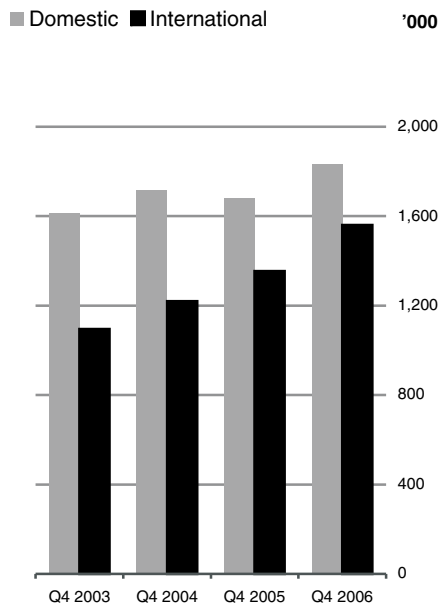




## Household Travel Survey Q4 2006

### Number of Trips Q4, 2003-2006



	Domestic Trips '000	International Trips '000
Q4 2002	1,575	997
Q4 2003	1,614	1,095
Q4 2004	1,715	1,220
Q4 2005	1,678	1,355
Q4 2006	1,831	1,560

### International Expenditure up 25% on Q4 2005

Expenditure on international trips grew from €1,172m in Q4 2005 to €1,460.1m in Q4 2006, an increase of 25%. Expenditure on Holiday trips accounted for 69% of total international expenditure for Q4 2006 and increased by 50% on the same period in 2005. Business travel had a 30% decrease in expenditure in Q4 2006 when compared to Q4 2005 but recorded a 1% increase in 2006 on 2005. *See Table 15.*

International trips to Own Holidays Homes increased by 61% in 2006 with 51% more nights spent when compared with 2005. Hotel/Conference Centre had the largest share of the international market in 2006 with 46% of the total trips taken. *See Table 14.*

The number of international Holiday trips taken in the fourth quarter of 2006 increased by 29% on the same period in 2005. *See Table 10.*

Total international trips increased by 15% while international nights grew by 17% in Q4 2006 on the same period of 2005. The Average Length of Stay of international trips grew from 6.3 nights in Q4 2005 to 6.4 nights in Q4 2006. Of all international trips, 17% were to Spain, an increase of 27% on Q4 2005. *See Tables 9 and 9a.*

International trips to Central, South & Other Americas experienced the highest percentage growth in 2006 (+44%) followed by Asia & Middle East (+42%) on 2005. North America experienced a drop in the number of nights spent in 2006 (-12%) while the number of trips remained virtually unchanged on 2005 resulting in a shorter Average Length of Stay of 11.8 nights in 2006. *See Tables 9 and 9a.*

In 2006, the 60-69 age group had the largest percentage annual increase in both international and domestic trips with 43% more international and 36% more domestic trips taken on 2005. In contrast the 30-39 age group took less trips both internationally (-16%) and domestically (-25%) than in 2005. *See Tables 3 and 11.*

Domestic expenditure increased by 35% in Q4 2006 to €351.1m from €259.8m in Q4 2005. Domestic Holidays accounted for 43% of total trips, 43% of total nights and 53% of total expenditure in Q4 2006. *See Tables 2 and 7.*

The Dublin region was the most popular region visited with the highest number of domestic trips (383,000) and expenditure (€76.9m) in Q4 2006, however the highest number of domestic bednights were spent in the South-West (992,000) in Q4 2006. *See Tables 1 and 8.*

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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 - Q4 2006**

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>7,310</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>	<b>1,831</b>
Border	675	699	709	793	766	129	169	247	164	150	184	268	191	136	214	227	187
Dublin	856	893	976	1,054	1,207	262	191	220	302	200	255	240	359	298	251	275	383
Mid-East	368	395	414	430	412	105	84	103	121	106	101	123	100	66	97	120	129
Mid-West	689	692	658	699	736	137	152	210	159	156	151	242	150	151	160	234	190
Midland	270	287	335	341	307	94	58	76	107	85	82	100	74	57	62	95	93
South-East	1,024	1,042	1,113	1,099	1,044	222	260	371	259	234	256	401	208	224	266	343	211
South-West	1,425	1,400	1,547	1,525	1,610	339	343	547	318	294	369	524	338	291	386	588	345
West	1,144	1,249	1,251	1,232	1,229	297	277	393	285	266	308	401	257	233	284	419	293
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>24,203</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>	<b>4,479</b>
Border	2,301	2,567	2,501	2,973	2,384	296	482	1,279	445	470	608	1,288	607	352	680	879	473
Dublin	2,260	2,544	2,639	2,817	2,983	716	503	625	794	480	670	676	991	766	676	712	830
Mid-East	976	1,049	1,125	1,364	1,089	198	209	416	302	316	239	557	252	110	370	347	262
Mid-West	2,514	2,644	2,340	2,294	2,500	348	468	1,105	420	394	485	1,061	354	423	446	1,147	484
Midland	704	742	817	774	860	215	147	233	223	175	188	266	145	109	178	377	196
South-East	3,815	3,764	4,128	3,988	3,811	554	807	2,090	677	637	869	1,960	522	571	800	1,952	486
South-West	5,720	5,814	6,300	5,945	6,282	980	1,173	3,158	989	861	1,121	3,049	914	792	1,242	3,257	992
West	3,932	4,491	4,339	4,452	4,294	867	902	1,747	823	837	1,016	1,828	771	586	965	1,988	756
	Nights																
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.3</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>	<b>2.4</b>
Border	3.4	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.1	2.3	2.9	5.2	2.7	3.1	3.3	4.8	3.2	2.6	3.2	3.9	2.5
Dublin	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.7	2.5	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.6	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.2
Mid-East	2.7	2.7	2.7	3.2	2.6	1.9	2.5	4.0	2.5	3.0	2.4	4.5	2.5	1.7	3.8	2.9	2.0
Mid-West	3.6	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.4	2.5	3.1	5.3	2.6	2.5	3.2	4.4	2.4	2.8	2.8	4.9	2.5
Midland	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.8	2.3	2.5	3.1	2.1	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.0	1.9	2.9	4.0	2.1
South-East	3.7	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.7	2.5	3.1	5.6	2.6	2.7	3.4	4.9	2.5	2.5	3.0	5.7	2.3
South-West	4.0	4.2	4.1	3.9	3.9	2.9	3.4	5.8	3.1	2.9	3.0	5.8	2.7	2.7	3.2	5.5	2.9
West	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5	2.9	3.3	4.4	2.9	3.1	3.3	4.6	3.0	2.5	3.4	4.7	2.6

