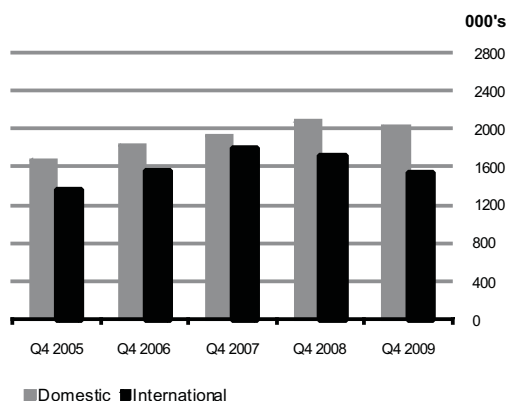


**Number of Trips - Q4 2005-2009**



## Household Travel Survey Quarter 4 2009

	Domestic Trips '000	Domestic Expenditure € million	International Trips '000	International Expenditure € million
<b>Q4 2005</b>	1,678	259.8	1,355	1,172.0
<b>Q4 2006</b>	1,831	328.0	1,560	1,460.1
<b>Q4 2007</b>	1,932	327.8	1,790	1,864.8
<b>Q4 2008</b>	2,077	346.8	1,710	1,372.3
<b>Q4 2009</b>	2,026	317.9	1,536	1,159.1
<b>2009</b>	8,340	1,389.8	7,292	5,786.9

### Domestic Trips almost unchanged in 2009

#### Domestic Travel

- ◆ In 2009 the total number of domestic trips taken by Irish residents remained virtually unchanged at 8,340,000 from 2008. However this included a fall of 8.2% to 4,037,000 in the number of holiday trips. Travellers spent just over 10% less at €1,389.8m in total and of this, spending on holiday travel was down 18% to €843.3m. *See Tables 2 and 7.*
- ◆ Meanwhile, domestic trips taken by Irish residents in Q4 2009 fell by 2.5% to 2,026,000 from the same period in 2008. Holiday trips fell by almost 10% to 819,000 while those for business were down 8% to 172,000. Trips spent visiting friends and relatives remained virtually unchanged at 792,000. Travellers spent on average at least 2 nights away from home. *See Table 2.*
- ◆ Expenditure on domestic travel in Q4 2009 was down 8.3% to €317.9m from Q4 2008. Spending on holiday travel fell by almost 17% to €154.9m while that on business and visiting friends and relatives also fell by an average of almost 13%. *See Table 7.*

#### International Travel

- ◆ Irish residents took 1,536,000 international trips in Q4 2009 and this was down 10.2% from the same period in 2008. Holiday trips were down almost by almost 22% to 799,000 and those for the purposes of business and visiting friends and relatives remained virtually unchanged. *See Tables 9 and 10.*
- ◆ Expenditure on international travel was down 15.5% to €1,159.1m in Q4 2009 compared to Q4 2008. Business travel expenditure increased by almost 15% to €190.0m while expenditure on holiday travel fell by over a quarter to €677.6m. Spending on visiting friends and relatives fell by 6.8% to €206.7m. *See Table 15.*
- ◆ In 2009, international trips taken by Irish residents fell by 9.3% to 7,292,000 from 2008. Travellers spent a total of €5,786.9m and this was down by 19.5% from the previous year. In terms of expenditure per region visited, North America and Asia & Middle East fared the worst, falling by 25.7% and 22.5% respectively. *See Tables 10, 15 & 16.*

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**Table 1: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region<sup>1</sup> Visited, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009				'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	
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>7,310</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>8,339</b>	<b>8,340</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>2,026</b>	
Border, Midland and Western	2,302	2,479	2,569	2,635	495	654	748	582	555	566	828	620	573	651	820	591	
Southern and Eastern	5,008	5,463	5,770	5,704	1,084	1,329	1,700	1,350	1,295	1,301	1,716	1,457	1,187	1,391	1,691	1,435	
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>24,203</b>	<b>26,328</b>	<b>26,195</b>	<b>26,027</b>	<b>3,983</b>	<b>5,909</b>	<b>11,415</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>10,919</b>	<b>5,271</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>6,087</b>	<b>10,555</b>	<b>5,164</b>	
Border, Midland and Western	7,538	7,947	8,016	8,404	1,323	2,067	2,990	1,566	1,381	1,739	3,285	1,612	1,435	1,973	3,449	1,547	
Southern and Eastern	16,665	18,381	18,178	17,623	2,660	3,842	8,425	3,455	3,245	3,641	7,634	3,658	2,786	4,114	7,106	3,617	
																	Nights
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	
Border, Midland and Western	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.2	2.7	3.2	4.0	2.7	2.5	3.1	4.0	2.6	2.5	3.0	4.2	2.6	
Southern and Eastern	3.3	3.4	3.2	3.1	2.5	2.9	5.0	2.6	2.5	2.8	4.4	2.5	2.3	3.0	4.2	2.5	

<sup>1</sup> 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 Region<sup>1</sup> Visited & Length of Stay, Quarter 4, 2006 - 2009**

	'000							
	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	1-3 Nights Q4 2009	4+ Nights Q4 2009
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>1,535</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>1,596</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>1,685</b>	<b>341</b>
Border, Midland and Western	479	93	474	107	514	106	490	101
Southern and Eastern	1,055	202	1,122	229	1,240	217	1,195	240
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>2,730</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>2,852</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>3,213</b>	<b>2,058</b>	<b>2,960</b>	<b>2,204</b>
Border, Midland and Western	886	539	876	690	961	651	923	624
Southern and Eastern	1,844	1,210	1,976	1,479	2,251	1,407	2,037	1,580
	Nights							
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>6.5</b>
Border, Midland and Western	1.8	5.8	1.8	6.4	1.9	6.1	1.9	6.2
Southern and Eastern	1.7	6.0	1.8	6.5	1.8	6.5	1.7	6.6

<sup>1</sup> See Background Notes under 'Regional and Age Group data'

**Table 2: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Reason for Journey, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

