1,364	198	209	416	302	316	239	557	252	110	370	347
Mid-West	2,476	2,514	2,644	2,340	2,294	348	468	1,105	420	394	485	1,061	354	423	446	1,147
Midland	587	704	742	817	774	215	147	233	223	175	188	266	145	109	178	377
South-East	3,971	3,815	3,764	4,128	3,988	554	807	2,090	677	637	869	1,960	522	571	800	1,952
South-West	5,802	5,720	5,814	6,300	5,945	980	1,173	3,158	989	861	1,121	3,049	914	792	1,242	3,257
West	4,348	3,932	4,491	4,339	4,452	867	902	1,747	823	837	1,016	1,828	771	586	965	1,988
Nights																
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Border	3.8	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.7	2.3	2.9	5.2	2.7	3.1	3.3	4.8	3.2	2.6	3.2	3.9
Dublin	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.6
Mid-East	3.1	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.2	1.9	2.5	4.0	2.5	3.0	2.4	4.5	2.5	1.7	3.8	2.9
Mid-West	3.6	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.3	2.5	3.1	5.3	2.6	2.5	3.2	4.4	2.4	2.8	2.8	4.9
Midland	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.5	3.1	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.0	1.9	2.9	4.0
South-East	3.9	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.6	2.5	3.1	5.6	2.6	2.7	3.4	4.9	2.5	2.5	3.0	5.7
South-West	4.3	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.9	2.9	3.4	5.8	3.1	2.9	3.0	5.8	2.7	2.7	3.2	5.5
West	3.7	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.6	2.9	3.3	4.4	2.9	3.1	3.3	4.6	3.0	2.5	3.4	4.7

**Table 1a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region Visited & Length of Stay, Quarter 3, 2003 - 2006**

	1-3 Nights		4+ Nights		1-3 Nights		4+ Nights		1-3 Nights		4+ Nights	
	Q3 2003	Q3 2003	Q3 2004	Q3 2004	Q3 2005	Q3 2005	Q3 2005	Q3 2005	Q3 2006	Q3 2006	Q3 2006	Q3 2006
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>887</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>1,430</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>860</b>				
Border	108	114	141	106	162	106	160	68				
Dublin	157	39	175	45	201	40	227	48				
Mid-East	89	28	77	27	89	34	97	23				
Mid-West	131	107	124	86	161	81	157	77				
Midland	52	22	63	13	84	16	73	22				
South-East	185	143	194	178	233	168	190	154				
South-West	259	262	266	281	260	264	297	291				
West	218	172	240	153	240	161	241	178				
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>2,332</b>	<b>8,014</b>	<b>2,556</b>	<b>8,098</b>	<b>2,884</b>	<b>7,802</b>	<b>2,844</b>	<b>7,814</b>				
Border	220	932	287	992	329	959	326	553				
Dublin	284	294	307	319	359	317	396	316				
Mid-East	146	277	123	293	152	405	190	157				
Mid-West	265	1,019	256	849	336	726	302	845				
Midland	90	145	121	111	171	94	130	247				
South-East	380	1,367	384	1,706	461	1,500	368	1,585				
South-West	531	2,474	573	2,585	561	2,488	646	2,610				
West	415	1,505	505	1,241	514	1,314	486	1,502				
												Nights
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>9.1</b>				
Border	2.0	8.2	2.0	9.4	2.0	9.0	2.0	8.1				
Dublin	1.8	7.5	1.8	7.1	1.8	7.9	1.7	6.6				
Mid-East	1.6	9.9	1.6	10.9	1.7	11.9	2.0	6.8				
Mid-West	2.0	9.5	2.1	9.9	2.1	9.0	1.9	11.0				
Midland	1.7	6.6	1.9	8.5	2.0	5.9	1.8	11.2				
South-East	2.1	9.6	2.0	9.6	2.0	8.9	1.9	10.3				
South-West	2.1	9.4	2.2	9.2	2.2	9.4	2.2	9.0				
West	1.9	8.8	2.1	8.1	2.1	8.2	2.0	8.4				

**Table 2: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Reason for Journey, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>2,301</b>
Holiday	2,902	2,819	2,933	3,142	3,348	572	723	1,239	608	575	781	1,332	660	691	816	1,527
Business*	652	583	619	624	770	183	163	129	149	191	196	145	238	191	255	121
Visiting Friends/Relatives	2,063	2,286	2,291	2,420	2,298	658	475	559	729	560	497	551	690	493	530	513
Other	690	763	814	815	757	172	173	241	229	165	231	271	90	82	121	141
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>4,174</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>10,653</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>4,170</b>	<b>5,195</b>	<b>10,685</b>	<b>4,557</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>10,659</b>
Holiday	13,227	12,098	13,009	13,506	13,676	1,616	2,429	7,591	1,870	1,705	2,691	7,593	1,687	1,733	2,620	8,080
Business*	1,778	1,633	1,788	1,665	1,973	457	455	417	337	449	541	423	560	425	827	414
Visiting Friends/Relatives	5,823	6,120	6,509	6,478	6,535	1,556	1,188	1,793	1,940	1,589	1,296	1,739	1,911	1,216	1,446	1,638
Other	2,380	2,371	2,310	2,540	2,422	545	618	852	525	427	666	931	398	334	464	527
																Nights
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Holiday	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.1	2.8	3.4	6.1	3.1	3.0	3.4	5.7	2.6	2.5	3.2	5.3
Business*	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.8	3.2	2.3	2.4	2.8	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.2	3.4
Visiting Friends/Relatives	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.4	2.5	3.2	2.7	2.8	2.6	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.7	3.2
Other	3.4	3.1	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.5	2.3	2.6	2.9	3.4	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.7

\* - See Background Notes under Definition of Tourism for change to definition of "Business".

**Table 2a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Region Visited by Reason for Journey, Quarter 3 2006**

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	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business*	Holiday	Visiting Friends/Relatives	Other	
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>1,527</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>2,301</b>
Border	11	146	54	16	227
Dublin	37	112	100	26	275
Mid-East	7	60	40	13	120
Mid-West	6	166	44	19	234
Midland	10	55	28	3	95
South-East	8	263	62	10	343
South-West	24	440	100	24	588
West	18	285	85	31	419
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>8,080</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>10,659</b>
Border	21	639	143	76	879
Dublin	100	235	306	72	712
Mid-East	19	177	116	35	347
Mid-West	14	994	104	36	1,147
Midland	75	212	84	5	377
South-East	26	1,646	221	59	1,952
South-West	84	2,699	371	103	3,257
West	73	1,478	295	142	1,988

\* - See Background Notes under Definition of Tourism for change to definition of "Business".