**Table 1a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region Visited & Length of Stay, Quarter 4, 2003 - 2006**

	1-3 Nights		4+ Nights		1-3 Nights		4+ Nights		1-3 Nights		4+ Nights	
	Q4 2003	Q4 2003	Q4 2004	Q4 2004	Q4 2005	Q4 2005	Q4 2005	Q4 2005	Q4 2006	Q4 2006	Q4 2006	Q4 2006
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>296</b>				
Border	143	39	128	36	157	35	156	31				
Dublin	221	56	254	48	297	62	329	53				
Mid-East	92	11	109	12	88	12	113	16				
Mid-West	132	31	127	32	131	18	156	34				
Midland	67	10	97	10	66	8	85	8				
South-East	214	44	219	40	178	30	187	24				
South-West	196	73	239	79	264	74	270	75				
West	223	63	229	56	207	50	238	54				
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>2,426</b>	<b>2,436</b>	<b>2,554</b>	<b>2,119</b>	<b>2,524</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>1,749</b>				
Border	282	247	228	217	285	322	300	173				
Dublin	383	531	429	365	515	476	532	298				
Mid-East	154	70	180	122	155	97	185	77				
Mid-West	252	251	232	188	250	104	260	224				
Midland	114	67	154	70	107	38	128	68				
South-East	401	323	421	257	332	189	348	138				
South-West	404	485	465	524	497	418	519	473				
West	435	461	445	378	382	388	458	298				
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>				
Border	2.0	6.3	1.8	6.0	1.8	9.2	1.9	5.6				
Dublin	1.7	9.5	1.7	7.6	1.7	7.7	1.6	5.6				
Mid-East	1.7	6.4	1.7	10.2	1.8	8.1	1.6	4.8				
Mid-West	1.9	8.1	1.8	5.9	1.9	5.8	1.7	6.6				
Midland	1.7	6.7	1.6	7.0	1.6	4.8	1.5	8.5				
South-East	1.9	7.3	1.9	6.4	1.9	6.3	1.9	5.8				
South-West	2.1	6.6	1.9	6.6	1.9	5.6	1.9	6.3				
West	2.0	7.3	1.9	6.8	1.8	7.8	1.9	5.5				

**Table 2: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Reason for Journey, Q1 2004 - Q4 2006**

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>7,310</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>	<b>1,831</b>
Holiday	2,819	2,933	3,142	3,348	3,827	572	723	1,239	608	575	781	1,332	660	691	816	1,527	793
Business*	583	619	624	770	761	183	163	129	149	191	196	145	238	191	255	121	195
Visiting Friends/Relatives	2,286	2,291	2,420	2,298	2,254	658	475	559	729	560	497	551	690	493	530	513	718
Other	763	814	815	757	468	172	173	241	229	165	231	271	90	82	121	141	124
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>24,203</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>	<b>4,479</b>
Holiday	12,098	13,009	13,506	13,676	14,374	1,616	2,429	7,591	1,870	1,705	2,691	7,593	1,687	1,733	2,620	8,080	1,941
Business*	1,633	1,788	1,665	1,973	2,080	457	455	417	337	449	541	423	560	425	827	414	414
Visiting Friends/Relatives	6,120	6,509	6,478	6,535	6,168	1,556	1,188	1,793	1,940	1,589	1,296	1,739	1,911	1,216	1,446	1,638	1,868
Other	2,371	2,310	2,540	2,422	1,581	545	618	852	525	427	666	931	398	334	464	527	255
	Nights																
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.3</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>	<b>2.4</b>
Holiday	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.1	3.8	2.8	3.4	6.1	3.1	3.0	3.4	5.7	2.6	2.5	3.2	5.3	2.4
Business*	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.8	3.2	2.3	2.4	2.8	2.9	2.4	2.2	3.2	3.4	2.1
Visiting Friends/Relatives	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.4	2.5	3.2	2.7	2.8	2.6	3.2	2.8	2.5	2.7	3.2	2.6
Other	3.1	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.5	2.3	2.6	2.9	3.4	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.7	2.1

\* - 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 4 2006**

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	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business*	Holiday	Visiting Friends/Relatives	Other	
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1,831</b>
Border	7	90	80	11	187
Dublin	63	128	148	44	383
Mid-East	13	35	72	10	129
Mid-West	26	66	82	15	190
Midland	16	27	48	3	93
South-East	17	120	63	11	211
South-West	34	171	123	17	345
West	20	157	102	14	293
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>1,941</b>	<b>1,868</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>4,479</b>
Border	10	234	208	20	473
Dublin	137	247	336	110	830
Mid-East	36	60	151	15	262
Mid-West	52	151	261	19	484
Midland	30	54	109	3	196
South-East	31	301	136	19	486
South-West	63	481	408	40	992
West	55	414	258	29	756

\* - 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 - Q4 2006**

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>7,310</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>	<b>1,831</b>
0-14 years	1,337	1,333	1,553	1,471	1,408	336	303	571	344	302	324	544	301	250	338	514	307
15-19 years	300	316	294	284	308	56	62	112	64	58	63	116	47	40	58	127	83
20-29 years	790	749	682	672	594	155	162	185	179	146	200	197	129	144	126	177	148
30-39 years	1,391	1,364	1,399	1,386	1,035	331	298	443	328	320	342	376	348	223	252	313	247
40-49 years	1,270	1,320	1,418	1,468	1,580	327	333	399	360	317	314	458	379	347	361	453	419
50-59 years	689	769	771	895	1,095	200	170	207	194	160	214	277	244	204	265	301	326
60-69 years	402	498	520	586	796	112	118	138	152	115	152	201	118	168	187	253	189
70+ years	272	307	363	412	494	69	88	113	94	71	97	132	112	82	134	164	113
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>24,203</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>	<b>4,479</b>
0-14 years	5,585	5,626	6,275	5,978	5,385	851	1,004	3,496	925	850	1,170	3,085	873	677	1,099	2,834	775
15-19 years	1,373	1,401	1,470	1,319	1,463	178	251	797	243	174	245	715	185	100	266	897	200
20-29 years	2,368	2,442	2,056	2,119	1,966	481	440	666	468	418	590	660	451	375	435	789	367
30-39 years	3,962	3,958	3,988	3,867	2,745	750	847	1,623	767	755	907	1,401	804	513	643	1,043	547
40-49 years	4,151	4,297	4,563	4,522	4,654	769	931	2,007	856	805	816	2,000	901	774	1,018	1,939	923
50-59 years	2,194	2,597	2,398	2,854	3,404	486	447	916	549	449	614	1,210	581	495	792	1,335	781
60-69 years	1,462	1,926	1,927	2,074	2,604	381	409	618	519	428	474	845	327	449	622	1,026	507
70+ years	1,127	1,368	1,513	1,875	1,982	278	361	530	345	292	379	770	434	326	482	794	380

