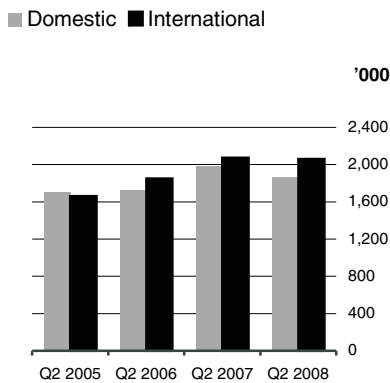




Household Travel Survey Q2 2008

Number of Trips Q2, 2005-2008



| | Domestic Trips '000 | Domestic Expenditure € million | International Trips '000 | International Expenditure € million |
|---------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Q2 2004 | 1,533 | 234.6 | 1,425 | 1,079.1 |
| Q2 2005 | 1,705 | 274.6 | 1,661 | 1,325.9 |
| Q2 2006 | 1,721 | 288.1 | 1,850 | 1,428.2 |
| Q2 2007 | 1,983 | 339.7 | 2,073 | 1,726.8 |
| Q2 2008 | 1,867 | 322.2 | 2,060 | 1,799.2 |

Domestic Travel and Spend down in Q2 2008

Domestic Travel

- ◆ The number of Domestic trips taken by Irish residents fell by 5.8% to 1,867,000 in Q2 2008 from the 1,983,000 recorded in Q2 2007. Total nights fell by almost 9% to 5,380,000 with those spent on Business trips falling the most by nearly 19% to 388,000 from Q2 2007. See Tables 1, 1a and 2.
- ◆ Total expenditure on Domestic Travel was down by just over 5% to €322.2m from the corresponding period in 2007. Holiday expenditure remained virtually unchanged at €214.4m. However, expenditure on Business trips fell by just under 22% to €35.7m, similarly expenditure on Visiting Friends and Relatives fell by 20.6% to €42m. See Table 7.
- ◆ The overall picture is somewhat different for the first half of 2008. Domestic trips by Irish residents grew by 4.4% from the same period in 2007. However, the rate of increase was about a third of what was achieved a year earlier. Domestic expenditure for the first half of 2008 was down 3.5% from 2007 and this contrasts sharply with the 24.4% increase between the first half of 2006 and that of 2007. See Tables 1 and 7.

International Travel

- ◆ The number of foreign trips undertaken by Irish residents in Q2 2008 fell very marginally to 2,060,000 from Q2 2007. Holiday trips fell by almost 3% to 1,443,000 and Business trips fell by 7.6% to 170,000. In contrast, trips for Visiting Friends and Relatives were up almost 16% to 357,000 from Q2 2007. See Tables 9 and 10.
- ◆ There were slightly more nights spent on foreign travel at 16,742,000 in Q2 2008 compared to Q2 2007. While nights spent on Holidays fell by 4.6% to 12,156,000, those spent on Business increased by just over 26% to 1,211,000 as did those for Visiting Friends and Relatives, increasing by just under 32% to 2,598,000. See Table 10.
- ◆ Irish residents spent a total of €1,799.2m on foreign travel in Q2 2008, up just over 4% from Q2 2007. Holiday expenditure was down slightly at €1,279.6m. Expenditure on Business trips increased by just over 16% to €238.7m, as did expenditure on Visiting Friends and Relatives, which was up by 25.6% at €198.9m. See Table 15.
- ◆ For the first six months of the year a more positive picture emerges. Foreign trips were up almost 6% to 3,860,000 from 2007 together with an increase of 8.5% in the number of nights. Foreign expenditure was up nearly 10% to €3,393.7m but again these increases were much less than the 21.3% increase achieved a year earlier. See Tables 9 and 15.

Note: In comparing Q2 2008 with Q2 2007, it should be noted that Easter occurred within the first quarter of 2008 compared to the second quarter in 2007.

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Table 1: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region¹ Visited, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total Domestic - Trips | 6,657 | 7,001 | 7,173 | 7,310 | 7,942 | 1,457 | 1,721 | 2,301 | 1,831 | 1,579 | 1,983 | 2,448 | 1,932 | 1,851 | 1,867 |
| Border, Midland and Western | 2,235 | 2,295 | 2,366 | 2,302 | 2,479 | 426 | 560 | 741 | 573 | 495 | 654 | 748 | 582 | 555 | 566 |
| Southern and Eastern | 4,422 | 4,706 | 4,807 | 5,008 | 5,463 | 1,031 | 1,161 | 1,560 | 1,258 | 1,084 | 1,329 | 1,700 | 1,350 | 1,295 | 1,301 |
| Total Domestic - Nights | 23,616 | 24,189 | 24,607 | 24,203 | 26,328 | 3,708 | 5,357 | 10,659 | 4,479 | 3,983 | 5,909 | 11,415 | 5,021 | 4,626 | 5,380 |
| Border, Midland and Western | 7,800 | 7,657 | 8,199 | 7,538 | 7,947 | 1,047 | 1,823 | 3,244 | 1,425 | 1,323 | 2,067 | 2,990 | 1,566 | 1,381 | 1,739 |
| Southern and Eastern | 15,816 | 16,532 | 16,408 | 16,665 | 18,381 | 2,661 | 3,534 | 7,415 | 3,054 | 2,660 | 3,842 | 8,425 | 3,455 | 3,245 | 3,641 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nights |
| Average Length of Stay | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 4.6 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.9 |
| Border, Midland and Western | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 3.3 | 4.4 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 3.1 |
| Southern and Eastern | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 2.9 | 5.0 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.8 |

¹ See Background Notes under 'Regional and Age Group data'

Table 1a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region¹ Visited & Length of Stay, Quarter 2, 2005 - 2008

| | 1-3 Nights | | 4+ Nights | | 1-3 Nights | | 4+ Nights | | '000 |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------|
| | Q2 2005 | Q2 2005 | Q2 2006 | Q2 2006 | Q2 2007 | Q2 2007 | Q2 2008 | Q2 2008 | |
| Total Domestic - Trips | 1,351 | 354 | 1,353 | 367 | 1,533 | 450 | 1,504 | 363 | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 449 | 126 | 441 | 119 | 498 | 156 | 456 | 110 | |
| Southern and Eastern | 903 | 228 | 912 | 248 | 1,034 | 294 | 1,048 | 253 | |
| Total Domestic - Nights | 2,610 | 2,585 | 2,600 | 2,757 | 3,019 | 2,890 | 2,865 | 2,515 | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 894 | 916 | 869 | 954 | 989 | 1,078 | 895 | 844 | |
| Southern and Eastern | 1,716 | 1,668 | 1,732 | 1,802 | 2,029 | 1,813 | 1,970 | 1,671 | |
| Average Length of Stay | 1.9 | 7.3 | 1.9 | 7.5 | 2.0 | 6.4 | 1.9 | 6.9 | |
| Border, Midland and Western | 2.0 | 7.3 | 2.0 | 8.0 | 2.0 | 6.9 | 2.0 | 7.7 | |
| Southern and Eastern | 1.9 | 7.3 | 1.9 | 7.3 | 2.0 | 6.2 | 1.9 | 6.6 | |

¹ See Background Notes under 'Regional and Age Group data'

Table 2: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Reason for Journey, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

| | '000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total Domestic - Trips | 6,657 | 7,001 | 7,173 | 7,310 | 7,942 | 1,457 | 1,721 | 2,301 | 1,831 | 1,579 | 1,983 | 2,448 | 1,932 | 1,851 | 1,867 |
| Holiday | 2,933 | 3,142 | 3,348 | 3,827 | 4,271 | 691 | 816 | 1,527 | 793 | 769 | 1,074 | 1,577 | 850 | 890 | 1,021 |
| Business* | 619 | 624 | 770 | 761 | 711 | 191 | 255 | 121 | 195 | 174 | 194 | 113 | 230 | 194 | 152 |
| Visiting Friends/Relatives | 2,291 | 2,420 | 2,298 | 2,254 | 2,420 | 493 | 530 | 513 | 718 | 526 | 598 | 590 | 706 | 649 | 554 |
| Other | 814 | 815 | 757 | 468 | 541 | 82 | 121 | 141 | 124 | 111 | 117 | 168 | 146 | 118 | 140 |
| Total Domestic - Nights | 23,616 | 24,189 | 24,607 | 24,203 | 26,328 | 3,708 | 5,357 | 10,659 | 4,479 | 3,983 | 5,909 | 11,415 | 5,021 | 4,626 | 5,380 |
| Holiday | 13,009 | 13,506 | 13,676 | 14,374 | 16,359 | 1,733 | 2,620 | 8,080 | 1,941 | 1,948 | 3,434 | 8,693 | 2,285 | 2,336 | 3,159 |
| Business* | 1,788 | 1,665 | 1,973 | 2,080 | 1,771 | 425 | 827 | 414 | 414 | 476 | 478 | 350 | 466 | 425 | 388 |
| Visiting Friends/Relatives | 6,509 | 6,478 | 6,535 | 6,168 | 6,587 | 1,216 | 1,446 | 1,638 | 1,868 | 1,277 | 1,586 | 1,858 | 1,867 | 1,592 | 1,420 |
| Other | 2,310 | 2,540 | 2,422 | 1,581 | 1,611 | 334 | 464 | 527 | 255 | 283 | 412 | 514 | 403 | 272 | 414 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nights |
| Average Length of Stay | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 4.6 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.9 |
| Holiday | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 5.3 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 5.5 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.1 |
| Business* | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.2 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 2.1 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.6 |
| Visiting Friends/Relatives | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| Other | 2.8 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 2.1 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 3.1 | 2.8 | 2.3 | 3.0 |

