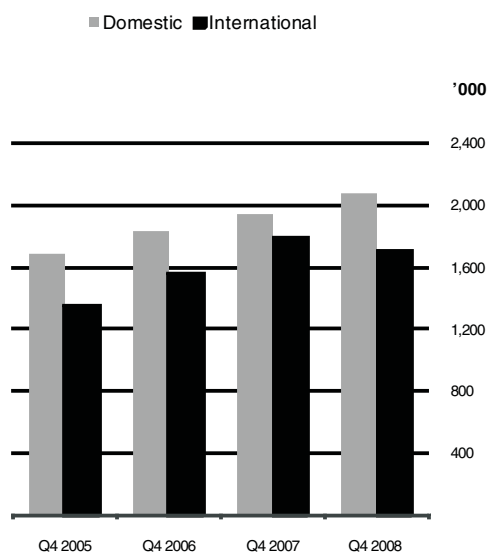




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	Domestic Trips '000	Domestic Expenditure € million	International Trips '000	International Expenditure € million
Q4 2004	1,715	206.0	1,220	838.2
Q4 2005	1,678	259.8	1,355	1,172.0
Q4 2006	1,831	328.0	1,560	1,460.1
Q4 2007	1,932	327.8	1,790	1,864.8
Q4 2008	2,077	346.8	1,710	1,372.3
2008	8,339	1,546.0	8,042	7,187.0

Foreign holiday travel and spending down in Q4 2008

International Travel

- ◆ In Q4 2008, the number of foreign holiday trips taken by Irish residents fell by just over 9% to 1,023,000 compared to Q4 2007. Business travel was down by just over one tenth to 175,000 while trips spent visiting friends and relatives actually increased by 7.2% to 430,000. Total trips taken abroad in Q4 2008 were down by 4.5% to 1,710,000. *See Table 10.*
- ◆ Travellers spent less nights away in Q4 2008 compared to Q4 2007. Holiday nights were down 23.4% to 6,587,000 and this was the main factor in the decline of 12.6% to 10,846,000 in the total number of nights spent away. *See Table 10.*
- ◆ Total expenditure on foreign trips fell by over a quarter to €1,372.3m in Q4 2008 compared to Q4 2007. Holiday expenditure fell by almost a third to €927.9m and this accounted for the bulk of the overall decline in expenditure. In addition, expenditure on business travel fell by 25.6% to €165.4m but spending on visiting friends and relatives increased by 7.2% to €221.9m. *See Table 15.*
- ◆ In 2008, trips taken abroad by Irish residents increased by 2.7% to 8,042,000. Total expenditure on these trips amounted to €7,187m, down by just over 2% from the previous year. These trends represent a considerable change from that of 2007 where the number of trips and total expenditure increased by 12.2% and 19.7% respectively from 2006. *See Tables 10 and 15.*

Domestic Travel

- ◆ Irish residents took 2,077,000 domestic trips in Q4 2008 which was up 7.5% from the same period in 2007. Holiday trips were up 6.8% to 908,000 while those visiting friends and relatives increased by 12.6% to 795,000. In contrast, business trips were down by almost 19% to 187,000. *See Table 2.*
- ◆ Total expenditure on domestic trips increased by 5.8% to €346.8m in Q4 2008 compared to Q4 2007. Expenditure on holiday trips increased very slightly to €186.2m while that on visiting friends and relatives increased by nearly a quarter to €64.5m. Expenditure on business trips fell by 20.6% to €50.2m. *See Table 7.*
- ◆ Domestic trips for 2008 as a whole increased by 5% to 8,339,000 compared to 2007 while the total number of nights spent away fell marginally to 26,195,000. Total expenditure was almost unchanged at €1,546m. *See Tables 1 and 7.*

Note: *See Definitions in Background Notes for category changes to 'Reason for Journey' from Q4 2008.*

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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 - Q4 2008

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total Domestic - Trips	7,001	7,173	7,310	7,942	8,339	1,457	1,721	2,301	1,831	1,579	1,983	2,448	1,932	1,851	1,867	2,544	2,077
Border, Midland and Western	2,295	2,366	2,302	2,479	2,569	426	560	741	573	495	654	748	582	555	566	828	620
Southern and Eastern	4,706	4,807	5,008	5,463	5,770	1,031	1,161	1,560	1,258	1,084	1,329	1,700	1,350	1,295	1,301	1,716	1,457
Total Domestic - Nights	24,189	24,607	24,203	26,328	26,195	3,708	5,357	10,659	4,479	3,983	5,909	11,415	5,021	4,626	5,380	10,919	5,271
Border, Midland and Western	7,657	8,199	7,538	7,947	8,016	1,047	1,823	3,244	1,425	1,323	2,067	2,990	1,566	1,381	1,739	3,285	1,612
Southern and Eastern	16,532	16,408	16,665	18,381	18,178	2,661	3,534	7,415	3,054	2,660	3,842	8,425	3,455	3,245	3,641	7,634	3,658
Nights																	
Average Length of Stay	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.1	2.5	3.1	4.6	2.4	2.5	3.0	4.7	2.6	2.5	2.9	4.3	2.5
Border, Midland and Western	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.2	3.1	2.5	3.3	4.4	2.5	2.7	3.2	4.0	2.7	2.5	3.1	4.0	2.6
Southern and Eastern	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.2	2.6	3.0	4.8	2.4	2.5	2.9	5.0	2.6	2.5	2.8	4.4	2.5

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 4, 2005 - 2008

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	1-3 Nights	4+ Nights	1-3 Nights	4+ Nights	1-3 Nights	4+ Nights	1-3 Nights	4+ Nights
	Q4 2005	Q4 2005	Q4 2006	Q4 2006	Q4 2007	Q4 2007	Q4 2008	Q4 2008
Total Domestic - Trips	1,388	289	1,535	296	1,596	336	1,755	322
Border, Midland and Western	430	93	479	93	474	107	514	106
Southern and Eastern	958	196	1,055	202	1,122	229	1,240	217
Total Domestic - Nights	2,524	2,033	2,730	1,749	2,852	2,169	3,213	2,058
Border, Midland and Western	774	748	886	539	876	690	961	651
Southern and Eastern	1,749	1,284	1,844	1,210	1,976	1,479	2,251	1,407
	Nights							
Average Length of Stay	1.8	7.0	1.8	5.9	1.8	6.5	1.8	6.4
Border, Midland and Western	1.8	8.0	1.8	5.8	1.8	6.4	1.9	6.1
Southern and Eastern	1.8	6.6	1.7	6.0	1.8	6.5	1.8	6.5