**Table 3: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Age, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>2,301</b>
0-14 years	1,410	1,337	1,333	1,553	1,471	336	303	571	344	302	324	544	301	250	338	514
15-19 years	266	300	316	294	284	56	62	112	64	58	63	116	47	40	58	127
20-29 years	667	790	749	682	672	155	162	185	179	146	200	197	129	144	126	177
30-39 years	1,324	1,391	1,364	1,399	1,386	331	298	443	328	320	342	376	348	223	252	313
40-49 years	1,339	1,270	1,320	1,418	1,468	327	333	399	360	317	314	458	379	347	361	453
50-59 years	689	689	769	771	895	200	170	207	194	160	214	277	244	204	265	301
60-69 years	368	402	498	520	586	112	118	138	152	115	152	201	118	168	187	253
70+ years	244	272	307	363	412	69	88	113	94	71	97	132	112	82	134	164
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>4,174</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>10,653</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>4,170</b>	<b>5,195</b>	<b>10,685</b>	<b>4,557</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>10,659</b>
0-14 years	6,159	5,585	5,626	6,275	5,978	851	1,004	3,496	925	850	1,170	3,085	873	677	1,099	2,834
15-19 years	1,228	1,373	1,401	1,470	1,319	178	251	797	243	174	245	715	185	100	266	897
20-29 years	2,312	2,368	2,442	2,056	2,119	481	440	666	468	418	590	660	451	375	435	789
30-39 years	4,096	3,962	3,958	3,988	3,867	750	847	1,623	767	755	907	1,401	804	513	643	1,043
40-49 years	4,432	4,151	4,297	4,563	4,522	769	931	2,007	856	805	816	2,000	901	774	1,018	1,939
50-59 years	2,384	2,194	2,597	2,398	2,854	486	447	916	549	449	614	1,210	581	495	792	1,335
60-69 years	1,377	1,462	1,926	1,927	2,074	381	409	618	519	428	474	845	327	449	622	1,026
70+ years	1,220	1,127	1,368	1,513	1,875	278	361	530	345	292	379	770	434	326	482	794

**Table 4: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Sex, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>2,301</b>
Male	3,049	3,143	3,197	3,299	3,472	767	730	1,008	793	713	834	1,103	822	671	826	1,100
Female	3,259	3,309	3,460	3,702	3,702	818	803	1,159	922	778	871	1,197	856	786	894	1,201
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>4,174</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>10,653</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>4,170</b>	<b>5,195</b>	<b>10,685</b>	<b>4,557</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>10,659</b>
Male	11,100	10,728	11,303	11,352	11,803	2,026	2,209	4,934	2,183	1,974	2,532	5,036	2,261	1,670	2,656	5,156
Female	12,108	11,494	12,312	12,838	12,803	2,149	2,481	5,719	2,490	2,196	2,663	5,649	2,295	2,038	2,701	5,503

**Table 4a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Mode of Transport Used, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>2,301</b>
Air	113	140	134	36	33	37	33	22	45	43	24	23	31	38
Bus/Rail	730	702	734	160	167	192	184	146	187	192	209	144	166	188
Private Vehicle	5,669	6,011	6,165	1,349	1,297	1,887	1,479	1,299	1,444	2,013	1,409	1,239	1,471	1,979
Other	145	148	142	40	36	52	20	24	30	52	36	51	53	96
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>4,174</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>10,653</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>4,170</b>	<b>5,195</b>	<b>10,685</b>	<b>4,557</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>10,659</b>
Air	561	631	689	161	125	261	84	93	195	317	84	63	125	182
Bus/Rail	2,850	2,564	2,665	587	615	822	540	444	675	784	762	429	684	802
Private Vehicle	19,595	20,327	20,611	3,233	3,803	9,314	3,976	3,519	4,147	9,318	3,627	3,059	4,323	9,248
Other	610	667	641	193	146	255	73	114	177	266	84	158	225	427

**Table 4b: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Method of Booking, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2003	2004	2005 *	2004				2005				2006		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>2,301</b>
Internet*	-	-	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	206	233	393
Direct <sup>1</sup> *	-	-	481	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	481	472	453	828
Travel Agent	132	150	114	22	38	72	19	40	27	41	6	12	16	42
Club	217	192	209	36	63	54	40	43	71	60	35	41	51	47
Employer	314	357	309	107	87	56	107	85	80	61	83	62	68	36
No Pre-booking*	5,993	6,302	5,859	1,421	1,346	1,985	1,550	1,322	1,527	2,137	873	664	899	955
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>4,174</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>10,653</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>4,170</b>	<b>5,195</b>	<b>10,685</b>	<b>4,557</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>10,659</b>
Internet*	-	-	450	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450	489	670	1,426
Direct <sup>1</sup> *	-	-	998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	998	1,049	1,414	3,347
Travel Agent	650	640	504	65	181	331	63	106	139	221	38	30	85	228
Club	665	643	606	96	234	231	81	118	197	207	84	113	140	219
Employer	838	1,008	901	289	296	172	251	218	214	217	252	133	202	91
No Pre-booking*	21,463	21,899	21,150	3,724	3,979	9,919	4,277	3,729	4,645	10,041	2,735	1,895	2,846	5,347

\* - See Background Notes under Definition of Tourism for changes to Booking Methods classifications.

Internet &amp; Direct booking classifications available from Q4 2005 onwards only

<sup>1</sup> Direct booking method not including internet eg. By Phone

**Table 5: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Region of Residence, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>2,301</b>
Border	558	480	546	639	642	125	133	217	164	112	159	219	152	136	148	225
Dublin	2,036	2,257	2,220	2,193	2,168	462	516	656	560	482	515	670	501	459	566	710
Mid-East	700	775	739	804	770	184	172	246	201	179	165	243	183	148	188	249
Mid-West	638	601	578	615	669	135	134	203	142	123	185	251	110	136	167	208
Midland	297	278	361	402	372	110	95	122	75	79	77	135	81	67	92	130
South-East	582	585	596	634	751	183	124	182	145	152	157	236	206	146	175	213
South-West	905	910	983	1,070	1,026	235	217	362	255	219	247	317	243	236	224	353
West	590	565	635	644	775	150	141	179	174	145	201	227	202	129	162	213
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>4,174</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>10,653</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>4,170</b>	<b>5,195</b>	<b>10,685</b>	<b>4,557</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>10,659</b>
Border	1,965	1,506	1,799	2,111	2,403	371	407	867	465	380	449	894	680	313	439	839
Dublin	8,031	8,375	8,465	8,628	7,901	1,222	1,675	4,160	1,572	1,386	1,653	3,428	1,434	1,191	2,011	3,765
Mid-East	2,486	2,776	2,570	2,687	2,548	397	513	1,232	544	427	603	1,092	426	343	543	1,193
Mid-West	2,219	2,042	2,214	2,012	2,231	342	369	917	384	310	445	1,177	299	334	457	1,095
Midland	980	924	1,120	1,180	1,252	297	234	461	189	277	249	554	172	139	258	693
South-East	2,106	1,757	2,005	2,025	2,367	459	362	792	412	440	520	892	515	443	514	992
South-West	3,521	3,128	3,403	3,508	3,480	653	676	1,507	672	565	681	1,675	559	644	684	1,448
West	1,899	1,712	2,039	2,039	2,425	434	453	717	435	385	595	974	471	302	452	634



