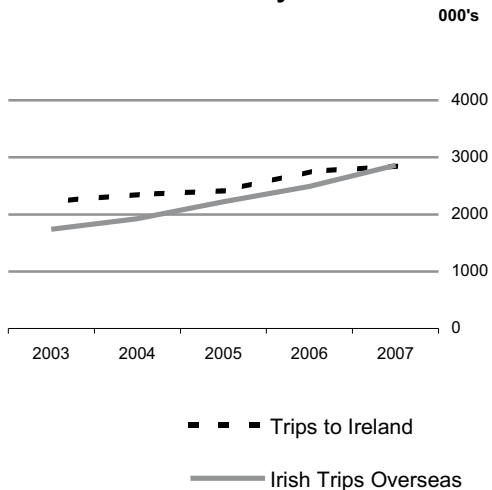




Overseas Travel May 2007

Overseas Travel Jan - May



	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	by Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
May '05	566,200	602,400	310,800	175,000	92,700	23,900
May '06	603,700	710,700	360,500	224,300	100,700	25,200
May '07	665,500	714,600	365,700	221,100	100,600	27,200
Jan-May '05	2,221,200	2,412,800	1,376,600	638,200	308,500	89,500
Jan-May '06	2,494,400	2,751,500	1,553,700	784,900	320,000	92,900
Jan-May '07	2,859,500	2,844,100	1,494,700	919,300	327,300	102,800

Irish Trips Overseas up 61,800

There were 665,500 Overseas Trips by Irish Residents in May 2007 compared with 603,700 in May 2006, an increase of 61,800. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

In May 2007 there were 714,600 Overseas Trips to Ireland, compared with 710,700 in May 2006, an increase of 3,900. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

The breakdown of visitors to Ireland by Area of Residence for May 2007 shows the following:

- ◆ Trips to Ireland by residents of Great Britain increased by 5,200. *See Table 2.*
- ◆ There was a decrease of 3,200 in the number of Trips to Ireland by residents of Other European countries. *See Table 2.*
- ◆ Trips to Ireland by residents of North America decreased by 100, while trips from Other Areas grew by 2,000. *See Table 2.*

For more information, contact Sheona Gilsenan at 021 453 5777 or Colm Noonan at 021 453 5463.

Published by the Central Statistics Office, Ireland.

Ardee Road
Dublin 6
Ireland

Skehard Road
Cork
Ireland

LoCall: 1890 313 414 (ROI)
0870 8760256 (UK/NI)

Tel: +353 1 498 4000
Fax: +353 1 498 4229

Tel: +353 21 453 5000
Fax: +353 21 453 5555

Both offices may be contacted through any of these telephone numbers.

CSO on the Web: www.cso.ie

and go to

Business Sectors: Tourism and Travel

Director General: Donal Garvey

Enquiries:

Tourism Statistics
Queries and Sales

Tourism and Travel Section, ext 5777
Information Section, ext 5021
information@cso.ie

© Central Statistics Office

The contents of this release may be quoted provided the source is given clearly and accurately. Reproduction for own or internal use is permitted.

