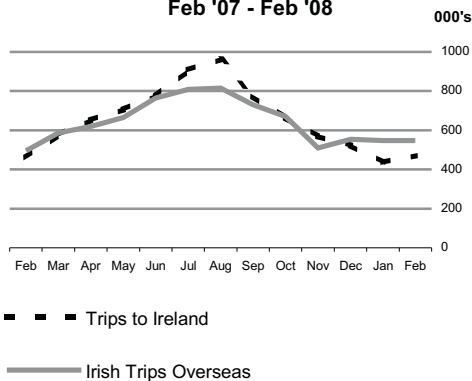




## Overseas Travel February 2008

**Overseas Travel  
Feb '07 - Feb '08**



|                    | Irish<br>Trips<br>Overseas | Trips<br>to<br>Ireland | by Area of Residence |                 |                  |                |
|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
|                    |                            |                        | Great<br>Britain     | Other<br>Europe | North<br>America | Other<br>Areas |
| <b>Feb '06</b>     | 415,300                    | 458,700                | 291,400              | 112,100         | 42,400           | 12,800         |
| <b>Feb '07</b>     | 494,600                    | 460,600                | 254,100              | 153,200         | 40,700           | 12,500         |
| <b>Feb '08</b>     | 547,600                    | 471,300                | 259,800              | 147,600         | 46,800           | 17,200         |
| <b>Jan-Feb '06</b> | 857,600                    | 867,200                | 523,400              | 227,900         | 82,600           | 33,300         |
| <b>Jan-Feb '07</b> | 988,500                    | 901,500                | 482,100              | 299,400         | 85,200           | 34,800         |
| <b>Jan-Feb '08</b> | 1,096,000                  | 908,300                | 483,800              | 295,100         | 91,000           | 38,400         |

### Irish Trips Overseas up 11%

Overseas Trips by Irish Residents increased by 11% to 547,600 in February 2008 compared to the 494,600 recorded in February 2007. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

In February 2008 Overseas Trips to Ireland totalled 471,300 which was just over 2% more than the 460,600 recorded in February 2007. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

The breakdown of visitors to Ireland by Area of Residence for February 2008 shows the following:

- ◆ Trips to Ireland by residents of Great Britain increased by just over 2% to 259,800. *See Tables 1 and 2.*
- ◆ Trips to Ireland by residents of Other European countries fell by just under 4% to 147,600. *See Tables 1 and 2.*
- ◆ Trips to Ireland by residents of North America increased by 15% to 46,800, while trips from Other Areas increased by almost 38% to 17,200. *See Tables 1 and 2.*
- ◆ Residents of Great Britain accounted for 55% of all Overseas Trips to Ireland, followed by residents of USA at 9% and residents of Germany at 5%. *See Table 5.*

The CSO "Airport Pairings" database contains information of every direct flight in and out of the nine Irish airports on a monthly basis. Data is available from January 2006 to June 2007. For details please go to <http://tinyurl.com/2nypw8>.

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**Table 1 Overseas Trips by Area of Residence**