**Table 4: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Sex, Q1 2004 - Q4 2006**

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>7,310</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>	<b>1,831</b>
Male	3,143	3,197	3,299	3,472	3,477	767	730	1,008	793	713	834	1,103	822	671	826	1,100	880
Female	3,309	3,460	3,702	3,702	3,833	818	803	1,159	922	778	871	1,197	856	786	894	1,201	951
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>24,203</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>	<b>4,479</b>
Male	10,728	11,303	11,352	11,803	11,639	2,026	2,209	4,934	2,183	1,974	2,532	5,036	2,261	1,670	2,656	5,156	2,156
Female	11,494	12,312	12,838	12,803	12,564	2,149	2,481	5,719	2,490	2,196	2,663	5,649	2,295	2,038	2,701	5,503	2,323

**Table 4a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Mode of Transport Used, Q1 2004 - Q4 2006**

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	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>7,310</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>	<b>1,831</b>
Air	140	134	144	36	33	37	33	22	45	43	24	23	31	38	52
Bus/Rail	702	734	706	160	167	192	184	146	187	192	209	144	166	188	208
Private Vehicle	6,011	6,165	6,223	1,349	1,297	1,887	1,479	1,299	1,444	2,013	1,409	1,239	1,471	1,979	1,533
Other	148	142	236	40	36	52	20	24	30	52	36	51	53	96	37
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>24,203</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>	<b>4,479</b>
Air	631	689	523	161	125	261	84	93	195	317	84	63	125	182	153
Bus/Rail	2,564	2,665	2,450	587	615	822	540	444	675	784	762	429	684	802	535
Private Vehicle	20,327	20,611	20,313	3,233	3,803	9,314	3,976	3,519	4,147	9,318	3,627	3,059	4,323	9,248	3,684
Other	667	641	918	193	146	255	73	114	177	266	84	158	225	427	108

**Table 4b: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Method of Booking, Q1 2004 - Q4 2006**

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	2004	2005 *	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>7,310</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>	<b>1,831</b>
Internet*	-	200	1,239	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	206	233	393	407
Direct* <sup>1</sup>	-	481	2,232	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	481	472	453	828	479
Travel Agent	150	114	92	22	38	72	19	40	27	41	6	12	16	42	21
Club	192	209	172	36	63	54	40	43	71	60	35	41	51	47	33
Employer	357	309	235	107	87	56	107	85	80	61	83	62	68	36	69
No Pre-booking*	6,302	5,859	3,339	1,421	1,346	1,985	1,550	1,322	1,527	2,137	873	664	899	955	821
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>24,203</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>	<b>4,479</b>
Internet*	-	450	3,490	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	450	489	670	1,426	906
Direct* <sup>1</sup>	-	998	6,831	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	998	1,049	1,414	3,347	1,021
Travel Agent	640	504	401	65	181	331	63	106	139	221	38	30	85	228	59
Club	643	606	579	96	234	231	81	118	197	207	84	113	140	219	107
Employer	1,008	901	569	289	296	172	251	218	214	217	252	133	202	91	144
No Pre-booking*	21,899	21,150	12,332	3,724	3,979	9,919	4,277	3,729	4,645	10,041	2,735	1,895	2,846	5,347	2,243

\* - 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 5: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Region of Residence, Q1 2004 - Q4 2006**

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>7,310</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>	<b>1,831</b>
Border	480	546	639	642	683	125	133	217	164	112	159	219	152	136	148	225	174
Dublin	2,257	2,220	2,193	2,168	2,245	462	516	656	560	482	515	670	501	459	566	710	511
Mid-East	775	739	804	770	773	184	172	246	201	179	165	243	183	148	188	249	188
Mid-West	601	578	615	669	655	135	134	203	142	123	185	251	110	136	167	208	145
Midland	278	361	402	372	390	110	95	122	75	79	77	135	81	67	92	130	101
South-East	585	596	634	751	719	183	124	182	145	152	157	236	206	146	175	213	185
South-West	910	983	1,070	1,026	1,105	235	217	362	255	219	247	317	243	236	224	353	292
West	565	635	644	775	740	150	141	179	174	145	201	227	202	129	162	213	236
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>24,203</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>	<b>4,479</b>
Border	1,506	1,799	2,111	2,403	2,014	371	407	867	465	380	449	894	680	313	439	839	424
Dublin	8,375	8,465	8,628	7,901	8,340	1,222	1,675	4,160	1,572	1,386	1,653	3,428	1,434	1,191	2,011	3,765	1,374
Mid-East	2,776	2,570	2,687	2,548	2,498	397	513	1,232	544	427	603	1,092	426	343	543	1,193	419
Mid-West	2,042	2,214	2,012	2,231	2,234	342	369	917	384	310	445	1,177	299	334	457	1,095	349
Midland	924	1,120	1,180	1,252	1,300	297	234	461	189	277	249	554	172	139	258	693	210
South-East	1,757	2,005	2,025	2,367	2,394	459	362	792	412	440	520	892	515	443	514	992	446
South-West	3,128	3,403	3,508	3,480	3,499	653	676	1,507	672	565	681	1,675	559	644	684	1,448	724
West	1,712	2,039	2,039	2,425	1,923	434	453	717	435	385	595	974	471	302	452	634	534

**Table 5a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Region Visited by Region of Residence, 2006**

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Region of Residence	Region Visited							
	Border	Dublin	Mid-East	Mid-West	Midland	South-East	South-West	West
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>1,044</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>1,229</b>
Border	158	166	26	42	29	48	58	157
Dublin	267	69	166	223	112	517	475	417
Mid-East	82	80	48	80	44	144	148	148
Mid-West	42	149	26	120	18	60	170	71
Midland	48	67	21	33	18	51	63	91
South-East	33	193	37	75	26	82	196	77
South-West	34	275	32	96	32	101	426	109
West	102	209	57	67	30	40	74	160
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>2,983</b>	<b>1,089</b>	<b>2,500</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>3,811</b>	<b>6,282</b>	<b>4,294</b>
Border	426	404	57	113	59	173	336	446
Dublin	939	233	479	737	290	1,868	2,139	1,655
Mid-East	210	186	103	261	118	579	578	463
Mid-West	118	325	57	521	68	158	606	380
Midland	142	161	47	161	62	194	217	317
South-East	110	482	104	285	112	396	637	268
South-West	109	745	83	257	80	338	1,540	348
West	329	448	158	165	72	104	229	418
								Nights
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.5</b>
Border	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.7	2.0	3.6	5.8	2.8
Dublin	3.5	3.4	2.9	3.3	2.6	3.6	4.5	4.0
Mid-East	2.6	2.3	2.1	3.3	2.7	4.0	3.9	3.1
Mid-West	2.8	2.2	2.2	4.3	3.8	2.6	3.6	5.4
Midland	3.0	2.4	2.2	4.9	3.4	3.8	3.4	3.5
South-East	3.3	2.5	2.8	3.8	4.3	4.8	3.3	3.5
South-West	3.2	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.5	3.3	3.6	3.2
West	3.2	2.1	2.8	2.5	2.4	2.6	3.1	2.6