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

Table 2a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights for Region¹ Visited by Reason for Journey, Quarter 2 2008

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| | Reason for Journey | | | | Total |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| | Business* | Holiday | Visiting Friends/Relatives | Other | |
| Total Domestic - Trips | 152 | 1,021 | 554 | 140 | 1,867 |
| Border, Midland and Western | 51 | 289 | 185 | 40 | 566 |
| Southern and Eastern | 101 | 732 | 369 | 99 | 1,301 |
| Total Domestic - Nights | 388 | 3,159 | 1,420 | 414 | 5,380 |
| Border, Midland and Western | 177 | 940 | 445 | 176 | 1,739 |
| Southern and Eastern | 210 | 2,219 | 975 | 238 | 3,641 |

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

¹ See Background Notes under 'Regional and Age Group data'

Table 3: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Age¹, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

| | '000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total Domestic - Trips | 6,657 | 7,001 | 7,173 | 7,310 | 7,942 | 1,457 | 1,721 | 2,301 | 1,831 | 1,579 | 1,983 | 2,448 | 1,932 | 1,851 | 1,867 |
| 0-19 years | 1,649 | 1,847 | 1,755 | 1,716 | 1,631 | 290 | 396 | 641 | 390 | 276 | 400 | 575 | 380 | 391 | 399 |
| 20-49 years | 3,433 | 3,499 | 3,526 | 3,209 | 2,826 | 714 | 739 | 943 | 814 | 551 | 656 | 824 | 795 | 696 | 650 |
| 50+ years | 1,574 | 1,654 | 1,893 | 2,385 | 3,486 | 454 | 586 | 718 | 628 | 752 | 926 | 1,050 | 757 | 763 | 819 |
| Total Domestic - Nights | 23,616 | 24,189 | 24,607 | 24,203 | 26,328 | 3,708 | 5,357 | 10,659 | 4,479 | 3,983 | 5,909 | 11,415 | 5,021 | 4,626 | 5,380 |
| 0-19 years | 7,027 | 7,745 | 7,297 | 6,848 | 7,019 | 777 | 1,365 | 3,731 | 975 | 710 | 1,398 | 3,825 | 1,087 | 1,077 | 1,325 |
| 20-49 years | 10,697 | 10,607 | 10,508 | 9,365 | 8,422 | 1,662 | 2,096 | 3,771 | 1,837 | 1,285 | 1,710 | 3,479 | 1,948 | 1,600 | 1,653 |
| 50+ years | 5,891 | 5,838 | 6,803 | 7,990 | 10,887 | 1,270 | 1,896 | 3,155 | 1,668 | 1,989 | 2,801 | 4,112 | 1,985 | 1,949 | 2,403 |

¹ See Background Notes under 'Regional and Age Group data'

Table 4: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Sex, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

| | '000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total Domestic - Trips | 6,657 | 7,001 | 7,173 | 7,310 | 7,942 | 1,457 | 1,721 | 2,301 | 1,831 | 1,579 | 1,983 | 2,448 | 1,932 | 1,851 | 1,867 |
| Male | 3,197 | 3,299 | 3,472 | 3,477 | 3,787 | 671 | 826 | 1,100 | 880 | 751 | 943 | 1,162 | 931 | 846 | 883 |
| Female | 3,460 | 3,702 | 3,702 | 3,833 | 4,155 | 786 | 894 | 1,201 | 951 | 829 | 1,040 | 1,286 | 1,001 | 1,005 | 984 |
| Total Domestic - Nights | 23,616 | 24,189 | 24,607 | 24,203 | 26,328 | 3,708 | 5,357 | 10,659 | 4,479 | 3,983 | 5,909 | 11,415 | 5,021 | 4,626 | 5,380 |
| Male | 11,303 | 11,352 | 11,803 | 11,639 | 12,419 | 1,670 | 2,656 | 5,156 | 2,156 | 1,942 | 2,738 | 5,370 | 2,370 | 2,091 | 2,516 |
| Female | 12,312 | 12,838 | 12,803 | 12,564 | 13,908 | 2,038 | 2,701 | 5,503 | 2,323 | 2,041 | 3,171 | 6,044 | 2,651 | 2,535 | 2,863 |

Table 4a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Mode of Transport Used, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

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| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total Domestic - Trips | 7,173 | 7,310 | 7,942 | 1,457 | 1,721 | 2,301 | 1,831 | 1,579 | 1,983 | 2,448 | 1,932 | 1,851 | 1,867 |
| Air | 134 | 144 | 153 | 23 | 31 | 38 | 52 | 39 | 43 | 36 | 35 | 45 | 34 |
| Bus/Rail | 734 | 706 | 860 | 144 | 166 | 188 | 208 | 192 | 212 | 244 | 212 | 195 | 215 |
| Private Vehicle | 6,165 | 6,223 | 6,701 | 1,239 | 1,471 | 1,979 | 1,533 | 1,315 | 1,670 | 2,078 | 1,637 | 1,555 | 1,557 |
| Other | 142 | 236 | 228 | 51 | 53 | 96 | 37 | 33 | 58 | 90 | 47 | 55 | 61 |
| Total Domestic - Nights | 24,607 | 24,203 | 26,328 | 3,708 | 5,357 | 10,659 | 4,479 | 3,983 | 5,909 | 11,415 | 5,021 | 4,626 | 5,380 |
| Air | 689 | 523 | 626 | 63 | 125 | 182 | 153 | 189 | 164 | 138 | 135 | 135 | 137 |
| Bus/Rail | 2,665 | 2,450 | 2,907 | 429 | 684 | 802 | 535 | 537 | 802 | 1,001 | 568 | 488 | 762 |
| Private Vehicle | 20,611 | 20,313 | 22,066 | 3,059 | 4,323 | 9,248 | 3,684 | 3,181 | 4,756 | 9,918 | 4,211 | 3,843 | 4,291 |
| Other | 641 | 918 | 730 | 158 | 225 | 427 | 108 | 77 | 187 | 358 | 106 | 160 | 190 |

Table 4b: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Method of Booking, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

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| | 2005* | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total Domestic - Trips | 7,173 | 7,310 | 7,942 | 1,457 | 1,721 | 2,301 | 1,831 | 1,579 | 1,983 | 2,448 | 1,932 | 1,851 | 1,867 |
| Internet* | 200 | 1,239 | 1,619 | 206 | 233 | 393 | 407 | 339 | 382 | 496 | 402 | 464 | 414 |
| Direct ¹ | 481 | 2,232 | 2,214 | 472 | 453 | 828 | 479 | 445 | 566 | 746 | 457 | 399 | 484 |
| Travel Agent | 114 | 92 | 77 | 12 | 16 | 42 | 21 | 13 | 28 | 25 | 11 | 20 | 19 |
| Club | 209 | 172 | 248 | 41 | 51 | 47 | 33 | 46 | 74 | 79 | 49 | 39 | 60 |
| Employer | 309 | 235 | 227 | 62 | 68 | 36 | 69 | 57 | 51 | 36 | 82 | 53 | 52 |
| No Pre-booking* | 5,859 | 3,339 | 3,557 | 664 | 899 | 955 | 821 | 680 | 881 | 1,065 | 930 | 876 | 838 |
| Total Domestic - Nights | 24,607 | 24,203 | 26,328 | 3,708 | 5,357 | 10,659 | 4,479 | 3,983 | 5,909 | 11,415 | 5,021 | 4,626 | 5,380 |
| Internet* | 450 | 3,490 | 4,616 | 489 | 670 | 1,426 | 906 | 836 | 1,034 | 1,758 | 987 | 1,047 | 1,074 |
| Direct ¹ | 998 | 6,831 | 6,997 | 1,049 | 1,414 | 3,347 | 1,021 | 936 | 1,675 | 3,314 | 1,071 | 918 | 1,409 |
| Travel Agent | 504 | 401 | 361 | 30 | 85 | 228 | 59 | 45 | 130 | 140 | 45 | 54 | 73 |
| Club | 606 | 579 | 736 | 113 | 140 | 219 | 107 | 107 | 223 | 298 | 107 | 108 | 186 |
| Employer | 901 | 569 | 531 | 133 | 202 | 91 | 144 | 121 | 115 | 131 | 165 | 115 | 129 |
| No Pre-booking* | 21,150 | 12,332 | 13,087 | 1,895 | 2,846 | 5,347 | 2,243 | 1,937 | 2,732 | 5,773 | 2,645 | 2,383 | 2,509 |

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

Internet & Direct booking classifications available from Q4 2005 onwards only.