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	2006	2007	2008 <sup>1</sup>	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>7,310</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>8,339</b>	<b>8,340</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>2,026</b>
Holiday	3,827	4,271	4,398	4,037	769	1,074	1,577	850	890	1,021	1,579	908	739	985	1,494	819
Business	761	711	658	600	174	194	113	230	194	152	124	187	162	145	121	172
Visiting Friends/Relatives	2,254	2,420	2,656	2,712	526	598	590	706	649	554	658	795	626	649	645	792
Educational & Training	-	-	-	173	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	61	41	55	39	38
Health & Medical	-	-	-	176	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	43	38	38	57
Sporting Events <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	282	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	72	89	50
Looking for work <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Other <sup>1</sup>	468	541	627	353	111	117	168	146	118	140	183	107	78	98	83	94
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>24,203</b>	<b>26,328</b>	<b>26,195</b>	<b>26,027</b>	<b>3,983</b>	<b>5,909</b>	<b>11,415</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>10,919</b>	<b>5,271</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>6,087</b>	<b>10,555</b>	<b>5,164</b>
Holiday	14,374	16,359	15,654	14,320	1,948	3,434	8,693	2,285	2,336	3,159	8,002	2,157	1,706	3,171	7,420	2,023
Business	2,080	1,771	1,573	1,437	476	478	350	466	425	388	333	427	358	329	308	442
Visiting Friends/Relatives	6,168	6,587	6,969	6,868	1,277	1,586	1,858	1,867	1,592	1,420	1,888	2,068	1,444	1,587	1,832	2,005
Educational & Training	-	-	-	1,175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	305	259	372	368	176
Health & Medical	-	-	-	750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85	187	164	174	225
Sporting Events <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	561	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	127	161	191	82
Looking for work <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	3
Other <sup>1</sup>	1,581	1,611	2,000	894	283	412	514	403	272	414	696	228	139	301	246	208
	Nights															
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Holiday	3.8	3.8	3.6	3.5	2.5	3.2	5.5	2.7	2.6	3.1	5.1	2.4	2.3	3.2	5.0	2.5
Business	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.7	2.5	3.1	2.0	2.2	2.6	2.7	2.3	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.6
Visiting Friends/Relatives	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.4	2.7	3.1	2.6	2.5	2.6	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.8	2.5
Educational & Training	-	-	-	6.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.0	6.3	6.8	9.4	4.6
Health & Medical	-	-	-	4.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.5	4.3	4.3	4.6	3.9
Sporting Events <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.8	2.2	2.1	1.6
Looking for work <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	3.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.7	1.0
Other <sup>1</sup>	3.4	3.0	3.2	2.5	2.5	3.5	3.1	2.8	2.3	3.0	3.8	2.1	1.8	3.1	3.0	2.2

<sup>1</sup> 2008 Annual figure for "Other" includes "Educational & Training" and "Health & Medical" which were included from Q4 2008.

<sup>2</sup> A new category "Sporting Events" was included from Q1 2009. This would have been included in the "Other" category in previous quarters.

<sup>3</sup> A new category "Looking for work" was included from Q3 2009.

**Table 2a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights for Region<sup>1</sup> Visited by Reason for Journey, Quarter 4 2009**

	'000							
	Reason for Journey							
	Business	Holiday	Visiting Friends/Relatives	Educational & Training	Health & Medical	Sporting Events	Other	Total
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>2,026</b>
Border, Midland and Western	55	273	214	9	16	5	20	591
Southern and Eastern	120	546	578	29	42	46	74	1,435
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>2,023</b>	<b>2,005</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>5,164</b>
Border, Midland and Western	125	709	545	41	54	9	64	1,547
Southern and Eastern	320	1,314	1,459	135	171	73	143	3,617

<sup>1</sup> See Background Notes under 'Regional and Age Group data'.

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**Table 3: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Age<sup>1</sup>, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

	'000															
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>7,310</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>8,339</b>	<b>8,340</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>2,026</b>
0-19 years	1,716	1,631	1,763	1,779	276	400	575	380	391	399	587	386	321	469	605	384
20-49 years	3,209	2,826	2,963	3,091	551	656	824	795	696	650	843	774	595	776	919	801
50+ years	2,385	3,486	3,612	3,472	752	926	1,050	757	763	819	1,114	917	845	797	988	842
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>24,203</b>	<b>26,328</b>	<b>26,195</b>	<b>26,027</b>	<b>3,983</b>	<b>5,909</b>	<b>11,415</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>10,919</b>	<b>5,271</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>6,087</b>	<b>10,555</b>	<b>5,164</b>
0-19 years	6,848	7,019	7,071	6,669	710	1,398	3,825	1,087	1,077	1,325	3,598	1,071	752	1,646	3,291	980
20-49 years	9,365	8,422	8,516	8,789	1,285	1,710	3,479	1,948	1,600	1,653	3,398	1,866	1,435	2,060	3,312	1,982
50+ years	7,990	10,887	10,607	10,568	1,989	2,801	4,112	1,985	1,949	2,403	3,923	2,333	2,035	2,380	3,952	2,201

<sup>1</sup> 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 2007 - Q4 2009**

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	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>7,310</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>8,339</b>	<b>8,340</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>2,026</b>
Male	3,477	3,787	3,931	3,925	751	943	1,162	931	846	883	1,233	970	813	966	1,190	956
Female	3,833	4,155	4,408	4,415	829	1,040	1,286	1,001	1,005	984	1,311	1,107	947	1,076	1,322	1,070
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>24,203</b>	<b>26,328</b>	<b>26,195</b>	<b>26,027</b>	<b>3,983</b>	<b>5,909</b>	<b>11,415</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>10,919</b>	<b>5,271</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>6,087</b>	<b>10,555</b>	<b>5,164</b>
Male	11,639	12,419	12,153	12,179	1,942	2,738	5,370	2,370	2,091	2,516	5,145	2,401	1,972	2,836	4,969	2,402
Female	12,564	13,908	14,042	13,848	2,041	3,171	6,044	2,651	2,535	2,863	5,774	2,870	2,250	3,250	5,586	2,762

**Table 4a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Mode of Transport Used, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

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	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>7,310</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>8,339</b>	<b>8,340</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>2,026</b>
Air	144	153	148	89	39	43	36	35	45	34	31	38	25	25	21	18
Bus/Rail	706	860	872	750	192	212	244	212	195	215	223	238	201	162	191	196
Private Vehicle	6,223	6,701	7,048	7,292	1,315	1,670	2,078	1,637	1,555	1,557	2,198	1,738	1,489	1,795	2,222	1,786
Other	236	228	271	209	33	58	90	47	55	61	92	62	46	60	78	25
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>24,203</b>	<b>26,328</b>	<b>26,195</b>	<b>26,027</b>	<b>3,983</b>	<b>5,909</b>	<b>11,415</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>10,919</b>	<b>5,271</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>6,087</b>	<b>10,555</b>	<b>5,164</b>
Air	523	626	508	295	189	164	138	135	135	137	131	105	63	105	66	61
Bus/Rail	2,450	2,907	2,829	2,291	537	802	1,001	568	488	762	868	710	485	563	728	515
Private Vehicle	20,313	22,066	21,777	22,691	3,181	4,756	9,918	4,211	3,843	4,291	9,349	4,295	3,521	5,215	9,464	4,491
Other	918	730	1,080	748	77	187	358	106	160	190	571	160	152	203	296	97

**Table 4b: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Method of Booking, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

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	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>7,310</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>8,339</b>	<b>8,340</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>2,026</b>
Internet	1,239	1,619	1,958	2,203	339	382	496	402	464	414	587	493	442	520	668	573
Direct <sup>1</sup>	2,232	2,214	2,013	1,976	445	566	746	457	399	484	669	461	396	478	665	437
Travel Agent	92	77	90	48	13	28	25	11	20	19	31	21	13	13	13	9
Club	172	248	214	168	46	74	79	49	39	60	57	58	48	50	36	34
Employer	235	227	219	152	57	51	36	82	53	52	48	66	32	47	26	47
No Pre-booking	3,339	3,557	3,844	3,794	680	881	1,065	930	876	838	1,152	977	829	933	1,105	927
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>24,203</b>	<b>26,328</b>	<b>26,195</b>	<b>26,027</b>	<b>3,983</b>	<b>5,909</b>	<b>11,415</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>10,919</b>	<b>5,271</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>6,087</b>	<b>10,555</b>	<b>5,164</b>
Internet*	3,490	4,616	5,127	5,781	836	1,034	1,758	987	1,047	1,074	1,909	1,098	894	1,415	2,250	1,222
Direct* <sup>1</sup>	6,831	6,997	5,908	6,073	936	1,675	3,314	1,071	918	1,409	2,576	1,006	855	1,522	2,666	1,030
Travel Agent	401	361	356	192	45	130	140	45	54	73	145	84	42	59	59	32
Club	579	736	644	447	107	223	298	107	108	186	220	129	109	153	105	80
Employer	569	531	565	415	121	115	131	165	115	129	158	163	83	117	83	132
No Pre-booking	12,332	13,087	13,594	13,119	1,937	2,732	5,773	2,645	2,383	2,509	5,911	2,791	2,239	2,821	5,391	2,668