**Table 6: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Type of Accommodation, Q1 2004 - Q4 2006**

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec	
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>7,310</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>	<b>1,831</b>	
Caravan/Camping	293	282	277	298	279	21	85	160	10	34	105	145	14	10	83	173	14	
Guest House/B&B	729	720	699	661	531	138	170	257	134	123	174	263	101	83	127	213	107	
Own Holiday Home	289	259	294	365	419	50	92	88	65	64	105	121	75	101	113	138	68	
Hotel/Conference Centre	2,041	2,160	2,355	2,597	2,847	603	510	613	628	597	606	735	659	661	602	817	768	
Self Catering/Rented House	494	576	583	547	480	65	121	319	79	61	121	304	61	46	104	257	72	
Friends/Relatives	2,359	2,363	2,512	2,430	2,529	653	478	632	748	570	519	626	715	515	628	631	756	
Other	246	298	282	278	224	55	78	98	51	42	76	106	54	42	64	73	46	
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>24,203</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>	<b>4,479</b>	
Caravan/Camping	1,706	1,879	1,635	1,595	1,693	47	339	1,223	26	157	337	1,056	45	28	229	1,382	54	
Guest House/B&B	2,038	2,067	1,963	1,816	1,542	403	442	797	321	299	488	825	204	214	378	714	236	
Own Holiday Home	1,742	1,572	2,014	2,174	2,459	194	334	1,198	288	243	355	1,285	291	295	480	1,436	249	
Hotel/Conference Centre	5,357	5,762	5,836	6,358	6,436	1,396	1,285	1,783	1,372	1,395	1,559	2,113	1,291	1,386	1,378	2,158	1,514	
Self Catering/Rented House	3,168	3,754	3,701	3,582	3,298	244	579	2,513	366	309	669	2,255	349	246	697	2,013	342	
Friends/Relatives	6,912	7,175	7,736	7,562	7,653	1,701	1,340	2,594	2,102	1,647	1,418	2,455	2,042	1,321	1,836	2,524	1,972	
Other	1,298	1,407	1,303	1,520	1,122	189	370	546	198	120	369	697	334	217	360	432	113	
																		Nights
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.3</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>	<b>2.4</b>	
Caravan/Camping	5.8	6.7	5.9	5.4	6.1	2.2	4.0	7.6	2.6	4.6	3.2	7.3	3.2	2.8	2.8	8.0	3.9	
Guest House/B&B	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.9	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.4	2.8	3.1	2.0	2.6	3.0	3.4	2.2	
Own Holiday Home	6.0	6.1	6.9	6.0	5.9	3.9	3.6	13.6	4.4	3.8	3.4	10.6	3.9	2.9	4.2	10.4	3.7	
Hotel/Conference Centre	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.5	2.9	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.9	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.0	
Self Catering/Rented House	6.4	6.5	6.3	6.5	6.9	3.8	4.8	7.9	4.6	5.1	5.5	7.4	5.7	5.3	6.7	7.8	4.8	
Friends/Relatives	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.6	2.8	4.1	2.8	2.9	2.7	3.9	2.9	2.6	2.9	4.0	2.6	
Other	5.3	4.7	4.6	5.5	5.0	3.4	4.7	5.6	3.9	2.9	4.9	6.6	6.2	5.2	5.6	5.9	2.5	

**Table 7: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2004 - Q4 2006**

€ million

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Domestic - Expenditure</b>	<b>849.4</b>	<b>970.9</b>	<b>1,037.2</b>	<b>1,164.5</b>	<b>1,398.3</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>	<b>351.1</b>
Holiday	501.6	575.9	624.9	706.8	872.7	97.5	129.7	288.9	108.8	91.5	161.1	320.7	133.5	119.9	159.3	409.1	184.4
Business*	152.9	157.6	162.5	188.3	227.3	45.4	51.1	34.4	31.6	42.9	51.9	38.4	55.1	49.0	69.1	52.6	56.6
Visiting Friends/Relatives	97.2	114.0	121.1	142.4	204.9	27.0	27.0	32.1	35.0	26.9	32.3	34.5	48.7	26.6	33.1	53.2	92.0
Other	97.7	123.4	128.7	127.0	93.4	27.2	26.8	44.1	30.6	26.4	29.3	48.8	22.5	21.9	26.6	26.8	18.1

\* - 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 - Q4 2006**

€ million

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Domestic - Expenditure</b>	<b>849.4</b>	<b>970.9</b>	<b>1,037.2</b>	<b>1,164.5</b>	<b>1,398.3</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>	<b>351.1</b>
Border	80.3	96.3	103.9	118.7	118.3	18.0	23.2	44.3	18.4	18.2	30.8	43.2	26.5	16.7	33.4	44.5	23.7
Dublin	105.0	113.8	143.7	168.1	230.7	36.0	32.5	39.1	36.1	27.6	43.9	39.2	57.4	57.1	40.3	56.4	76.9
Mid-East	34.1	46.1	39.6	57.6	62.1	6.6	8.6	13.1	11.3	10.0	12.9	17.5	17.2	5.5	15.1	19.6	21.9
Mid-West	82.6	96.6	91.3	99.7	122.7	15.3	26.2	33.6	16.2	15.1	24.3	42.0	18.3	20.5	26.3	45.5	30.4
Midland	25.5	27.0	32.0	34.1	49.4	8.8	6.7	7.6	8.9	4.3	7.9	10.7	11.2	8.6	11.3	18.3	11.2
South-East	132.5	138.1	150.9	180.6	186.2	22.1	32.1	62.6	34.1	30.3	42.0	76.5	31.8	26.8	40.7	78.3	40.4
South-West	215.3	248.7	265.7	275.6	340.5	44.3	59.0	119.1	43.3	38.8	60.3	120.3	56.2	46.5	63.3	158.3	72.4
West	174.1	204.3	210.1	230.1	288.4	46.0	46.3	80.1	37.7	43.4	52.5	93.0	41.2	35.7	57.7	120.8	74.2

