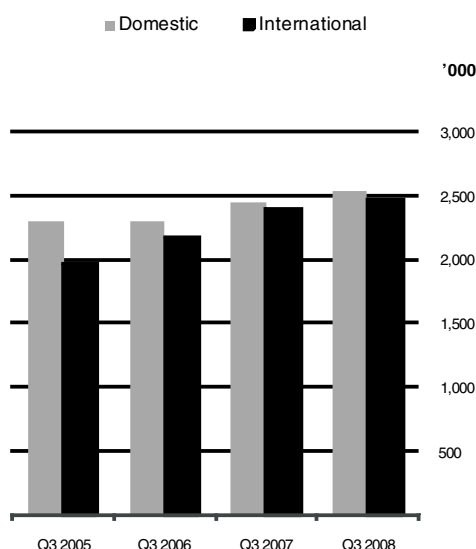




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	Domestic Trips '000	Domestic Expenditure € million	International Trips '000	International Expenditure € million
Q3 2004	2,167	399.5	1,751	1,540.0
Q3 2005	2,300	442.4	1,961	1,597.1
Q3 2006	2,301	541.7	2,174	2,128.8
Q3 2007	2,448	594.6	2,387	2,392.1
Q3 2008	2,544	592.8	2,471	2,421.0

More domestic trips but shorter stays in Q3 2008

Domestic Travel

- ◆ Domestic trips taken by Irish residents increased by just under 4% to 2,544,000 in Q3 2008 compared to Q3 2007. Travellers however favoured shorter trips with the number of trips lasting 1-3 nights increasing by 12.6% to 1,691,000 while those of longer duration fell by almost 10% to 853,000. Total holiday trips remained virtually unchanged at 1,579,000 while business trips and those visiting friends and relatives increased by an average of 10.6%. *See Tables 1, 1a and 2.*
- ◆ Total expenditure on domestic travel amounted to €592.8m and this was slightly less than that recorded in Q3 2007. Expenditure on holidays fell by 3% to €446.3m while that on business trips increased by 9.7% to €35.2m. Expenditure on trips spent visiting friends and relatives increased by 2% to €66.5m. *See Table 7.*
- ◆ In 2008 so far, domestic trips totalled 6,262,000, up 4.2% from the same period in 2007. Travellers spent 20,925,000 nights away which was down by 1.8% from 2007. Total expenditure fell by 2% to €1,199.2m. When these figures are compared to the corresponding figures for 2007, the reduction in growth is considerable. The growth in trips in 2008 was less than half that in 2007. Spending growth was almost 17% in 2007 compared to a fall of 2% in 2008. *See Tables 1 and 7.*

International Travel

- ◆ Irish residents took 2,471,000 international trips in Q3 2008 which was up 3.5% from the corresponding period in 2007. Holiday trips increased by 3.6% to 1,874,000, while business trips fell by 8.5% to 130,000. Trips spent visiting friends and relatives remained almost unchanged at 346,000. While the number of nights spent on holidays remained virtually unchanged, those on business trips increased by over a fifth. The overall number of nights spent on trips increased by 2.4% to 23,485,000. *See Table 10.*
- ◆ Expenditure by Irish residents on foreign trips was €2,421m in Q3 2008 and this was up slightly from Q3 2007. Expenditure on holiday trips increased very marginally to €1,943m while that for business trips was up 8.3% to €166.4m. Travellers spent €214.9m visiting friends and relatives and this was down by just over 9% from Q3 2007. *See Table 15.*
- ◆ For the first nine months of 2008, the number of foreign trips increased by 4.8% to 6,331,000 compared to 2007 and this has been accompanied by a corresponding increase of 5.7% to 52,653,000 in the number of nights spent on trips. Expenditure on foreign travel amounted to €5,814.7m which was up 6.1% on 2007. However growth rates were considerably less than those achieved between the first 9 months of 2007 and 2006. *See Tables 9 and 15.*

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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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,544
Border, Midland and Western	2,235	2,295	2,366	2,302	2,479	426	560	741	573	495	654	748	582	555	566	828
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	1,716
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	10,919
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	3,285
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	7,634
																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	4.3
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	4.0
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	4.4