¹ Direct booking method not including internet e.g. by Phone.

Table 5: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Region of Residence¹, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total Domestic - Trips | 6,657 | 7,001 | 7,173 | 7,310 | 7,942 | 1,457 | 1,721 | 2,301 | 1,831 | 1,579 | 1,983 | 2,448 | 1,932 | 1,851 | 1,867 |
| Border, Midland and Western | 1,542 | 1,685 | 1,789 | 1,813 | 1,865 | 332 | 402 | 568 | 511 | 380 | 445 | 575 | 465 | 410 | 423 |
| Southern and Eastern | 5,115 | 5,316 | 5,384 | 5,497 | 6,077 | 1,125 | 1,319 | 1,733 | 1,320 | 1,199 | 1,538 | 1,873 | 1,467 | 1,441 | 1,444 |
| Total Domestic - Nights | 23,616 | 24,189 | 24,607 | 24,203 | 26,328 | 3,708 | 5,357 | 10,659 | 4,479 | 3,983 | 5,909 | 11,415 | 5,021 | 4,626 | 5,380 |
| Border, Midland and Western | 4,958 | 5,330 | 6,080 | 5,237 | 5,283 | 754 | 1,149 | 2,166 | 1,168 | 865 | 1,229 | 2,013 | 1,177 | 938 | 1,112 |
| Southern and Eastern | 18,658 | 18,859 | 18,527 | 18,966 | 21,045 | 2,954 | 4,208 | 8,493 | 3,311 | 3,118 | 4,680 | 9,402 | 3,843 | 3,688 | 4,267 |

¹ See Background Notes under 'Regional and Age Group data'

Table 6: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Type of Accommodation, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

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| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Domestic - Trips | 6,657 | 7,001 | 7,173 | 7,310 | 7,942 | 1,457 | 1,721 | 2,301 | 1,831 | 1,579 | 1,983 | 2,448 | 1,932 | 1,851 | 1,867 |
| Caravan/Camping | 282 | 277 | 298 | 279 | 305 | 10 | 83 | 173 | 14 | 18 | 107 | 168 | 12 | 23 | 92 |
| Guest House/B&B | 720 | 699 | 661 | 531 | 521 | 83 | 127 | 213 | 107 | 90 | 149 | 194 | 88 | 82 | 130 |
| Own Holiday Home | 259 | 294 | 365 | 419 | 489 | 101 | 113 | 138 | 68 | 83 | 161 | 124 | 121 | 145 | 120 |
| Hotel/Conference Centre | 2,160 | 2,355 | 2,597 | 2,847 | 3,201 | 661 | 602 | 817 | 768 | 736 | 780 | 861 | 824 | 819 | 745 |
| Self Catering/Rented House | 576 | 583 | 547 | 480 | 556 | 46 | 104 | 257 | 72 | 57 | 143 | 294 | 63 | 67 | 123 |
| Friends/Relatives | 2,363 | 2,512 | 2,430 | 2,529 | 2,653 | 515 | 628 | 631 | 756 | 570 | 587 | 712 | 784 | 671 | 599 |
| Other | 298 | 282 | 278 | 224 | 217 | 42 | 64 | 73 | 46 | 26 | 56 | 95 | 41 | 43 | 58 |
| Total Domestic - Nights | 23,616 | 24,189 | 24,607 | 24,203 | 26,328 | 3,708 | 5,357 | 10,659 | 4,479 | 3,983 | 5,909 | 11,415 | 5,021 | 4,626 | 5,380 |
| Caravan/Camping | 1,879 | 1,635 | 1,595 | 1,693 | 2,077 | 28 | 229 | 1,382 | 54 | 53 | 322 | 1,673 | 29 | 83 | 314 |
| Guest House/B&B | 2,067 | 1,963 | 1,816 | 1,542 | 1,432 | 214 | 378 | 714 | 236 | 230 | 411 | 604 | 186 | 174 | 350 |
| Own Holiday Home | 1,572 | 2,014 | 2,174 | 2,459 | 2,772 | 295 | 480 | 1,436 | 249 | 297 | 636 | 1,339 | 500 | 578 | 534 |
| Hotel/Conference Centre | 5,762 | 5,836 | 6,358 | 6,436 | 7,359 | 1,386 | 1,378 | 2,158 | 1,514 | 1,525 | 1,790 | 2,286 | 1,758 | 1,726 | 1,670 |
| Self Catering/Rented House | 3,754 | 3,701 | 3,582 | 3,298 | 3,500 | 246 | 697 | 2,013 | 342 | 209 | 810 | 2,213 | 269 | 251 | 657 |
| Friends/Relatives | 7,175 | 7,736 | 7,562 | 7,653 | 7,812 | 1,321 | 1,836 | 2,524 | 1,972 | 1,493 | 1,642 | 2,567 | 2,110 | 1,652 | 1,579 |
| Other | 1,407 | 1,303 | 1,520 | 1,122 | 1,376 | 217 | 360 | 432 | 113 | 176 | 298 | 733 | 169 | 162 | 276 |
| | Nights | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Average Length of Stay | 3.5 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.3 | 2.5 | 3.1 | 4.6 | 2.4 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 4.7 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.9 |
| Caravan/Camping | 6.7 | 5.9 | 5.4 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 2.8 | 2.8 | 8.0 | 3.9 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 10.0 | 2.4 | 3.6 | 3.4 |
| Guest House/B&B | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 3.1 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.7 |
| Own Holiday Home | 6.1 | 6.9 | 6.0 | 5.9 | 5.7 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 10.4 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 4.0 | 10.8 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.5 |
| Hotel/Conference Centre | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.1 | 2.1 | 2.2 |
| Self Catering/Rented House | 6.5 | 6.3 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.3 | 5.3 | 6.7 | 7.8 | 4.8 | 3.7 | 5.7 | 7.5 | 4.3 | 3.7 | 5.3 |
| Friends/Relatives | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 2.6 |
| Other | 4.7 | 4.6 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 6.3 | 5.2 | 5.6 | 5.9 | 2.5 | 6.8 | 5.3 | 7.7 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 4.8 |

Table 7: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

€ million

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Domestic - Expenditure | 970.9 | 1,037.2 | 1,164.5 | 1,375.2 | 1,551.0 | 217.4 | 288.1 | 541.7 | 328.0 | 288.9 | 339.7 | 594.6 | 327.8 | 284.2 | 322.2 |
| Holiday | 575.9 | 624.9 | 706.8 | 872.7 | 1,028.1 | 119.9 | 159.3 | 409.1 | 184.4 | 166.8 | 216.0 | 460.3 | 185.0 | 181.0 | 214.4 |
| Business* | 157.6 | 162.5 | 188.3 | 227.3 | 194.1 | 49.0 | 69.1 | 52.6 | 56.6 | 53.1 | 45.7 | 32.1 | 63.2 | 41.7 | 35.7 |
| Visiting Friends/Relatives | 114.0 | 121.1 | 142.4 | 181.8 | 219.7 | 26.6 | 33.1 | 53.2 | 68.9 | 49.8 | 52.9 | 65.2 | 51.8 | 42.7 | 42.0 |
| Other | 123.4 | 128.7 | 127.0 | 93.4 | 109.1 | 21.9 | 26.6 | 26.8 | 18.1 | 19.2 | 25.1 | 37.0 | 27.8 | 18.8 | 30.1 |

* - 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 Visited¹, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

€ million

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Domestic - Expenditure | 970.9 | 1,037.2 | 1,164.5 | 1,375.2 | 1,551.0 | 217.4 | 288.1 | 541.7 | 328.0 | 288.9 | 339.7 | 594.6 | 327.8 | 284.2 | 322.2 |
| Border, Midland and Western | 327.6 | 346.0 | 382.9 | 442.3 | 482.2 | 61.0 | 102.4 | 183.6 | 95.3 | 95.5 | 114.2 | 174.0 | 98.5 | 85.7 | 106.0 |
| Southern and Eastern | 643.3 | 691.2 | 781.6 | 932.9 | 1,068.8 | 156.4 | 185.7 | 358.1 | 232.7 | 193.4 | 225.5 | 420.6 | 229.3 | 198.5 | 216.2 |

¹ See Background Notes under 'Regional and Age Group data'

Table 9: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region Visited*, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