<sup>1</sup> "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 Residence<sup>1</sup>, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

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	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>7,310</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>8,339</b>	<b>8,340</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>2,026</b>
Border, Midland and Western	1,813	1,865	1,933	2,074	380	445	575	465	410	423	619	481	420	493	688	473
Southern and Eastern	5,497	6,077	6,406	6,266	1,199	1,538	1,873	1,467	1,441	1,444	1,925	1,596	1,340	1,549	1,824	1,553
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>24,203</b>	<b>26,328</b>	<b>26,195</b>	<b>26,027</b>	<b>3,983</b>	<b>5,909</b>	<b>11,415</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>10,919</b>	<b>5,271</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>6,087</b>	<b>10,555</b>	<b>5,164</b>
Border, Midland and Western	5,237	5,283	5,419	5,736	865	1,229	2,013	1,177	938	1,112	2,110	1,258	913	1,350	2,288	1,185
Southern and Eastern	18,966	21,045	20,776	20,291	3,118	4,680	9,402	3,843	3,688	4,267	8,809	4,013	3,309	4,736	8,267	3,979

<sup>1</sup> See Background Notes under 'Regional and Age Group data'.

**Table 5a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Region Visited by Region of Residence<sup>1</sup>, 2009**

Region of Residence	Region Visited		'000
	Border, Midland and Western	Southern and Eastern	
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>2,636</b>	<b>5,704</b>	
Border, Midland and Western	855	1,219	
Southern and Eastern	1,782	4,485	
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>8,404</b>	<b>17,622</b>	
Border, Midland and Western	2,416	3,321	
Southern and Eastern	5,989	14,302	
			Nights
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.1</b>	
Border, Midland and Western	2.8	2.7	
Southern and Eastern	3.4	3.2	

<sup>1</sup> 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 2007 - Q4 2009**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>7,310</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>8,339</b>	<b>8,340</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>1,983</b>	<b>2,448</b>	<b>1,932</b>	<b>1,851</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>2,544</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>1,760</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>2,026</b>
Caravan/Camping	279	305	323	309	18	107	168	12	23	92	188	20	21	111	167	10
Guest House/B&B	531	521	479	384	90	149	194	88	82	130	172	95	66	107	142	70
Own Holiday Home	419	489	521	498	83	161	124	121	145	120	156	99	111	117	161	109
Hotel/Conference Centre	2,847	3,201	3,430	3,443	736	780	861	824	819	745	937	929	800	800	940	903
Self Catering/Rented House	480	556	541	502	57	143	294	63	67	123	276	74	61	135	238	69
Friends/Relatives	2,529	2,653	2,818	2,936	570	587	712	784	671	599	733	815	665	683	775	813
Hospital/Medical Centre <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	17	20	26
Other	224	217	228	190	26	56	95	41	43	58	82	44	22	73	69	27
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>24,203</b>	<b>26,328</b>	<b>26,195</b>	<b>26,027</b>	<b>3,983</b>	<b>5,909</b>	<b>11,415</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>4,626</b>	<b>5,380</b>	<b>10,919</b>	<b>5,271</b>	<b>4,221</b>	<b>6,087</b>	<b>10,555</b>	<b>5,164</b>
Caravan/Camping	1,693	2,077	1,930	1,512	53	322	1,673	29	83	314	1,475	59	74	377	1,038	23
Guest House/B&B	1,542	1,432	1,178	1,013	230	411	604	186	174	350	478	176	122	314	417	160
Own Holiday Home	2,459	2,772	3,048	3,074	297	636	1,339	500	578	534	1,616	320	354	566	1,746	409
Hotel/Conference Centre	6,436	7,359	7,616	7,438	1,525	1,790	2,286	1,758	1,726	1,670	2,330	1,890	1,577	1,779	2,253	1,829
Self Catering/Rented House	3,298	3,500	3,238	3,171	209	810	2,213	269	251	657	1,958	372	332	706	1,823	309
Friends/Relatives	7,653	7,812	7,986	8,187	1,493	1,642	2,567	2,110	1,652	1,579	2,558	2,197	1,557	1,777	2,718	2,135
Hospital/Medical Centre <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	502	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	99	118	133	152
Other	1,122	1,376	1,198	1,129	176	298	733	169	162	276	502	257	106	449	428	146
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>																
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Caravan/Camping	6.1	6.8	6.0	4.9	2.9	3.0	10.0	2.4	3.6	3.4	7.8	3.0	3.5	3.4	6.2	2.3
Guest House/B&B	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.8	3.1	2.1	2.1	2.7	2.8	1.9	1.8	2.9	2.9	2.3
Own Holiday Home	5.9	5.7	5.9	6.2	3.6	4.0	10.8	4.1	4.0	4.5	10.4	3.2	3.2	4.8	10.8	3.8
Hotel/Conference Centre	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.7	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.5	2.0	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.0
Self Catering/Rented House	6.9	6.3	6.0	6.3	3.7	5.7	7.5	4.3	3.7	5.3	7.1	5.0	5.4	5.2	7.7	4.5
Friends/Relatives	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.8	2.6	2.8	3.6	2.7	2.5	2.6	3.5	2.7	2.3	2.6	3.5	2.6
Hospital/Medical Centre <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	6.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.6	6.9	6.7	5.8
Other	5.0	6.3	5.3	5.9	6.8	5.3	7.7	4.1	3.8	4.8	6.1	5.8	4.8	6.2	6.2	5.4

<sup>1</sup> A new accommodation category 'Hospital/Medical Centre' was added from Q1 2009.