Table 1 Overseas Trips by Area of Residence

	Period	Area of Residence					
		Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2003	May	443,100	584,200	332,700	142,300	90,400	18,700
	June	527,500	595,200	309,300	153,200	106,600	26,000
	July	547,300	722,800	372,000	203,600	118,700	28,500
	August	566,600	852,500	478,600	225,200	111,000	37,700
	September	483,100	611,700	343,200	145,700	94,200	28,600
	October	432,000	542,300	324,700	116,200	79,300	22,000
	November	321,000	417,500	261,200	79,100	61,200	16,000
	December	322,500	400,400	255,400	78,700	44,600	21,800
2004	January	332,900	347,200	213,900	71,500	44,000	17,800
	February	346,500	403,700	260,300	76,500	50,200	16,700
	March	361,900	461,000	271,200	92,700	78,800	18,400
	April	409,000	551,200	330,600	127,900	69,200	23,400
	May	473,600	584,700	297,200	159,200	96,300	32,000
	June	550,800	626,200	317,000	166,300	109,300	33,600
	July	618,800	754,200	362,200	234,000	121,100	36,900
	August	594,700	822,800	466,900	215,100	107,300	33,500
	September	538,400	596,000	322,000	135,300	104,300	34,300
	October	507,600	555,100	314,300	127,600	86,500	26,600
	November	335,400	436,300	263,500	93,400	58,100	21,400
	December	348,200	436,200	261,600	100,600	51,600	22,400
2005	January	374,100	378,100	232,000	87,600	41,700	16,800
	February	378,000	390,800	245,900	90,200	41,400	13,300
	March	456,100	521,700	288,800	143,700	70,800	18,400
	April	446,700	519,900	299,100	141,800	61,800	17,100
	May	566,200	602,400	310,800	175,000	92,700	23,900
	June	612,900	682,200	343,200	188,600	117,200	33,300
	July	717,600	781,200	367,000	246,600	131,900	35,800
	August	642,800	878,400	487,200	240,800	114,000	36,500
	September	602,600	648,800	344,700	171,600	101,600	31,000
	October	479,000	611,100	344,200	163,200	79,000	24,600
	November	436,300	465,400	267,300	124,100	55,000	19,000
	December	400,500	497,700	294,500	139,100	43,600	20,600
2006	January	442,300	408,400	232,000	115,800	40,100	20,500
	February	415,300	458,700	291,400	112,100	42,400	12,800
	March	488,900	522,700	296,100	145,200	67,200	14,200
	April	544,200	650,900	373,700	187,400	69,600	20,300
	May	603,700	710,700	360,500	224,300	100,700	25,200
	June	677,800	750,500	347,500	224,900	141,400	36,700
	July	778,100	839,200	392,800	266,800	140,100	39,400
	August	729,500	928,800	462,600	292,900	136,400	36,900
	September	638,500	738,400	384,700	195,600	121,000	37,100
	October	591,700	644,500	341,500	189,600	86,300	27,000
	November	488,500	497,500	267,400	152,100	57,400	20,600
	December	449,700	558,700	309,700	173,800	51,900	23,300
2007	January	493,900	440,900	228,000	146,200	44,400	22,200
	February	494,600	460,600	254,100	153,200	40,700	12,500
	March ¹	586,700	576,800	289,300	197,000	71,000	19,500
	April ¹	618,800	651,200	357,600	201,700	70,600	21,300
	May ¹	665,500	714,600	365,700	221,100	100,600	27,200

¹ Due to the unavailability of complete data from some ports/airports, minor estimations were required from March - May 2007.

Table 2 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for the Month of May

Year	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Change versus corresponding month of previous year (number)						
2004	30,500	500	-35,500	16,900	5,900	13,300
2005	92,600	17,700	13,600	15,800	-3,600	-8,100
2006	37,500	108,300	49,700	49,300	8,000	1,300
2007	61,800	3,900	5,200	-3,200	-100	2,000
Change versus corresponding month of previous year (%)						
2004	6.9	0.1	-10.7	11.9	6.5	71.1
2005	19.6	3.0	4.6	9.9	-3.7	-25.3
2006	6.6	18.0	16.0	28.2	8.6	5.4
2007	10.2	0.5	1.4	-1.4	-0.1	7.9

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

Year	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2003	1,740,100	2,226,700	1,374,500	495,100	288,400	68,700
2004	1,923,800	2,347,800	1,373,200	527,900	338,400	108,300
2005	2,221,200	2,412,800	1,376,600	638,200	308,500	89,500
2006	2,494,400	2,751,500	1,553,700	784,900	320,000	92,900
2007	2,859,500	2,844,100	1,494,700	919,300	327,300	102,800

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

Year	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Annual change in year to date total (number)						
2004	183,700	121,100	-1,300	32,800	50,000	39,600
2005	297,400	65,000	3,400	110,300	-29,900	-18,800
2006	273,200	338,700	177,100	146,700	11,500	3,400
2007	365,100	92,600	-59,000	134,400	7,300	9,900
Annual change in year to date total (%)						
2004	10.6	5.4	-0.1	6.6	17.3	57.6
2005	15.5	2.8	0.2	20.9	-8.8	-17.4
2006	12.3	14.0	12.9	23.0	3.7	3.8
2007	14.6	3.4	-3.8	17.1	2.3	10.7