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

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¹ 2008 Annual figure for Other includes Educational & Training and Health & Medical which were included from Q4 2008

Table 2a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights for Region¹ Visited by Reason for Journey, Quarter 4 2008

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	Reason for Journey						
	Business*	Holiday	Visiting Friends/Relatives	Educational & Training	Health & Medical	Other	Total
Total Domestic - Trips	187	908	795	61	19	107	2,077
Border, Midland and Western	49	279	232	15	4	41	620
Southern and Eastern	138	629	563	45	15	66	1,457
Total Domestic - Nights	427	2,157	2,068	305	85	228	5,271
Border, Midland and Western	126	715	600	75	22	74	1,612
Southern and Eastern	301	1,442	1,468	230	63	154	3,658

* - 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 - Q4 2008

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total Domestic - Trips	7,001	7,173	7,310	7,942	8,339	1,457	1,721	2,301	1,831	1,579	1,983	2,448	1,932	1,851	1,867	2,544	2,077
0-19 years	1,847	1,755	1,716	1,631	1,763	290	396	641	390	276	400	575	380	391	399	587	386
20-49 years	3,499	3,526	3,209	2,826	2,963	714	739	943	814	551	656	824	795	696	650	843	774
50+ years	1,654	1,893	2,385	3,486	3,612	454	586	718	628	752	926	1,050	757	763	819	1,114	917
Total Domestic - Nights	24,189	24,607	24,203	26,328	26,195	3,708	5,357	10,659	4,479	3,983	5,909	11,415	5,021	4,626	5,380	10,919	5,271
0-19 years	7,745	7,297	6,848	7,019	7,071	777	1,365	3,731	975	710	1,398	3,825	1,087	1,077	1,325	3,598	1,071
20-49 years	10,607	10,508	9,365	8,422	8,516	1,662	2,096	3,771	1,837	1,285	1,710	3,479	1,948	1,600	1,653	3,398	1,866
50+ years	5,838	6,803	7,990	10,887	10,607	1,270	1,896	3,155	1,668	1,989	2,801	4,112	1,985	1,949	2,403	3,923	2,333

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 - Q4 2008

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total Domestic - Trips	7,001	7,173	7,310	7,942	8,339	1,457	1,721	2,301	1,831	1,579	1,983	2,448	1,932	1,851	1,867	2,544	2,077
Male	3,299	3,472	3,477	3,787	3,931	671	826	1,100	880	751	943	1,162	931	846	883	1,233	970
Female	3,702	3,702	3,833	4,155	4,408	786	894	1,201	951	829	1,040	1,286	1,001	1,005	984	1,311	1,107
Total Domestic - Nights	24,189	24,607	24,203	26,328	26,195	3,708	5,357	10,659	4,479	3,983	5,909	11,415	5,021	4,626	5,380	10,919	5,271
Male	11,352	11,803	11,639	12,419	12,153	1,670	2,656	5,156	2,156	1,942	2,738	5,370	2,370	2,091	2,516	5,145	2,401
Female	12,838	12,803	12,564	13,908	14,042	2,038	2,701	5,503	2,323	2,041	3,171	6,044	2,651	2,535	2,863	5,774	2,870

Table 4a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Mode of Transport Used, Q1 2006 - Q4 2008

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	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total Domestic - Trips	7,310	7,942	8,339	1,457	1,721	2,301	1,831	1,579	1,983	2,448	1,932	1,851	1,867	2,544	2,077
Air	144	153	148	23	31	38	52	39	43	36	35	45	34	31	38
Bus/Rail	706	860	872	144	166	188	208	192	212	244	212	195	215	223	238
Private Vehicle	6,223	6,701	7,048	1,239	1,471	1,979	1,533	1,315	1,670	2,078	1,637	1,555	1,557	2,198	1,738
Other	236	228	271	51	53	96	37	33	58	90	47	55	61	92	62
Total Domestic - Nights	24,203	26,328	26,195	3,708	5,357	10,659	4,479	3,983	5,909	11,415	5,021	4,626	5,380	10,919	5,271
Air	523	626	508	63	125	182	153	189	164	138	135	135	137	131	105
Bus/Rail	2,450	2,907	2,829	429	684	802	535	537	802	1,001	568	488	762	868	710
Private Vehicle	20,313	22,066	21,777	3,059	4,323	9,248	3,684	3,181	4,756	9,918	4,211	3,843	4,291	9,349	4,295
Other	918	730	1,080	158	225	427	108	77	187	358	106	160	190	571	160

Table 4b: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Method of Booking, Q1 2006 - Q4 2008

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	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total Domestic - Trips	7,310	7,942	8,339	1,457	1,721	2,301	1,831	1,579	1,983	2,448	1,932	1,851	1,867	2,544	2,077
Internet*	1,239	1,619	1,958	206	233	393	407	339	382	496	402	464	414	587	493
Direct* ¹	2,232	2,214	2,013	472	453	828	479	445	566	746	457	399	484	669	461
Travel Agent	92	77	90	12	16	42	21	13	28	25	11	20	19	31	21
Club	172	248	214	41	51	47	33	46	74	79	49	39	60	57	58
Employer	235	227	219	62	68	36	69	57	51	36	82	53	52	48	66
No Pre-booking*	3,339	3,557	3,844	664	899	955	821	680	881	1,065	930	876	838	1,152	977
Total Domestic - Nights	24,203	26,328	26,195	3,708	5,357	10,659	4,479	3,983	5,909	11,415	5,021	4,626	5,380	10,919	5,271
Internet*	3,490	4,616	5,127	489	670	1,426	906	836	1,034	1,758	987	1,047	1,074	1,909	1,098
Direct* ¹	6,831	6,997	5,908	1,049	1,414	3,347	1,021	936	1,675	3,314	1,071	918	1,409	2,576	1,006
Travel Agent	401	361	356	30	85	228	59	45	130	140	45	54	73	145	84
Club	579	736	644	113	140	219	107	107	223	298	107	108	186	220	129
Employer	569	531	565	133	202	91	144	121	115	131	165	115	129	158	163
No Pre-booking*	12,332	13,087	13,594	1,895	2,846	5,347	2,243	1,937	2,732	5,773	2,645	2,383	2,509	5,911	2,791