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| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total International - Trips | 4,974 | 5,465 | 6,189 | 6,981 | 7,830 | 1,397 | 1,850 | 2,174 | 1,560 | 1,580 | 2,073 | 2,387 | 1,790 | 1,800 | 2,060 |
| EU - 27* | - | - | - | - | 6,460 | - | - | - | - | 1,298 | 1,766 | 1,994 | 1,403 | 1,474 | 1,766 |
| <i>Of which: EU - 25</i> | - | 4,614 | 5,101 | 5,775 | 6,385 | 1,143 | 1,556 | 1,834 | 1,242 | 1,287 | 1,748 | 1,956 | 1,394 | 1,457 | 1,753 |
| <i>EU - 15</i> | 4,117 | 4,455 | 4,927 | 5,548 | 6,141 | 1,098 | 1,499 | 1,754 | 1,197 | 1,235 | 1,688 | 1,886 | 1,331 | 1,384 | 1,694 |
| Other Europe* | 260 | 167 | 238 | 256 | 228 | 38 | 76 | 105 | 36 | 47 | 64 | 87 | 30 | 32 | 76 |
| North America | 384 | 449 | 571 | 577 | 685 | 111 | 137 | 147 | 182 | 112 | 158 | 188 | 227 | 153 | 142 |
| Central, South & Other Americas | 30 | 28 | 41 | 59 | 47 | 17 | 14 | 12 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 10 |
| Asia & Middle East | 64 | 89 | 95 | 135 | 163 | 30 | 31 | 41 | 34 | 31 | 38 | 46 | 48 | 53 | 27 |
| Africa | 76 | 69 | 77 | 105 | 153 | 36 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 54 | 25 | 35 | 38 | 46 | 28 |
| Australia, New Zealand & Oceania | 42 | 50 | 68 | 75 | 94 | 22 | 16 | 12 | 25 | 26 | 12 | 25 | 31 | 28 | 12 |
| Total International - Nights | 43,702 | 46,302 | 51,503 | 54,266 | 62,236 | 9,140 | 14,731 | 20,378 | 10,017 | 10,431 | 16,460 | 22,941 | 12,404 | 12,426 | 16,742 |
| EU - 27* | - | - | - | - | 43,160 | - | - | - | - | 6,939 | 12,188 | 16,940 | 7,093 | 7,831 | 12,380 |
| <i>Of which: EU - 25</i> | - | 33,924 | 36,168 | 38,161 | 42,447 | 5,907 | 10,720 | 15,380 | 6,154 | 6,869 | 12,017 | 16,527 | 7,035 | 7,710 | 12,207 |
| <i>EU - 15</i> | 31,758 | 32,938 | 34,996 | 36,752 | 40,938 | 5,705 | 10,407 | 14,728 | 5,912 | 6,574 | 11,664 | 15,993 | 6,707 | 7,378 | 11,830 |
| Other Europe* | 2,285 | 1,681 | 2,092 | 2,563 | 1,777 | 297 | 732 | 1,222 | 312 | 265 | 515 | 811 | 185 | 300 | 715 |
| North America | 5,722 | 6,200 | 7,726 | 6,834 | 8,941 | 1,142 | 1,824 | 2,155 | 1,713 | 1,088 | 2,436 | 2,861 | 2,556 | 1,779 | 2,282 |
| Central, South & Other Americas | 513 | 488 | 654 | 867 | 728 | 264 | 236 | 167 | 199 | 144 | 209 | 192 | 183 | 222 | 151 |
| Asia & Middle East | 999 | 1,543 | 1,559 | 2,195 | 2,710 | 409 | 502 | 732 | 552 | 533 | 501 | 828 | 849 | 784 | 472 |
| Africa | 1,080 | 991 | 1,108 | 1,376 | 1,917 | 461 | 255 | 300 | 360 | 747 | 265 | 498 | 407 | 639 | 342 |
| Australia, New Zealand & Oceania | 1,344 | 1,475 | 2,196 | 2,270 | 3,003 | 659 | 462 | 421 | 728 | 714 | 346 | 811 | 1,132 | 870 | 399 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nights |
| Average Length of Stay | 8.8 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 6.5 | 8.0 | 9.4 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 7.9 | 9.6 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 8.1 |
| EU - 27* | - | - | - | - | 6.7 | - | - | - | - | 5.3 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 7.0 |
| <i>Of which: EU - 25</i> | - | 7.4 | 7.1 | 6.6 | 6.6 | 5.2 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 7.0 |
| <i>EU - 15</i> | 7.7 | 7.4 | 7.1 | 6.6 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 6.9 | 8.4 | 4.9 | 5.3 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 7.0 |
| Other Europe* | 8.8 | 10.1 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 9.6 | 11.6 | 8.7 | 5.6 | 8.0 | 9.3 | 6.2 | 9.4 | 9.4 |
| North America | 14.9 | 13.8 | 13.5 | 11.8 | 13.1 | 10.3 | 13.3 | 14.7 | 9.4 | 9.7 | 15.4 | 15.2 | 11.3 | 11.6 | 16.1 |
| Central, South & Other Americas | 17.1 | 17.4 | 16.0 | 14.7 | 15.5 | 15.5 | 16.9 | 13.9 | 12.4 | 11.1 | 20.9 | 16.0 | 15.3 | 15.9 | 15.1 |
| Asia & Middle East | 15.6 | 17.3 | 16.4 | 16.3 | 16.6 | 13.6 | 16.2 | 17.9 | 16.2 | 17.2 | 13.2 | 18.0 | 17.7 | 14.8 | 17.5 |
| Africa | 14.2 | 14.4 | 14.4 | 13.1 | 12.5 | 12.8 | 11.6 | 13.0 | 15.0 | 13.8 | 10.6 | 14.2 | 10.7 | 13.9 | 12.2 |
| Australia, New Zealand & Oceania | 32.0 | 29.5 | 32.3 | 30.3 | 31.9 | 30.0 | 28.9 | 35.1 | 29.1 | 27.5 | 28.8 | 32.4 | 36.5 | 31.1 | 33.3 |

* - See Background Notes for countries included in each group & changes from Jan 2007.

Table 9a: European Union International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Country/Region Visited, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