|           | Period    | Area of Residence    |                  |               |              |               |             |
|-----------|-----------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
|           |           | Irish Trips Overseas | Trips to Ireland | Great Britain | Other Europe | North America | Other Areas |
| 2004      | February  | 346,500              | 403,700          | 260,300       | 76,500       | 50,200        | 16,700      |
|           | March     | 361,900              | 461,000          | 271,200       | 92,700       | 78,800        | 18,400      |
|           | April     | 409,000              | 551,200          | 330,600       | 127,900      | 69,200        | 23,400      |
|           | May       | 473,600              | 584,700          | 297,200       | 159,200      | 96,300        | 32,000      |
|           | June      | 550,800              | 626,200          | 317,000       | 166,300      | 109,300       | 33,600      |
|           | July      | 618,800              | 754,200          | 362,200       | 234,000      | 121,100       | 36,900      |
|           | August    | 594,700              | 822,800          | 466,900       | 215,100      | 107,300       | 33,500      |
|           | September | 538,400              | 596,000          | 322,000       | 135,300      | 104,300       | 34,300      |
|           | October   | 507,600              | 555,100          | 314,300       | 127,600      | 86,500        | 26,600      |
|           | November  | 335,400              | 436,300          | 263,500       | 93,400       | 58,100        | 21,400      |
|           | December  | 348,200              | 436,200          | 261,600       | 100,600      | 51,600        | 22,400      |
|           | 2005      | January              | 374,100          | 378,100       | 232,000      | 87,600        | 41,700      |
| February  |           | 378,000              | 390,800          | 245,900       | 90,200       | 41,400        | 13,300      |
| March     |           | 456,100              | 521,700          | 288,800       | 143,700      | 70,800        | 18,400      |
| April     |           | 446,700              | 519,900          | 299,100       | 141,800      | 61,800        | 17,100      |
| May       |           | 566,200              | 602,400          | 310,800       | 175,000      | 92,700        | 23,900      |
| June      |           | 612,900              | 682,200          | 343,200       | 188,600      | 117,200       | 33,300      |
| July      |           | 717,600              | 781,200          | 367,000       | 246,600      | 131,900       | 35,800      |
| August    |           | 642,800              | 878,400          | 487,200       | 240,800      | 114,000       | 36,500      |
| September |           | 602,600              | 648,800          | 344,700       | 171,600      | 101,600       | 31,000      |
| October   |           | 479,000              | 611,100          | 344,200       | 163,200      | 79,000        | 24,600      |
| November  |           | 436,300              | 465,400          | 267,300       | 124,100      | 55,000        | 19,000      |
| December  |           | 400,500              | 497,700          | 294,500       | 139,100      | 43,600        | 20,600      |
| 2006      | January   | 442,300              | 408,400          | 232,000       | 115,800      | 40,100        | 20,500      |
|           | February  | 415,300              | 458,700          | 291,400       | 112,100      | 42,400        | 12,800      |
|           | March     | 488,900              | 522,700          | 296,100       | 145,200      | 67,200        | 14,200      |
|           | April     | 544,200              | 650,900          | 373,700       | 187,400      | 69,600        | 20,300      |
|           | May       | 603,700              | 710,700          | 360,500       | 224,300      | 100,700       | 25,200      |
|           | June      | 677,800              | 750,500          | 347,500       | 224,900      | 141,400       | 36,700      |
|           | July      | 778,100              | 839,200          | 392,800       | 266,800      | 140,100       | 39,400      |
|           | August    | 729,500              | 928,800          | 462,600       | 292,900      | 136,400       | 36,900      |
|           | September | 638,500              | 738,400          | 384,700       | 195,600      | 121,000       | 37,100      |
|           | October   | 591,700              | 644,500          | 341,500       | 189,600      | 86,300        | 27,000      |
|           | November  | 488,500              | 497,500          | 267,400       | 152,100      | 57,400        | 20,600      |
|           | December  | 449,700              | 558,700          | 309,700       | 173,800      | 51,900        | 23,300      |
| 2007      | January   | 493,900              | 440,900          | 228,000       | 146,200      | 44,400        | 22,200      |
|           | February  | 494,600              | 460,600          | 254,100       | 153,200      | 40,700        | 12,500      |
|           | March     | 586,700              | 576,800          | 289,300       | 196,900      | 71,000        | 19,500      |
|           | April     | 618,800              | 651,600          | 357,700       | 202,000      | 70,500        | 21,300      |
|           | May       | 665,200              | 705,600          | 358,700       | 219,900      | 100,300       | 26,800      |
|           | June      | 764,600              | 773,800          | 353,200       | 240,600      | 147,800       | 32,200      |
|           | July      | 808,600              | 909,200          | 412,800       | 312,500      | 146,000       | 37,900      |
|           | August    | 815,700              | 962,900          | 472,100       | 320,500      | 132,200       | 38,100      |
|           | September | 731,400              | 774,300          | 384,400       | 240,600      | 112,100       | 37,200      |
|           | October   | 670,100              | 664,200          | 348,600       | 200,500      | 87,400        | 27,700      |
|           | November  | 509,700              | 569,300          | 304,000       | 185,400      | 61,200        | 18,800      |
|           | December  | 553,700              | 523,000          | 268,900       | 172,100      | 59,500        | 22,400      |
| 2008      | January   | 548,400              | 437,000          | 224,000       | 147,600      | 44,200        | 21,200      |
|           | February  | 547,600              | 471,300          | 259,800       | 147,600      | 46,800        | 17,200      |