* - 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 - Q4 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total Domestic - Trips	7,001	7,173	7,310	7,942	8,339	1,457	1,721	2,301	1,831	1,579	1,983	2,448	1,932	1,851	1,867	2,544	2,077
Border, Midland and Western	1,685	1,789	1,813	1,865	1,933	332	402	568	511	380	445	575	465	410	423	619	481
Southern and Eastern	5,316	5,384	5,497	6,077	6,406	1,125	1,319	1,733	1,320	1,199	1,538	1,873	1,467	1,441	1,444	1,925	1,596
Total Domestic - Nights	24,189	24,607	24,203	26,328	26,195	3,708	5,357	10,659	4,479	3,983	5,909	11,415	5,021	4,626	5,380	10,919	5,271
Border, Midland and Western	5,330	6,080	5,237	5,283	5,419	754	1,149	2,166	1,168	865	1,229	2,013	1,177	938	1,112	2,110	1,258
Southern and Eastern	18,859	18,527	18,966	21,045	20,776	2,954	4,208	8,493	3,311	3,118	4,680	9,402	3,843	3,688	4,267	8,809	4,013

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

Table 5a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Region Visited by Region of Residence¹, 2008

	Region Visited	
Region of Residence	Border, Midland and Western	Southern and Eastern
Total Domestic - Trips	2,569	5,770
Border, Midland and Western	811	1,122
Southern and Eastern	1,758	4,648
Total Domestic - Nights	8,016	18,178
Border, Midland and Western	2,228	3,191
Southern and Eastern	5,789	14,987
	Nights	
Average Length of Stay	3.1	3.2
Border, Midland and Western	2.7	2.8
Southern and Eastern	3.3	3.2

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 - Q4 2008

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total Domestic - Trips	7,001	7,173	7,310	7,942	8,339	1,457	1,721	2,301	1,831	1,579	1,983	2,448	1,932	1,851	1,867	2,544	2,077
Caravan/Camping	277	298	279	305	323	10	83	173	14	18	107	168	12	23	92	188	20
Guest House/B&B	699	661	531	521	479	83	127	213	107	90	149	194	88	82	130	172	95
Own Holiday Home	294	365	419	489	521	101	113	138	68	83	161	124	121	145	120	156	99
Hotel/Conference Centre	2,355	2,597	2,847	3,201	3,430	661	602	817	768	736	780	861	824	819	745	937	929
Self Catering/Rented House	583	547	480	556	541	46	104	257	72	57	143	294	63	67	123	276	74
Friends/Relatives	2,512	2,430	2,529	2,653	2,818	515	628	631	756	570	587	712	784	671	599	733	815
Other	282	278	224	217	228	42	64	73	46	26	56	95	41	43	58	82	44
Total Domestic - Nights	24,189	24,607	24,203	26,328	26,195	3,708	5,357	10,659	4,479	3,983	5,909	11,415	5,021	4,626	5,380	10,919	5,271
Caravan/Camping	1,635	1,595	1,693	2,077	1,930	28	229	1,382	54	53	322	1,673	29	83	314	1,475	59
Guest House/B&B	1,963	1,816	1,542	1,432	1,178	214	378	714	236	230	411	604	186	174	350	478	176
Own Holiday Home	2,014	2,174	2,459	2,772	3,048	295	480	1,436	249	297	636	1,339	500	578	534	1,616	320
Hotel/Conference Centre	5,836	6,358	6,436	7,359	7,616	1,386	1,378	2,158	1,514	1,525	1,790	2,286	1,758	1,726	1,670	2,330	1,890
Self Catering/Rented House	3,701	3,582	3,298	3,500	3,238	246	697	2,013	342	209	810	2,213	269	251	657	1,958	372
Friends/Relatives	7,736	7,562	7,653	7,812	7,986	1,321	1,836	2,524	1,972	1,493	1,642	2,567	2,110	1,652	1,579	2,558	2,197
Other	1,303	1,520	1,122	1,376	1,198	217	360	432	113	176	298	733	169	162	276	502	257
Nights																	
Average Length of Stay	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.1	2.5	3.1	4.6	2.4	2.5	3.0	4.7	2.6	2.5	2.9	4.3	2.5
Caravan/Camping	5.9	5.4	6.1	6.8	6.0	2.8	2.8	8.0	3.9	2.9	3.0	10.0	2.4	3.6	3.4	7.8	3.0
Guest House/B&B	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.6	3.0	3.4	2.2	2.6	2.8	3.1	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.8	1.9
Own Holiday Home	6.9	6.0	5.9	5.7	5.9	2.9	4.2	10.4	3.7	3.6	4.0	10.8	4.1	4.0	4.5	10.4	3.2
Hotel/Conference Centre	2.5	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.6	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.0
Self Catering/Rented House	6.3	6.5	6.9	6.3	6.0	5.3	6.7	7.8	4.8	3.7	5.7	7.5	4.3	3.7	5.3	7.1	5.0
Friends/Relatives	3.1	3.1	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.9	4.0	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.6	2.7	2.5	2.6	3.5	2.7
Other	4.6	5.5	5.0	6.3	5.3	5.2	5.6	5.9	2.5	6.8	5.3	7.7	4.1	3.8	4.8	6.1	5.8

Table 7: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2006 - Q4 2008

€ million

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 ¹	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	Oct-Dec
Domestic - Expenditure	1,037.2	1,164.5	1,375.2	1,551.0	1,546.0	217.4	288.1	541.7	328.0	288.9	339.7	594.6	327.8	284.2	322.2	592.8	346.8
Holiday	624.9	706.8	872.7	1,028.1	1,027.9	119.9	159.3	409.1	184.4	166.8	216.0	460.3	185.0	181.0	214.4	446.3	186.2
Business*	162.5	188.3	227.3	194.1	162.8	49.0	69.1	52.6	56.6	53.1	45.7	32.1	63.2	41.7	35.7	35.2	50.2
Visiting Friends/Relatives	121.1	142.4	181.8	219.7	215.7	26.6	33.1	53.2	68.9	49.8	52.9	65.2	51.8	42.7	42.0	66.5	64.5
Educational & Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.5
Health & Medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.1
Other ¹	128.7	127.0	93.4	109.1	139.6	21.9	26.6	26.8	18.1	19.2	25.1	37.0	27.8	18.8	30.1	44.8	18.3