Table 5 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence 2006 - 2007

Area of Residence ¹	2006	Jan-07	Feb-07	Mar-07 ³	Apr-07 ³	May-07 ³	Jun-07	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07	Nov-07	Dec-07
Total Overseas Trips	7,709,800	440,900	460,600	576,800	651,200	714,600							
Great Britain	4,059,800	228,000	254,100	289,300	357,600	365,700							
Austria	50,300	1,000	1,900	1,700	2,900	3,600							
Belgium	97,100	6,400	5,600	7,900	5,000	5,600							
Czech Republic	41,600	2,900	2,700	2,900	5,200	3,600							
Denmark	42,500	2,500	2,300	3,700	4,600	5,000							
Finland	28,400	2,500	3,100	2,900	4,800	2,500							
France	357,800	18,500	30,600	29,800	30,100	38,200							
Germany	422,300	22,500	18,600	31,500	36,400	44,700							
Hungary	26,900	2,400	1,700	1,800	2,000	2,500							
Italy	249,900	13,600	13,200	18,800	19,300	21,100							
Latvia	32,100	2,700	3,000	2,600	2,800	2,000							
Lithuania	29,900	3,300	2,800	4,600	3,100	3,400							
Netherlands	158,100	8,900	9,400	11,800	8,400	16,300							
Poland	235,600	21,100	21,500	27,000	26,000	24,100							
Portugal	29,600	1,800	1,500	3,100	1,500	3,000							
Spain	200,200	13,900	14,800	16,000	17,400	16,900							
Sweden	75,900	3,800	4,300	8,000	9,700	7,600							
Other EU 27 ²	74,800	10,200	7,900	9,600	7,800	6,500							
Norway	32,600	2,900	3,100	6,300	6,700	5,700							
Switzerland	50,900	2,300	2,800	2,900	4,100	6,000							
Other Europe ²	44,300	2,900	2,300	4,100	3,900	3,000							
USA	967,800	42,300	39,000	66,200	66,600	92,600							
Canada	86,800	2,100	1,700	4,800	3,900	7,900							
Central, South and Other Americas ²	24,300	3,200	1,700	1,900	2,000	1,700							
South Africa	35,000	1,800	1,300	1,700	1,900	2,100							
Other Africa ²	13,900	1,100	800	1,100	900	1,300							
Japan	19,700	1,000	500	800	1,000	2,300							
Eastern Asia ²	20,000	2,000	1,300	1,300	1,900	2,000							
Middle East ²	22,200	2,000	800	1,400	1,400	1,500							
Other Asia ²	39,000	3,000	2,000	2,500	2,900	3,000							
Australia	115,300	6,900	3,300	7,300	7,400	10,800							
New Zealand and Other Oceania ²	24,300	1,300	800	1,600	2,000	2,400							

¹ Country estimates are subject to high levels of sample variation, affecting the interpretation of these estimates and their trends. See Background Notes.

² See Background Notes for Countries included & changes from Jan 2007.

³ Due to the unavailability of complete data from some ports/airports, minor estimations were required from March - May 2007.

Table 6 Overseas Trips by Area of Residence - Seasonally Adjusted

	Period	Area of Residence					
		Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2003	May	413,400	538,300	317,000	122,900	76,500	17,700
	June	419,100	497,800	290,900	117,600	74,400	20,300
	July	404,400	522,600	309,600	120,900	75,600	20,000
	August	416,600	548,300	319,200	125,500	77,800	25,000
	September	398,900	531,200	303,700	134,300	76,300	21,800
	October	422,000	537,500	306,000	134,500	76,800	22,000
	November	438,800	546,300	316,800	123,400	86,100	21,100
	December	452,600	554,100	318,400	124,900	77,700	27,300
2004	January	451,600	547,200	308,900	130,600	86,000	26,200
	February	452,400	606,400	346,100	139,600	93,300	27,500
	March	417,100	545,900	314,400	113,800	82,600	25,900
	April	451,100	552,700	310,300	135,200	82,400	27,100
	May	441,600	537,800	282,400	136,900	81,300	30,300
	June	437,200	525,400	298,800	128,500	76,700	26,300
	July	457,300	547,800	302,200	139,400	77,500	25,900
	August	436,000	530,500	311,100	120,800	75,600	22,100
	September	448,400	518,200	285,700	124,900	84,400	26,500
	October	496,700	550,200	298,000	146,200	83,300	26,600
	November	459,700	569,100	318,200	146,400	81,300	27,900
	December	484,700	603,200	325,800	159,800	89,700	27,900
2005	January	503,500	593,400	334,100	159,300	80,900	24,700
	February	494,500	587,100	327,300	163,900	76,600	21,800
	March	522,000	616,100	333,500	175,400	74,600	26,000
	April	500,900	521,700	282,000	149,900	75,600	21,600
	May	521,300	556,500	303,000	150,400	77,900	23,500
	June	491,700	573,500	319,500	148,800	82,300	25,300
	July	525,600	569,300	308,400	147,400	85,000	25,300
	August	480,700	569,000	321,100	139,800	81,600	24,600
	September	507,800	574,800	318,400	151,900	81,200	23,900
	October	477,300	600,200	330,400	179,500	75,900	24,100
	November	596,100	598,300	320,100	188,700	74,700	24,100
	December	538,600	661,200	353,200	209,300	75,600	23,700
2006	January	576,500	624,200	325,300	204,100	75,500	28,600
	February	542,400	665,200	362,100	197,400	77,200	21,900
	March	554,900	625,100	335,500	185,900	73,000	21,100
	April	596,600	668,600	348,800	193,500	84,400	24,800
	May	557,900	662,000	358,400	190,900	84,400	24,300
	June	551,700	644,400	334,300	182,900	97,500	27,500
	July	564,100	615,200	335,300	164,300	88,800	27,600
	August	560,900	611,800	308,700	177,600	96,200	25,700
	September	548,800	662,800	358,100	184,000	94,300	28,100
	October	568,900	636,300	329,800	200,900	84,600	26,600
	November	636,000	640,900	323,900	223,300	80,900	25,900
	December	609,300	713,400	356,900	238,600	87,700	26,400
2007	January	627,500	668,000	328,600	239,400	85,100	31,000
	February	640,800	654,400	311,700	251,600	78,700	23,000
	March ¹	652,600	684,100	322,900	250,300	80,200	27,300
	April ¹	662,400	643,600	327,200	207,600	86,500	27,600
	May ¹	618,400	659,800	354,000	187,900	85,600	27,200