**Table 9: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region Visited, Q1 2004 - Q4 2006**

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec	
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>6,981</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>	<b>1,560</b>	
EU - 25*	-	-	4,614	5,101	<b>5,775</b>	882	1,239	1,481	1,013	1,000	1,390	1,629	1,082	1,143	1,556	1,834	1,242	
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	3,802	4,117	4,455	4,927	5,548	847	1,208	1,442	958	964	1,347	1,582	1,034	1,098	1,499	1,754	1,197	
Other Europe*	229	260	167	238	256	27	33	83	23	30	74	98	36	38	76	105	36	
North America*	339	384	449	571	577	94	104	128	123	97	133	166	175	111	137	147	182	
Central, South & Other Americas*	21	30	28	41	59	7	6	9	5	13	8	12	8	17	14	12	16	
Asia & Middle East*	65	64	89	95	135	18	21	26	25	29	21	20	25	30	31	41	34	
Africa*	86	76	69	77	105	24	11	14	20	17	23	22	15	36	22	23	24	
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania*	56	42	50	68	75	18	11	10	11	26	13	14	15	22	16	12	25	
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>54,266</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>	<b>10,017</b>	
EU - 25*	-	-	33,924	36,168	<b>38,161</b>	5,030	9,713	13,724	5,456	5,366	10,434	14,857	5,511	5,907	10,720	15,380	6,154	
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	29,191	31,758	32,938	34,996	36,752	4,846	9,505	13,433	5,154	5,193	10,162	14,439	5,202	5,705	10,407	14,728	5,912	
Other Europe*	2,185	2,285	1,681	2,092	2,563	210	351	965	154	197	650	1,000	245	297	732	1,222	312	
North America*	5,046	5,722	6,200	7,726	6,834	1,050	1,694	2,260	1,196	1,011	2,244	2,691	1,780	1,142	1,824	2,155	1,713	
Central, South & Other Americas*	313	513	488	654	867	96	96	195	101	187	160	191	116	264	236	167	199	
Asia & Middle East*	1,060	999	1,543	1,559	2,195	314	378	477	373	489	379	364	327	409	502	732	552	
Africa*	1,153	1,080	991	1,108	1,376	310	130	279	272	341	284	307	176	461	255	300	360	
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania*	1,713	1,344	1,475	2,196	2,270	557	325	292	300	910	441	418	427	659	462	421	728	
																		<b>Nights</b>
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.8</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>	<b>6.4</b>	
EU - 25*	-	-	7.4	7.1	6.6	5.7	7.8	9.3	5.4	5.4	7.5	9.1	5.1	5.2	6.9	8.4	5.0	
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	7.7	7.7	7.4	7.1	6.6	5.7	7.9	9.3	5.4	5.4	7.5	9.1	5.0	5.2	6.9	8.4	4.9	
Other Europe*	9.5	8.8	10.1	8.8	10.0	7.8	10.6	11.6	6.7	6.6	8.8	10.2	6.8	7.8	9.6	11.6	8.7	
North America*	14.9	14.9	13.8	13.5	11.8	11.2	16.3	17.7	9.7	10.4	16.9	16.2	10.2	10.3	13.3	14.7	9.4	
Central, South & Other Americas*	14.9	17.1	17.4	16.0	14.7	13.7	16.0	21.7	20.2	14.4	20.0	15.9	14.5	15.5	16.9	13.9	12.4	
Asia & Middle East*	16.3	15.6	17.3	16.4	16.3	17.4	18.0	18.3	14.9	16.9	18.0	18.2	13.1	13.6	16.2	17.9	16.2	
Africa*	13.4	14.2	14.4	14.4	13.1	12.9	11.8	19.9	13.6	20.1	12.3	14.0	11.7	12.8	11.6	13.0	15.0	
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania*	30.6	32.0	29.5	32.3	30.3	30.9	29.5	29.2	27.3	35.0	33.9	29.9	28.5	30.0	28.9	35.1	29.1	

\*-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 - Q4 2006**

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Total EU (25) International - Trips</b>	-	-	<b>4,614</b>	<b>5,101</b>	<b>5,775</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>	<b>1,242</b>
<i>Of which: EU - 15</i>	3,802	4,117	4,455	4,927	5,548	847	1,208	1,442	958	964	1,347	1,582	1,034	1,098	1,499	1,754	1,197
Austria	35	50	47	84	126	25	7	7	9	41	10	12	21	63	13	17	33
Belgium/Luxembourg	86	88	88	80	86	31	20	17	20	24	19	14	23	23	24	14	23
Cyprus/Malta	-	-	33	48	43	6	8	7	11	5	10	18	15	4	7	28	4
Denmark/Finland/Sweden	36	49	45	70	64	11	9	16	9	12	12	31	15	7	18	20	20
Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania	-	-	8	8	11	1	1	3	4	1	2	1	4	2	4	5	-
France	509	492	565	634	705	89	167	210	99	110	174	249	101	131	198	262	115
Germany	99	100	119	170	198	23	34	28	34	30	34	57	49	36	47	57	58
Greece	84	90	69	71	70	1	32	29	6	1	31	35	4	1	21	46	1
Italy	201	193	241	303	392	44	72	78	48	47	89	109	58	80	113	128	71
Netherlands	85	82	96	102	131	23	22	18	33	26	27	23	26	38	40	23	29
Other EU*	-	-	118	119	172	28	22	28	40	31	31	28	29	39	45	47	41
Portugal	160	191	200	234	282	10	66	102	22	13	94	100	27	29	81	123	49
Spain	997	1,182	1,280	1,300	1,509	173	395	506	206	223	402	461	214	234	466	537	271
UK (Great Britain & Northern Ireland)	1,511	1,600	1,704	1,877	1,987	416	384	432	473	437	455	490	495	457	479	525	525
<i>Of which: Great Britain</i>	1,307	1,376	1,452	1,606	1,710	353	336	370	394	388	381	426	411	407	403	447	453
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	204	223	252	271	277	63	48	62	79	49	74	64	84	51	76	78	72
<b>Total EU (25) International - Nights</b>	-	-	<b>33,924</b>	<b>36,168</b>	<b>38,161</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>	<b>6,154</b>
<i>Of which: EU - 15</i>	29,191	31,758	32,938	34,996	36,752	4,846	9,505	13,433	5,154	5,193	10,162	14,439	5,202	5,705	10,407	14,728	5,912
Austria	306	392	340	581	890	152	55	59	74	286	77	99	119	416	98	169	207
Belgium/Luxembourg	402	428	373	286	290	88	114	73	99	70	59	83	74	87	94	54	55
Cyprus/Malta	-	-	335	458	408	38	88	88	121	37	93	206	122	40	77	254	37
Denmark/Finland/Sweden	237	324	239	481	357	43	80	85	31	80	66	281	54	33	94	155	76
Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania	-	-	92	93	55	45	13	18	15	4	10	19	60	5	15	35	-
France	4,844	4,414	5,074	5,620	5,633	466	1,664	2,471	473	564	1,569	3,022	465	719	1,614	2,704	596
Germany	685	712	861	1,078	1,052	112	260	259	230	134	203	503	238	165	292	370	226
Greece	1,060	1,115	727	826	811	12	335	318	63	13	372	416	25	4	261	530	16
Italy	1,889	1,734	1,978	2,568	2,823	254	615	820	290	245	794	1,167	362	427	873	1,094	430
Netherlands	397	448	497	531	619	125	121	110	141	83	206	145	97	171	153	165	130
Other EU*	-	-	559	625	945	100	107	186	166	133	171	194	127	158	221	364	204
Portugal	1,667	2,143	2,038	2,303	2,674	108	679	1,089	162	85	911	1,127	180	228	769	1,357	320
Spain	10,538	12,631	12,929	12,549	13,749	1,717	3,791	5,621	1,800	1,848	3,758	5,127	1,816	1,839	4,244	5,746	1,919
UK (Great Britain & Northern Ireland)	7,166	7,417	7,884	8,175	7,854	1,770	1,791	2,529	1,793	1,784	2,147	2,470	1,774	1,615	1,917	2,383	1,938
<i>Of which: Great Britain</i>	6,562	6,618	7,168	7,401	7,020	1,596	1,679	2,327	1,566	1,666	1,910	2,261	1,564	1,477	1,724	2,035	1,785
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	603	799	716	775	834	175	113	202	226	118	237	210	210	139	193	349	153