**Table 7: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

€ million

	2006	2007	2008 <sup>1</sup>	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Domestic - Expenditure</b>	<b>1,375.2</b>	<b>1,551.0</b>	<b>1,546.0</b>	<b>1,389.8</b>	<b>288.9</b>	<b>339.7</b>	<b>594.6</b>	<b>327.8</b>	<b>284.2</b>	<b>322.2</b>	<b>592.8</b>	<b>346.8</b>	<b>256.3</b>	<b>314.4</b>	<b>501.2</b>	<b>317.9</b>
Holiday	872.7	1,028.1	1,027.9	843.3	166.8	216.0	460.3	185.0	181.0	214.4	446.3	186.2	137.8	197.9	352.7	154.9
Business	227.3	194.1	162.8	136.2	53.1	45.7	32.1	63.2	41.7	35.7	35.2	50.2	37.3	24.4	30.5	44.0
Visiting Friends/Relatives	181.8	219.7	215.7	171.1	49.8	52.9	65.2	51.8	42.7	42.0	66.5	64.5	37.6	33.8	43.7	56.0
Educational & Training	-	-	-	61.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21.5	12.4	17.6	19.6	12.3
Health & Medical	-	-	-	84.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.1	14.4	15.8	24.6	29.8
Sporting Events <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	39.3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.4	8.0	14.9	8.0
Looking for work <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	0.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.3	0.3
Other <sup>1</sup>	93.4	109.1	139.6	52.8	19.2	25.1	37.0	27.8	18.8	30.1	44.8	18.3	8.4	16.9	14.9	12.6

<sup>1</sup> 2008 Annual figure for "Other" includes "Educational & Training" and "Health & Medical" which were included from Q4 2008.

<sup>2</sup> A new category "Sporting Events" was included from Q1 2009. This would have been included in the "Other" category in previous quarters.

<sup>3</sup> A new category "Looking for work" was included from Q3 2009.

**Table 8: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Region Visited<sup>1</sup>, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

€ million

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Domestic - Expenditure</b>	<b>1,375.2</b>	<b>1,551.0</b>	<b>1,546.0</b>	<b>1,389.8</b>	<b>288.9</b>	<b>339.7</b>	<b>594.6</b>	<b>327.8</b>	<b>284.2</b>	<b>322.2</b>	<b>592.8</b>	<b>346.8</b>	<b>256.3</b>	<b>314.4</b>	<b>501.2</b>	<b>317.9</b>
Border, Midland and Western	442.3	482.2	481.0	468.2	95.5	114.2	174.0	98.5	85.7	106.0	186.3	103.0	86.5	101.1	180.0	100.6
Southern and Eastern	932.9	1,068.8	1,065.0	921.6	193.4	225.5	420.6	229.3	198.5	216.2	406.5	243.8	169.8	213.3	321.2	217.3

<sup>1</sup> See Background Notes under Definition of Tourism for change to definition of "Business".

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\* - 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 &amp; Number of Nights by Country/Region Visited, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009

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	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total EU (27) International - Trips</b>	-	<b>6,460</b>	<b>6,678</b>	<b>6,169</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>1,766</b>	<b>1,994</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>1,766</b>	<b>2,076</b>	<b>1,362</b>	<b>1,328</b>	<b>1,631</b>	<b>1,949</b>	<b>1,261</b>
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	5,775	6,385	6,611	6,141	1,287	1,748	1,956	1,394	1,457	1,753	2,045	1,356	1,322	1,626	1,935	1,258
<i>EU - 15</i>	5,548	6,141	6,366	5,954	1,235	1,688	1,886	1,331	1,384	1,694	1,981	1,306	1,289	1,581	1,883	1,201
Austria	126	130	108	108	52	17	19	41	69	12	10	18	63	7	18	20
Belgium/Luxembourg	86	89	95	70	20	29	16	24	21	20	22	33	12	16	19	23
Cyprus/Malta	43	60	50	47	5	17	23	15	6	21	14	9	5	18	15	9
Denmark/Finland/Sweden	64	72	61	48	12	10	17	32	17	19	17	8	11	12	17	8
Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania	11	14	14	10	3	5	5	2	4	4	2	4	-	2	6	2
France	705	815	865	765	129	236	313	138	171	223	316	154	138	220	298	109
Germany	198	231	214	198	48	58	56	69	55	53	47	59	48	42	48	60
Greece	70	81	80	65	2	30	44	4	1	34	43	2	1	25	36	3
Italy	392	501	439	382	103	143	170	85	92	132	157	59	78	112	135	57
Netherlands	131	99	98	74	24	25	21	29	28	25	25	20	18	17	21	18
Other EU*	172	246	247	156	54	56	80	56	80	46	79	42	33	29	45	49
Portugal	282	351	397	350	33	113	155	50	58	126	161	52	33	123	141	53
Spain	1,509	1,713	1,679	1,437	309	513	582	309	312	488	600	279	271	417	500	249
UK (Great Britain & Northern Ireland)	1,987	2,059	2,330	2,458	503	513	493	550	560	563	585	622	617	589	650	602
<i>Of which: Great Britain</i>	1,710	1,736	1,963	1,984	440	437	405	454	480	479	500	505	508	482	512	482
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	277	323	367	475	63	76	87	96	80	85	85	117	109	108	138	120
<b>Total EU (27) International - Nights</b>	-	<b>43,160</b>	<b>44,140</b>	<b>39,995</b>	<b>6,939</b>	<b>12,188</b>	<b>16,940</b>	<b>7,093</b>	<b>7,831</b>	<b>12,380</b>	<b>17,294</b>	<b>6,635</b>	<b>6,556</b>	<b>11,365</b>	<b>15,661</b>	<b>6,413</b>
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	38,161	42,447	43,478	39,787	6,869	12,017	16,527	7,035	7,710	12,207	16,957	6,604	6,518	11,319	15,554	6,396
<i>EU - 15</i>	36,752	40,938	41,960	38,580	6,574	11,664	15,993	6,707	7,378	11,830	16,400	6,351	6,346	11,014	15,155	6,065
Austria	890	885	910	774	342	101	161	281	583	135	82	109	415	50	151	158
Belgium/Luxembourg	290	353	347	318	69	140	86	57	75	58	91	123	35	64	111	108
Cyprus/Malta	408	553	470	426	35	147	232	139	38	190	159	83	39	158	155	74
Denmark/Finland/Sweden	357	378	357	268	96	59	93	130	81	110	136	30	41	67	116	44
Estonia/Latvia/Lithuania	55	57	79	87	12	16	17	12	16	34	14	16	0	21	57	9
France	5,633	6,658	6,815	6,629	678	2,089	3,210	681	957	1,809	3,283	767	731	2,116	3,208	574
Germany	1,052	1,242	1,138	1,018	211	316	379	337	240	329	345	224	233	232	280	273
Greece	811	878	848	739	10	309	531	27	6	348	472	22	2	275	444	18
Italy	2,823	3,729	3,390	2,742	532	1,148	1,573	476	489	1,033	1,509	359	385	878	1,170	309
Netherlands	619	442	488	326	95	91	142	113	115	117	177	79	61	88	116	61
Other EU*	945	1,612	1,631	903	318	361	698	235	400	325	721	185	170	173	294	266
Portugal	2,674	3,026	3,620	3,103	294	890	1,486	355	410	1,115	1,665	431	265	1,031	1,401	406
Spain	13,749	15,390	15,027	13,090	2,558	4,433	5,971	2,428	2,607	4,438	5,966	2,015	2,195	3,829	5,067	1,999
UK (Great Britain & Northern Ireland)	7,854	7,957	9,019	9,570	1,689	2,086	2,361	1,821	1,815	2,338	2,674	2,192	1,981	2,384	3,089	2,116
<i>Of which: Great Britain</i>	7,020	7,118	8,092	8,297	1,537	1,871	2,089	1,620	1,630	2,136	2,427	1,898	1,764	2,057	2,622	1,854
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	834	839	927	1,273	151	215	272	201	185	201	247	294	217	326	468	262