¹ Due to the unavailability of complete data from some ports/airports, minor estimations were required from March - May 2007.

Background Notes

Periodicity	Monthly.
Scope	Overseas Travel.
Coverage	All Overseas Travel into and out of Republic of Ireland.
Data Collection	The survey is conducted at Dublin, Cork, Shannon, Knock and Kerry airports and Rosslare, Ringaskiddy, Dún Laoghaire and Dublin ports. Information is collected via interview.
Sample Design	<p>A sample of flights and sailings is selected for surveying. This selection is done in such a way as to ensure proper representation of airport/port pairing, day and night and weekday and weekend flights/sailings.</p> <p>On these flights/sailings, a 1 in 5 systematic sample of passengers is selected and their country of residence is recorded.</p> <p>Sample results are grossed up to total passenger numbers travelling for each airport or port pairing, as provided by the airports and ferry companies.</p> <p>Where there was no coverage in a survey month for an airport/port pairing, results are imputed on the basis of 'nearest neighbour'.</p>
Sample Size	The sample size in the May 2007 Country of Residence Survey was just under 55,000 passengers.
Reliability of Results	<p>In 2004 the total number of persons sampled for the Country of Residence Survey (CRS) was almost 585,000. The total number of journeys was almost 23,985,000 giving an average sampling rate of 2.4%.</p> <p>Estimation of survey results from data relating to a sample of 20% of passengers for a sample of flights/sailings introduces a statistical variability which would not be present if <i>all</i> passengers from <i>every</i> flight/sailing had been interviewed. This means that the survey results cannot be taken as accurate to the full degree shown in this report.</p> <p>The variability is expressed by means of a standard error. This standard error gives the relative size of the 'sampling error' (variability) present in an estimate compared with the estimate itself. In general, estimates can be said to have a relative precision of twice their standard error.</p> <p>The effect of sampling error is relatively greater for small estimates and may, in particular, make it more difficult to compare figures for different time periods. The following table gives estimates of the standard error for the major Area of Residence categories. The more detailed country figures in Table 5 are subject to higher standard errors, as a percentage of the estimate.</p>

	Irish Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Total trips	5,417,800	3,680,600	1,600,200	976,700	317,100
Standard error	10,300	8,400	6,800	4,700	3,700
Standard error as % of estimate	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	1.2

In general, the more detailed the classification provided the greater the standard error of the estimates. In the derivation of the results, the assumption was made that non-respondents had similar characteristics and activity levels to those respondents in the same stratification cell. This assumption, which is a standard one in surveys such as this, may have resulted in some slight bias being introduced into the results. Moreover, although every effort was made to ensure that the information received during interview was correct in all respects it is inevitable that some minor non-sampling errors remained undetected.

Seasonal Adjustment

Visitor numbers to Ireland are subject to a high degree of seasonality. These seasonal fluctuations do not affect annual comparisons but they do affect monthly or quarterly comparisons. Typically trips are at their highest during the summer months, although there are also clear peaks around Christmas and Easter. To facilitate interpretation of underlying trends visitor numbers are adjusted to remove these seasonal trends.