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 3, 2005 - 2008

	'000							
	1-3 Nights	4+ Nights	1-3 Nights	4+ Nights	1-3 Nights	4+ Nights	1-3 Nights	4+ Nights
	Q3 2005	Q3 2005	Q3 2006	Q3 2006	Q3 2007	Q3 2007	Q3 2008	Q3 2008
Total Domestic - Trips	1,430	870	1,442	860	1,502	946	1,691	853
Border, Midland and Western	486	283	474	268	466	281	570	257
Southern and Eastern	944	587	968	592	1,036	665	1,121	596
Total Domestic - Nights	2,884	7,802	2,844	7,814	2,918	8,497	3,316	7,603
Border, Midland and Western	1,014	2,367	942	2,302	909	2,081	1,167	2,118
Southern and Eastern	1,870	5,435	1,902	5,512	2,009	6,416	2,149	5,486
	Nights							
Average Length of Stay	2.0	9.0	2.0	9.1	1.9	9.0	2.0	8.9
Border, Midland and Western	2.1	8.4	2.0	8.6	2.0	7.4	2.0	8.2
Southern and Eastern	2.0	9.3	2.0	9.3	1.9	9.6	1.9	9.2

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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,544
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	1,579
Business*	619	624	770	761	711	191	255	121	195	174	194	113	230	194	152	124
Visiting Friends/Relatives	2,291	2,420	2,298	2,254	2,420	493	530	513	718	526	598	590	706	649	554	658
Other	814	815	757	468	541	82	121	141	124	111	117	168	146	118	140	183
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	10,919
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	8,002
Business*	1,788	1,665	1,973	2,080	1,771	425	827	414	414	476	478	350	466	425	388	333
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	1,888
Other	2,310	2,540	2,422	1,581	1,611	334	464	527	255	283	412	514	403	272	414	696
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	4.3
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	5.1
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	2.7
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	2.9
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	3.8

* - 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 3 2008

	Reason for Journey				'000
	Business*	Holiday	Visiting Friends/Relatives	Other	Total
Total Domestic - Trips	124	1,579	658	183	2,544
Border, Midland and Western	33	505	225	65	828
Southern and Eastern	92	1,074	433	118	1,716
Total Domestic - Nights	333	8,002	1,888	696	10,919
Border, Midland and Western	128	2,150	657	349	3,285
Southern and Eastern	205	5,852	1,231	346	7,634

* - 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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,544
0-19 years	1,649	1,847	1,755	1,716	1,631	290	396	641	390	276	400	575	380	391	399	587
20-49 years	3,433	3,499	3,526	3,209	2,826	714	739	943	814	551	656	824	795	696	650	843
50+ years	1,574	1,654	1,893	2,385	3,486	454	586	718	628	752	926	1,050	757	763	819	1,114
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	10,919
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	3,598
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	3,398
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	3,923

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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,544
Male	3,197	3,299	3,472	3,477	3,787	671	826	1,100	880	751	943	1,162	931	846	883	1,233
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	1,311
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	10,919
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	5,145
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	5,774

Table 4a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Mode of Transport Used, Q1 2006 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,544
Air	134	144	153	23	31	38	52	39	43	36	35	45	34	31
Bus/Rail	734	706	860	144	166	188	208	192	212	244	212	195	215	223
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	2,198
Other	142	236	228	51	53	96	37	33	58	90	47	55	61	92
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	10,919
Air	689	523	626	63	125	182	153	189	164	138	135	135	137	131
Bus/Rail	2,665	2,450	2,907	429	684	802	535	537	802	1,001	568	488	762	868
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	9,349
Other	641	918	730	158	225	427	108	77	187	358	106	160	190	571