\* - 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, 2006 - 2009**

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	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	1-3 Nights Q4 2009	4+ Nights Q4 2009
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>1,134</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>941</b>
EU - 27*	-	-	628	775	620	742	579	682
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	556	686	626	767	616	740	578	680
<i>EU - 15</i>	540	657	602	729	599	708	556	646
Other Europe*	10	26	9	21	6	25	6	35
North America	13	169	13	214	11	211	9	137
Other	1	98	5	124	3	92	1	87
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>1,259</b>	<b>8,758</b>	<b>1,494</b>	<b>10,910</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>9,452</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>8,453</b>
EU - 27*	-	-	1,423	5,669	1,338	5,298	1,268	5,145
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	1,196	4,957	1,417	5,618	1,325	5,278	1,265	5,131
<i>EU - 15</i>	1,157	4,755	1,353	5,354	1,283	5,068	1,205	4,860
Other Europe*	24	288	22	163	17	248	11	317
North America	37	1,676	37	2,519	31	2,334	26	1,414
Other	2	1,837	12	2,558	9	1,573	3	1,576
	Nights							
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>9.0</b>
EU - 27*	-	-	2.3	7.3	2.2	7.1	2.2	7.5
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	2.2	7.2	2.3	7.3	2.2	7.1	2.2	7.5
<i>EU - 15</i>	2.1	7.2	2.2	7.3	2.1	7.2	2.2	7.5
Other Europe*	2.4	11.1	2.4	7.8	2.8	9.9	1.8	9.1
North America	2.8	9.9	2.8	11.8	2.8	11.1	2.9	10.3
Other	2.0	18.7	2.4	20.6	3.0	17.1	3.0	18.1

\* - 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 2007 - Q4 2009**

	2006	2007	2008 <sup>1</sup>	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>7,830</b>	<b>8,042</b>	<b>7,292</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>1,536</b>
Holiday	4,612	5,448	5,557	4,499	1,026	1,486	1,809	1,127	1,218	1,443	1,874	1,023	930	1,227	1,543	799
Business	783	723	668	638	202	184	142	195	192	170	130	175	157	161	148	172
Visiting Friends/Relatives	1,317	1,356	1,455	1,523	298	308	348	401	321	357	346	430	339	356	391	437
Educational & Training	-	-	-	137	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	38	33	34	32
Health & Medical	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	13	9	5	10
Sporting Events <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	275	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	89	85	49	52
Looking for work <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	3
Other <sup>1</sup>	268	303	362	173	54	95	88	67	69	90	121	50	30	56	56	31
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>54,266</b>	<b>62,236</b>	<b>63,498</b>	<b>55,667</b>	<b>10,431</b>	<b>16,460</b>	<b>22,941</b>	<b>12,404</b>	<b>12,426</b>	<b>16,742</b>	<b>23,485</b>	<b>10,846</b>	<b>10,144</b>	<b>16,031</b>	<b>19,731</b>	<b>9,761</b>
Holiday	38,884	47,019	46,229	37,869	7,067	12,746	18,610	8,597	8,821	12,156	18,665	6,587	6,313	10,974	15,083	5,499
Business	4,282	3,669	4,133	2,961	893	959	817	1,000	1,005	1,211	999	918	759	838	672	692
Visiting Friends/Relatives	9,063	9,304	10,400	10,358	2,042	1,974	2,829	2,458	2,173	2,598	2,765	2,865	2,146	2,433	2,882	2,897
Educational & Training	-	-	-	1,360	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	124	361	493	286	220
Health & Medical	-	-	-	287	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	109	157	51	25	54
Sporting Events <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	884	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	243	275	211	155
Looking for work <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	244	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	221	23
Other <sup>1</sup>	2,037	2,244	2,736	1,703	428	781	686	349	427	777	1,056	244	164	967	351	221
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>																
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Holiday	8.4	8.6	8.3	8.4	6.9	8.6	10.3	7.6	7.2	8.4	10.0	6.4	6.8	8.9	9.8	6.9
Business	5.5	5.1	6.2	4.6	4.4	5.2	5.8	5.1	5.2	7.1	7.7	5.2	4.8	5.2	4.5	4.0
Visiting Friends/Relatives	6.9	6.9	7.1	6.8	6.9	6.4	8.1	6.1	6.8	7.3	8.0	6.7	6.3	6.8	7.4	6.6
Educational & Training	-	-	-	9.9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6.5	9.5	14.9	8.4	6.9
Health & Medical	-	-	-	7.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.4	12.1	5.7	5.0	5.4
Sporting Events <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	3.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.7	3.2	4.3	3.0
Looking for work <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	24.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31.6	7.7
Other <sup>1</sup>	7.6	7.4	7.6	9.8	7.9	8.2	7.8	5.2	6.2	8.6	8.7	4.9	5.5	17.3	6.3	7.1

<sup>1</sup> 2008 Annual figure for "Other" includes "Educational & Training" and "Health & Medical" which were included from Q4 2008.

<sup>2</sup> A new category "Sporting Events" was included from Q1 2009. This would have been included in the "Other" category in previous quarters.

<sup>3</sup> A new category "Looking for work" was included from Q3 2009.

**Table 10a: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights for Region Visited\* by Reason for Journey, Quarter 4 2009**

	Reason for Journey							'000
	Business	Holiday	Visiting Friends/Relatives	Educational & Training	Health & Medical	Sporting Events	Other	Total
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>799</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1,536</b>
EU - 27*	134	656	363	26	8	49	25	1,261
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	133	656	361	26	8	49	25	1,258
<i>EU - 15</i>	126	624	346	25	7	49	25	1,201
Other Europe*	10	20	6	2	1	1	2	41
North America	19	78	41	3	1	2	2	146
Other	12	46	27	1	1	1	2	88
 <b>Total International - Nights</b>	 <b>715</b>	 <b>5,499</b>	 <b>2,897</b>	 <b>220</b>	 <b>54</b>	 <b>155</b>	 <b>221</b>	 <b>9,761</b>
EU - 27*	426	3,890	1,707	97	36	124	134	6,413
<i>Of which: EU - 25</i>	421	3,890	1,695	97	36	124	134	6,396
<i>EU - 15</i>	390	3,732	1,569	90	26	124	134	6,065
Other Europe*	48	163	39	15	4	3	57	329
North America	111	694	497	102	4	19	13	1,440
Other	130	751	655	6	11	9	18	1,579

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

**Table 11: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Age<sup>1</sup>, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