The seasonal adjustment method used is the X-11 Arima (Auto-Regressive Integrated Moving Average) variant of the US Bureau of the Census X-11 seasonal adjustment model. Each individual series is adjusted separately to capture the different seasonal patterns exhibited by each visiting group. Seasonal factors are calculated and applied concurrently to each series. Once a year, in January, seasonal factors for the full series will be calculated and applied.

The X-11 Arima variant requires at least 5 years data. The present seasonally adjusted series are based on seasonal patterns from January 2000 to date. The duration is just sufficient for seasonal adjustment; the process will improve as the series is extended.

Definitions

Trips

Eurostat methodology defines a Visitor as 'any person travelling to a place other than that of his/her usual environment for less than twelve months and whose main purpose of trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited'. However, as the Country of Residence Survey does not establish the reason for an individual's trip or length of stay, those travelling for reason of remuneration or for more than one year to this country cannot be excluded. Therefore, for the purposes of this survey, 'Trips' includes those travelling for remuneration in Ireland. Commercial Drivers travelling on sea routes are excluded.

Country of Residence

Country of Residence is defined as the country in which a person has resided during the past year.

COUNTRY BREAKDOWNS

Other Europe Tables 1-4 and 6

From January 2007 Other Europe includes the following Countries:

EU 27 i.e.

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

Switzerland

Norway

Other Europe (see page 8 for breakdown of countries)

North America Tables 1-4 and 6	North America includes the following Countries: United States Canada
Other Areas Tables 1-4 and 6	From January 2007 Other Areas includes the following Countries: Other Africa (see page 9 for breakdown of countries) South Africa Australia Japan Central, South and Other Americas (see below for breakdown of countries) Other Asia, Middle East and Eastern Asia (see page 10 for breakdown of countries) New Zealand and Other Oceania (see page 10 for breakdown of countries)
Other EU 27 Table 5	From January 2007 Other EU 27 includes the following Countries: Bulgaria Cyprus Estonia Greece Luxembourg Malta Romania Slovakia Slovenia
Other Europe Table 5	From January 2007 Other Europe includes the following Countries: <i>Aland Islands</i> Albania Andorra Belarus Bosnia and Herzegovina Croatia Faroe Islands Gibraltar Guernsey Iceland Isle of Man Jersey Liechtenstein Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Moldova, Republic of Monaco <i>Montenegro</i> Russian Federation San Marino <i>Serbia</i> Turkey Ukraine Vatican City
Central, South and Other Americas Table 5	Central, South and Other Americas includes the following Countries: Anguilla Antigua and Barbuda Argentina Aruba Bahamas Barbados Belize Bermuda Bolivia Brazil Cayman Islands Chile Guyana Haiti Honduras Jamaica Martinique Mexico Montserrat Netherlands Antilles Nicaragua Panama Paraguay 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	

Other Africa From January 2007 Other Africa includes the following Countries:
Table 5

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	Sudan
Gabon	Swaziland
Gambia	Tanzania, United Republic of
Ghana	Togo
Guinea	Tunisia
Guinea-Bissau	Uganda
Kenya	Western Sahara
Lesotho	Zambia
Liberia	Zimbabwe
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	
Madagascar	

Middle East Table 5	From January 2007 Middle East includes the following Countries	
	Afghanistan	Oman
	Bahrain	Palestinian Territory, Occupied
	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Qatar
	Iraq	Saudi Arabia
	Israel	Syrian Arab Republic
	Jordan	United Arab Emirates
	Kuwait	Yemen
	Lebanon	
Eastern Asia Table 5	From January 2007 Eastern Asia includes the following Countries:	
	China	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
	Hong Kong	Mongolia
	Korea, Republic of	Taiwan, Province of China
Other Asia Table 5	From January 2007 Other Asia includes the following Countries:	
	Armenia	Malaysia
	Azerbaijan	Maldives
	Bangladesh	Myanmar
	Bhutan	Nepal
	British Indian Ocean Territory	Pakistan
	Brunei Darussalam	Philippines
	Cambodia	Singapore
	Georgia	Sri Lanka
	India	Tajikistan
	Indonesia	Thailand
	Kazakhstan	Timor Leste
	Kyrgyzstan	Turkmenistan
	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Uzbekistan
	Macao	Viet Nam
New Zealand and Other Oceania Table 5	New Zealand and Other Oceania includes the following Countries:	
	American Samoa	Niue
	Antarctica	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
	New Zealand	