Table 4b: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Method of Booking, Q1 2006 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,544
Internet*	200	1,239	1,619	206	233	393	407	339	382	496	402	464	414	587
Direct* ¹	481	2,232	2,214	472	453	828	479	445	566	746	457	399	484	669
Travel Agent	114	92	77	12	16	42	21	13	28	25	11	20	19	31
Club	209	172	248	41	51	47	33	46	74	79	49	39	60	57
Employer	309	235	227	62	68	36	69	57	51	36	82	53	52	48
No Pre-booking*	5,859	3,339	3,557	664	899	955	821	680	881	1,065	930	876	838	1,152
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	10,919
Internet*	450	3,490	4,616	489	670	1,426	906	836	1,034	1,758	987	1,047	1,074	1,909
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	2,576
Travel Agent	504	401	361	30	85	228	59	45	130	140	45	54	73	145
Club	606	579	736	113	140	219	107	107	223	298	107	108	186	220
Employer	901	569	531	133	202	91	144	121	115	131	165	115	129	158
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	5,911

* - 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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,544
Border, Midland and Western	1,542	1,685	1,789	1,813	1,865	332	402	568	511	380	445	575	465	410	423	619
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	1,925
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	10,919
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	2,110
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	8,809

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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,544
Caravan/Camping	282	277	298	279	305	10	83	173	14	18	107	168	12	23	92	188
Guest House/B&B	720	699	661	531	521	83	127	213	107	90	149	194	88	82	130	172
Own Holiday Home	259	294	365	419	489	101	113	138	68	83	161	124	121	145	120	156
Hotel/Conference Centre	2,160	2,355	2,597	2,847	3,201	661	602	817	768	736	780	861	824	819	745	937
Self Catering/Rented House	576	583	547	480	556	46	104	257	72	57	143	294	63	67	123	276
Friends/Relatives	2,363	2,512	2,430	2,529	2,653	515	628	631	756	570	587	712	784	671	599	733
Other	298	282	278	224	217	42	64	73	46	26	56	95	41	43	58	82
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	10,919
Caravan/Camping	1,879	1,635	1,595	1,693	2,077	28	229	1,382	54	53	322	1,673	29	83	314	1,475
Guest House/B&B	2,067	1,963	1,816	1,542	1,432	214	378	714	236	230	411	604	186	174	350	478
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	1,616
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	2,330
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	1,958
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	2,558
Other	1,407	1,303	1,520	1,122	1,376	217	360	432	113	176	298	733	169	162	276	502
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	4.3
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	7.8
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	2.8
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	10.4
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	2.5
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	7.1
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	3.5
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	6.1

Table 7: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2006 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	592.8
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	446.3
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	35.2
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	66.5
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	44.8

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

Table 8: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Region Visited¹, Q1 2006 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	592.8
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	186.3
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	406.5

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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,471
EU - 27*	-	-	-	-	6,460	-	-	-	-	1,298	1,766	1,994	1,403	1,474	1,766	2,076
<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	2,045
<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	1,981
Other Europe*	260	167	238	256	228	38	76	105	36	47	64	87	30	32	76	99
North America	384	449	571	577	685	111	137	147	182	112	158	188	227	153	142	199
Central, South & Other Americas	30	28	41	59	47	17	14	12	16	13	10	12	12	14	10	13
Asia & Middle East	64	89	95	135	163	30	31	41	34	31	38	46	48	53	27	34
Africa	76	69	77	105	153	36	22	23	24	54	25	35	38	46	28	34
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	42	50	68	75	94	22	16	12	25	26	12	25	31	28	12	16
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	23,485
EU - 27*	-	-	-	-	43,160	-	-	-	-	6,939	12,188	16,940	7,093	7,831	12,380	17,294
<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	16,957
<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	16,400
Other Europe*	2,285	1,681	2,092	2,563	1,777	297	732	1,222	312	265	515	811	185	300	715	1,030
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	3,224
Central, South & Other Americas	513	488	654	867	728	264	236	167	199	144	209	192	183	222	151	315
Asia & Middle East	999	1,543	1,559	2,195	2,710	409	502	732	552	533	501	828	849	784	472	618
Africa	1,080	991	1,108	1,376	1,917	461	255	300	360	747	265	498	407	639	342	443
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	560
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	9.5
EU - 27*	-	-	-	-	6.7	-	-	-	-	5.3	6.9	8.5	5.1	5.3	7.0	8.3
<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	8.3
<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	8.3
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	10.4
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	16.2
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	24.2
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	18.2
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	13.0
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	35.0