**Table 6: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Type of Accommodation, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>1,533</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,705</b>	<b>2,300</b>	<b>1,678</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,721</b>	<b>2,301</b>
Caravan/Camping	323	293	282	277	298	21	85	160	10	34	105	145	14	10	83	173
Guest House/B&B	675	729	720	699	661	138	170	257	134	123	174	263	101	83	127	213
Own Holiday Home	211	289	259	294	365	50	92	88	65	64	105	121	75	101	113	138
Hotel/Conference Centre	2,042	2,041	2,160	2,355	2,597	603	510	613	628	597	606	735	659	661	602	817
Self Catering/Rented House	550	494	576	583	547	65	121	319	79	61	121	304	61	46	104	257
Friends/Relatives	2,241	2,359	2,363	2,512	2,430	653	478	632	748	570	519	626	715	515	628	631
Other	264	246	298	282	278	55	78	98	51	42	76	106	54	42	64	73
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>4,174</b>	<b>4,689</b>	<b>10,653</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>4,170</b>	<b>5,195</b>	<b>10,685</b>	<b>4,557</b>	<b>3,708</b>	<b>5,357</b>	<b>10,659</b>
Caravan/Camping	2,177	1,706	1,879	1,635	1,595	47	339	1,223	26	157	337	1,056	45	28	229	1,382
Guest House/B&B	2,217	2,038	2,067	1,963	1,816	403	442	797	321	299	488	825	204	214	378	714
Own Holiday Home	1,405	1,742	1,572	2,014	2,174	194	334	1,198	288	243	355	1,285	291	295	480	1,436
Hotel/Conference Centre	5,316	5,357	5,762	5,836	6,358	1,396	1,285	1,783	1,372	1,395	1,559	2,113	1,291	1,386	1,378	2,158
Self Catering/Rented House	3,749	3,168	3,754	3,701	3,582	244	579	2,513	366	309	669	2,255	349	246	697	2,013
Friends/Relatives	7,023	6,912	7,175	7,736	7,562	1,701	1,340	2,594	2,102	1,647	1,418	2,455	2,042	1,321	1,836	2,524
Other	1,320	1,298	1,407	1,303	1,520	189	370	546	198	120	369	697	334	217	360	432
																Nights
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.6</b>
Caravan/Camping	6.7	5.8	6.7	5.9	5.4	2.2	4.0	7.6	2.6	4.6	3.2	7.3	3.2	2.8	2.8	8.0
Guest House/B&B	3.3	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.4	2.8	3.1	2.0	2.6	3.0	3.4
Own Holiday Home	6.7	6.0	6.1	6.9	6.0	3.9	3.6	13.6	4.4	3.8	3.4	10.6	3.9	2.9	4.2	10.4
Hotel/Conference Centre	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.5	2.9	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.6
Self Catering/Rented House	6.8	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.5	3.8	4.8	7.9	4.6	5.1	5.5	7.4	5.7	5.3	6.7	7.8
Friends/Relatives	3.1	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1	2.6	2.8	4.1	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.9	2.9	2.6	2.9	4.0
Other	5.0	5.3	4.7	4.6	5.5	3.4	4.7	5.6	3.9	2.9	4.9	6.6	6.2	5.2	5.6	5.9

**Table 7: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

€ million

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Domestic - Expenditure</b>	<b>879.9</b>	<b>849.4</b>	<b>970.9</b>	<b>1,037.2</b>	<b>1,164.5</b>	<b>197.1</b>	<b>234.6</b>	<b>399.5</b>	<b>206.0</b>	<b>187.7</b>	<b>274.6</b>	<b>442.4</b>	<b>259.8</b>	<b>217.4</b>	<b>288.1</b>	<b>541.7</b>
Holiday	549.7	501.6	575.9	624.9	706.8	97.5	129.7	288.9	108.8	91.5	161.1	320.7	133.5	119.9	159.3	409.1
Business*	149.3	152.9	157.6	162.5	188.3	45.4	51.1	34.4	31.6	42.9	51.9	38.4	55.1	49.0	69.1	52.6
Visiting Friends/Relatives	86.6	97.2	114.0	121.1	142.4	27.0	27.0	32.1	35.0	26.9	32.3	34.5	48.7	26.6	33.1	53.2
Other	94.3	97.7	123.4	128.7	127.0	27.2	26.8	44.1	30.6	26.4	29.3	48.8	22.5	21.9	26.6	26.8

\* - See Background Notes under Definition of Tourism for change to definition of "Business".

**Table 8: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Region Visited, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

€ million

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Domestic - Expenditure</b>	<b>879.9</b>	<b>849.4</b>	<b>970.9</b>	<b>1,037.2</b>	<b>1,164.5</b>	<b>197.1</b>	<b>234.6</b>	<b>399.5</b>	<b>206.0</b>	<b>187.7</b>	<b>274.6</b>	<b>442.4</b>	<b>259.8</b>	<b>217.4</b>	<b>288.1</b>	<b>541.7</b>
Border	91.4	80.3	96.3	103.9	118.7	18.0	23.2	44.3	18.4	18.2	30.8	43.2	26.5	16.7	33.4	44.5
Dublin	108.5	105.0	113.8	143.7	168.1	36.0	32.5	39.1	36.1	27.6	43.9	39.2	57.4	57.1	40.3	56.4
Mid-East	26.4	34.1	46.1	39.6	57.6	6.6	8.6	13.1	11.3	10.0	12.9	17.5	17.2	5.5	15.1	19.6
Mid-West	87.3	82.6	96.6	91.3	99.7	15.3	26.2	33.6	16.2	15.1	24.3	42.0	18.3	20.5	26.3	45.5
Midland	23.9	25.5	27.0	32.0	34.1	8.8	6.7	7.6	8.9	4.3	7.9	10.7	11.2	8.6	11.3	18.3
South-East	135.7	132.5	138.1	150.9	180.6	22.1	32.1	62.6	34.1	30.3	42.0	76.5	31.8	26.8	40.7	78.3
South-West	218.8	215.3	248.7	265.7	275.6	44.3	59.0	119.1	43.3	38.8	60.3	120.3	56.2	46.5	63.3	158.3
West	187.9	174.1	204.3	210.1	230.1	46.0	46.3	80.1	37.7	43.4	52.5	93.0	41.2	35.7	57.7	120.8