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| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total EU (27) International - Trips | - | - | - | - | 6,460 | - | - | - | - | 1,298 | 1,766 | 1,994 | 1,403 | 1,474 | 1,766 |
| <i>Of which: EU - 25</i> | - | 4,614 | 5,101 | 5,775 | 6,385 | 1,143 | 1,556 | 1,834 | 1,242 | 1,287 | 1,748 | 1,956 | 1,394 | 1,457 | 1,753 |
| <i>EU - 15</i> | 4,117 | 4,455 | 4,927 | 5,548 | 6,141 | 1,098 | 1,499 | 1,754 | 1,197 | 1,235 | 1,688 | 1,886 | 1,331 | 1,384 | 1,694 |
| Austria | 50 | 47 | 84 | 126 | 130 | 63 | 13 | 17 | 33 | 52 | 17 | 19 | 41 | 69 | 12 |
| Belgium/Luxembourg | 88 | 88 | 80 | 86 | 89 | 23 | 24 | 14 | 23 | 20 | 29 | 16 | 24 | 21 | 20 |
| Cyprus/Malta | - | 33 | 48 | 43 | 60 | 4 | 7 | 28 | 4 | 5 | 17 | 23 | 15 | 6 | 21 |
| Denmark/Finland/Sweden | 49 | 45 | 70 | 64 | 72 | 7 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 12 | 10 | 17 | 32 | 17 | 19 |
| Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania | - | 8 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 2 | 4 | 5 | - | 3 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| France | 492 | 565 | 634 | 705 | 815 | 131 | 198 | 262 | 115 | 129 | 236 | 313 | 138 | 171 | 223 |
| Germany | 100 | 119 | 170 | 198 | 231 | 36 | 47 | 57 | 58 | 48 | 58 | 56 | 69 | 55 | 53 |
| Greece | 90 | 69 | 71 | 70 | 81 | 1 | 21 | 46 | 1 | 2 | 30 | 44 | 4 | 1 | 34 |
| Italy | 193 | 241 | 303 | 392 | 501 | 80 | 113 | 128 | 71 | 103 | 143 | 170 | 85 | 92 | 132 |
| Netherlands | 82 | 96 | 102 | 131 | 99 | 38 | 40 | 23 | 29 | 24 | 25 | 21 | 29 | 28 | 25 |
| Other EU* | - | 118 | 119 | 172 | 246 | 39 | 45 | 47 | 41 | 54 | 56 | 80 | 56 | 80 | 46 |
| Portugal | 191 | 200 | 234 | 282 | 351 | 29 | 81 | 123 | 49 | 33 | 113 | 155 | 50 | 58 | 126 |
| Spain | 1,182 | 1,280 | 1,300 | 1,509 | 1,713 | 234 | 466 | 537 | 271 | 309 | 513 | 582 | 309 | 312 | 488 |
| UK (Great Britain & Northern Ireland) | 1,600 | 1,704 | 1,877 | 1,987 | 2,059 | 457 | 479 | 525 | 525 | 503 | 513 | 493 | 550 | 560 | 563 |
| <i>Of which: Great Britain</i> | 1,376 | 1,452 | 1,606 | 1,710 | 1,736 | 407 | 403 | 447 | 453 | 440 | 437 | 405 | 454 | 480 | 479 |
| <i>Northern Ireland</i> | 223 | 252 | 271 | 277 | 323 | 51 | 76 | 78 | 72 | 63 | 76 | 87 | 96 | 80 | 85 |
| Total EU (27) International - Nights | - | - | - | - | 43,160 | - | - | - | - | 6,939 | 12,188 | 16,940 | 7,093 | 7,831 | 12,380 |
| <i>Of which: EU - 25</i> | - | 33,924 | 36,168 | 38,161 | 42,447 | 5,907 | 10,720 | 15,380 | 6,154 | 6,869 | 12,017 | 16,527 | 7,035 | 7,710 | 12,207 |
| <i>EU - 15</i> | 31,758 | 32,938 | 34,996 | 36,752 | 40,938 | 5,705 | 10,407 | 14,728 | 5,912 | 6,574 | 11,664 | 15,993 | 6,707 | 7,378 | 11,830 |
| Austria | 392 | 340 | 581 | 890 | 885 | 416 | 98 | 169 | 207 | 342 | 101 | 161 | 281 | 583 | 135 |
| Belgium/Luxembourg | 428 | 373 | 286 | 290 | 353 | 87 | 94 | 54 | 55 | 69 | 140 | 86 | 57 | 75 | 58 |
| Cyprus/Malta | - | 335 | 458 | 408 | 553 | 40 | 77 | 254 | 37 | 35 | 147 | 232 | 139 | 38 | 190 |
| Denmark/Finland/Sweden | 324 | 239 | 481 | 357 | 378 | 33 | 94 | 155 | 76 | 96 | 59 | 93 | 130 | 81 | 110 |
| Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania | - | 92 | 93 | 55 | 57 | 5 | 15 | 35 | - | 12 | 16 | 17 | 12 | 16 | 34 |
| France | 4,414 | 5,074 | 5,620 | 5,633 | 6,658 | 719 | 1,614 | 2,704 | 596 | 678 | 2,089 | 3,210 | 681 | 957 | 1,809 |
| Germany | 712 | 861 | 1,078 | 1,052 | 1,242 | 165 | 292 | 370 | 226 | 211 | 316 | 379 | 337 | 240 | 329 |
| Greece | 1,115 | 727 | 826 | 811 | 878 | 4 | 261 | 530 | 16 | 10 | 309 | 531 | 27 | 6 | 348 |
| Italy | 1,734 | 1,978 | 2,568 | 2,823 | 3,729 | 427 | 873 | 1,094 | 430 | 532 | 1,148 | 1,573 | 476 | 489 | 1,033 |
| Netherlands | 448 | 497 | 531 | 619 | 442 | 171 | 153 | 165 | 130 | 95 | 91 | 142 | 113 | 115 | 117 |
| Other EU* | - | 559 | 625 | 945 | 1,612 | 158 | 221 | 364 | 204 | 318 | 361 | 698 | 235 | 400 | 325 |
| Portugal | 2,143 | 2,038 | 2,303 | 2,674 | 3,026 | 228 | 769 | 1,357 | 320 | 294 | 890 | 1,486 | 355 | 410 | 1,115 |
| Spain | 12,631 | 12,929 | 12,549 | 13,749 | 15,390 | 1,839 | 4,244 | 5,746 | 1,919 | 2,558 | 4,433 | 5,971 | 2,428 | 2,607 | 4,438 |
| UK (Great Britain & Northern Ireland) | 7,417 | 7,884 | 8,175 | 7,854 | 7,957 | 1,615 | 1,917 | 2,383 | 1,938 | 1,689 | 2,086 | 2,361 | 1,821 | 1,815 | 2,338 |
| <i>Of which: Great Britain</i> | 6,618 | 7,168 | 7,401 | 7,020 | 7,118 | 1,477 | 1,724 | 2,035 | 1,785 | 1,537 | 1,871 | 2,089 | 1,620 | 1,630 | 2,136 |
| <i>Northern Ireland</i> | 799 | 716 | 775 | 834 | 839 | 139 | 193 | 349 | 153 | 151 | 215 | 272 | 201 | 185 | 201 |

* - From 2004 - 2006 Other EU includes the following: Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.

- From Jan 2007 Other EU includes the following: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, 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 2, 2005 - 2008

| | '000 | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 1-3 Nights | 4+ Nights | 1-3 Nights | 4+ Nights | 1-3 Nights | 4+ Nights | 1-3 Nights | 4+ Nights |
| | Q2 2005 | Q2 2005 | Q2 2006 | Q2 2006 | Q2 2007 | Q2 2007 | Q2 2008 | Q2 2008 |
| Total International - Trips | 423 | 1,238 | 516 | 1,334 | 499 | 1,574 | 498 | 1,562 |
| EU - 27* | - | - | - | - | 488 | 1,278 | 487 | 1,278 |
| <i>Of which: EU - 25</i> | 407 | 983 | 496 | 1,060 | 486 | 1,261 | 486 | 1,266 |
| <i>EU - 15</i> | 393 | 954 | 476 | 1,023 | 469 | 1,219 | 471 | 1,223 |
| Other Europe* | 8 | 66 | 9 | 67 | 6 | 58 | 6 | 69 |
| North America | 4 | 130 | 9 | 128 | 3 | 155 | 4 | 138 |
| Other | 3 | 61 | 2 | 80 | 2 | 84 | 0 | 76 |
| Total International - Nights | 968 | 13,624 | 1,130 | 13,602 | 1,142 | 15,318 | 1,091 | 15,651 |
| EU - 27* | - | - | - | - | 1,116 | 11,072 | 1,066 | 11,314 |
| <i>Of which: EU - 25</i> | 930 | 9,504 | 1,087 | 9,634 | 1,111 | 10,906 | 1,063 | 11,144 |
| <i>EU - 15</i> | 895 | 9,268 | 1,039 | 9,368 | 1,068 | 10,596 | 1,025 | 10,806 |
| Other Europe* | 20 | 630 | 19 | 713 | 14 | 501 | 15 | 701 |
| North America | 11 | 2,233 | 20 | 1,804 | 7 | 2,428 | 9 | 2,273 |
| Other | 7 | 1,257 | 4 | 1,451 | 4 | 1,317 | 0 | 1,364 |
| | | | | | | | | Nights |
| Average Length of Stay | 2.3 | 11.0 | 2.2 | 10.2 | 2.3 | 9.7 | 2.2 | 10.0 |
| EU - 27* | - | - | - | - | 2.3 | 8.7 | 2.2 | 8.9 |
| <i>Of which: EU - 25</i> | 2.3 | 9.7 | 2.2 | 9.1 | 2.3 | 8.6 | 2.2 | 8.8 |
| <i>EU - 15</i> | 2.3 | 9.7 | 2.2 | 9.2 | 2.3 | 8.7 | 2.2 | 8.8 |
| Other Europe* | 2.5 | 9.5 | 2.1 | 10.6 | 2.3 | 8.6 | 2.5 | 10.2 |
| North America | 2.8 | 17.2 | 2.2 | 14.1 | 2.3 | 15.7 | 2.3 | 16.5 |
| Other | 2.3 | 20.6 | 2.0 | 18.1 | 2.0 | 15.7 | 0.0 | 17.9 |

* - See Background Notes for countries included in each group & changes from Jan 2007.

Table 10: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Reason for Journey, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

| | '000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total International - Trips | 4,974 | 5,465 | 6,189 | 6,981 | 7,830 | 1,397 | 1,850 | 2,174 | 1,560 | 1,580 | 2,073 | 2,387 | 1,790 | 1,800 | 2,060 |
| Holiday | 3,162 | 3,472 | 3,931 | 4,612 | 5,448 | 842 | 1,243 | 1,594 | 934 | 1,026 | 1,486 | 1,809 | 1,127 | 1,218 | 1,443 |
| Business* | 621 | 684 | 791 | 783 | 723 | 212 | 234 | 159 | 178 | 202 | 184 | 142 | 195 | 192 | 170 |
| Visiting Friends/Relatives | 876 | 985 | 1,118 | 1,317 | 1,356 | 287 | 314 | 339 | 377 | 298 | 308 | 348 | 401 | 321 | 357 |
| Other | 315 | 325 | 351 | 268 | 303 | 56 | 59 | 83 | 71 | 54 | 95 | 88 | 67 | 69 | 90 |
| Total International - Nights | 43,702 | 46,302 | 51,503 | 54,266 | 62,236 | 9,140 | 14,731 | 20,378 | 10,017 | 10,431 | 16,460 | 22,941 | 12,404 | 12,426 | 16,742 |
| Holiday | 31,115 | 33,692 | 36,714 | 38,884 | 47,019 | 5,772 | 10,907 | 15,928 | 6,276 | 7,067 | 12,746 | 18,610 | 8,597 | 8,821 | 12,156 |
| Business* | 3,421 | 3,430 | 3,870 | 4,282 | 3,669 | 950 | 1,275 | 1,133 | 924 | 893 | 959 | 817 | 1,000 | 1,005 | 1,211 |
| Visiting Friends/Relatives | 6,150 | 6,906 | 7,706 | 9,063 | 9,304 | 1,993 | 2,064 | 2,621 | 2,385 | 2,042 | 1,974 | 2,829 | 2,458 | 2,173 | 2,598 |
| Other | 3,015 | 2,274 | 3,211 | 2,037 | 2,244 | 424 | 485 | 695 | 432 | 428 | 781 | 686 | 349 | 427 | 777 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nights |
| Average Length of Stay | 8.8 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 6.5 | 8.0 | 9.4 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 7.9 | 9.6 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 8.1 |
| Holiday | 9.8 | 9.7 | 9.3 | 8.4 | 8.6 | 6.9 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 6.7 | 6.9 | 8.6 | 10.3 | 7.6 | 7.2 | 8.4 |
| Business* | 5.5 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.5 | 5.4 | 7.1 | 5.2 | 4.4 | 5.2 | 5.8 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 7.1 |
| Visiting Friends/Relatives | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.6 | 7.7 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 6.4 | 8.1 | 6.1 | 6.8 | 7.3 |
| Other | 9.6 | 7.0 | 9.1 | 7.6 | 7.4 | 7.6 | 8.2 | 8.4 | 6.1 | 7.9 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 5.2 | 6.2 | 8.6 |