**Table 2 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for the Month of February**

| Year   | Irish Trips<br>Overseas | Trips to<br>Ireland | Area of Residence |                 |                  |                |
|--|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
|  |                         |                     | Great<br>Britain  | Other<br>Europe | North<br>America | Other<br>Areas |
| <b>Change versus corresponding month of previous year (number)</b> |                         |                     |                   |                 |                  |                |
| 2005   | 31,500                  | -12,900             | -14,400           | 13,700          | -8,800           | -3,400         |
| 2006   | 37,300                  | 67,900              | 45,500            | 21,900          | 1,000            | -500           |
| 2007   | 79,300                  | 1,900               | -37,300           | 41,100          | -1,700           | -300           |
| 2008   | 53,000                  | 10,700              | 5,700             | -5,600          | 6,100            | 4,700          |
| <b>Change versus corresponding month of previous year (%)</b>      |                         |                     |                   |                 |                  |                |
| 2005   | 9.1                     | -3.2                | -5.5              | 17.9            | -17.5            | -20.4          |
| 2006   | 9.9                     | 17.4                | 18.5              | 24.3            | 2.4              | -3.8           |
| 2007   | 19.1                    | 0.4                 | -12.8             | 36.7            | -4.0             | -2.3           |
| 2008   | 10.7                    | 2.3                 | 2.2               | -3.7            | 15.0             | 37.6           |

**Table 3 Overseas Trips for Year to Date to the end of February**

| Year | Irish Trips<br>Overseas | Trips to<br>Ireland | Area of Residence |                 |                  |                |
|------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
|      |                         |                     | Great<br>Britain  | Other<br>Europe | North<br>America | Other<br>Areas |
| 2004 | 679,400                 | 750,900             | 474,200           | 148,000         | 94,100           | 34,500         |
| 2005 | 752,100                 | 768,800             | 477,900           | 177,800         | 83,100           | 30,100         |
| 2006 | 857,600                 | 867,200             | 523,400           | 227,900         | 82,600           | 33,300         |
| 2007 | 988,500                 | 901,500             | 482,100           | 299,400         | 85,200           | 34,800         |
| 2008 | 1,096,000               | 908,300             | 483,800           | 295,100         | 91,000           | 38,400         |

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

| Year  | Irish Trips<br>Overseas | Trips to<br>Ireland | Area of Residence |                 |                  |                |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
|   |                         |                     | Great<br>Britain  | Other<br>Europe | North<br>America | Other<br>Areas |
| <b>Annual change in year to date total (number)</b> |                         |                     |                   |                 |                  |                |
| 2005  | 72,700                  | 17,900              | 3,700             | 29,800          | -11,000          | -4,400         |
| 2006  | 105,500                 | 98,400              | 45,500            | 50,100          | -500             | 3,200          |
| 2007  | 130,900                 | 34,300              | -41,300           | 71,500          | 2,600            | 1,500          |
| 2008  | 107,500                 | 6,800               | 1,700             | -4,300          | 5,800            | 3,600          |
| <b>Annual change in year to date total (%)</b>      |                         |                     |                   |                 |                  |                |
| 2005  | 10.7                    | 2.4                 | 0.8               | 20.1            | -11.7            | -12.8          |
| 2006  | 14.0                    | 12.8                | 9.5               | 28.2            | -0.6             | 10.6           |
| 2007  | 15.3                    | 4.0                 | -7.9              | 31.4            | 3.1              | 4.5            |
| 2008  | 10.9                    | 0.8                 | 0.4               | -1.4            | 6.8              | 10.3           |