\* - 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 4, 2003 - 2006**

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	1-3 Nights	4+ Nights	1-3 Nights	4+ Nights	1-3 Nights	4+ Nights	1-3 Nights	4+ Nights
	Q4 2003	Q4 2003	Q4 2004	Q4 2004	Q4 2005	Q4 2005	Q4 2006	Q4 2006
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>979</b>
EU - 25*	-	-	473	540	517	565	556	686
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	374	490	448	510	502	532	540	657
Other Europe*	19	33	5	18	12	24	10	26
North America*	5	104	3	120	12	163	13	169
Other	1	69	-	61	1	62	1	98
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>7,209</b>	<b>1067</b>	<b>6,787</b>	<b>1,176</b>	<b>7,406</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>8,758</b>
EU - 25*	-	-	1047	4,409	1,112	4,399	1,196	4,957
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	834	4,434	980	4,174	1,075	4,127	1,157	4,755
Other Europe*	47	253	13	142	28	217	24	288
North America*	12	1,120	7	1,189	33	1,747	37	1,676
Other	1	1,302	-	1,047	3	1,043	2	1,837
								Nights
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>8.9</b>
EU - 25*	-	-	2.2	8.2	2.2	7.8	2.2	7.2
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	2.2	9.0	2.2	8.2	2.1	7.8	2.1	7.2
Other Europe*	2.5	7.7	2.6	7.9	2.3	9.0	2.4	11.1
North America*	2.4	10.8	2.3	9.9	2.8	10.7	2.8	9.9
Other	1.0	18.9	-	17.2	3.0	16.8	2.0	18.7

\* - 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 - Q4 2006**

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec				
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>6,981</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>	<b>1,560</b>				
Holiday	2,833	3,162	3,472	3,931	4,612	582	953	1,275	662	716	1,074	1,419	722	842	1,243	1,594	934				
Business*	609	621	684	791	783	197	153	163	171	180	218	169	224	212	234	159	178				
Visiting Friends/Relatives	856	876	985	1,118	1,317	214	242	224	304	227	252	270	369	287	314	339	377				
Other	299	315	325	351	268	75	77	89	83	90	117	103	41	56	59	83	71				
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>54,266</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>	<b>10,017</b>				
Holiday	28,353	31,115	33,692	36,714	38,884	4,696	9,497	14,579	4,921	5,616	10,388	15,742	4,968	5,772	10,907	15,928	6,276				
Business*	3,163	3,421	3,430	3,870	4,282	896	803	1,037	694	746	1,250	933	941	950	1,275	1,133	924				
Visiting Friends/Relatives	6,415	6,150	6,906	7,706	9,063	1,466	1,835	1,813	1,791	1,551	1,561	2,156	2,438	1,993	2,064	2,621	2,385				
Other	2,730	3,015	2,274	3,211	2,037	509	552	764	448	588	1,393	996	234	424	485	695	432				
																		Nights			
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.8</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>	<b>6.4</b>				
Holiday	10.0	9.8	9.7	9.3	8.4	8.1	10.0	11.4	7.4	7.8	9.7	11.1	6.9	6.9	8.8	10.0	6.7				
Business*	5.2	5.5	5.0	4.9	5.5	4.5	5.2	6.4	4.1	4.1	5.7	5.5	4.2	4.5	5.4	7.1	5.2				
Visiting Friends/Relatives	7.5	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.6	8.1	5.9	6.8	6.2	8.0	6.6	6.9	6.6	7.7	6.3				
Other	9.1	9.6	7.0	9.1	7.6	6.8	7.2	8.6	5.4	6.5	11.9	9.7	5.7	7.6	8.2	8.4	6.1				

\* - 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 4 2006**

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	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business <sup>#</sup>	Holiday	Visiting Friends/Relatives	Other	
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1,560</b>
EU - 25*	142	730	310	60	1,242
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	132	699	308	58	1,197
Other Europe*	4	22	8	3	36
North America*	19	116	43	4	182
Other	14	66	15	4	99
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>6,276</b>	<b>2,385</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>10,017</b>
EU - 25*	524	3,893	1,456	280	6,154
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	484	3,742	1,416	269	5,912
Other Europe*	78	161	61	12	312
North America*	122	1,008	546	38	1,713
Other	200	1,214	322	102	1,839

\* - 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 - Q4 2006**

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>6,981</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>	<b>1,560</b>
0-14 years	661	732	846	853	928	117	256	323	150	143	238	340	132	138	283	348	159
15-19 years	259	271	267	325	385	45	60	124	39	50	86	150	39	57	101	164	65
20-29 years	663	682	656	739	792	143	152	217	144	145	215	243	136	178	163	266	185
30-39 years	956	934	1,043	1,034	866	213	272	300	257	244	287	272	231	201	234	227	203
40-49 years	942	1,039	1,169	1,332	1,553	248	300	353	268	303	309	386	334	334	416	471	332
50-59 years	606	719	795	1,035	1,299	171	189	247	188	162	309	318	246	254	336	377	332
60-69 years	348	418	466	571	815	96	128	115	127	109	152	149	161	176	220	225	194
70+ years	162	180	223	304	342	36	67	72	48	56	66	104	78	59	97	97	90
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>54,266</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>	<b>10,017</b>
0-14 years	6,513	7,298	8,206	8,112	8,227	755	2,677	3,884	890	944	2,432	3,898	838	835	2,567	3,890	934
15-19 years	2,818	2,816	2,710	3,364	3,651	303	656	1,519	232	306	939	1,841	278	392	1,074	1,751	434
20-29 years	6,896	7,276	6,554	7,723	7,099	1,339	1,568	2,562	1,085	1,243	2,669	2,858	953	1,295	1,374	2,895	1,535
30-39 years	7,022	6,694	7,190	7,037	5,383	1,154	1,984	2,570	1,483	1,309	1,950	2,433	1,345	1,068	1,480	1,748	1,087
40-49 years	7,230	7,934	8,667	9,116	10,340	1,328	2,341	3,593	1,405	1,707	2,342	3,416	1,651	1,627	2,849	4,169	1,695
50-59 years	4,925	5,890	6,085	7,791	9,333	1,102	1,577	2,216	1,191	1,188	2,228	2,901	1,474	1,599	2,469	3,191	2,074
60-69 years	3,443	3,889	4,624	5,295	6,829	1,083	1,256	1,168	1,117	1,122	1,432	1,484	1,257	1,654	1,999	1,820	1,356
70+ years	1,812	1,906	2,265	3,065	3,404	502	629	683	451	682	601	998	784	669	918	914	902