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

¹ 2008 Annual figure for Other includes Educational & Training and Health & Medical which were included from Q4 2008**Table 8: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Region Visited¹, Q1 2006 - Q4 2008**

€ million

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Domestic - Expenditure	1,037.2	1,164.5	1,375.2	1,551.0	1,546.0	217.4	288.1	541.7	328.0	288.9	339.7	594.6	327.8	284.2	322.2	592.8	346.8
Border, Midland and Western	346.0	382.9	442.3	482.2	481.0	61.0	102.4	183.6	95.3	95.5	114.2	174.0	98.5	85.7	106.0	186.3	103.0
Southern and Eastern	691.2	781.6	932.9	1,068.8	1,065.0	156.4	185.7	358.1	232.7	193.4	225.5	420.6	229.3	198.5	216.2	406.5	243.8

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 - Q4 2008

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total International - Trips	5,465	6,189	6,981	7,830	8,042	1,397	1,850	2,174	1,560	1,580	2,073	2,387	1,790	1,800	2,060	2,471	1,710
EU - 27*	-	-	-	6,460	6,678	-	-	-	-	1,298	1,766	1,994	1,403	1,474	1,766	2,076	1,362
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	4,614	5,101	5,775	6,385	6,611	1,143	1,556	1,834	1,242	1,287	1,748	1,956	1,394	1,457	1,753	2,045	1,356
<i>EU - 15</i>	4,455	4,927	5,548	6,141	6,366	1,098	1,499	1,754	1,197	1,235	1,688	1,886	1,331	1,384	1,694	1,981	1,306
Other Europe*	167	238	256	228	237	38	76	105	36	47	64	87	30	32	76	99	31
North America	449	571	577	685	716	111	137	147	182	112	158	188	227	153	142	199	222
Central, South & Other Americas	28	41	59	47	52	17	14	12	16	13	10	12	12	14	10	13	15
Asia & Middle East	89	95	135	163	142	30	31	41	34	31	38	46	48	53	27	34	28
Africa	69	77	105	153	143	36	22	23	24	54	25	35	38	46	28	34	35
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	50	68	75	94	73	22	16	12	25	26	12	25	31	28	12	16	17
Total International - Nights	46,302	51,503	54,266	62,236	63,498	9,140	14,731	20,378	10,017	10,431	16,460	22,941	12,404	12,426	16,742	23,485	10,846
EU - 27*	-	-	-	43,160	44,140	-	-	-	-	6,939	12,188	16,940	7,093	7,831	12,380	17,294	6,635
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	33,924	36,168	38,161	42,447	43,478	5,907	10,720	15,380	6,154	6,869	12,017	16,527	7,035	7,710	12,207	16,957	6,604
<i>EU - 15</i>	32,938	34,996	36,752	40,938	41,960	5,705	10,407	14,728	5,912	6,574	11,664	15,993	6,707	7,378	11,830	16,400	6,351
Other Europe*	1,681	2,092	2,563	1,777	2,310	297	732	1,222	312	265	515	811	185	300	715	1,030	265
North America	6,200	7,726	6,834	8,941	9,651	1,142	1,824	2,155	1,713	1,088	2,436	2,861	2,556	1,779	2,282	3,224	2,365
Central, South & Other Americas	488	654	867	728	915	264	236	167	199	144	209	192	183	222	151	315	228
Asia & Middle East	1,543	1,559	2,195	2,710	2,303	409	502	732	552	533	501	828	849	784	472	618	428
Africa	991	1,108	1,376	1,917	1,854	461	255	300	360	747	265	498	407	639	342	443	429
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	1,475	2,196	2,270	3,003	2,326	659	462	421	728	714	346	811	1,132	870	399	560	496
Nights																	
Average Length of Stay	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.9	7.9	6.5	8.0	9.4	6.4	6.6	7.9	9.6	6.9	6.9	8.1	9.5	6.3
EU - 27*	-	-	-	6.7	6.6	-	-	-	-	5.3	6.9	8.5	5.1	5.3	7.0	8.3	4.9
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	7.4	7.1	6.6	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	4.9
<i>EU - 15</i>	7.4	7.1	6.6	6.7	6.6	5.2	6.9	8.4	4.9	5.3	6.9	8.5	5.0	5.3	7.0	8.3	4.9
Other Europe*	10.1	8.8	10.0	7.8	9.7	7.8	9.6	11.6	8.7	5.6	8.0	9.3	6.2	9.4	9.4	10.4	8.5
North America	13.8	13.5	11.8	13.1	13.5	10.3	13.3	14.7	9.4	9.7	15.4	15.2	11.3	11.6	16.1	16.2	10.7
Central, South & Other Americas	17.4	16.0	14.7	15.5	17.6	15.5	16.9	13.9	12.4	11.1	20.9	16.0	15.3	15.9	15.1	24.2	15.2
Asia & Middle East	17.3	16.4	16.3	16.6	16.2	13.6	16.2	17.9	16.2	17.2	13.2	18.0	17.7	14.8	17.5	18.2	15.3
Africa	14.4	14.4	13.1	12.5	13.0	12.8	11.6	13.0	15.0	13.8	10.6	14.2	10.7	13.9	12.2	13.0	12.3
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	29.5	32.3	30.3	31.9	31.9	30.0	28.9	35.1	29.1	27.5	28.8	32.4	36.5	31.1	33.3	35.0	29.2