**Table 5 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence 2006 - 2008**

| Area of Residence <sup>1</sup>                 | 2006             | 2007             | Jan-08         | Feb-08         | Mar-08 | Apr-08 | May-08 | Jun-08 | Jul-08 | Aug-08 | Sep-08 | Oct-08 | Nov-08 | Dec-08 |
|--|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>Total Overseas Trips</b>                    | <b>7,709,000</b> | <b>8,012,200</b> | <b>437,000</b> | <b>471,300</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Great Britain                                  | 4,059,800        | 4,031,900        | 224,000        | 259,800        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Austria  | 50,300           | 40,800           | 1,000          | 900            |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Belgium  | 97,100           | 82,800           | 5,800          | 5,400          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Czech Republic                                 | 41,600           | 43,000           | 3,100          | 3,400          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Denmark  | 42,500           | 55,400           | 3,800          | 3,300          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Finland  | 28,400           | 38,600           | 1,700          | 1,600          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| France   | 357,800          | 397,300          | 19,600         | 18,000         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Germany  | 422,300          | 446,200          | 20,000         | 24,000         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Hungary  | 26,900           | 30,600           | 4,200          | 2,600          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Italy  | 249,900          | 263,800          | 11,400         | 15,500         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Latvia   | 32,100           | 37,200           | 3,100          | 2,700          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Lithuania                                      | 29,900           | 49,200           | 2,600          | 4,600          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Netherlands                                    | 158,100          | 153,900          | 8,100          | 8,600          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Poland   | 235,600          | 311,800          | 25,900         | 20,100         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Portugal                                       | 29,600           | 28,700           | 1,900          | 2,300          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Romania  | -                | 25,800           | 3,100          | 1,800          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Slovakia                                       | -                | 35,800           | 3,900          | 4,100          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Spain  | 200,200          | 239,400          | 11,600         | 13,400         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Sweden   | 75,900           | 97,500           | 4,300          | 5,900          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Other EU 27 <sup>3</sup>                       | 74,800           | 45,300           | 3,900          | 2,800          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Norway   | 32,600           | 60,700           | 1,800          | 2,400          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Switzerland                                    | 50,900           | 59,700           | 3,800          | 2,400          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Other Europe <sup>2</sup>                      | 44,300           | 46,900           | 3,000          | 1,900          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| USA  | 967,800          | 991,700          | 41,100         | 43,700         |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Canada   | 86,800           | 81,500           | 3,100          | 3,100          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Central, South and Other Americas <sup>2</sup> | 24,300           | 28,100           | 1,700          | 2,200          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| South Africa                                   | 35,000           | 24,800           | 2,100          | 2,600          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Other Africa <sup>2</sup>                      | 13,900           | 15,600           | 2,300          | 1,100          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Japan  | 19,700           | 16,600           | 1,200          | 1,200          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Eastern Asia <sup>2</sup>                      | 20,000           | 23,600           | 1,600          | 1,500          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Middle East <sup>2</sup>                       | 22,200           | 25,400           | 1,100          | 1,200          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Other Asia <sup>2</sup>                        | 39,000           | 37,700           | 2,900          | 2,100          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Australia                                      | 115,300          | 120,200          | 6,900          | 4,100          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| New Zealand and Other Oceania <sup>2</sup>     | 24,300           | 24,700           | 1,500          | 1,100          |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |

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

<sup>2</sup> See Background Notes for Countries included & changes from Jan 2007.

<sup>3</sup> See Background Notes for Countries included & changes from Jan 2008.