**Table 9: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region Visited, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>2,174</b>
EU - 25*	-	-	-	4,614	5,101	882	1,239	1,481	1,013	1,000	1,390	1,629	1,082	1,143	1,556	1,834
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	3,400	3,802	4,117	4,455	4,927	847	1,208	1,442	958	964	1,347	1,582	1,034	1,098	1,499	1,754
Other Europe*	197	229	260	167	238	27	33	83	23	30	74	98	36	38	76	105
North America*	360	339	384	449	571	94	104	128	123	97	133	166	175	111	137	147
Central, South & Other Americas*	23	21	30	28	41	7	6	9	5	13	8	12	8	17	14	12
Asia & Middle East*	62	65	64	89	95	18	21	26	25	29	21	20	25	30	31	41
Africa*	71	86	76	69	77	24	11	14	20	17	23	22	15	36	22	23
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania*	49	56	42	50	68	18	11	10	11	26	13	14	15	22	16	12
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>12,688</b>	<b>18,193</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>14,592</b>	<b>19,828</b>	<b>8,581</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>14,731</b>	<b>20,378</b>
EU - 25*	-	-	-	33,924	36,168	5,030	9,713	13,724	5,456	5,366	10,434	14,857	5,511	5,907	10,720	15,380
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	26,844	29,191	31,758	32,938	34,996	4,846	9,505	13,433	5,154	5,193	10,162	14,439	5,202	5,705	10,407	14,728
Other Europe*	1,873	2,185	2,285	1,681	2,092	210	351	965	154	197	650	1,000	245	297	732	1,222
North America*	5,412	5,046	5,722	6,200	7,726	1,050	1,694	2,260	1,196	1,011	2,244	2,691	1,780	1,142	1,824	2,155
Central, South & Other Americas*	378	313	513	488	654	96	96	195	101	187	160	191	116	264	236	167
Asia & Middle East*	1,012	1,060	999	1,543	1,559	314	378	477	373	489	379	364	327	409	502	732
Africa*	859	1,153	1,080	991	1,108	310	130	279	272	341	284	307	176	461	255	300
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania*	1,576	1,713	1,344	1,475	2,196	557	325	292	300	910	441	418	427	659	462	421
																Nights
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>
EU - 25*	-	-	-	7.4	7.1	5.7	7.8	9.3	5.4	5.4	7.5	9.1	5.1	5.2	6.9	8.4
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	7.9	7.7	7.7	7.4	7.1	5.7	7.9	9.3	5.4	5.4	7.5	9.1	5.0	5.2	6.9	8.4
Other Europe*	9.5	9.5	8.8	10.1	8.8	7.8	10.6	11.6	6.7	6.6	8.8	10.2	6.8	7.8	9.6	11.6
North America*	15.0	14.9	14.9	13.8	13.5	11.2	16.3	17.7	9.7	10.4	16.9	16.2	10.2	10.3	13.3	14.7
Central, South & Other Americas*	16.4	14.9	17.1	17.4	16.0	13.7	16.0	21.7	20.2	14.4	20.0	15.9	14.5	15.5	16.9	13.9
Asia & Middle East*	16.3	16.3	15.6	17.3	16.4	17.4	18.0	18.3	14.9	16.9	18.0	18.2	13.1	13.6	16.2	17.9
Africa*	12.1	13.4	14.2	14.4	14.4	12.9	11.8	19.9	13.6	20.1	12.3	14.0	11.7	12.8	11.6	13.0
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania*	32.2	30.6	32.0	29.5	32.3	30.9	29.5	29.2	27.3	35.0	33.9	29.9	28.5	30.0	28.9	35.1

\*-See Background Notes for countries included in each group.

**Table 9a: European Union International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Country/Region Visited, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total EU (25) International - Trips</b>	-	-	-	<b>4,614</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>1,481</b>	<b>1,013</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>1,629</b>	<b>1,082</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>1,556</b>	<b>1,834</b>
<i>Of which: EU - 15</i>	3,400	3,802	4,117	4,455	4,927	847	1,208	1,442	958	964	1,347	1,582	1,034	1,098	1,499	1,754
Austria	31	35	50	47	84	25	7	7	9	41	10	12	21	63	13	17
Belgium/Luxembourg	60	86	88	88	80	31	20	17	20	24	19	14	23	23	24	14
Cyprus/Malta	-	-	-	33	48	6	8	7	11	5	10	18	15	4	7	28
Denmark/Finland/Sweden	52	36	49	45	70	11	9	16	9	12	12	31	15	7	18	20
Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania	-	-	-	8	8	1	1	3	4	1	2	1	4	2	4	5
France	416	509	492	565	634	89	167	210	99	110	174	249	101	131	198	262
Germany	81	99	100	119	170	23	34	28	34	30	34	57	49	36	47	57
Greece	69	84	90	69	71	1	32	29	6	1	31	35	4	1	21	46
Italy	161	201	193	241	303	44	72	78	48	47	89	109	58	80	113	128
Netherlands	79	85	82	96	102	23	22	18	33	26	27	23	26	38	40	23
Other EU*	-	-	-	118	119	28	22	28	40	31	31	28	29	39	45	47
Portugal	142	160	191	200	234	10	66	102	22	13	94	100	27	29	81	123
Spain	976	997	1,182	1,280	1,300	173	395	506	206	223	402	461	214	234	466	537
UK (Great Britain & Northern Ireland)	1,334	1,511	1,600	1,704	1,877	416	384	432	473	437	455	490	495	457	479	525
<i>Of which: Great Britain</i>	1,134	1,307	1,376	1,452	1,606	353	336	370	394	388	381	426	411	407	403	447
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	200	204	223	252	271	63	48	62	79	49	74	64	84	51	76	78
<b>Total EU (25) International - Nights</b>	-	-	-	<b>33,924</b>	<b>36,168</b>	<b>5,030</b>	<b>9,713</b>	<b>13,724</b>	<b>5,456</b>	<b>5,366</b>	<b>10,434</b>	<b>14,857</b>	<b>5,511</b>	<b>5,907</b>	<b>10,720</b>	<b>15,380</b>
<i>Of which: EU - 15</i>	26,844	29,191	31,758	32,938	34,996	4,846	9,505	13,433	5,154	5,193	10,162	14,439	5,202	5,705	10,407	14,728
Austria	253	306	392	340	581	152	55	59	74	286	77	99	119	416	98	169
Belgium/Luxembourg	258	402	428	373	286	88	114	73	99	70	59	83	74	87	94	54
Cyprus/Malta	-	-	-	335	458	38	88	88	121	37	93	206	122	40	77	254
Denmark/Finland/Sweden	386	237	324	239	481	43	80	85	31	80	66	281	54	33	94	155
Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania	-	-	-	92	93	45	13	18	15	4	10	19	60	5	15	35
France	4,234	4,844	4,414	5,074	5,620	466	1,664	2,471	473	564	1,569	3,022	465	719	1,614	2,704
Germany	554	685	712	861	1,078	112	260	259	230	134	203	503	238	165	292	370
Greece	827	1,060	1,115	727	826	12	335	318	63	13	372	416	25	4	261	530
Italy	1,418	1,889	1,734	1,978	2,568	254	615	820	290	245	794	1,167	362	427	873	1,094
Netherlands	396	397	448	497	531	125	121	110	141	83	206	145	97	171	153	165
Other EU*	-	-	-	559	625	100	107	186	166	133	171	194	127	158	221	364
Portugal	1,565	1,667	2,143	2,038	2,303	108	679	1,089	162	85	911	1,127	180	228	769	1,357
Spain	10,748	10,538	12,631	12,929	12,549	1,717	3,791	5,621	1,800	1,848	3,758	5,127	1,816	1,839	4,244	5,746
UK (Great Britain & Northern Ireland)	6,204	7,166	7,417	7,884	8,175	1,770	1,791	2,529	1,793	1,784	2,147	2,470	1,774	1,615	1,917	2,383
<i>Of which: Great Britain</i>	5,551	6,562	6,618	7,168	7,401	1,596	1,679	2,327	1,566	1,666	1,910	2,261	1,564	1,477	1,724	2,035
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	653	603	799	716	775	175	113	202	226	118	237	210	210	139	193	349

\* - Other EU includes the following: Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.