* - 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 - Q4 2008

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total EU (27) International - Trips	-	-	-	6,460	6,678	-	-	-	-	1,298	1,766	1,994	1,403	1,474	1,766	2,076	1,362
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	4,614	5,101	5,775	6,385	6,611	1,143	1,556	1,834	1,242	1,287	1,748	1,956	1,394	1,457	1,753	2,045	1,356
<i>EU - 15</i>	4,455	4,927	5,548	6,141	6,366	1,098	1,499	1,754	1,197	1,235	1,688	1,886	1,331	1,384	1,694	1,981	1,306
Austria	47	84	126	130	108	63	13	17	33	52	17	19	41	69	12	10	18
Belgium/Luxembourg	88	80	86	89	95	23	24	14	23	20	29	16	24	21	20	22	33
Cyprus/Malta	33	48	43	60	50	4	7	28	4	5	17	23	15	6	21	14	9
Denmark/Finland/Sweden	45	70	64	72	61	7	18	20	20	12	10	17	32	17	19	17	8
Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania	8	8	11	14	14	2	4	5	-	3	5	5	2	4	4	2	4
France	565	634	705	815	865	131	198	262	115	129	236	313	138	171	223	316	154
Germany	119	170	198	231	214	36	47	57	58	48	58	56	69	55	53	47	59
Greece	69	71	70	81	80	1	21	46	1	2	30	44	4	1	34	43	2
Italy	241	303	392	501	439	80	113	128	71	103	143	170	85	92	132	157	59
Netherlands	96	102	131	99	98	38	40	23	29	24	25	21	29	28	25	25	20
Other EU*	118	119	172	246	247	39	45	47	41	54	56	80	56	80	46	79	42
Portugal	200	234	282	351	397	29	81	123	49	33	113	155	50	58	126	161	52
Spain	1,280	1,300	1,509	1,713	1,679	234	466	537	271	309	513	582	309	312	488	600	279
UK (Great Britain & Northern Ireland)	1,704	1,877	1,987	2,059	2,330	457	479	525	525	503	513	493	550	560	563	585	622
<i>Of which: Great Britain</i>	1,452	1,606	1,710	1,736	1,963	407	403	447	453	440	437	405	454	480	479	500	505
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	252	271	277	323	367	51	76	78	72	63	76	87	96	80	85	85	117
Total EU (27) International - Nights	-	-	-	43,160	44,140	-	-	-	-	6,939	12,188	16,940	7,093	7,831	12,380	17,294	6,635
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	33,924	36,168	38,161	42,447	43,478	5,907	10,720	15,380	6,154	6,869	12,017	16,527	7,035	7,710	12,207	16,957	6,604
<i>EU - 15</i>	32,938	34,996	36,752	40,938	41,960	5,705	10,407	14,728	5,912	6,574	11,664	15,993	6,707	7,378	11,830	16,400	6,351
Austria	340	581	890	885	910	416	98	169	207	342	101	161	281	583	135	82	109
Belgium/Luxembourg	373	286	290	353	347	87	94	54	55	69	140	86	57	75	58	91	123
Cyprus/Malta	335	458	408	553	470	40	77	254	37	35	147	232	139	38	190	159	83
Denmark/Finland/Sweden	239	481	357	378	357	33	94	155	76	96	59	93	130	81	110	136	30
Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania	92	93	55	57	79	5	15	35	-	12	16	17	12	16	34	14	16
France	5,074	5,620	5,633	6,658	6,815	719	1,614	2,704	596	678	2,089	3,210	681	957	1,809	3,283	767
Germany	861	1,078	1,052	1,242	1,138	165	292	370	226	211	316	379	337	240	329	345	224
Greece	727	826	811	878	848	4	261	530	16	10	309	531	27	6	348	472	22
Italy	1,978	2,568	2,823	3,729	3,390	427	873	1,094	430	532	1,148	1,573	476	489	1,033	1,509	359
Netherlands	497	531	619	442	488	171	153	165	130	95	91	142	113	115	117	177	79
Other EU*	559	625	945	1,612	1,631	158	221	364	204	318	361	698	235	400	325	721	185
Portugal	2,038	2,303	2,674	3,026	3,620	228	769	1,357	320	294	890	1,486	355	410	1,115	1,665	431
Spain	12,929	12,549	13,749	15,390	15,027	1,839	4,244	5,746	1,919	2,558	4,433	5,971	2,428	2,607	4,438	5,966	2,015
UK (Great Britain & Northern Ireland)	7,884	8,175	7,854	7,957	9,019	1,615	1,917	2,383	1,938	1,689	2,086	2,361	1,821	1,815	2,338	2,674	2,192
<i>Of which: Great Britain</i>	7,168	7,401	7,020	7,118	8,092	1,477	1,724	2,035	1,785	1,537	1,871	2,089	1,620	1,630	2,136	2,427	1,898
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	716	775	834	839	927	139	193	349	153	151	215	272	201	185	201	247	294

* - 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 4, 2005 - 2008

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	1-3 Nights Q4 2005	4+ Nights Q4 2005	1-3 Nights Q4 2006	4+ Nights Q4 2006	1-3 Nights Q4 2007	4+ Nights Q4 2007	1-3 Nights Q4 2008	4+ Nights Q4 2008
Total International - Trips	542	813	581	979	655	1,134	640	1,070
EU - 27*	-	-	-	-	628	775	620	742
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	517	565	556	686	626	767	616	740
<i>EU - 15</i>	502	532	540	657	602	729	599	708
Other Europe*	12	24	10	26	9	21	6	25
North America	12	163	13	169	13	214	11	211
Other	1	62	1	98	5	124	3	92
Total International - Nights	1,176	7,406	1,259	8,758	1,494	10,910	1,394	9,452
EU - 27*	-	-	-	-	1,423	5,669	1,338	5,298
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	1,112	4,399	1,196	4,957	1,417	5,618	1,325	5,278
<i>EU - 15</i>	1,075	4,127	1,157	4,755	1,353	5,354	1,283	5,068
Other Europe*	28	217	24	288	22	163	17	248
North America	33	1,747	37	1,676	37	2,519	31	2,334
Other	3	1,043	2	1,837	12	2,558	9	1,573
	Nights							
Average Length of Stay	2.2	9.1	2.2	8.9	2.3	9.6	2.2	8.8
EU - 27*	-	-	-	-	2.3	7.3	2.2	7.1
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	2.2	7.8	2.2	7.2	2.3	7.3	2.2	7.1
<i>EU - 15</i>	2.1	7.8	2.1	7.2	2.2	7.3	2.1	7.2
Other Europe*	2.3	9.0	2.4	11.1	2.4	7.8	2.8	9.9
North America	2.8	10.7	2.8	9.9	2.8	11.8	2.8	11.1
Other	3.0	16.8	2.0	18.7	2.4	20.6	3.0	17.1