**Table 6 Overseas Trips by Area of Residence - Seasonally Adjusted**

|                   | Period    | Area of Residence    |                  |               |              |               |             |
|-------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
|                   |           | Irish Trips Overseas | Trips to Ireland | Great Britain | Other Europe | North America | Other Areas |
| 2004              | February  | 452,400              | 606,400          | 346,100       | 139,600      | 93,300        | 27,500      |
|                   | March     | 417,100              | 545,900          | 314,400       | 113,800      | 82,600        | 25,900      |
|                   | April     | 451,100              | 552,700          | 310,300       | 135,200      | 82,400        | 27,100      |
|                   | May       | 441,600              | 537,800          | 282,400       | 136,900      | 81,300        | 30,300      |
|                   | June      | 437,200              | 525,400          | 298,800       | 128,500      | 76,700        | 26,300      |
|                   | July      | 457,300              | 547,800          | 302,200       | 139,400      | 77,500        | 25,900      |
|                   | August    | 436,000              | 530,500          | 311,100       | 120,800      | 75,600        | 22,100      |
|                   | September | 448,400              | 518,200          | 285,700       | 124,900      | 84,400        | 26,500      |
|                   | October   | 496,700              | 550,200          | 298,000       | 146,200      | 83,300        | 26,600      |
|                   | November  | 459,700              | 569,100          | 318,200       | 146,400      | 81,300        | 27,900      |
|                   | December  | 484,700              | 603,200          | 325,800       | 159,800      | 89,700        | 27,900      |
|                   | 2005      | January              | 503,500          | 593,400       | 334,100      | 159,300       | 80,900      |
| February          |           | 494,500              | 587,100          | 327,300       | 163,900      | 76,600        | 21,800      |
| March             |           | 522,000              | 616,100          | 333,500       | 175,400      | 74,600        | 26,000      |
| April             |           | 500,900              | 521,700          | 282,000       | 149,900      | 75,600        | 21,600      |
| May               |           | 521,300              | 556,500          | 303,000       | 150,400      | 77,900        | 23,500      |
| June              |           | 491,700              | 573,500          | 319,500       | 148,800      | 82,300        | 25,300      |
| July              |           | 525,600              | 569,300          | 308,400       | 147,400      | 85,000        | 25,300      |
| August            |           | 480,700              | 569,000          | 321,100       | 139,800      | 81,600        | 24,600      |
| September         |           | 507,800              | 574,800          | 318,400       | 151,900      | 81,200        | 23,900      |
| October           |           | 477,300              | 600,200          | 330,400       | 179,500      | 75,900        | 24,100      |
| November          |           | 596,100              | 598,300          | 320,100       | 188,700      | 74,700        | 24,100      |
| December          |           | 538,600              | 661,200          | 353,200       | 209,300      | 75,600        | 23,700      |
| 2006              | January   | 576,500              | 624,200          | 325,300       | 204,100      | 75,500        | 28,600      |
|                   | February  | 542,400              | 665,200          | 362,100       | 197,400      | 77,200        | 21,900      |
|                   | March     | 554,900              | 625,100          | 335,500       | 185,900      | 73,000        | 21,100      |
|                   | April     | 596,600              | 668,600          | 348,800       | 193,500      | 84,400        | 24,800      |
|                   | May       | 557,900              | 662,000          | 358,400       | 190,900      | 84,400        | 24,300      |
|                   | June      | 551,700              | 644,400          | 334,300       | 182,900      | 97,500        | 27,500      |
|                   | July      | 564,100              | 615,200          | 335,300       | 164,300      | 88,800        | 27,600      |
|                   | August    | 560,900              | 611,800          | 308,700       | 177,600      | 96,200        | 25,700      |
|                   | September | 548,800              | 662,800          | 358,100       | 184,000      | 94,300        | 28,100      |
|                   | October   | 568,900              | 636,300          | 329,800       | 200,900      | 84,600        | 26,600      |
|                   | November  | 636,000              | 640,900          | 323,900       | 223,300      | 80,900        | 25,900      |
|                   | December  | 609,300              | 713,400          | 356,900       | 238,600      | 87,700        | 26,400      |
| 2007              | January   | 627,500              | 668,000          | 328,600       | 239,400      | 85,100        | 31,000      |
|                   | February  | 640,800              | 654,400          | 311,700       | 251,600      | 78,700        | 23,000      |
|                   | March     | 652,700              | 684,100          | 323,000       | 250,200      | 80,200        | 27,300      |
|                   | April     | 662,400              | 643,800          | 327,300       | 207,800      | 86,400        | 27,700      |
|                   | May       | 618,200              | 652,900          | 348,400       | 186,800      | 85,300        | 26,900      |
|                   | June      | 632,700              | 658,300          | 336,400       | 199,800      | 98,100        | 24,100      |
|                   | July      | 591,700              | 674,700          | 352,200       | 193,600      | 91,200        | 25,800      |
|                   | August    | 635,000              | 653,400          | 325,900       | 206,200      | 91,200        | 26,500      |
|                   | September | 639,800              | 689,600          | 348,300       | 234,100      | 86,000        | 27,600      |
|                   | October   | 662,000              | 662,800          | 337,600       | 211,200      | 86,800        | 27,400      |
|                   | November  | 660,800              | 733,500          | 365,500       | 257,300      | 88,300        | 24,500      |
|                   | December  | 744,600              | 665,800          | 317,600       | 221,200      | 102,100       | 26,000      |
| 2008 <sup>1</sup> | January   | 684,400              | 657,100          | 324,600       | 223,900      | 87,900        | 26,800      |
|                   | February  | 705,100              | 667,700          | 324,800       | 235,200      | 90,400        | 20,300      |