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

Table 10a: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights for Region Visited* by Reason for Journey, Quarter 2 2008

| | Reason for Journey | | | | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|---------------|
| | Business [#] | Holiday | Visiting Friends/Relatives | Other | |
| Total International - Trips | 170 | 1,443 | 357 | 90 | 2,060 |
| EU - 27 [*] | 130 | 1,261 | 299 | 75 | 1,766 |
| <i>Of which: EU - 25</i> | 129 | 1,249 | 299 | 75 | 1,753 |
| <i>EU - 15</i> | 120 | 1,206 | 295 | 73 | 1,694 |
| Other Europe [*] | 8 | 56 | 8 | 4 | 76 |
| North America | 19 | 81 | 38 | 4 | 142 |
| Other | 13 | 44 | 12 | 7 | 77 |
| | | | | | |
| Total International - Nights | 1,211 | 12,156 | 2,598 | 777 | 16,742 |
| EU - 27 [*] | 609 | 9,673 | 1,608 | 490 | 12,380 |
| <i>Of which: EU - 25</i> | 604 | 9,506 | 1,607 | 490 | 12,207 |
| <i>EU - 15</i> | 565 | 9,222 | 1,564 | 479 | 11,830 |
| Other Europe [*] | 78 | 539 | 74 | 25 | 715 |
| North America | 310 | 1,320 | 576 | 76 | 2,282 |
| Other | 214 | 625 | 340 | 185 | 1,364 |

* - See Background Notes for countries included in each group & changes from Jan 2007.

- 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 Age¹, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

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| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total International - Trips | 4,974 | 5,465 | 6,189 | 6,981 | 7,830 | 1,397 | 1,850 | 2,174 | 1,560 | 1,580 | 2,073 | 2,387 | 1,790 | 1,800 | 2,060 |
| 0-19 years | 1,003 | 1,113 | 1,178 | 1,313 | 1,424 | 195 | 384 | 512 | 224 | 228 | 388 | 537 | 271 | 318 | 380 |
| 20-49 years | 2,655 | 2,868 | 3,105 | 3,211 | 3,002 | 713 | 813 | 964 | 720 | 634 | 711 | 900 | 756 | 725 | 732 |
| 50+ years | 1,317 | 1,484 | 1,910 | 2,456 | 3,404 | 489 | 653 | 699 | 616 | 718 | 974 | 949 | 763 | 757 | 948 |
| Total International - Nights | 43,702 | 46,302 | 51,503 | 54,266 | 62,236 | 9,140 | 14,731 | 20,378 | 10,017 | 10,431 | 16,460 | 22,941 | 12,404 | 12,426 | 16,742 |
| 0-19 years | 10,114 | 10,916 | 11,476 | 11,878 | 12,265 | 1,227 | 3,641 | 5,641 | 1,368 | 1,392 | 3,446 | 5,851 | 1,575 | 1,928 | 3,505 |
| 20-49 years | 21,904 | 22,411 | 23,876 | 22,822 | 24,031 | 3,990 | 5,703 | 8,812 | 4,317 | 3,731 | 5,662 | 8,885 | 5,754 | 4,445 | 5,910 |
| 50+ years | 11,685 | 12,974 | 16,151 | 19,566 | 25,940 | 3,922 | 5,386 | 5,925 | 4,332 | 5,308 | 7,353 | 8,206 | 5,075 | 6,053 | 7,326 |

¹ See Background Notes under 'Regional and Age Group data'

Table 12: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Sex, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

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| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total International - Trips | 4,974 | 5,465 | 6,189 | 6,981 | 7,830 | 1,397 | 1,850 | 2,174 | 1,560 | 1,580 | 2,073 | 2,387 | 1,790 | 1,800 | 2,060 |
| Male | 2,459 | 2,675 | 3,079 | 3,432 | 3,886 | 730 | 918 | 1,024 | 760 | 803 | 1,014 | 1,181 | 888 | 901 | 975 |
| Female | 2,515 | 2,791 | 3,111 | 3,548 | 3,944 | 667 | 932 | 1,150 | 800 | 777 | 1,059 | 1,206 | 902 | 899 | 1,085 |
| Total International - Nights | 43,702 | 46,302 | 51,503 | 54,266 | 62,236 | 9,140 | 14,731 | 20,378 | 10,017 | 10,431 | 16,460 | 22,941 | 12,404 | 12,426 | 16,742 |
| Male | 21,009 | 21,678 | 24,475 | 26,159 | 30,355 | 4,638 | 7,216 | 9,430 | 4,875 | 5,177 | 7,771 | 11,102 | 6,306 | 6,228 | 8,005 |
| Female | 22,693 | 24,624 | 27,029 | 28,107 | 31,881 | 4,502 | 7,515 | 10,948 | 5,142 | 5,254 | 8,690 | 11,839 | 6,098 | 6,198 | 8,737 |

Table 12a: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Mode of Transport Used, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

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| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total International - Trips | 6,189 | 6,981 | 7,830 | 1,397 | 1,850 | 2,174 | 1,560 | 1,580 | 2,073 | 2,387 | 1,790 | 1,800 | 2,060 |
| Air | 5,331 | 6,056 | 6,900 | 1,269 | 1,572 | 1,814 | 1,401 | 1,434 | 1,817 | 2,048 | 1,601 | 1,633 | 1,817 |
| Bus/Rail | 100 | 128 | 136 | 17 | 39 | 40 | 33 | 22 | 36 | 46 | 31 | 21 | 42 |
| Private Vehicle | 352 | 344 | 390 | 59 | 92 | 117 | 76 | 60 | 103 | 131 | 96 | 83 | 97 |
| Sea/Cruise | 358 | 366 | 326 | 46 | 120 | 157 | 41 | 51 | 87 | 138 | 50 | 56 | 88 |
| Other | 48 | 86 | 81 | 6 | 26 | 45 | 8 | 13 | 31 | 23 | 12 | 6 | 17 |
| Total International - Nights | 51,503 | 54,266 | 62,236 | 9,140 | 14,731 | 20,378 | 10,017 | 10,431 | 16,460 | 22,941 | 12,404 | 12,426 | 16,742 |
| Air | 45,177 | 47,570 | 55,602 | 8,443 | 12,731 | 17,253 | 9,143 | 9,768 | 14,532 | 19,668 | 11,634 | 11,578 | 15,134 |
| Bus/Rail | 966 | 1,107 | 875 | 136 | 283 | 414 | 274 | 96 | 206 | 430 | 142 | 110 | 229 |
| Private Vehicle | 1,934 | 1,751 | 2,048 | 211 | 452 | 791 | 296 | 186 | 603 | 990 | 270 | 316 | 499 |
| Sea/Cruise | 2,905 | 3,055 | 2,894 | 307 | 1,088 | 1,438 | 222 | 273 | 810 | 1,542 | 270 | 357 | 776 |
| Other | 520 | 783 | 817 | 43 | 177 | 482 | 81 | 108 | 310 | 311 | 89 | 65 | 104 |

Table 12b: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Method of Booking, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