* - 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 - Q4 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 ¹	2006				2007				2008				'000
						Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	
Total International - Trips	5,465	6,189	6,981	7,830	8,042	1,397	1,850	2,174	1,560	1,580	2,073	2,387	1,790	1,800	2,060	2,471	1,710	
Holiday	3,472	3,931	4,612	5,448	5,557	842	1,243	1,594	934	1,026	1,486	1,809	1,127	1,218	1,443	1,874	1,023	
Business*	684	791	783	723	668	212	234	159	178	202	184	142	195	192	170	130	175	
Visiting Friends/Relatives	985	1,118	1,317	1,356	1,455	287	314	339	377	298	308	348	401	321	357	346	430	
Educational & Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	
Health & Medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	
Other ¹	325	351	268	303	362	56	59	83	71	54	95	88	67	69	90	121	50	
Total International - Nights	46,302	51,503	54,266	62,236	63,498	9,140	14,731	20,378	10,017	10,431	16,460	22,941	12,404	12,426	16,742	23,485	10,846	
Holiday	33,692	36,714	38,884	47,019	46,229	5,772	10,907	15,928	6,276	7,067	12,746	18,610	8,597	8,821	12,156	18,665	6,587	
Business*	3,430	3,870	4,282	3,669	4,133	950	1,275	1,133	924	893	959	817	1,000	1,005	1,211	999	918	
Visiting Friends/Relatives	6,906	7,706	9,063	9,304	10,400	1,993	2,064	2,621	2,385	2,042	1,974	2,829	2,458	2,173	2,598	2,765	2,865	
Educational & Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	124	
Health & Medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	
Other ¹	2,274	3,211	2,037	2,244	2,736	424	485	695	432	428	781	686	349	427	777	1,056	244	
																		Nights
Average Length of Stay	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.9	7.9	6.5	8.0	9.4	6.4	6.6	7.9	9.6	6.9	6.9	8.1	9.5	6.3	
Holiday	9.7	9.3	8.4	8.6	8.3	6.9	8.8	10.0	6.7	6.9	8.6	10.3	7.6	7.2	8.4	10.0	6.4	
Business*	5.0	4.9	5.5	5.1	6.2	4.5	5.4	7.1	5.2	4.4	5.2	5.8	5.1	5.2	7.1	7.7	5.2	
Visiting Friends/Relatives	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9	7.1	6.9	6.6	7.7	6.3	6.9	6.4	8.1	6.1	6.8	7.3	8.0	6.7	
Educational & Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.5	
Health & Medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.4	
Other ¹	7.0	9.1	7.6	7.4	7.6	7.6	8.2	8.4	6.1	7.9	8.2	7.8	5.2	6.2	8.6	8.7	4.9	

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

¹ 2008 Annual figure for Other includes Educational & Training and Health & Medical which were included from Q4 2008

Table 10a: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights for Region Visited* by Reason for Journey, Quarter 4 2008

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	Reason for Journey						Total
	Business [#]	Holiday	Visiting Friends/Relatives	Educational & Training	Health & Medical	Other	
Total International - Trips	175	1,023	430	19	13	50	1,710
EU - 27*	141	804	350	16	11	40	1,362
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	140	803	346	16	11	40	1,356
<i>EU - 15</i>	132	770	339	15	10	40	1,306
Other Europe*	3	16	8	1	-	4	31
North America	17	146	54	1	1	2	222
Other	15	57	19	1	0	3	95
 Total International - Nights	 918	 6,587	 2,865	 124	 109	 244	 10,846
EU - 27*	425	4,222	1,702	62	63	161	6,635
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	423	4,209	1,690	62	60	161	6,604
<i>EU - 15</i>	390	4,049	1,639	59	53	161	6,351
Other Europe*	65	134	41	2	-	24	265
North America	243	1,291	724	47	39	22	2,365
Other	185	940	398	13	7	38	1,581

* - 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 - Q4 2008

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total International - Trips	5,465	6,189	6,981	7,830	8,042	1,397	1,850	2,174	1,560	1,580	2,073	2,387	1,790	1,800	2,060	2,471	1,710
0-19 years	1,113	1,178	1,313	1,424	1,469	195	384	512	224	228	388	537	271	318	380	552	219
20-49 years	2,868	3,105	3,211	3,002	3,037	713	813	964	720	634	711	900	756	725	732	925	655
50+ years	1,484	1,910	2,456	3,404	3,535	489	653	699	616	718	974	949	763	757	948	994	836
Total International - Nights	46,302	51,503	54,266	62,236	63,498	9,140	14,731	20,378	10,017	10,431	16,460	22,941	12,404	12,426	16,742	23,485	10,846
0-19 years	10,916	11,476	11,878	12,265	12,776	1,227	3,641	5,641	1,368	1,392	3,446	5,851	1,575	1,928	3,505	6,101	1,241
20-49 years	22,411	23,876	22,822	24,031	23,270	3,990	5,703	8,812	4,317	3,731	5,662	8,885	5,754	4,445	5,910	9,236	3,679
50+ years	12,974	16,151	19,566	25,940	27,453	3,922	5,386	5,925	4,332	5,308	7,353	8,206	5,075	6,053	7,326	8,148	5,926

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 - Q4 2008

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total International - Trips	5,465	6,189	6,981	7,830	8,042	1,397	1,850	2,174	1,560	1,580	2,073	2,387	1,790	1,800	2,060	2,471	1,710
Male	2,675	3,079	3,432	3,886	3,890	730	918	1,024	760	803	1,014	1,181	888	901	975	1,194	819
Female	2,791	3,111	3,548	3,944	4,152	667	932	1,150	800	777	1,059	1,206	902	899	1,085	1,277	891
Total International - Nights	46,302	51,503	54,266	62,236	63,498	9,140	14,731	20,378	10,017	10,431	16,460	22,941	12,404	12,426	16,742	23,485	10,846
Male	21,678	24,475	26,159	30,355	30,451	4,638	7,216	9,430	4,875	5,177	7,771	11,102	6,306	6,228	8,005	11,072	5,146
Female	24,624	27,029	28,107	31,881	33,047	4,502	7,515	10,948	5,142	5,254	8,690	11,839	6,098	6,198	8,737	12,413	5,699

Table 12a: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Mode of Transport Used, Q1 2006 - Q4 2008