<sup>1</sup> Seasonal Adjustment factors updated from January 2008

## Background Notes

|                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>Periodicity</b>            | Monthly.  |
| <b>Scope</b>                  | Overseas Travel.  |
| <b>Coverage</b>               | All Overseas Travel into and out of Republic of Ireland.  |
| <b>Data Collection</b>        | The survey is conducted at Dublin, Cork, Shannon, Knock and Kerry airports and Rosslare, Ringaskiddy, Dún Laoghaire and Dublin ports. Information is collected via interview.   |
| <b>Sample Design</b>          | <p>A sample of flights and sailings is selected for surveying. This selection is done in such a way as to ensure proper representation of airport/port pairing, day and night and weekday and weekend flights/sailings.</p> <p>On these flights/sailings, a 1 in 5 systematic sample of passengers is selected and their country of residence is recorded.</p> <p>Sample results are grossed up to total passenger numbers travelling for each airport or port pairing, as provided by the airports and ferry companies.</p> <p>Where there was no coverage in a survey month for an airport/port pairing, results are imputed on the basis of 'nearest neighbour'.</p>   |
| <b>Sample Size</b>            | The sample size in the February 2008 Country of Residence Survey was just under 30,200 passengers.  |
| <b>Reliability of Results</b> | <p>In 2004 the total number of persons sampled for the Country of Residence Survey (CRS) was almost 585,000. The total number of journeys was almost 23,985,000 giving an average sampling rate of 2.4%.</p> <p>Estimation of survey results from data relating to a sample of 20% of passengers for a sample of flights/sailings introduces a statistical variability which would not be present if <i>all</i> passengers from <i>every</i> flight/sailing had been interviewed. In some cases where ports/airports are unable to provide private/charter figures minor estimations will be made. This means that the survey results cannot be taken as accurate to the full degree shown in this report.</p> <p>The variability is expressed by means of a standard error. This standard error gives the relative size of the 'sampling error' (variability) present in an estimate compared with the estimate itself. In general, estimates can be said to have a relative precision of twice their standard error.</p> <p>The effect of sampling error is relatively greater for small estimates and may, in particular, make it more difficult to compare figures for different time periods. The following table gives estimates of the standard error for the major Area of Residence categories. The more detailed country figures in Table 5 are subject to higher standard errors, as a percentage of the estimate.</p> |