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| | 2005* | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total International - Trips | 6,189 | 6,981 | 7,830 | 1,397 | 1,850 | 2,174 | 1,560 | 1,580 | 2,073 | 2,387 | 1,790 | 1,800 | 2,060 |
| Internet* | 837 | 4,272 | 5,080 | 899 | 1,054 | 1,251 | 1,067 | 1,063 | 1,287 | 1,481 | 1,249 | 1,253 | 1,375 |
| Direct ¹ | 90 | 405 | 440 | 69 | 128 | 132 | 77 | 79 | 124 | 158 | 78 | 65 | 100 |
| Travel Agent | 1,654 | 1,638 | 1,698 | 292 | 458 | 621 | 267 | 291 | 496 | 606 | 305 | 321 | 427 |
| Club | 131 | 129 | 151 | 23 | 45 | 41 | 21 | 37 | 45 | 36 | 33 | 42 | 43 |
| Employer | 382 | 265 | 231 | 66 | 84 | 49 | 66 | 67 | 55 | 39 | 71 | 54 | 63 |
| No Pre-booking* | 3,094 | 271 | 231 | 47 | 81 | 81 | 62 | 44 | 66 | 66 | 55 | 65 | 52 |
| Total International - Nights | 51,503 | 54,266 | 62,236 | 9,140 | 14,731 | 20,378 | 10,017 | 10,431 | 16,460 | 22,941 | 12,404 | 12,426 | 16,742 |
| Internet* | 4,979 | 31,324 | 38,257 | 5,365 | 8,027 | 11,736 | 6,196 | 6,583 | 9,931 | 14,360 | 7,383 | 7,938 | 10,847 |
| Direct ¹ | 537 | 3,136 | 3,411 | 427 | 1,125 | 1,047 | 536 | 581 | 1,006 | 1,400 | 424 | 506 | 791 |
| Travel Agent | 16,936 | 16,109 | 17,320 | 2,674 | 4,383 | 6,456 | 2,596 | 2,554 | 4,652 | 6,283 | 3,831 | 3,303 | 4,203 |
| Club | 835 | 813 | 798 | 94 | 299 | 288 | 131 | 158 | 249 | 238 | 152 | 191 | 195 |
| Employer | 1,669 | 1,406 | 1,180 | 281 | 458 | 322 | 345 | 296 | 280 | 237 | 367 | 250 | 393 |
| No Pre-booking* | 26,548 | 1,478 | 1,271 | 298 | 439 | 529 | 212 | 258 | 343 | 423 | 246 | 239 | 313 |

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

Internet & Direct booking classifications available from Q4 2005 onwards only.

¹ Direct booking method not including internet e.g. by Phone.**Table 13: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Region of Residence¹, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008**

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| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total International - Trips | 4,974 | 5,465 | 6,189 | 6,981 | 7,830 | 1,397 | 1,850 | 2,174 | 1,560 | 1,580 | 2,073 | 2,387 | 1,790 | 1,800 | 2,060 |
| Border, Midland and Western | 927 | 1,087 | 1,329 | 1,485 | 1,619 | 268 | 370 | 493 | 356 | 292 | 470 | 506 | 353 | 350 | 411 |
| Southern and Eastern | 4,047 | 4,378 | 4,860 | 5,496 | 6,211 | 1,129 | 1,480 | 1,681 | 1,204 | 1,288 | 1,603 | 1,881 | 1,437 | 1,450 | 1,649 |
| Total International - Nights | 43,702 | 46,302 | 51,503 | 54,266 | 62,236 | 9,140 | 14,731 | 20,378 | 10,017 | 10,431 | 16,460 | 22,941 | 12,404 | 12,426 | 16,742 |
| Border, Midland and Western | 8,025 | 9,617 | 11,474 | 11,360 | 12,650 | 1,796 | 3,046 | 4,484 | 2,033 | 1,864 | 3,511 | 4,925 | 2,349 | 2,436 | 3,297 |
| Southern and Eastern | 35,677 | 36,685 | 40,029 | 42,906 | 49,587 | 7,344 | 11,685 | 15,894 | 7,984 | 8,567 | 12,949 | 18,016 | 10,055 | 9,990 | 13,445 |

¹ See Background Notes under 'Regional and Age Group data'

Table 14: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Type of Accommodation, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| Total International - Trips | 4,974 | 5,465 | 6,189 | 6,981 | 7,830 | 1,397 | 1,850 | 2,174 | 1,560 | 1,580 | 2,073 | 2,387 | 1,790 | 1,800 | 2,060 |
| Caravan/Camping | 168 | 206 | 208 | 187 | 215 | 5 | 64 | 113 | 4 | 7 | 82 | 125 | 1 | 10 | 86 |
| Guest House/B&B | 289 | 278 | 261 | 231 | 267 | 62 | 44 | 66 | 59 | 63 | 61 | 78 | 64 | 50 | 72 |
| Own Holiday Home | 99 | 98 | 175 | 282 | 313 | 53 | 77 | 95 | 56 | 73 | 82 | 104 | 55 | 90 | 80 |
| Hotel/Conference Centre | 1,949 | 2,311 | 2,800 | 3,179 | 3,670 | 737 | 838 | 852 | 753 | 843 | 943 | 924 | 960 | 940 | 908 |
| Self Catering/Rented House | 1,098 | 1,090 | 1,099 | 1,212 | 1,385 | 152 | 380 | 506 | 173 | 178 | 422 | 578 | 207 | 234 | 378 |
| Friends/Relatives | 1,123 | 1,245 | 1,401 | 1,636 | 1,721 | 344 | 379 | 454 | 459 | 360 | 416 | 489 | 457 | 421 | 451 |
| Other | 248 | 237 | 245 | 253 | 259 | 44 | 66 | 87 | 55 | 57 | 66 | 89 | 46 | 55 | 85 |
| Total International - Nights | 43,702 | 46,302 | 51,503 | 54,266 | 62,236 | 9,140 | 14,731 | 20,378 | 10,017 | 10,431 | 16,460 | 22,941 | 12,404 | 12,426 | 16,742 |
| Caravan/Camping | 2,285 | 2,776 | 2,609 | 2,349 | 2,647 | 71 | 912 | 1,352 | 14 | 94 | 1,002 | 1,534 | 18 | 59 | 911 |
| Guest House/B&B | 2,112 | 2,065 | 1,766 | 1,653 | 1,836 | 428 | 399 | 548 | 278 | 401 | 450 | 653 | 332 | 314 | 423 |
| Own Holiday Home | 1,410 | 1,392 | 2,369 | 3,578 | 4,031 | 708 | 896 | 1,474 | 500 | 814 | 992 | 1,658 | 567 | 1,051 | 946 |
| Hotel/Conference Centre | 12,260 | 14,351 | 16,965 | 18,289 | 22,623 | 3,601 | 4,828 | 5,956 | 3,904 | 4,308 | 5,541 | 6,624 | 6,151 | 4,912 | 5,429 |
| Self Catering/Rented House | 13,494 | 12,503 | 12,601 | 12,675 | 14,272 | 1,325 | 4,008 | 5,865 | 1,476 | 1,712 | 4,487 | 6,437 | 1,637 | 2,377 | 4,278 |
| Friends/Relatives | 9,055 | 10,206 | 11,617 | 12,716 | 13,509 | 2,452 | 2,936 | 4,188 | 3,141 | 2,370 | 3,105 | 4,818 | 3,216 | 2,866 | 3,683 |
| Other | 3,087 | 3,009 | 3,579 | 3,006 | 3,319 | 556 | 751 | 995 | 704 | 732 | 885 | 1,218 | 484 | 847 | 1,071 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Nights |
| Average Length of Stay | 8.8 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 7.9 | 6.5 | 8.0 | 9.4 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 7.9 | 9.6 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 8.1 |
| Caravan/Camping | 13.6 | 13.5 | 12.5 | 12.6 | 12.3 | 14.2 | 14.3 | 12.0 | 3.5 | 13.4 | 12.2 | 12.3 | 18.0 | 5.9 | 10.6 |
| Guest House/B&B | 7.3 | 7.4 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 6.9 | 6.9 | 9.1 | 8.3 | 4.7 | 6.4 | 7.4 | 8.4 | 5.2 | 6.3 | 5.9 |
| Own Holiday Home | 14.2 | 14.2 | 13.5 | 12.7 | 12.9 | 13.4 | 11.6 | 15.5 | 8.9 | 11.2 | 12.1 | 15.9 | 10.3 | 11.7 | 11.8 |
| Hotel/Conference Centre | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 6.2 | 4.9 | 5.8 | 7.0 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.9 | 7.2 | 6.4 | 5.2 | 6.0 |
| Self Catering/Rented House | 12.3 | 11.5 | 11.5 | 10.5 | 10.3 | 8.7 | 10.5 | 11.6 | 8.5 | 9.6 | 10.6 | 11.1 | 7.9 | 10.2 | 11.3 |
| Friends/Relatives | 8.1 | 8.2 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 7.1 | 7.7 | 9.2 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 9.9 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 8.2 |
| Other | 12.4 | 12.7 | 14.6 | 11.9 | 12.8 | 12.6 | 11.4 | 11.4 | 12.8 | 12.8 | 13.4 | 13.7 | 10.5 | 15.4 | 12.6 |

Table 15: International travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2006 - Q2 2008

€ million

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| International - Expenditure | 4,092.2 | 4,258.2 | 5,044.1 | 6,134.5 | 7,344.8 | 1,117.4 | 1,428.2 | 2,128.8 | 1,460.1 | 1,361.1 | 1,726.8 | 2,392.1 | 1,864.8 | 1,594.5 | 1,799.2 |
| Holiday | 2,720.1 | 2,927.1 | 3,407.1 | 4,363.9 | 5,542.4 | 706.0 | 990.7 | 1,658.5 | 1,008.7 | 932.3 | 1,295.0 | 1,933.6 | 1,381.5 | 1,132.2 | 1,279.6 |
| Business* | 792.3 | 741.5 | 840.6 | 849.0 | 784.3 | 221.9 | 246.2 | 199.6 | 181.3 | 202.9 | 205.5 | 153.7 | 222.2 | 215.2 | 238.7 |
| Visiting Friends/Relatives | 366.7 | 387.4 | 531.7 | 696.7 | 784.7 | 139.0 | 138.9 | 200.9 | 217.9 | 182.5 | 158.4 | 236.8 | 207.0 | 205.1 | 198.9 |
| Other | 213.1 | 202.2 | 264.7 | 224.9 | 233.4 | 50.5 | 52.4 | 69.8 | 52.2 | 43.4 | 67.9 | 68.0 | 54.1 | 42.0 | 82.0 |