* - 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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
Total EU (27) International - Trips	-	-	-	-	6,460	-	-	-	-	1,298	1,766	1,994	1,403	1,474	1,766	2,076
<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	2,045
<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	1,981
Austria	50	47	84	126	130	63	13	17	33	52	17	19	41	69	12	10
Belgium/Luxembourg	88	88	80	86	89	23	24	14	23	20	29	16	24	21	20	22
Cyprus/Malta	-	33	48	43	60	4	7	28	4	5	17	23	15	6	21	14
Denmark/Finland/Sweden	49	45	70	64	72	7	18	20	20	12	10	17	32	17	19	17
Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania	-	8	8	11	14	2	4	5	-	3	5	5	2	4	4	2
France	492	565	634	705	815	131	198	262	115	129	236	313	138	171	223	316
Germany	100	119	170	198	231	36	47	57	58	48	58	56	69	55	53	47
Greece	90	69	71	70	81	1	21	46	1	2	30	44	4	1	34	43
Italy	193	241	303	392	501	80	113	128	71	103	143	170	85	92	132	157
Netherlands	82	96	102	131	99	38	40	23	29	24	25	21	29	28	25	25
Other EU*	-	118	119	172	246	39	45	47	41	54	56	80	56	80	46	79
Portugal	191	200	234	282	351	29	81	123	49	33	113	155	50	58	126	161
Spain	1,182	1,280	1,300	1,509	1,713	234	466	537	271	309	513	582	309	312	488	600
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	585
<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	500
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	223	252	271	277	323	51	76	78	72	63	76	87	96	80	85	85
Total EU (27) International - Nights	-	-	-	-	43,160	-	-	-	-	6,939	12,188	16,940	7,093	7,831	12,380	17,294
<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	16,957
<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	16,400
Austria	392	340	581	890	885	416	98	169	207	342	101	161	281	583	135	82
Belgium/Luxembourg	428	373	286	290	353	87	94	54	55	69	140	86	57	75	58	91
Cyprus/Malta	-	335	458	408	553	40	77	254	37	35	147	232	139	38	190	159
Denmark/Finland/Sweden	324	239	481	357	378	33	94	155	76	96	59	93	130	81	110	136
Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania	-	92	93	55	57	5	15	35	-	12	16	17	12	16	34	14
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	3,283
Germany	712	861	1,078	1,052	1,242	165	292	370	226	211	316	379	337	240	329	345
Greece	1,115	727	826	811	878	4	261	530	16	10	309	531	27	6	348	472
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	1,509
Netherlands	448	497	531	619	442	171	153	165	130	95	91	142	113	115	117	177
Other EU*	-	559	625	945	1,612	158	221	364	204	318	361	698	235	400	325	721
Portugal	2,143	2,038	2,303	2,674	3,026	228	769	1,357	320	294	890	1,486	355	410	1,115	1,665
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	5,966
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	2,674
<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	2,427
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	799	716	775	834	839	139	193	349	153	151	215	272	201	185	201	247

* - 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 3, 2005 - 2008

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	1-3 Nights Q3 2005	4+ Nights Q3 2005	1-3 Nights Q3 2006	4+ Nights Q3 2006	1-3 Nights Q3 2007	4+ Nights Q3 2007	1-3 Nights Q3 2008	4+ Nights Q3 2008
Total International - Trips	339	1,623	432	1,742	403	1,984	442	2,030
EU - 27*	-	-	-	-	392	1,602	431	1,644
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	326	1,304	419	1,414	390	1,566	431	1,614
<i>EU - 15</i>	320	1,263	405	1,349	375	1,512	421	1,560
Other Europe*	4	94	6	99	5	82	4	95
North America	9	157	4	143	4	184	5	194
Other	1	67	2	86	2	115	1	97
Total International - Nights	749	19,079	968	19,410	899	22,042	982	22,503
EU - 27*	-	-	-	-	872	16,068	957	16,337
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	718	14,139	940	14,440	868	15,659	957	16,001
<i>EU - 15</i>	703	13,737	901	13,826	831	15,162	932	15,468
Other Europe*	8	991	14	1,207	12	799	9	1,020
North America	21	2,670	11	2,145	8	2,853	14	3,210
Other	1	1,279	3	1,617	7	2,322	2	1,935
Nights								
Average Length of Stay	2.2	11.8	2.2	11.1	2.2	11.1	2.2	11.1
EU - 27*	-	-	-	-	2.2	10.0	2.2	9.9
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	2.2	10.8	2.2	10.2	2.2	10.0	2.2	9.9
<i>EU - 15</i>	2.2	10.9	2.2	10.2	2.2	10.0	2.2	9.9
Other Europe*	2.0	10.5	2.3	12.2	2.4	9.7	2.3	10.7
North America	2.3	17.0	2.8	15.0	2.0	15.5	2.8	16.5
Other	1.0	19.1	1.5	18.8	3.5	20.2	2.0	19.9