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	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total International - Trips	6,981	7,830	8,042	1,397	1,850	2,174	1,560	1,580	2,073	2,387	1,790	1,800	2,060	2,471	1,710
Air	6,056	6,900	7,072	1,269	1,572	1,814	1,401	1,434	1,817	2,048	1,601	1,633	1,817	2,125	1,498
Bus/Rail	128	136	136	17	39	40	33	22	36	46	31	21	42	41	32
Private Vehicle	344	390	435	59	92	117	76	60	103	131	96	83	97	134	121
Sea/Cruise	366	326	340	46	120	157	41	51	87	138	50	56	88	141	54
Other	86	81	59	6	26	45	8	13	31	23	12	6	17	31	6
Total International - Nights	54,266	62,236	63,498	9,140	14,731	20,378	10,017	10,431	16,460	22,941	12,404	12,426	16,742	23,485	10,846
Air	47,570	55,602	57,071	8,443	12,731	17,253	9,143	9,768	14,532	19,668	11,634	11,578	15,134	20,469	9,890
Bus/Rail	1,107	875	843	136	283	414	274	96	206	430	142	110	229	349	155
Private Vehicle	1,751	2,048	2,046	211	452	791	296	186	603	990	270	316	499	807	424
Sea/Cruise	3,055	2,894	2,908	307	1,088	1,438	222	273	810	1,542	270	357	776	1,446	328
Other	783	817	631	43	177	482	81	108	310	311	89	65	104	413	49

Table 12b: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Method of Booking, Q1 2006 - Q4 2008

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	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total International - Trips	6,981	7,830	8,042	1,397	1,850	2,174	1,560	1,580	2,073	2,387	1,790	1,800	2,060	2,471	1,710
Internet*	4,272	5,080	5,483	899	1,054	1,251	1,067	1,063	1,287	1,481	1,249	1,253	1,375	1,605	1,251
Direct* ¹	405	440	389	69	128	132	77	79	124	158	78	65	100	133	90
Travel Agent	1,638	1,698	1,541	292	458	621	267	291	496	606	305	321	427	568	225
Club	129	151	165	23	45	41	21	37	45	36	33	42	43	52	29
Employer	265	231	210	66	84	49	66	67	55	39	71	54	63	43	50
No Pre-booking*	271	231	252	47	81	81	62	44	66	66	55	65	52	71	65
Total International - Nights	54,266	62,236	63,498	9,140	14,731	20,378	10,017	10,431	16,460	22,941	12,404	12,426	16,742	23,485	10,846
Internet*	31,324	38,257	41,166	5,365	8,027	11,736	6,196	6,583	9,931	14,360	7,383	7,938	10,847	14,987	7,394
Direct* ¹	3,136	3,411	2,986	427	1,125	1,047	536	581	1,006	1,400	424	506	791	1,211	478
Travel Agent	16,109	17,320	15,721	2,674	4,383	6,456	2,596	2,554	4,652	6,283	3,831	3,303	4,203	6,007	2,208
Club	813	798	959	94	299	288	131	158	249	238	152	191	195	421	154
Employer	1,406	1,180	1,264	281	458	322	345	296	280	237	367	250	393	336	285
No Pre-booking*	1,478	1,271	1,403	298	439	529	212	258	343	423	246	239	313	524	328

* - 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 - Q4 2008

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	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total International - Trips	5,465	6,189	6,981	7,830	8,042	1,397	1,850	2,174	1,560	1,580	2,073	2,387	1,790	1,800	2,060	2,471	1,710
Border, Midland and Western	1,087	1,329	1,485	1,619	1,658	268	370	493	356	292	470	506	353	350	411	558	339
Southern and Eastern	4,378	4,860	5,496	6,211	6,384	1,129	1,480	1,681	1,204	1,288	1,603	1,881	1,437	1,450	1,649	1,913	1,372
Total International - Nights	46,302	51,503	54,266	62,236	63,498	9,140	14,731	20,378	10,017	10,431	16,460	22,941	12,404	12,426	16,742	23,485	10,846
Border, Midland and Western	9,617	11,474	11,360	12,650	12,898	1,796	3,046	4,484	2,033	1,864	3,511	4,925	2,349	2,436	3,297	4,876	2,290
Southern and Eastern	36,685	40,029	42,906	49,587	50,600	7,344	11,685	15,894	7,984	8,567	12,949	18,016	10,055	9,990	13,445	18,609	8,556

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

Table 13a: International travel by Irish Residents - Region Visited by Region of Residence¹, 2008

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Region of Residence	Region Visited			
	EU - 27	Other Europe	North America	Other
Total International - Trips	6,678	237	716	411
Border, Midland and Western	1,375	62	143	78
Southern and Eastern	5,302	176	573	333
Total International - Nights	44,140	2,310	9,651	7,398
Border, Midland and Western	9,114	601	1,846	1,337
Southern and Eastern	35,026	1,709	7,805	6,061
Nights				
Average Length of Stay	6.6	9.7	13.5	18.0
Border, Midland and Western	6.6	9.7	12.9	17.1
Southern and Eastern	6.6	9.7	13.6	18.2