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

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

### Seasonal Adjustment

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

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

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

## Definitions

### Trips

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

### Country of Residence

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

## COUNTRY BREAKDOWNS

### Other Europe Tables 1-4 and 6

From January 2007 Other Europe includes the following Countries:

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| EU 27 i.e.     |             |
| Austria        | Latvia      |
| Belgium        | Lithuania   |
| Bulgaria       | Luxembourg  |
| Cyprus         | Malta       |
| Czech Republic | Netherlands |
| Denmark        | Poland      |
| Estonia        | Portugal    |
| Finland        | Romania     |
| France         | Slovakia    |
| Germany        | Slovenia    |
| Greece         | Spain       |
| Hungary        | Sweden      |
| Italy          |             |

Switzerland

Norway

Other Europe (see page 8 for breakdown of countries)

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>North America<br/>Tables 1-4 and 6</b>                | North America includes the following Countries:<br>Canada<br>United States  |
| <b>Other Areas<br/>Tables 1-4 and 6</b>                  | From January 2007 Other Areas includes the following Countries:<br>Other Africa (see page 9 for breakdown of countries)<br>South Africa<br>Australia<br>Japan<br>Central, South and Other Americas (see below for breakdown of countries)<br>Eastern Asia, Middle East and Other Asia (see page 10 for breakdown of countries)<br>New Zealand and Other Oceania (see page 10 for breakdown of countries)                                |
| <b>Other EU 27<br/>Table 5</b>                           | From January 2008 Other EU 27 includes the following Countries:<br>Bulgaria<br>Cyprus<br>Estonia<br>Greece<br>Luxembourg<br>Malta<br>Slovenia   |
| <b>Other Europe<br/>Table 5</b>                          | From January 2007 Other Europe includes the following Countries:<br>Aland Islands<br>Albania<br>Andorra<br>Belarus<br>Bosnia and Herzegovina<br>Croatia<br>Faroe Islands<br>Gibraltar<br>Guernsey<br>Iceland<br>Isle of Man<br>Jersey<br>Liechtenstein<br>Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of<br>Moldova, Republic of<br>Monaco<br>Montenegro<br>Russian Federation<br>San Marino<br>Serbia<br>Turkey<br>Ukraine<br>Vatican City |
| <b>Central, South and<br/>Other Americas<br/>Table 5</b> | Central, South and Other Americas includes the following Countries:<br>Anguilla<br>Antigua and Barbuda<br>Argentina<br>Aruba<br>Bahamas<br>Barbados<br>Belize<br>Bermuda<br>Bolivia<br>Brazil<br>Cayman Islands<br>Chile<br>Guyana<br>Haiti<br>Honduras<br>Jamaica<br>Martinique<br>Mexico<br>Montserrat<br>Netherlands Antilles<br>Nicaragua<br>Panama<br>Paraguay<br>Peru   |



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|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Colombia                    | Puerto Rico                      |
| Costa Rica                  | Saint Kitts and Nevis            |
| Cuba                        | Saint Lucia                      |
| Dominica                    | Saint Pierre and Miquelon        |
| Dominican Republic          | Saint Vincent and the Grenadines |
| Ecuador                     | Suriname                         |
| El Salvador                 | Trinidad and Tobago              |
| Falkland Islands (Malvinas) | Turks and Caicos Islands         |
| French Guiana               | Uruguay                          |
| Greenland                   | Venezuela                        |
| Grenada                     | Virgin Islands, British          |
| Guadeloupe                  | Virgin Islands, US               |
| Guatemala                   |                                  |