* - 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 2006 - Q2 2008

€ million

| | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | | | | 2007 | | | | 2008 | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun | Jul-Sep | Oct-Dec | Jan-Mar | Apr-Jun |
| International - Expenditure | 4,092.2 | 4,258.2 | 5,044.1 | 6,134.5 | 7,344.8 | 1,117.4 | 1,428.2 | 2,128.8 | 1,460.1 | 1,361.1 | 1,726.8 | 2,392.1 | 1,864.8 | 1,594.5 | 1,799.2 |
| EU - 27* | - | - | - | - | 4,527.5 | - | - | - | - | 817.9 | 1,174.9 | 1,672.2 | 862.5 | 923.3 | 1,249.1 |
| <i>Of which: EU - 25</i> | - | 2,890.0 | 3,277.5 | 3,886.8 | 4,453.7 | 662.0 | 963.4 | 1,497.0 | 764.4 | 805.4 | 1,161.6 | 1,631.1 | 855.6 | 905.7 | 1,237.5 |
| <i>EU - 15</i> | 2,724.4 | 2,763.7 | 3,139.7 | 3,697.6 | 4,268.1 | 630.8 | 924.2 | 1,413.8 | 728.8 | 775.8 | 1,108.8 | 1,571.5 | 812.0 | 858.6 | 1,190.0 |
| Other Europe* | 284.3 | 178.5 | 206.3 | 285.2 | 220.9 | 46.6 | 72.2 | 124.3 | 42.1 | 46.1 | 61.6 | 89.5 | 23.7 | 30.5 | 86.2 |
| North America | 634.3 | 660.5 | 918.4 | 1,060.6 | 1,356.9 | 191.9 | 230.6 | 303.9 | 334.2 | 209.9 | 302.4 | 350.2 | 494.4 | 277.4 | 276.9 |
| Central, South & Other Americas | 67.2 | 62.0 | 89.2 | 129.1 | 126.1 | 41.3 | 21.7 | 21.5 | 44.6 | 37.1 | 19.5 | 33.8 | 35.7 | 34.7 | 25.9 |
| Asia & Middle East | 136.1 | 201.3 | 219.8 | 301.6 | 437.2 | 55.0 | 62.2 | 85.3 | 99.1 | 62.6 | 90.6 | 104.1 | 179.9 | 134.9 | 72.5 |
| Africa | 124.8 | 128.8 | 136.2 | 225.0 | 276.0 | 60.5 | 37.5 | 50.6 | 76.4 | 97.2 | 35.4 | 58.7 | 84.7 | 78.0 | 53.3 |
| Australia, New Zealand & Oceania | 121.1 | 137.1 | 196.7 | 246.2 | 400.2 | 60.1 | 40.6 | 46.2 | 99.3 | 90.3 | 42.4 | 83.6 | 183.9 | 115.7 | 35.3 |

* - See Background Notes for countries included in each group & changes from Jan 2007.

Background Notes

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|-------------------------|---|
| Reference Period | Calendar quarters. |
| Scope | Domestic and International travel patterns involving overnight stays of all residents of the Republic of Ireland. |
| Coverage | All private households. |
| Purpose | 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. |
| Data Collection | Information is collected via postal survey on a quarterly basis by the Central Statistics Office. |
| Sample Design | 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.

Regional and Age Group Data

While the overall aggregate estimates are robust, falling response rates and reduced coverage has resulted in detailed data at NUTS3 level for Q3 2007 becoming less reliable. Accordingly, it is necessary to publish such regional data at a more aggregated NUTS2 level. Similarly the number of age groups have been reduced. We are, however, satisfied with the overall quality of detailed estimates published up to Q2 2007.

NUTS Regions

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.

| Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region | | Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region | |
|---|---|--|---|
| Border | Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo | Dublin | Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin |
| Midland | Laois Longford Offaly Westmeath | Mid-East | Kildare Meath Wicklow |
| West | Galway City Galway Mayo Roscommon | Mid-West | Clare Limerick City Limerick North Tipperary |
| | | South-East | Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford Wexford |
| | | South-West | 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 27 From Q1 2007 EU 27 includes the following Countries:

| | |
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| Austria | Latvia |
| Belgium | Lithuania |
| <i>Bulgaria</i> | Luxembourg |
| Cyprus | Malta |
| Czech Republic | Netherlands |
| Denmark | Poland |
| Estonia | Portugal |
| Finland | <i>Romania</i> |
| France | Slovakia |
| Germany | Slovenia |
| Greece | Spain |
| Hungary | Sweden |
| Italy | United Kingdom |

EU 25 For the period 2004-2006 EU 25 includes the following Countries:

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| Austria | Latvia |
| Belgium | Lithuania |
| Cyprus | Luxembourg |
| Czech Republic | Malta |
| Denmark | Netherlands |
| Estonia | Poland |

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| | Finland | Portugal |
| | France | Slovakia |
| | Germany | Slovenia |
| | Greece | Spain |
| | Hungary | Sweden |
| | Italy | United Kingdom |
| EU 15 | EU 15 includes the following Countries: | |
| | Austria | Italy |
| | Belgium | Luxemburg |
| | Denmark | Netherlands |
| | Finland | Portugal |
| | France | Spain |
| | Germany | Sweden |
| | Greece | United Kingdom |
| Other Europe 2000-2003 | For the period 2000-2003 Other Europe includes the following Countries: | |
| | Albania | Latvia |
| | Andorra | Liechtenstein |
| | Armenia | Lithuania |
| | Azerbaijan | Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of |
| | Belarus | Malta |
| | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Moldova, Republic of |
| | Bulgaria | Monaco |
| | Croatia | Norway |
| | Cyprus | Poland |
| | Czech Republic | Romania |
| | Estonia | Russian Federation |
| | Faroe Islands | San Marino |
| | Georgia | Slovakia |
| | Gibraltar | Slovenia |
| | Guernsey | Switzerland |
| | Hungary | Turkey |
| | Iceland | Ukraine |
| | Isle of Man | Vatican City |
| | Jersey | Yugoslavia (Federal Republic of) |
| Other Europe 2004-2006 | For the period 2004-2006 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 |
| | <i>Bulgaria</i> | <i>Romania</i> |
| | Croatia | Russian Federation |
| | Faroe Islands | San Marino |
| | Georgia | Switzerland |
| | Gibraltar | Turkey |
| | Guernsey | Ukraine |
| | Iceland | Vatican City |
| | Isle of Man | Yugoslavia (Federal Republic of) |
| Other Europe 2007 onwards | From Q1 2007 Other Europe includes the following Countries: | |
| | <i>Aland Islands</i> | Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of |
| | Albania | Moldova, Republic of |
| | Andorra | Monaco |
| | Belarus | <i>Montenegro</i> |
| | Bosnia and Herzegovina | Norway |
| | Croatia | Russian Federation |
| | Faroe Islands | San Marino |

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| Gibraltar | <i>Serbia</i> |
| Guernsey | Switzerland |
| Iceland | Turkey |
| Isle of Man | Ukraine |
| Jersey | Vatican City |
| Liechtenstein | |

North America North America includes the following Countries:
Canada
United States

Central, South and Other Americas Central, South and Other Americas includes the following Countries:

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| 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 From Q1 2007 Asia and Middle East includes the following Countries:

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| Afghanistan | Lebanon |
| <i>Armenia</i> | Macao |
| <i>Azerbaijan</i> | Malaysia |
| Bahrain | Maldives |
| Bangladesh | Mongolia |
| Bhutan | Myanmar |
| British Indian Ocean Territory | Nepal |
| Brunei Darussalam | Oman |
| Cambodia | Pakistan |
| China | Palestinian Territory, Occupied |
| <i>Georgia</i> | Philippines |
| Hong Kong | Qatar |
| India | Saudi Arabia |
| Indonesia | Singapore |
| Iran, Islamic Republic of | Sri Lanka |
| Iraq | Syrian Arab Republic |
| Israel | Taiwan, Province of China |
| Japan | Tajikistan |
| Jordan | Thailand |
| Kazakhstan | <i>Timor Leste</i> |
| Korea, Democratic People's Republic of | Turkmenistan |
| Korea, Republic of | United Arab Emirates |

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| Kuwait | Uzbekistan |
| Kyrgyzstan | Vietnam |
| Lao People's Democratic Republic | Yemen |

Africa Africa includes the following Countries:

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| 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:

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| 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 |