* - 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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,471
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	1,874
Business*	621	684	791	783	723	212	234	159	178	202	184	142	195	192	170	130
Visiting Friends/Relatives	876	985	1,118	1,317	1,356	287	314	339	377	298	308	348	401	321	357	346
Other	315	325	351	268	303	56	59	83	71	54	95	88	67	69	90	121
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	23,485
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	18,665
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	999
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	2,765
Other	3,015	2,274	3,211	2,037	2,244	424	485	695	432	428	781	686	349	427	777	1,056
Average Length of Stay																
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	9.5
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	10.0
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	7.7
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	8.0
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	8.7

* - 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 3 2008

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	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business [#]	Holiday	Visiting Friends/Relatives	Other	
Total International - Trips	130	1,874	346	121	2,471
EU - 27*	103	1,594	277	102	2,076
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	103	1,565	277	101	2,045
<i>EU - 15</i>	93	1,519	275	95	1,981
Other Europe*	4	82	7	6	99
North America	13	130	50	7	199
Other	11	68	12	7	97
 Total International - Nights	 999	 18,665	 2,765	 1,056	 23,485
EU - 27*	516	14,464	1,710	604	17,294
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	516	14,135	1,707	599	16,957
<i>EU - 15</i>	405	13,801	1,688	506	16,400
Other Europe*	40	834	86	70	1,030
North America	209	2,106	670	239	3,224
Other	234	1,261	299	142	1,937

* - 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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,471
0-19 years	1,003	1,113	1,178	1,313	1,424	195	384	512	224	228	388	537	271	318	380	552
20-49 years	2,655	2,868	3,105	3,211	3,002	713	813	964	720	634	711	900	756	725	732	925
50+ years	1,317	1,484	1,910	2,456	3,404	489	653	699	616	718	974	949	763	757	948	994
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	23,485
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	6,101
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	9,236
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	8,148

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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,471
Male	2,459	2,675	3,079	3,432	3,886	730	918	1,024	760	803	1,014	1,181	888	901	975	1,194
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	1,277
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	23,485
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	11,072
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	12,413

Table 12a: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Mode of Transport Used, Q1 2006 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,471
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	2,125
Bus/Rail	100	128	136	17	39	40	33	22	36	46	31	21	42	41
Private Vehicle	352	344	390	59	92	117	76	60	103	131	96	83	97	134
Sea/Cruise	358	366	326	46	120	157	41	51	87	138	50	56	88	141
Other	48	86	81	6	26	45	8	13	31	23	12	6	17	31
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	23,485
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	20,469
Bus/Rail	966	1,107	875	136	283	414	274	96	206	430	142	110	229	349
Private Vehicle	1,934	1,751	2,048	211	452	791	296	186	603	990	270	316	499	807
Sea/Cruise	2,905	3,055	2,894	307	1,088	1,438	222	273	810	1,542	270	357	776	1,446
Other	520	783	817	43	177	482	81	108	310	311	89	65	104	413

Table 12b: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Method of Booking, Q1 2006 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,471
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	1,605
Direct* ¹	90	405	440	69	128	132	77	79	124	158	78	65	100	133
Travel Agent	1,654	1,638	1,698	292	458	621	267	291	496	606	305	321	427	568
Club	131	129	151	23	45	41	21	37	45	36	33	42	43	52
Employer	382	265	231	66	84	49	66	67	55	39	71	54	63	43
No Pre-booking*	3,094	271	231	47	81	81	62	44	66	66	55	65	52	71
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	23,485
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	14,987
Direct* ¹	537	3,136	3,411	427	1,125	1,047	536	581	1,006	1,400	424	506	791	1,211
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	6,007
Club	835	813	798	94	299	288	131	158	249	238	152	191	195	421
Employer	1,669	1,406	1,180	281	458	322	345	296	280	237	367	250	393	336
No Pre-booking*	26,548	1,478	1,271	298	439	529	212	258	343	423	246	239	313	524