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

|                                       |                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Algeria                               | Madagascar                   |
| Angola                                | Malawi                       |
| Benin                                 | Mali                         |
| Botswana                              | Mauritania                   |
| Burkina Faso                          | Mauritius                    |
| Burundi                               | Mayotte                      |
| Cameroon                              | Morocco                      |
| Cape Verde                            | Mozambique                   |
| Central African Republic              | Namibia                      |
| Chad                                  | Niger                        |
| Comoros                               | Nigeria                      |
| Congo                                 | Reunion                      |
| Congo, The Democratic Republic of the | Rwanda                       |
| Cote d'Ivoire                         | Saint Helena                 |
| Djibouti                              | Sao Tome and Principe        |
| Egypt                                 | Senegal                      |
| Equatorial Guinea                     | Seychelles                   |
| Eritrea                               | Sierra Leone                 |
| Ethiopia                              | Somalia                      |
| Gabon                                 | Sudan                        |
| Gambia                                | Swaziland                    |
| Ghana                                 | Tanzania, United Republic of |
| Guinea                                | Togo                         |
| Guinea-Bissau                         | Tunisia                      |
| Kenya                                 | Uganda                       |
| Lesotho                               | Western Sahara               |
| Liberia                               | Zambia                       |
| Libyan Arab Jamahiriya                | Zimbabwe                     |

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| <b>Eastern Asia<br/>Table 5</b>                      | From January 2007 Eastern Asia includes the following Countries: |  |
|  | China  | Korea, Democratic People's Republic of       |
|  | Hong Kong  | Mongolia                                     |
|  | Korea, Republic of   | Taiwan, Province of China                    |
| <b>Middle East<br/>Table 5</b>                       | From January 2007 Middle East includes the following Countries   |  |
|  | Afghanistan  | Oman   |
|  | Bahrain  | Palestinian Territory, Occupied              |
|  | Iran, Islamic Republic of  | Qatar  |
|  | Iraq   | Saudi Arabia                                 |
|  | Israel   | Syrian Arab Republic                         |
|  | Jordan   | United Arab Emirates                         |
|  | Kuwait   | Yemen  |
|  | Lebanon  |  |
| <b>Other Asia<br/>Table 5</b>                        | From January 2007 Other Asia includes the following Countries:   |  |
|  | Armenia  | Malaysia                                     |
|  | Azerbaijan   | Maldives                                     |
|  | Bangladesh   | Myanmar                                      |
|  | Bhutan   | Nepal  |
|  | British Indian Ocean Territory                                   | Pakistan                                     |
|  | Brunei Darussalam  | Philippines                                  |
|  | Cambodia   | Singapore                                    |
|  | Georgia  | Sri Lanka                                    |
|  | India  | Tajikistan                                   |
|  | Indonesia  | Thailand                                     |
|  | Kazakhstan   | Timor Leste                                  |
|  | Kyrgyzstan   | Turkmenistan                                 |
|  | Lao People's Democratic Republic                                 | Uzbekistan                                   |
|  | Macao  | Vietnam                                      |
| <b>New Zealand and<br/>Other Oceania<br/>Table 5</b> | New Zealand and Other Oceania includes the following Countries:  |  |
|  | American Samoa   | Niue   |
|  | Antarctica   | Norfolk Island                               |
|  | Bouvet Island  | Northern Mariana Islands                     |
|  | Christmas Island   | Palau  |
|  | Cocos (Keeling) Islands  | Papua New Guinea                             |
|  | Cook Islands   | Pitcairn                                     |
|  | Fiji   | Samoa  |
|  | French Polynesia   | Solomon Islands                              |
|  | French Southern Territories                                      | South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands |
|  | Guam   | Svalbard and Jan Mayen                       |
|  | Heard Island and McDonald Islands                                | Tokelau                                      |
|  | Kiribati   | Tonga  |
|  | Marshall Islands   | Tuvalu                                       |
|  | Micronesia, Federated States of                                  | United States Minor Outlying Islands         |
|  | Nauru  | Vanuatu                                      |
|  | New Caledonia  | Wallis and Futuna                            |
|  | New Zealand  |  |