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 - Q4 2008

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
Total International - Trips	5,465	6,189	6,981	7,830	8,042	1,397	1,850	2,174	1,560	1,580	2,073	2,387	1,790	1,800	2,060	2,471	1,710
Caravan/Camping	206	208	187	215	246	5	64	113	4	7	82	125	1	10	86	141	9
Guest House/B&B	278	261	231	267	280	62	44	66	59	63	61	78	64	50	72	99	59
Own Holiday Home	98	175	282	313	318	53	77	95	56	73	82	104	55	90	80	96	51
Hotel/Conference Centre	2,311	2,800	3,179	3,670	3,680	737	838	852	753	843	943	924	960	940	908	987	846
Self Catering/Rented House	1,090	1,099	1,212	1,385	1,326	152	380	506	173	178	422	578	207	234	378	547	168
Friends/Relatives	1,245	1,401	1,636	1,721	1,923	344	379	454	459	360	416	489	457	421	451	517	535
Other	237	245	253	259	267	44	66	87	55	57	66	89	46	55	85	84	43
Total International - Nights	46,302	51,503	54,266	62,236	63,498	9,140	14,731	20,378	10,017	10,431	16,460	22,941	12,404	12,426	16,742	23,485	10,846
Caravan/Camping	2,776	2,609	2,349	2,647	2,833	71	912	1,352	14	94	1,002	1,534	18	59	911	1,806	56
Guest House/B&B	2,065	1,766	1,653	1,836	1,768	428	399	548	278	401	450	653	332	314	423	698	333
Own Holiday Home	1,392	2,369	3,578	4,031	4,035	708	896	1,474	500	814	992	1,658	567	1,051	946	1,573	465
Hotel/Conference Centre	14,351	16,965	18,289	22,623	21,634	3,601	4,828	5,956	3,904	4,308	5,541	6,624	6,151	4,912	5,429	7,159	4,133
Self Catering/Rented House	12,503	12,601	12,675	14,272	14,528	1,325	4,008	5,865	1,476	1,712	4,487	6,437	1,637	2,377	4,278	6,335	1,537
Friends/Relatives	10,206	11,617	12,716	13,509	14,996	2,452	2,936	4,188	3,141	2,370	3,105	4,818	3,216	2,866	3,683	4,686	3,760
Other	3,009	3,579	3,006	3,319	3,706	556	751	995	704	732	885	1,218	484	847	1,071	1,227	561
Nights																	
Average Length of Stay	8.5	8.3	7.8	7.9	7.9	6.5	8.0	9.4	6.4	6.6	7.9	9.6	6.9	6.9	8.1	9.5	6.3
Caravan/Camping	13.5	12.5	12.6	12.3	11.5	14.2	14.3	12.0	3.5	13.4	12.2	12.3	18.0	5.9	10.6	12.8	6.2
Guest House/B&B	7.4	6.8	7.2	6.9	6.3	6.9	9.1	8.3	4.7	6.4	7.4	8.4	5.2	6.3	5.9	7.1	5.6
Own Holiday Home	14.2	13.5	12.7	12.9	12.7	13.4	11.6	15.5	8.9	11.2	12.1	15.9	10.3	11.7	11.8	16.4	9.1
Hotel/Conference Centre	6.2	6.1	5.8	6.2	5.9	4.9	5.8	7.0	5.2	5.1	5.9	7.2	6.4	5.2	6.0	7.3	4.9
Self Catering/Rented House	11.5	11.5	10.5	10.3	11.0	8.7	10.5	11.6	8.5	9.6	10.6	11.1	7.9	10.2	11.3	11.6	9.1
Friends/Relatives	8.2	8.3	7.8	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	7.0
Other	12.7	14.6	11.9	12.8	13.9	12.6	11.4	11.4	12.8	12.8	13.4	13.7	10.5	15.4	12.6	14.6	13.0

Table 15: International travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2006 - Q4 2008

€ million

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008 ¹	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	Oct-Dec
International - Expenditure	4,258.2	5,044.1	6,134.5	7,344.8	7,187.0	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	1,372.3
Holiday	2,927.1	3,407.1	4,363.9	5,542.4	5,282.7	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	927.9
Business*	741.5	840.6	849.0	784.3	785.7	221.9	246.2	199.6	181.3	202.9	205.5	153.7	222.2	215.2	238.7	166.4	165.4
Visiting Friends/Relatives	387.4	531.7	696.7	784.7	840.8	139.0	138.9	200.9	217.9	182.5	158.4	236.8	207.0	205.1	198.9	214.9	221.9
Educational & Training	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.6
Health & Medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.2
Other ¹	202.2	264.7	224.9	233.4	277.8	50.5	52.4	69.8	52.2	43.4	67.9	68.0	54.1	42.0	82.0	96.7	32.3

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

¹ 2008 Annual figure for Other includes Educational & Training and Health & Medical which were included from Q4 2008

Table 16: International travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Region Visited*, Q1 2006 - Q4 2008

€ million

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	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	Oct-Dec
International - Expenditure	4,258.2	5,044.1	6,134.5	7,344.8	7,187.0	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	1,372.3
EU - 27*	-	-	-	4,527.5	4,563.5	-	-	-	-	817.9	1,174.9	1,672.2	862.5	923.3	1,249.1	1,661.9	729.2
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	2,890.0	3,277.5	3,886.8	4,453.7	4,498.4	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	726.7
<i>EU - 15</i>	2,763.7	3,139.7	3,697.6	4,268.1	4,313.0	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	695.9
Other Europe*	178.5	206.3	285.2	220.9	252.1	46.6	72.2	124.3	42.1	46.1	61.6	89.5	23.7	30.5	86.2	105.2	30.2
North America	660.5	918.4	1,060.6	1,356.9	1,307.6	191.9	230.6	303.9	334.2	209.9	302.4	350.2	494.4	277.4	276.9	404.2	349.1
Central, South & Other Americas	62.0	89.2	129.1	126.1	155.5	41.3	21.7	21.5	44.6	37.1	19.5	33.8	35.7	34.7	25.9	32.6	62.3
Asia & Middle East	201.3	219.8	301.6	437.2	363.5	55.0	62.2	85.3	99.1	62.6	90.6	104.1	179.9	134.9	72.5	88.7	67.4
Africa	128.8	136.2	225.0	276.0	269.5	60.5	37.5	50.6	76.4	97.2	35.4	58.7	84.7	78.0	53.3	64.8	73.4
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	137.1	196.7	246.2	400.2	275.3	60.1	40.6	46.2	99.3	90.3	42.4	83.6	183.9	115.7	35.3	63.6	60.7

* - 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. The following are excluded; stays in prisons, military service and regular stays in hospitals or clinics. 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.

From Quarter 4 2008 two new categories were introduced in the Reason for Journey question in the Household Travel Survey questionnaire. These are Educational & Training and Health & Medical.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Tourism Expenditure

Total consumption expenditure is any expenditure made by a visitor or on behalf of a visitor during their trip and stay at their 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
Bulgaria	Luxembourg
Cyprus	Malta
Czech Republic	Netherlands
Denmark	Poland
Estonia	Portugal
Finland	Romania
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
	Bulgaria	Romania
	Croatia	Russian Federation
	Faroe Islands	San Marino
	Georgia	Switzerland
	Gibraltar	Turkey
	Guernsey	Ukraine
	Iceland	Vatican City
	Isle of Man	Yugoslavia (Federal Republic of)
Other Europe 2007 onwards	From Q1 2007 Other Europe includes the following Countries:	
	Aland Islands	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of
	Albania	Moldova, Republic of
	Andorra	Monaco
	Belarus	Montenegro
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Norway
	Croatia	Russian Federation
	Faroe Islands	San Marino

	Gibraltar	Serbia
	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
	Armenia	Macao
	Azerbaijan	Malaysia
	Bahrain	Maldives
	Bangladesh	Mongolia
	Bhutan	Myanmar
	British Indian Ocean Territory	Nepal
	Brunei Darussalam	Oman
	Cambodia	Pakistan
	China	Palestinian Territory, Occupied
	Georgia	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	Timor Leste
	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