	'000															
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>7,830</b>	<b>8,042</b>	<b>7,292</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>1,536</b>
0-19 years	1,313	1,424	1,469	1,244	228	388	537	271	318	380	552	219	219	350	486	189
20-49 years	3,211	3,002	3,037	2,729	634	711	900	756	725	732	925	655	568	714	864	583
50+ years	2,456	3,404	3,535	3,319	718	974	949	763	757	948	994	836	810	863	882	764
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>54,266</b>	<b>62,236</b>	<b>63,498</b>	<b>55,667</b>	<b>10,431</b>	<b>16,460</b>	<b>22,941</b>	<b>12,404</b>	<b>12,426</b>	<b>16,742</b>	<b>23,485</b>	<b>10,846</b>	<b>10,144</b>	<b>16,031</b>	<b>19,731</b>	<b>9,761</b>
0-19 years	11,878	12,265	12,776	10,807	1,392	3,446	5,851	1,575	1,928	3,505	6,101	1,241	1,247	3,271	5,076	1,213
20-49 years	22,822	24,031	23,270	19,834	3,731	5,662	8,885	5,754	4,445	5,910	9,236	3,679	3,129	5,933	7,656	3,116
50+ years	19,566	25,940	27,453	25,025	5,308	7,353	8,206	5,075	6,053	7,326	8,148	5,926	5,767	6,827	6,999	5,432

<sup>1</sup> 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 2007 - Q4 2009**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>7,830</b>	<b>8,042</b>	<b>7,292</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>1,536</b>
Male	3,432	3,886	3,890	3,621	803	1,014	1,181	888	901	975	1,194	819	810	940	1,095	776
Female	3,548	3,944	4,152	3,671	777	1,059	1,206	902	899	1,085	1,277	891	787	986	1,138	760
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>54,266</b>	<b>62,236</b>	<b>63,498</b>	<b>55,667</b>	<b>10,431</b>	<b>16,460</b>	<b>22,941</b>	<b>12,404</b>	<b>12,426</b>	<b>16,742</b>	<b>23,485</b>	<b>10,846</b>	<b>10,144</b>	<b>16,031</b>	<b>19,731</b>	<b>9,761</b>
Male	26,159	30,355	30,451	26,889	5,177	7,771	11,102	6,306	6,228	8,005	11,072	5,146	5,125	7,687	9,287	4,790
Female	28,107	31,881	33,047	28,777	5,254	8,690	11,839	6,098	6,198	8,737	12,413	5,699	5,018	8,344	10,444	4,971

**Table 12a: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Mode of Transport Used, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>7,830</b>	<b>8,042</b>	<b>7,292</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>1,536</b>
Air	6,056	6,900	7,072	6,111	1,434	1,817	2,048	1,601	1,633	1,817	2,125	1,498	1,405	1,603	1,800	1,303
Bus/Rail	128	136	136	109	22	36	46	31	21	42	41	32	18	37	28	26
Private Vehicle	344	390	435	572	60	103	131	96	83	97	134	121	115	133	197	127
Sea/Cruise	366	326	340	429	51	87	138	50	56	88	141	54	43	134	183	69
Other	86	81	59	69	13	31	23	12	6	17	31	6	15	18	25	11
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>54,266</b>	<b>62,236</b>	<b>63,498</b>	<b>55,667</b>	<b>10,431</b>	<b>16,460</b>	<b>22,941</b>	<b>12,404</b>	<b>12,426</b>	<b>16,742</b>	<b>23,485</b>	<b>10,846</b>	<b>10,144</b>	<b>16,031</b>	<b>19,731</b>	<b>9,761</b>
Air	47,570	55,602	57,071	47,963	9,768	14,532	19,668	11,634	11,578	15,134	20,469	9,890	9,383	13,662	16,185	8,733
Bus/Rail	1,107	875	843	705	96	206	430	142	110	229	349	155	61	236	296	112
Private Vehicle	1,751	2,048	2,046	2,709	186	603	990	270	316	499	807	424	319	723	1,200	467
Sea/Cruise	3,055	2,894	2,908	3,604	273	810	1,542	270	357	776	1,446	328	265	1,191	1,767	381
Other	783	817	631	688	108	310	311	89	65	104	413	49	116	220	283	69

**Table 12b: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Method of Booking, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

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	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>7,830</b>	<b>8,042</b>	<b>7,292</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>1,536</b>
Internet	4,272	5,080	5,483	5,293	1,063	1,287	1,481	1,249	1,253	1,375	1,605	1,251	1,194	1,360	1,590	1,149
Direct <sup>1</sup>	405	440	389	381	79	124	158	78	65	100	133	90	86	111	117	67
Travel Agent	1,638	1,698	1,541	998	291	496	606	305	321	427	568	225	193	286	357	162
Club	129	151	165	124	37	45	36	33	42	43	52	29	35	45	29	15
Employer	265	231	210	183	67	55	39	71	54	63	43	50	39	48	46	50
No Pre-booking	271	231	252	311	44	66	66	55	65	52	71	65	49	77	93	92
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>54,266</b>	<b>62,236</b>	<b>63,498</b>	<b>55,667</b>	<b>10,431</b>	<b>16,460</b>	<b>22,941</b>	<b>12,404</b>	<b>12,426</b>	<b>16,742</b>	<b>23,485</b>	<b>10,846</b>	<b>10,144</b>	<b>16,031</b>	<b>19,731</b>	<b>9,761</b>
Internet*	31,324	38,257	41,166	38,468	6,583	9,931	14,360	7,383	7,938	10,847	14,987	7,394	6,859	10,854	13,773	6,982
Direct* <sup>1</sup>	3,136	3,411	2,986	2,778	581	1,006	1,400	424	506	791	1,211	478	493	876	1,019	390
Travel Agent	16,109	17,320	15,721	11,038	2,554	4,652	6,283	3,831	3,303	4,203	6,007	2,208	2,225	3,062	4,033	1,718
Club	813	798	959	776	158	249	238	152	191	195	421	154	164	316	227	69
Employer	1,406	1,180	1,264	1,024	296	280	237	367	250	393	336	285	195	414	192	223
No Pre-booking	1,478	1,271	1,403	1,581	258	343	423	246	239	313	524	328	207	508	487	379

<sup>1</sup> "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 Residence<sup>1</sup>, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

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	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>7,830</b>	<b>8,042</b>	<b>7,292</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>1,536</b>
Border, Midland and Western	1,485	1,619	1,658	1,551	292	470	506	353	350	411	558	339	322	419	497	313
Southern and Eastern	5,496	6,211	6,384	5,740	1,288	1,603	1,881	1,437	1,450	1,649	1,913	1,372	1,274	1,507	1,735	1,224
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>54,266</b>	<b>62,236</b>	<b>63,498</b>	<b>55,667</b>	<b>10,431</b>	<b>16,460</b>	<b>22,941</b>	<b>12,404</b>	<b>12,426</b>	<b>16,742</b>	<b>23,485</b>	<b>10,846</b>	<b>10,144</b>	<b>16,031</b>	<b>19,731</b>	<b>9,761</b>
Border, Midland and Western	11,360	12,650	12,898	11,630	1,864	3,511	4,925	2,349	2,436	3,297	4,876	2,290	1,860	3,411	4,145	2,214
Southern and Eastern	42,906	49,587	50,600	44,038	8,567	12,949	18,016	10,055	9,990	13,445	18,609	8,556	8,284	12,620	15,587	7,547

<sup>1</sup> See Background Notes under 'Regional and Age Group data'.