**Table 9b: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region Visited & Length of Stay, Quarter 3, 2003 - 2006**

	1-3 Nights		4+ Nights		1-3 Nights		4+ Nights		1-3 Nights		4+ Nights	
	Q3 2003	Q3 2003	Q3 2004	Q3 2004	Q3 2005	Q3 2005	Q3 2005	Q3 2005	Q3 2006	Q3 2006	Q3 2006	Q3 2006
	'000											
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>1,344</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>1,464</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>1,623</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>1,742</b>				
EU - 25*	-	-	276	1,205	326	1,304	419	1,414				
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	235	1,089	267	1,175	320	1,263	405	1,349				
Other Europe*	12	95	6	77	4	94	6	99				
North America*	3	118	4	125	9	157	4	143				
Other	0	43	1	58	1	67	2	86				
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>16,215</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>17,563</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>19,079</b>	<b>968</b>	<b>19,410</b>				
EU - 25*	-	-	601	13,124	718	14,139	940	14,440				
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	521	12,189	578	12,855	703	13,737	901	13,826				
Other Europe*	32	1,069	15	951	8	991	14	1,207				
North America*	7	2,174	11	2,249	21	2,670	11	2,145				
Other	1	783	3	1,240	1	1,279	3	1,617				
	Nights											
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>11.1</b>				
EU - 25*	-	-	2.2	10.9	2.2	10.8	2.2	10.2				
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	2.2	11.2	2.2	10.9	2.2	10.9	2.2	10.2				
Other Europe*	2.7	11.3	2.5	12.4	2.0	10.5	2.3	12.2				
North America*	2.3	18.4	2.8	18.0	2.3	17.0	2.8	15.0				
Other	-	18.2	3.0	21.4	1.0	19.1	1.5	18.8				

\* - See Background Notes for countries included in each group.

**Table 10: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Reason for Journey, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>2,174</b>
Holiday	2,569	2,833	3,162	3,472	3,931	582	953	1,275	662	716	1,074	1,419	722	842	1,243	1,594
Business*	638	609	621	684	791	197	153	163	171	180	218	169	224	212	234	159
Visiting Friends/Relatives	704	856	876	985	1,118	214	242	224	304	227	252	270	369	287	314	339
Other	251	299	315	325	351	75	77	89	83	90	117	103	41	56	59	83
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>12,688</b>	<b>18,193</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>14,592</b>	<b>19,828</b>	<b>8,581</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>14,731</b>	<b>20,378</b>
Holiday	26,786	28,353	31,115	33,692	36,714	4,696	9,497	14,579	4,921	5,616	10,388	15,742	4,968	5,772	10,907	15,928
Business*	3,462	3,163	3,421	3,430	3,870	896	803	1,037	694	746	1,250	933	941	950	1,275	1,133
Visiting Friends/Relatives	5,175	6,415	6,150	6,906	7,706	1,466	1,835	1,813	1,791	1,551	1,561	2,156	2,438	1,993	2,064	2,621
Other	2,530	2,730	3,015	2,274	3,211	509	552	764	448	588	1,393	996	234	424	485	695
																Nights
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>
Holiday	10.4	10.0	9.8	9.7	9.3	8.1	10.0	11.4	7.4	7.8	9.7	11.1	6.9	6.9	8.8	10.0
Business*	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.0	4.9	4.5	5.2	6.4	4.1	4.1	5.7	5.5	4.2	4.5	5.4	7.1
Visiting Friends/Relatives	7.4	7.5	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	7.6	8.1	5.9	6.8	6.2	8.0	6.6	6.9	6.6	7.7
Other	10.1	9.1	9.6	7.0	9.1	6.8	7.2	8.6	5.4	6.5	11.9	9.7	5.7	7.6	8.2	8.4

\* - See Background Notes under Definition of Tourism for change to definition of "Business".

**Table 10a: International travel by Irish Residents - Region Visited by Reason for Journey, Quarter 3 2006**

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	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business <sup>#</sup>	Holiday	Visiting Friends/Relatives	Other	
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>2,174</b>
EU - 25*	122	1,371	276	64	1,834
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	114	1,314	266	60	1,754
Other Europe*	7	85	6	8	105
North America*	19	74	46	8	147
Other	11	63	10	4	88
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>1,133</b>	<b>15,928</b>	<b>2,621</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>20,378</b>
EU - 25*	599	12,667	1,628	486	15,380
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	567	12,176	1,529	456	14,728
Other Europe*	49	1,013	97	62	1,222
North America*	353	1,089	633	80	2,155
Other	132	1,159	263	67	1,620

\* - See Background Notes for countries included in each group.

# - See Background Notes under Definition of Tourism for change to definition of "Business".

**Table 11: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Age, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>2,174</b>
0-14 years	645	661	732	846	853	117	256	323	150	143	238	340	132	138	283	348
15-19 years	236	259	271	267	325	45	60	124	39	50	86	150	39	57	101	164
20-29 years	569	663	682	656	739	143	152	217	144	145	215	243	136	178	163	266
30-39 years	827	956	934	1,043	1,034	213	272	300	257	244	287	272	231	201	234	227
40-49 years	914	942	1,039	1,169	1,332	248	300	353	268	303	309	386	334	334	416	471
50-59 years	561	606	719	795	1,035	171	189	247	188	162	309	318	246	254	336	377
60-69 years	273	348	418	466	571	96	128	115	127	109	152	149	161	176	220	225
70+ years	137	162	180	223	304	36	67	72	48	56	66	104	78	59	97	97
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>12,688</b>	<b>18,193</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>14,592</b>	<b>19,828</b>	<b>8,581</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>14,731</b>	<b>20,378</b>
0-14 years	6,704	6,513	7,298	8,206	8,112	755	2,677	3,884	890	944	2,432	3,898	838	835	2,567	3,890
15-19 years	2,780	2,818	2,816	2,710	3,364	303	656	1,519	232	306	939	1,841	278	392	1,074	1,751
20-29 years	6,315	6,896	7,276	6,554	7,723	1,339	1,568	2,562	1,085	1,243	2,669	2,858	953	1,295	1,374	2,895
30-39 years	6,058	7,022	6,694	7,190	7,037	1,154	1,984	2,570	1,483	1,309	1,950	2,433	1,345	1,068	1,480	1,748
40-49 years	7,045	7,230	7,934	8,667	9,116	1,328	2,341	3,593	1,405	1,707	2,342	3,416	1,651	1,627	2,849	4,169
50-59 years	4,662	4,925	5,890	6,085	7,791	1,102	1,577	2,216	1,191	1,188	2,228	2,901	1,474	1,599	2,469	3,191
60-69 years	2,825	3,443	3,889	4,624	5,295	1,083	1,256	1,168	1,117	1,122	1,432	1,484	1,257	1,654	1,999	1,820
70+ years	1,564	1,812	1,906	2,265	3,065	502	629	683	451	682	601	998	784	669	918	914