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**Table 12: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Sex, Q1 2004 - Q4 2006**

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>6,981</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>	<b>1,560</b>
Male	2,283	2,459	2,675	3,079	3,432	553	683	838	600	630	803	958	688	730	918	1,024	760
Female	2,314	2,515	2,791	3,111	3,548	517	741	913	620	582	858	1,004	667	667	932	1,150	800
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>54,266</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>	<b>10,017</b>
Male	19,552	21,009	21,678	24,475	26,159	3,539	5,892	8,550	3,698	4,152	6,950	9,267	4,106	4,638	7,216	9,430	4,875
Female	21,107	22,693	24,624	27,029	28,107	4,028	6,796	9,643	4,156	4,350	7,643	10,561	4,475	4,502	7,515	10,948	5,142

**Table 12a: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Mode of Transport Used, Q1 2004 - Q4 2006**

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	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>6,981</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>	<b>1,560</b>
Air	4,651	5,331	6,056	936	1,206	1,451	1,057	1,068	1,433	1,637	1,193	1,269	1,572	1,814	1,401
Bus/Rail	79	100	128	14	24	28	13	22	25	36	17	17	39	40	33
Private Vehicle	315	352	344	63	71	90	91	52	101	101	98	59	92	117	76
Sea/Cruise	380	358	366	47	115	165	52	60	85	170	43	46	120	157	41
Other	40	48	86	8	8	17	7	9	18	16	5	6	26	45	8
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>54,266</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>	<b>10,017</b>
Air	39,947	45,177	47,570	6,823	10,985	15,075	7,065	7,647	12,787	16,830	7,913	8,443	12,731	17,253	9,143
Bus/Rail	586	966	1,107	121	132	268	65	158	238	465	105	136	283	414	274
Private Vehicle	1,681	1,934	1,751	244	487	625	325	278	619	725	312	211	452	791	296
Sea/Cruise	3,659	2,905	3,055	318	1,010	2,031	299	352	762	1,601	190	307	1,088	1,438	222
Other	429	520	783	61	75	194	100	67	186	206	61	43	177	482	81

**Table 12b: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Method of Booking, Q1 2004 - Q4 2006**

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	2004	2005*	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>6,981</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>	<b>1,560</b>
Internet*	-	837	4,272	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	837	899	1,054	1,251	1,067
Direct <sup>1</sup>	-	90	405	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	69	128	132	77
Travel Agent	1,688	1,654	1,638	233	520	671	263	275	491	633	255	292	458	621	267
Club	132	131	129	22	38	40	32	32	38	40	21	23	45	41	21
Employer	400	382	265	113	91	83	113	108	103	87	84	66	84	49	66
No Pre-booking*	3,246	3,094	271	701	776	957	813	796	1,029	1,201	68	47	81	81	62
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>54,266</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>	<b>10,017</b>
Internet*	-	4,979	31,324	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,979	5,365	8,027	11,736	6,196
Direct <sup>1</sup>	-	537	3,136	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	537	427	1,125	1,047	536
Travel Agent	17,211	16,936	16,109	1,973	5,272	7,681	2,286	2,399	5,208	6,971	2,358	2,674	4,383	6,456	2,596
Club	822	835	813	139	251	274	157	171	235	324	105	94	299	288	131
Employer	1,720	1,669	1,406	435	418	382	485	499	439	344	387	281	458	322	345
No Pre-booking*	26,548	26,548	1,478	5,020	6,747	9,856	4,926	5,433	8,711	12,189	215	298	439	529	212

\* - 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 - Q4 2006**

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>6,981</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>	<b>1,560</b>
Border	355	377	442	548	609	80	130	135	98	98	128	190	132	107	162	204	136
Dublin	1,907	2,155	2,217	2,374	2,750	463	540	718	495	474	655	734	511	562	750	838	601
Mid-East	558	643	688	720	800	112	190	213	173	165	180	218	157	185	203	238	173
Mid-West	317	305	378	438	481	71	94	122	90	90	112	139	97	95	124	153	110
Midland	179	182	244	256	325	44	66	96	37	51	59	92	54	52	71	117	86
South-East	393	352	390	534	596	83	112	110	84	85	144	192	113	120	155	190	131
South-West	566	591	705	795	869	136	190	225	154	150	226	249	170	169	247	263	189
West	320	368	401	525	551	80	102	130	89	99	157	147	122	109	137	172	134
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>54,266</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>	<b>10,017</b>
Border	3,243	2,939	3,858	4,399	4,612	623	1,115	1,428	693	635	1,097	1,881	786	661	1,428	1,745	778
Dublin	16,603	18,827	17,928	19,358	21,529	2,972	4,522	7,551	2,883	3,287	5,752	7,399	2,920	3,662	5,831	8,053	3,983
Mid-East	4,607	5,580	5,321	5,510	6,215	728	1,566	2,146	881	1,060	1,467	2,005	978	1,140	1,619	2,293	1,164
Mid-West	2,885	2,926	3,553	3,588	3,594	500	1,018	1,342	693	594	939	1,451	604	541	957	1,362	734
Midland	1,523	1,669	2,209	2,422	2,377	351	543	987	328	492	552	978	400	300	549	1,017	511
South-East	3,527	3,008	3,441	4,757	4,756	672	1,096	1,062	611	673	1,317	1,924	843	834	1,185	1,839	898
South-West	5,423	5,335	6,441	6,815	6,812	1,135	1,851	2,360	1,095	1,018	2,114	2,540	1,143	1,167	2,093	2,346	1,205
West	2,850	3,417	3,550	4,653	4,371	586	977	1,317	670	741	1,354	1,651	907	835	1,069	1,722	744

**Table 13a: International travel by Irish Residents - Region Visited by Region of Residence, 2006**

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Region of Residence	Region Visited			
	EU - 25	Other Europe	North America	Other
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>5,775</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>374</b>
Border	516	21	51	20
Dublin	2,254	96	224	178
Mid-East	653	34	60	53
Mid-West	392	19	53	17
Midland	273	14	25	14
South-East	503	20	40	33
South-West	733	28	70	38
West	451	22	55	21
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>38,161</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>6,834</b>	<b>6,708</b>
Border	3,392	259	581	380
Dublin	14,683	935	2,628	3,283
Mid-East	4,360	280	671	902
Mid-West	2,581	165	574	273
Midland	1,597	158	399	222
South-East	3,442	282	501	530
South-West	5,045	293	788	687
West	3,059	191	692	430
				Nights
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>17.9</b>
Border	6.6	12.3	11.4	19.0
Dublin	6.5	9.7	11.7	18.4
Mid-East	6.7	8.2	11.2	17.0
Mid-West	6.6	8.7	10.8	16.1
Midland	5.8	11.3	16.0	15.9
South-East	6.8	14.1	12.5	16.1
South-West	6.9	10.5	11.3	18.1
West	6.8	8.7	12.6	20.5