**Table 13a: International travel by Irish Residents - Region Visited by Region of Residence<sup>1</sup>, 2009**

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Region of Residence	Region Visited			
	EU - 27	Other Europe	North America	Other
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>6,169</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>351</b>
Border, Midland and Western	1,333	30	114	74
Southern and Eastern	4,836	182	446	276
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>39,995</b>	<b>1,945</b>	<b>7,135</b>	<b>6,592</b>
Border, Midland and Western	8,474	294	1,490	1,372
Southern and Eastern	31,521	1,651	5,645	5,220
Nights				
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>18.8</b>
Border, Midland and Western	6.4	9.8	13.1	18.5
Southern and Eastern	6.5	9.1	12.7	18.9

<sup>1</sup> 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 2007 - Q4 2009**

	'000															
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>7,830</b>	<b>8,042</b>	<b>7,292</b>	<b>1,580</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>2,387</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>1,800</b>	<b>2,060</b>	<b>2,471</b>	<b>1,710</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>2,232</b>	<b>1,536</b>
Caravan/Camping	187	215	246	235	7	82	125	1	10	86	141	9	8	89	132	7
Guest House/B&B	231	267	280	228	63	61	78	64	50	72	99	59	57	60	71	40
Own Holiday Home	282	313	318	304	73	82	104	55	90	80	96	51	66	83	97	58
Hotel/Conference Centre	3,179	3,670	3,680	3,139	843	943	924	960	940	908	987	846	821	785	816	717
Self Catering/Rented House	1,212	1,385	1,326	1,172	178	422	578	207	234	378	547	168	195	358	474	144
Friends/Relatives	1,636	1,721	1,923	1,953	360	416	489	457	421	451	517	535	399	467	561	526
Hospital/Medical Centre <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	0
Other	253	259	267	256	57	66	89	46	55	85	84	43	48	84	79	44
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>54,266</b>	<b>62,236</b>	<b>63,498</b>	<b>55,667</b>	<b>10,431</b>	<b>16,460</b>	<b>22,941</b>	<b>12,404</b>	<b>12,426</b>	<b>16,742</b>	<b>23,485</b>	<b>10,846</b>	<b>10,144</b>	<b>16,031</b>	<b>19,731</b>	<b>9,761</b>
Caravan/Camping	2,349	2,647	2,833	2,899	94	1,002	1,534	18	59	911	1,806	56	123	1,059	1,672	45
Guest House/B&B	1,653	1,836	1,768	1,570	401	450	653	332	314	423	698	333	328	417	552	274
Own Holiday Home	3,578	4,031	4,035	3,629	814	992	1,658	567	1,051	946	1,573	465	650	963	1,371	646
Hotel/Conference Centre	18,289	22,623	21,634	16,893	4,308	5,541	6,624	6,151	4,912	5,429	7,159	4,133	3,747	4,527	5,255	3,364
Self Catering/Rented House	12,675	14,272	14,528	12,396	1,712	4,487	6,437	1,637	2,377	4,278	6,335	1,537	2,032	3,882	5,144	1,339
Friends/Relatives	12,716	13,509	14,996	14,809	2,370	3,105	4,818	3,216	2,866	3,683	4,686	3,760	2,726	3,666	4,756	3,661
Hospital/Medical Centre <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	30	10	1
Other	3,006	3,319	3,706	3,410	732	885	1,218	484	847	1,071	1,227	561	519	1,488	971	432
Nights																
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Caravan/Camping	12.6	12.3	11.5	12.3	13.4	12.2	12.3	18.0	5.9	10.6	12.8	6.2	15.4	11.9	12.7	6.4
Guest House/B&B	7.2	6.9	6.3	6.9	6.4	7.4	8.4	5.2	6.3	5.9	7.1	5.6	5.8	7.0	7.8	6.9
Own Holiday Home	12.7	12.9	12.7	11.9	11.2	12.1	15.9	10.3	11.7	11.8	16.4	9.1	9.8	11.6	14.1	11.1
Hotel/Conference Centre	5.8	6.2	5.9	5.4	5.1	5.9	7.2	6.4	5.2	6.0	7.3	4.9	4.6	5.8	6.4	4.7
Self Catering/Rented House	10.5	10.3	11.0	10.6	9.6	10.6	11.1	7.9	10.2	11.3	11.6	9.1	10.4	10.8	10.9	9.3
Friends/Relatives	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.6	6.6	7.5	9.9	7.0	6.8	8.2	9.1	7.0	6.8	7.9	8.5	7.0
Hospital/Medical Centre <sup>1</sup>	-	-	-	12.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.0	30.0	5.0	0.0
Other	11.9	12.8	13.9	13.3	12.8	13.4	13.7	10.5	15.4	12.6	14.6	13.0	10.8	17.7	12.3	9.8

<sup>1</sup> A new accommodation category 'Hospital/Medical Centre' was added from Q1 2009.

**Table 15: International travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

€ million

	2006	2007	2008 <sup>1</sup>	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>International - Expenditure</b>	<b>6,134.5</b>	<b>7,344.8</b>	<b>7,187.0</b>	<b>5,786.9</b>	<b>1,361.1</b>	<b>1,726.8</b>	<b>2,392.1</b>	<b>1,864.8</b>	<b>1,594.5</b>	<b>1,799.2</b>	<b>2,421.0</b>	<b>1,372.3</b>	<b>1,241.4</b>	<b>1,577.2</b>	<b>1,809.2</b>	<b>1,159.1</b>
Holiday	4,363.9	5,542.4	5,282.7	3,949.8	932.3	1,295.0	1,933.6	1,381.5	1,132.2	1,279.6	1,943.0	927.9	814.0	1,096.8	1,361.4	677.6
Business	849.0	784.3	785.7	649.0	202.9	205.5	153.7	222.2	215.2	238.7	166.4	165.4	159.5	165.9	133.6	190.0
Visiting Friends/Relatives	696.7	784.7	840.8	732.9	182.5	158.4	236.8	207.0	205.1	198.9	214.9	221.9	168.1	164.8	193.3	206.7
Educational & Training	-	-	-	129.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.6	28.2	44.4	31.5	25.5
Health & Medical	-	-	-	39.6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7.2	18.6	7.5	5.8	7.7
Sporting Events <sup>2</sup>	-	-	-	136.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	35.3	44.9	29.8	26.2
Looking for work <sup>3</sup>	-	-	-	11.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10.2	1.3
Other <sup>1</sup>	224.9	233.4	277.8	138.3	43.4	67.9	68.0	54.1	42.0	82.0	96.7	32.3	17.7	52.9	43.6	24.1

<sup>1</sup> 2008 Annual figure for "Other" includes "Educational & Training" and "Health & Medical" which were included from Q4 2008.

<sup>2</sup> A new category "Sporting Events" was included from Q1 2009. This would have been included in the "Other" category in previous quarters.

<sup>3</sup> A new category "Looking for work" was included from Q3 2009.