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**Table 12: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Sex, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>2,174</b>
Male	2,084	2,283	2,459	2,675	3,079	553	683	838	600	630	803	958	688	730	918	1,024
Female	2,077	2,314	2,515	2,791	3,111	517	741	913	620	582	858	1,004	667	667	932	1,150
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>12,688</b>	<b>18,193</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>14,592</b>	<b>19,828</b>	<b>8,581</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>14,731</b>	<b>20,378</b>
Male	17,975	19,552	21,009	21,678	24,475	3,539	5,892	8,550	3,698	4,152	6,950	9,267	4,106	4,638	7,216	9,430
Female	19,979	21,107	22,693	24,624	27,029	4,028	6,796	9,643	4,156	4,350	7,643	10,561	4,475	4,502	7,515	10,948



**Table 12a: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Mode of Transport Used, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>2,174</b>
Air	4,174	4,651	5,331	936	1,206	1,451	1,057	1,068	1,433	1,637	1,193	1,269	1,572	1,814
Bus/Rail	85	79	100	14	24	28	13	22	25	36	17	17	39	40
Private Vehicle	298	315	352	63	71	90	91	52	101	101	98	59	92	117
Sea/Cruise	383	380	358	47	115	165	52	60	85	170	43	46	120	157
Other	35	40	48	8	8	17	7	9	18	16	5	6	26	45
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>12,688</b>	<b>18,193</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>14,592</b>	<b>19,828</b>	<b>8,581</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>14,731</b>	<b>20,378</b>
Air	37,259	39,947	45,177	6,823	10,985	15,075	7,065	7,647	12,787	16,830	7,913	8,443	12,731	17,253
Bus/Rail	756	586	966	121	132	268	65	158	238	465	105	136	283	414
Private Vehicle	1,830	1,681	1,934	244	487	625	325	278	619	725	312	211	452	791
Sea/Cruise	3,467	3,659	2,905	318	1,010	2,031	299	352	762	1,601	190	307	1,088	1,438
Other	390	429	520	61	75	194	100	67	186	206	61	43	177	482

**Table 12b: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Method of Booking, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2003	2004	2005*	2004				2005				2006		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>2,174</b>
Internet*	-	-	837	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	837	899	1,054	1,251
Direct <sup>1*</sup>	-	-	90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	69	128	132
Travel Agent	1,676	1,688	1,654	233	520	671	263	275	491	633	255	292	458	621
Club	114	132	131	22	38	40	32	32	38	40	21	23	45	41
Employer	379	400	382	113	91	83	113	108	103	87	84	66	84	49
No Pre-booking*	2,805	3,246	3,094	701	776	957	813	796	1,029	1,201	68	47	81	81
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>12,688</b>	<b>18,193</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>14,592</b>	<b>19,828</b>	<b>8,581</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>14,731</b>	<b>20,378</b>
Internet*	-	-	4,979	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,979	5,365	8,027	11,736
Direct <sup>1*</sup>	-	-	537	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	537	427	1,125	1,047
Travel Agent	17,514	17,211	16,936	1,973	5,272	7,681	2,286	2,399	5,208	6,971	2,358	2,674	4,383	6,456
Club	668	822	835	139	251	274	157	171	235	324	105	94	299	288
Employer	2,038	1,720	1,669	435	418	382	485	499	439	344	387	281	458	322
No Pre-booking*	23,482	26,548	26,548	5,020	6,747	9,856	4,926	5,433	8,711	12,189	215	298	439	529

\* - See Background Notes under Definition of Tourism for changes to Booking Methods classifications.

Internet & Direct booking classifications available from Q4 2005 onwards only

<sup>1</sup> Direct booking method not including internet eg. By Phone

**Table 13: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Region of Residence, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>2,174</b>
Border	316	355	377	442	548	80	130	135	98	98	128	190	132	107	162	204
Dublin	1,748	1,907	2,155	2,217	2,374	463	540	718	495	474	655	734	511	562	750	838
Mid-East	535	558	643	688	720	112	190	213	173	165	180	218	157	185	203	238
Mid-West	293	317	305	378	438	71	94	122	90	90	112	139	97	95	124	153
Midland	145	179	182	244	256	44	66	96	37	51	59	92	54	52	71	117
South-East	331	393	352	390	534	83	112	110	84	85	144	192	113	120	155	190
South-West	495	566	591	705	795	136	190	225	154	150	226	249	170	169	247	263
West	298	320	368	401	525	80	102	130	89	99	157	147	122	109	137	172
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>12,688</b>	<b>18,193</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>14,592</b>	<b>19,828</b>	<b>8,581</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>14,731</b>	<b>20,378</b>
Border	2,905	3,243	2,939	3,858	4,399	623	1,115	1,428	693	635	1,097	1,881	786	661	1,428	1,745
Dublin	15,564	16,603	18,827	17,928	19,358	2,972	4,522	7,551	2,883	3,287	5,752	7,399	2,920	3,662	5,831	8,053
Mid-East	4,722	4,607	5,580	5,321	5,510	728	1,566	2,146	881	1,060	1,467	2,005	978	1,140	1,619	2,293
Mid-West	2,632	2,885	2,926	3,553	3,588	500	1,018	1,342	693	594	939	1,451	604	541	957	1,362
Midland	1,474	1,523	1,669	2,209	2,422	351	543	987	328	492	552	978	400	300	549	1,017
South-East	2,903	3,527	3,008	3,441	4,757	672	1,096	1,062	611	673	1,317	1,924	843	834	1,185	1,839
South-West	4,894	5,423	5,335	6,441	6,815	1,135	1,851	2,360	1,095	1,018	2,114	2,540	1,143	1,167	2,093	2,346
West	2,860	2,850	3,417	3,550	4,653	586	977	1,317	670	741	1,354	1,651	907	835	1,069	1,722