* - 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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,471
Border, Midland and Western	927	1,087	1,329	1,485	1,619	268	370	493	356	292	470	506	353	350	411	558
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	1,913
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	23,485
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	4,876
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	18,609

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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,471
Caravan/Camping	168	206	208	187	215	5	64	113	4	7	82	125	1	10	86	141
Guest House/B&B	289	278	261	231	267	62	44	66	59	63	61	78	64	50	72	99
Own Holiday Home	99	98	175	282	313	53	77	95	56	73	82	104	55	90	80	96
Hotel/Conference Centre	1,949	2,311	2,800	3,179	3,670	737	838	852	753	843	943	924	960	940	908	987
Self Catering/Rented House	1,098	1,090	1,099	1,212	1,385	152	380	506	173	178	422	578	207	234	378	547
Friends/Relatives	1,123	1,245	1,401	1,636	1,721	344	379	454	459	360	416	489	457	421	451	517
Other	248	237	245	253	259	44	66	87	55	57	66	89	46	55	85	84
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	23,485
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	1,806
Guest House/B&B	2,112	2,065	1,766	1,653	1,836	428	399	548	278	401	450	653	332	314	423	698
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	1,573
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	7,159
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	6,335
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	4,686
Other	3,087	3,009	3,579	3,006	3,319	556	751	995	704	732	885	1,218	484	847	1,071	1,227
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	9.5
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	12.8
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	7.1
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	16.4
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	7.3
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	11.6
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	9.1
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	14.6

Table 15: International travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2006 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,421.0
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	1,943.0
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	166.4
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	214.9
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	96.7

* - 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 - Q3 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	Jul-Sep
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	2,421.0
EU - 27*	-	-	-	-	4,527.5	-	-	-	-	817.9	1,174.9	1,672.2	862.5	923.3	1,249.1	1,661.9
<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	1,628.5
<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	1,568.5
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	105.2
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	404.2
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	32.6
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	88.7
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	64.8
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	63.6

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

Background Notes

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:

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:

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

	Finland	Portugal
	France	Slovakia
	Germany	Slovenia
	Greece	Spain
	Hungary	Sweden
	Italy	United Kingdom
EU 15	EU 15 includes the following Countries:	
	Austria	Italy
	Belgium	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

	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:	
	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:	
	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

Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Lao People's Democratic Republic

Uzbekistan
Vietnam
Yemen

Africa Africa includes the following Countries:

Algeria
Angola
Benin
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cameroon
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo
Congo, The Democratic Republic of the
Cote d'Ivoire
Djibouti
Egypt
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Gabon
Gambia
Ghana
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Kenya
Lesotho
Liberia
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Madagascar

Malawi
Mali
Mauritania
Mauritius
Mayotte
Morocco
Mozambique
Namibia
Niger
Nigeria
Reunion
Rwanda
Saint Helena
Sao Tome and Principe
Senegal
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Somalia
South Africa
Sudan
Swaziland
Tanzania, United Republic of
Togo
Tunisia
Uganda
Western Sahara
Zambia
Zimbabwe

Australia, New Zealand and Oceania

Australia, New Zealand and Oceania includes the following Countries:

American Samoa
Antarctica
Australia
Bouvet Island
Christmas Island
Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Cook Islands
Fiji
French Polynesia
French Southern Territories
Guam
Heard Island and McDonald Islands
Kiribati
Marshall Islands
Micronesia, Federated States of
Nauru
New Caledonia

New Zealand
Niue
Norfolk Island
Northern Mariana Islands
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Pitcairn
Samoa
Solomon Islands
South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
Svalbard and Jan Mayen
Tokelau
Tonga
Tuvalu
United States Minor Outlying Islands
Vanuatu
Wallis and Futuna