**Table 14: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Type of Accommodation, Q1 2004 - Q4 2006**

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	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec	
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>6,981</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>	<b>1,560</b>	
Caravan/Camping	161	168	206	208	187	7	84	107	9	6	76	123	3	5	64	113	4	
Guest House/B&B	254	289	278	261	231	87	67	82	43	63	70	89	39	62	44	66	59	
Own Holiday Home	80	99	98	175	282	18	17	40	21	29	44	55	47	53	77	95	56	
Hotel/Conference Centre	1,868	1,949	2,311	2,800	3,179	507	562	635	607	641	720	743	696	737	838	852	753	
Self Catering/Rented House	934	1,098	1,090	1,099	1,212	133	344	461	151	143	357	461	138	152	380	506	173	
Friends/Relatives	1,095	1,123	1,245	1,401	1,636	279	291	331	344	284	320	395	402	344	379	454	459	
Other	206	248	237	245	253	39	58	95	45	46	74	95	30	44	66	87	55	
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>54,266</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>	<b>10,017</b>	
Caravan/Camping	2,231	2,285	2,776	2,609	2,349	90	1,097	1,486	103	44	942	1,605	18	71	912	1,352	14	
Guest House/B&B	1,873	2,112	2,065	1,766	1,653	536	513	735	282	344	488	646	288	428	399	548	278	
Own Holiday Home	969	1,410	1,392	2,369	3,578	304	220	610	258	354	524	962	529	708	896	1,474	500	
Hotel/Conference Centre	12,570	12,260	14,351	16,965	18,289	2,649	3,729	4,975	2,999	3,334	4,494	5,684	3,453	3,601	4,828	5,956	3,904	
Self Catering/Rented House	11,276	13,494	12,503	12,601	12,675	1,601	3,893	5,532	1,477	1,438	4,328	5,545	1,290	1,325	4,008	5,865	1,476	
Friends/Relatives	8,996	9,055	10,206	11,617	12,716	1,941	2,462	3,547	2,256	2,373	2,544	3,960	2,740	2,452	2,936	4,188	3,141	
Other	2,745	3,087	3,009	3,579	3,006	447	774	1,308	480	616	1,273	1,427	263	556	751	995	704	
																		Nights
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.8</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>	<b>6.4</b>	
Caravan/Camping	13.9	13.6	13.5	12.5	12.6	12.9	13.1	13.9	11.4	7.3	12.4	13.0	6.0	14.2	14.3	12.0	3.5	
Guest House/B&B	7.4	7.3	7.4	6.8	7.2	6.2	7.7	9.0	6.6	5.5	7.0	7.3	7.4	6.9	9.1	8.3	4.7	
Own Holiday Home	12.1	14.2	14.2	13.5	12.7	16.9	12.9	15.3	12.3	12.2	11.9	17.5	11.3	13.4	11.6	15.5	8.9	
Hotel/Conference Centre	6.7	6.3	6.2	6.1	5.8	5.2	6.6	7.8	4.9	5.2	6.2	7.7	5.0	4.9	5.8	7.0	5.2	
Self Catering/Rented House	12.1	12.3	11.5	11.5	10.5	12.0	11.3	12.0	9.8	10.1	12.1	12.0	9.3	8.7	10.5	11.6	8.5	
Friends/Relatives	8.2	8.1	8.2	8.3	7.8	7.0	8.5	10.7	6.6	8.4	8.0	10.0	6.8	7.1	7.7	9.2	6.8	
Other	13.3	12.4	12.7	14.6	11.9	11.5	13.3	13.8	10.7	13.4	17.2	15.0	8.8	12.6	11.4	11.4	12.8	

**Table 15: International travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2004 - Q4 2006**

€ million

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>International - Expenditure</b>	<b>3,924.0</b>	<b>4,092.2</b>	<b>4,258.2</b>	<b>5,044.1</b>	<b>6,134.5</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>	<b>1,460.1</b>
Holiday	2,565.3	2,720.1	2,927.1	3,407.1	4,363.9	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	1,008.7
Business*	796.1	792.3	741.5	840.6	849.0	219.2	168.7	205.9	147.7	197.6	231.8	153.1	258.1	221.9	246.2	199.6	181.3
Visiting Friends/Relatives	351.2	366.7	387.4	531.7	696.7	80.7	102.3	95.0	109.4	101.7	95.0	123.9	211.1	139.0	138.9	200.9	217.9
Other	211.4	213.1	202.2	264.7	224.9	42.5	47.3	61.0	51.4	55.1	111.9	69.5	28.2	50.5	52.4	69.8	52.2

\* - 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 - Q4 2006**

€ million

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	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	Oct-Dec
<b>International - Expenditure</b>	<b>3,924.0</b>	<b>4,092.2</b>	<b>4,258.2</b>	<b>5,044.1</b>	<b>6,134.5</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>	<b>1,460.1</b>
EU - 25*	-	-	2,890.0	3,277.5	3,886.8	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	764.4
<i>Of which: EU - 15*</i>	2,584.2	2,724.4	2,763.7	3,139.7	3,697.6	465.2	761.3	1,063.8	473.4	551.0	870.4	1,093.6	624.7	630.8	924.2	1,413.8	728.8
Other Europe*	250.7	284.3	178.5	206.3	285.2	28.5	32.4	90.4	27.2	30.0	63.5	84.2	28.6	46.6	72.2	124.3	42.1
North America*	582.8	634.3	660.5	918.4	1,060.6	128.6	162.3	214.2	155.4	150.5	221.3	229.6	317.0	191.9	230.6	303.9	334.2
Central, South & Other Americas*	59.2	67.2	62.0	89.2	129.1	14.1	13.4	22.8	11.7	22.6	15.9	26.9	23.8	41.3	21.7	21.5	44.6
Asia & Middle East*	149.5	136.1	201.3	219.8	301.6	48.2	39.7	55.0	58.4	58.5	50.2	51.1	60.0	55.0	62.2	85.3	99.1
Africa*	148.7	124.8	128.8	136.2	225.0	40.6	18.5	30.6	39.1	33.8	32.9	36.5	33.0	60.5	37.5	50.6	76.4
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania*	148.9	121.1	137.1	196.7	246.2	54.2	24.0	30.5	28.4	78.5	37.6	32.6	48.0	60.1	40.6	46.2	99.3

\* - 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.

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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