**Table 14: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Type of Accommodation, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>1,425</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1,212</b>	<b>1,661</b>	<b>1,961</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>1,397</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>2,174</b>
Caravan/Camping	166	161	168	206	208	7	84	107	9	6	76	123	3	5	64	113
Guest House/B&B	208	254	289	278	261	87	67	82	43	63	70	89	39	62	44	66
Own Holiday Home	47	80	99	98	175	18	17	40	21	29	44	55	47	53	77	95
Hotel/Conference Centre	1,716	1,868	1,949	2,311	2,800	507	562	635	607	641	720	743	696	737	838	852
Self Catering/Rented House	926	934	1,098	1,090	1,099	133	344	461	151	143	357	461	138	152	380	506
Friends/Relatives	936	1,095	1,123	1,245	1,401	279	291	331	344	284	320	395	402	344	379	454
Other	162	206	248	237	245	39	58	95	45	46	74	95	30	44	66	87
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>7,567</b>	<b>12,688</b>	<b>18,193</b>	<b>7,854</b>	<b>8,502</b>	<b>14,592</b>	<b>19,828</b>	<b>8,581</b>	<b>9,140</b>	<b>14,731</b>	<b>20,378</b>
Caravan/Camping	2,547	2,231	2,285	2,776	2,609	90	1,097	1,486	103	44	942	1,605	18	71	912	1,352
Guest House/B&B	1,469	1,873	2,112	2,065	1,766	536	513	735	282	344	488	646	288	428	399	548
Own Holiday Home	639	969	1,410	1,392	2,369	304	220	610	258	354	524	962	529	708	896	1,474
Hotel/Conference Centre	11,367	12,570	12,260	14,351	16,965	2,649	3,729	4,975	2,999	3,334	4,494	5,684	3,453	3,601	4,828	5,956
Self Catering/Rented House	11,538	11,276	13,494	12,503	12,601	1,601	3,893	5,532	1,477	1,438	4,328	5,545	1,290	1,325	4,008	5,865
Friends/Relatives	7,858	8,996	9,055	10,206	11,617	1,941	2,462	3,547	2,256	2,373	2,544	3,960	2,740	2,452	2,936	4,188
Other	2,535	2,745	3,087	3,009	3,579	447	774	1,308	480	616	1,273	1,427	263	556	751	995
																Nights
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>
Caravan/Camping	15.3	13.9	13.6	13.5	12.5	12.9	13.1	13.9	11.4	7.3	12.4	13.0	6.0	14.2	14.3	12.0
Guest House/B&B	7.1	7.4	7.3	7.4	6.8	6.2	7.7	9.0	6.6	5.5	7.0	7.3	7.4	6.9	9.1	8.3
Own Holiday Home	13.6	12.1	14.2	14.2	13.5	16.9	12.9	15.3	12.3	12.2	11.9	17.5	11.3	13.4	11.6	15.5
Hotel/Conference Centre	6.6	6.7	6.3	6.2	6.1	5.2	6.6	7.8	4.9	5.2	6.2	7.7	5.0	4.9	5.8	7.0
Self Catering/Rented House	12.5	12.1	12.3	11.5	11.5	12.0	11.3	12.0	9.8	10.1	12.1	12.0	9.3	8.7	10.5	11.6
Friends/Relatives	8.4	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.3	7.0	8.5	10.7	6.6	8.4	8.0	10.0	6.8	7.1	7.7	9.2
Other	15.6	13.3	12.4	12.7	14.6	11.5	13.3	13.8	10.7	13.4	17.2	15.0	8.8	12.6	11.4	11.4

**Table 15: International travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

€ million

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>International - Expenditure</b>	<b>3,549.7</b>	<b>3,924.0</b>	<b>4,092.2</b>	<b>4,258.2</b>	<b>5,044.1</b>	<b>800.9</b>	<b>1,079.1</b>	<b>1,540.0</b>	<b>838.2</b>	<b>949.1</b>	<b>1,325.9</b>	<b>1,597.1</b>	<b>1,172.0</b>	<b>1,117.4</b>	<b>1,428.2</b>	<b>2,128.8</b>
Holiday	2,252.0	2,565.3	2,720.1	2,927.1	3,407.1	458.5	760.8	1,178.1	529.7	594.7	887.2	1,250.6	674.6	706.0	990.7	1,658.5
Business*	810.5	796.1	792.3	741.5	840.6	219.2	168.7	205.9	147.7	197.6	231.8	153.1	258.1	221.9	246.2	199.6
Visiting Friends/Relatives	290.4	351.2	366.7	387.4	531.7	80.7	102.3	95.0	109.4	101.7	95.0	123.9	211.1	139.0	138.9	200.9
Other	196.8	211.4	213.1	202.2	264.7	42.5	47.3	61.0	51.4	55.1	111.9	69.5	28.2	50.5	52.4	69.8

\* - See Background Notes under Definition of Tourism for change to definition of "Business".

**Table 16: International travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Region Visited, Q1 2004 - Q3 2006**

€ million

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2004				2005				2006		
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>International - Expenditure</b>	<b>3,549.7</b>	<b>3,924.0</b>	<b>4,092.2</b>	<b>4,258.2</b>	<b>5,044.1</b>	<b>800.9</b>	<b>1,079.1</b>	<b>1,540.0</b>	<b>838.2</b>	<b>949.1</b>	<b>1,325.9</b>	<b>1,597.1</b>	<b>1,172.0</b>	<b>1,117.4</b>	<b>1,428.2</b>	<b>2,128.8</b>
EU - 25*	-	-	-	2,890.0	3,277.5	486.7	788.8	1,096.5	518.0	575.2	904.5	1,136.2	661.6	662.0	963.4	1,497.0
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	2,262.4	2,584.2	2,724.4	2,763.7	3,139.7	465.2	761.3	1,063.8	473.4	551.0	870.4	1,093.6	624.7	630.8	924.2	1413.8
Other Europe*	218.9	250.7	284.3	178.5	206.3	28.5	32.4	90.4	27.2	30.0	63.5	84.2	28.6	46.6	72.2	124.3
North America*	620.0	582.8	634.3	660.5	918.4	128.6	162.3	214.2	155.4	150.5	221.3	229.6	317.0	191.9	230.6	303.9
Central, South & Other Americas*	52.3	59.2	67.2	62.0	89.2	14.1	13.4	22.8	11.7	22.6	15.9	26.9	23.8	41.3	21.7	21.5
Asia & Middle East*	156.1	149.5	136.1	201.3	219.8	48.2	39.7	55.0	58.4	58.5	50.2	51.1	60.0	55.0	62.2	85.3
Africa*	121.9	148.7	124.8	128.8	136.2	40.6	18.5	30.6	39.1	33.8	32.9	36.5	33.0	60.5	37.5	50.6
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania*	118.1	148.9	121.1	137.1	196.7	54.2	24.0	30.5	28.4	78.5	37.6	32.6	48.0	60.1	40.6	46.2

\* - See Background Notes for countries included in each group.

## Background Notes

<b>Reference Period</b>	Calendar quarters
<b>Scope</b>	Domestic and International travel patterns involving overnight stays of all residents of the Republic of Ireland
<b>Coverage</b>	All private households
<b>Purpose</b>	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.
<b>Data Collection</b>	Information is collected via postal survey on a quarterly basis by the Central Statistics Office.
<b>Sample Design</b>	The HTS is a random stratified sample. Each quarter, almost 13,000 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.

<b>NUTS Regions</b>	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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<b>Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region</b>		<b>Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region</b>	
<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Midland</b>	Laois Longford Offaly Westmeath	<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway Mayo Roscommon	<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick North Tipperary
		<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford Wexford
		<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork 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, where clearly distinguishable from business trips, should also be excluded.

\* From Quarter 4 2005, a number of changes were made to the Household Travel Survey questionnaire. One of these changes, to the Reason for Journey question, was to explicitly include "Work" in the "Business" category.

This change was made to address the Survey's inability to distinguish between business and work trips.

The effect of this change appears to have been a reduction in the trips in the "Other" category and an increase in the "Business" category.

Also changed was the Booking Method used for trips, Two options were removed that of 'Privately organised', and 'Package Tour or Holiday'. Introduced in their place were 'Internet Booking /Reservation' and 'Other form of Direct booking/Reservation' (e.g. by phone etc.). This has allowed us to subdivide the largest booking category formerly 'Privately Booked/No Pre-Booking' into 3 categories, 'Internet', 'Direct' and 'No Pre-booking'. Before Q4 2005 these categories are grouped together.

*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 Domestic travel:

Residents travelling within the country with the intention of changing their usual residence.  
Persons who travel to work temporarily in institutions within the country.  
Persons who travel regularly or frequently between neighbouring localities to work or study.  
Nomads and persons without fixed residence.  
Armed forces on manoeuvre.

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.

### Tourism Expenditure

Total consumption expenditure is any expenditure made by a visitor or on behalf of a visitor for 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.

## COUNTRY GROUPS

### EU 25

EU 25 includes the following Countries:

Austria	Latvia
Belgium	Lithuania
Cyprus	Luxembourg
Czech Republic	Malta
Denmark	Netherlands
Estonia	Poland
Finland	Portugal
France	Slovakia
Germany	Slovenia
Greece	Spain
Hungary	Sweden
Italy	United Kingdom

### EU 15

EU 15 includes the following Countries:

Austria	Italy
Belgium	Luxembourg
Denmark	Netherlands
Finland	Portugal
France	Spain
Germany	Sweden
Greece	United Kingdom



<b>Other Europe 2000-2003</b>	For the period 2000-2003 Other Europe includes the following Countries:
Albania	<i>Latvia</i>
Andorra	Liechtenstein
Armenia	<i>Lithuania</i>
Azerbaijan	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Belarus	<i>Malta</i>
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Moldova, Republic of
Bulgaria	Monaco
Croatia	Norway
<i>Cyprus</i>	<i>Poland</i>
<i>Czech Republic</i>	Romania
<i>Estonia</i>	Russian Federation
Faroe Islands	San Marino
Georgia	<i>Slovakia</i>
Gibraltar	<i>Slovenia</i>
Guernsey	Switzerland
<i>Hungary</i>	Turkey
Iceland	Ukraine
Isle of Man	Vatican City
Jersey	Yugoslavia (Federal Republic of)

<b>Other Europe 2004 onwards</b>	From Q1 2004 Other Europe includes the following Countries:
Albania	Jersey
Andorra	Liechtenstein
Armenia	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Azerbaijan	Moldova, Republic of
Belarus	Monaco
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Norway
Bulgaria	Romania
Croatia	Russian Federation
Faroe Islands	San Marino
Georgia	Switzerland
Gibraltar	Turkey
Guernsey	Ukraine
Iceland	Vatican City
Isle of Man	Yugoslavia (Federal Republic of)

<b>North America</b>	North America includes the following Countries:
	Canada
	United States

<b>Central, South and Other Americas</b>	Central, South and Other Americas includes the following Countries:
Anguilla	Guyana
Antigua and Barbuda	Haiti
Argentina	Honduras
Aruba	Jamaica
Bahamas	Martinique
Barbados	Mexico
Belize	Montserrat
Bermuda	Netherlands Antilles
Bolivia	Nicaragua
Brazil	Panama
Cayman Islands	Paraguay
Chile	Peru
Colombia	Puerto Rico
Costa Rica	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Cuba	Saint Lucia

Dominica	Saint Pierre and Miquelon
Dominican Republic	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Ecuador	Suriname
El Salvador	Trinidad and Tobago
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	Turks and Caicos Islands
French Guiana	Uruguay
Greenland	Venezuela
Grenada	Virgin Islands, British
Guadeloupe	Virgin Islands, US
Guatemala	

**Asia and  
Middle East**

Asia and Middle East includes the following Countries:

Afghanistan	Macao
Bahrain	Malaysia
Bangladesh	Maldives
Bhutan	Mongolia
British Indian Ocean Territory	Myanmar
Brunei Darussalam	Nepal
Cambodia	Oman
China	Pakistan
East Timor	Palestinian Territory, Occupied
Hong Kong	Philippines
India	Qatar
Indonesia	Saudi Arabia
Iran, Islamic Republic of	Singapore
Iraq	Sri Lanka
Israel	Syrian Arab Republic
Japan	Taiwan, Province of China
Jordan	Tajikistan
Kazakhstan	Thailand
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	Turkmenistan
Korea, Republic of	United Arab Emirates
Kuwait	Uzbekistan
Kyrgyzstan	Viet Nam
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Yemen
Lebanon	

**Africa**

Africa includes the following Countries:

Algeria	Malawi
Angola	Mali
Benin	Mauritania
Botswana	Mauritius
Burkina Faso	Mayotte
Burundi	Morocco
Cameroon	Mozambique
Cape Verde	Namibia
Central African Republic	Niger
Chad	Nigeria
Comoros	Reunion
Congo	Rwanda
Congo, The Democratic Republic of the	Saint Helena
Cote d'Ivoire	Sao Tome and Principe
Djibouti	Senegal
Egypt	Seychelles
Equatorial Guinea	Sierra Leone
Eritrea	Somalia
Ethiopia	South Africa
Gabon	Sudan
Gambia	Swaziland
Ghana	Tanzania, United Republic of
Guinea	Togo

Guinea-Bissau	Tunisia
Kenya	Uganda
Lesotho	Western Sahara
Liberia	Zambia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Zimbabwe
Madagascar	

**Australia, New Zealand  
and Oceania**

Australia, New Zealand and Oceania includes the following Countries:

American Samoa	New Zealand
Antarctica	Niue
Australia	Norfolk Island
Bouvet Island	Northern Mariana Islands
Christmas Island	Palau
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Papua New Guinea
Cook Islands	Pitcairn
Fiji	Samoa
French Polynesia	Solomon Islands
French Southern Territories	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
Guam	Svalbard and Jan Mayen
Heard Island and McDonald Islands	Tokelau
Kiribati	Tonga
Marshall Islands	Tuvalu
Micronesia, Federated States of	United States Minor Outlying Islands
Nauru	Vanuatu
New Caledonia	Wallis and Futuna