**Table 16: International travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Region Visited\*, Q1 2007 - Q4 2009**

€ million

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2007				2008				2009			
					Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
<b>International - Expenditure</b>	<b>6,134.5</b>	<b>7,344.8</b>	<b>7,187.0</b>	<b>5,786.9</b>	<b>1,361.1</b>	<b>1,726.8</b>	<b>2,392.1</b>	<b>1,864.8</b>	<b>1,594.5</b>	<b>1,799.2</b>	<b>2,421.0</b>	<b>1,372.3</b>	<b>1,241.4</b>	<b>1,577.2</b>	<b>1,809.2</b>	<b>1,159.1</b>
EU - 27*	-	4,527.5	4,563.5	3,739.0	817.9	1,174.9	1,672.2	862.5	923.3	1,249.1	1,661.9	729.2	706.3	1,046.9	1,343.1	642.7
Of which: EU - 25	3,886.8	4,453.7	4,498.4	3,719.3	805.4	1,161.6	1,631.1	855.6	905.7	1,237.5	1,628.5	726.7	701.6	1,042.1	1,334.7	640.9
EU - 15	3,697.6	4,268.1	4,313.0	3,582.6	775.8	1,108.8	1,571.5	812.0	858.6	1,190.0	1,568.5	695.9	679.4	1,004.3	1,291.9	607.0
Other Europe*	285.2	220.9	252.1	203.4	46.1	61.6	89.5	23.7	30.5	86.2	105.2	30.2	20.3	61.4	80.2	41.5
North America	1,060.6	1,356.9	1,307.6	971.4	209.9	302.4	350.2	494.4	277.4	276.9	404.2	349.1	239.4	260.1	228.2	243.7
Central, South & Other Americas	129.1	126.1	155.5	125.8	37.1	19.5	33.8	35.7	34.7	25.9	32.6	62.3	28.1	33.6	25.3	38.8
Asia & Middle East	301.6	437.2	363.5	281.7	62.6	90.6	104.1	179.9	134.9	72.5	88.7	67.4	94.6	71.9	53.3	61.9
Africa	225.0	276.0	269.5	228.5	97.2	35.4	58.7	84.7	78.0	53.3	64.8	73.4	48.7	55.4	48.8	75.6
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	246.2	400.2	275.3	237.1	90.3	42.4	83.6	183.9	115.7	35.3	63.6	60.7	104.0	47.9	30.3	54.9

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

## Background Notes

<b>Reference Period</b>	Calendar quarters.
<b>Scope</b>	Domestic and International travel patterns involving overnight stays of all residents of the Republic of Ireland.
<b>Coverage</b>	All private households.
<b>Purpose</b>	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.
<b>Data Collection</b>	Information is collected via postal survey on a quarterly basis by the Central Statistics Office.
<b>Sample Design</b>	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	
<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin City Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Midland</b>	Laois Longford Offaly Westmeath	<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway Mayo Roscommon	<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick North Tipperary
		<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford Wexford
		<b>South-West</b>	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.

**From Quarter 3 2009 an additional category ‘looking for work’ was introduced in the Reason for Journey question in the Household Travel Survey questionnaire.**

*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

<b>EU 27</b>	From Q1 2007 EU 27 includes the following Countries:
	Austria
	Belgium
	Bulgaria
	Cyprus
	Czech Republic
	Denmark
	Estonia
	Finland
	France
	Germany
	Greece
	Hungary
	Italy
	Latvia
	Lithuania
	Luxembourg
	Malta
	Netherlands
	Poland
	Portugal
	Romania
	Slovakia
	Slovenia
	Spain
	Sweden
	United Kingdom



<b>EU 25</b>	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
<b>EU 15</b>	EU 15 includes the following Countries:	
	Austria	Italy
	Belgium	Luxemburg
	Denmark	Netherlands
	Finland	Portugal
	France	Spain
	Germany	Sweden
	Greece	United Kingdom
<b>Other Europe 2000-2003</b>	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)
<b>Other Europe 2004-2006</b>	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)

<b>Other Europe 2007 onwards</b>	From Q1 2007 Other Europe includes the following Countries:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aland Islands</li> <li>Albania</li> <li>Andorra</li> <li>Belarus</li> <li>Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>Croatia</li> <li>Faroe Islands</li> <li>Gibraltar</li> <li>Guernsey</li> <li>Iceland</li> <li>Isle of Man</li> <li>Jersey</li> <li>Liechtenstein</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of</li> <li>Moldova, Republic of</li> <li>Monaco</li> <li>Montenegro</li> <li>Norway</li> <li>Russian Federation</li> <li>San Marino</li> <li>Serbia</li> <li>Switzerland</li> <li>Turkey</li> <li>Ukraine</li> <li>Vatican City</li> </ul>
<b>North America</b>	North America includes the following Countries:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Canada</li> <li>United States</li> </ul>	
<b>Central, South and Other Americas</b>	Central, South and Other Americas includes the following Countries:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anguilla</li> <li>Antigua and Barbuda</li> <li>Argentina</li> <li>Aruba</li> <li>Bahamas</li> <li>Barbados</li> <li>Belize</li> <li>Bermuda</li> <li>Bolivia</li> <li>Brazil</li> <li>Cayman Islands</li> <li>Chile</li> <li>Colombia</li> <li>Costa Rica</li> <li>Cuba</li> <li>Dominica</li> <li>Dominican Republic</li> <li>Ecuador</li> <li>El Salvador</li> <li>Falkland Islands (Malvinas)</li> <li>French Guiana</li> <li>Greenland</li> <li>Grenada</li> <li>Guadeloupe</li> <li>Guatemala</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guyana</li> <li>Haiti</li> <li>Honduras</li> <li>Jamaica</li> <li>Martinique</li> <li>Mexico</li> <li>Montserrat</li> <li>Netherlands Antilles</li> <li>Nicaragua</li> <li>Panama</li> <li>Paraguay</li> <li>Peru</li> <li>Puerto Rico</li> <li>Saint Kitts and Nevis</li> <li>Saint Lucia</li> <li>Saint Pierre and Miquelon</li> <li>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</li> <li>Suriname</li> <li>Trinidad and Tobago</li> <li>Turks and Caicos Islands</li> <li>Uruguay</li> <li>Venezuela</li> <li>Virgin Islands, British</li> <li>Virgin Islands, US</li> </ul>
<b>Asia and Middle East</b>	From Q1 2007 Asia and Middle East includes the following Countries:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Afghanistan</li> <li>Armenia</li> <li>Azerbaijan</li> <li>Bahrain</li> <li>Bangladesh</li> <li>Bhutan</li> <li>British Indian Ocean Territory</li> <li>Brunei Darussalam</li> <li>Cambodia</li> <li>China</li> <li>Georgia</li> <li>Hong Kong</li> <li>India</li> <li>Indonesia</li> <li>Iran, Islamic Republic of</li> <li>Iraq</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lebanon</li> <li>Macao</li> <li>Malaysia</li> <li>Maldives</li> <li>Mongolia</li> <li>Myanmar</li> <li>Nepal</li> <li>Oman</li> <li>Pakistan</li> <li>Palestinian Territory, Occupied</li> <li>Philippines</li> <li>Qatar</li> <li>Saudi Arabia</li> <li>Singapore</li> <li>Sri Lanka</li> <li>Syrian Arab Republic</li> </ul>

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	Uzbekistan
Kyrgyzstan	Vietnam
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Yemen

**Africa** Africa includes the following Countries:

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

**Australia, New Zealand and Oceania**

Australia, New Zealand and Oceania includes the following Countries:

American Samoa	New Zealand
Antarctica	Niue
Australia	Norfolk Island
Bouvet Island	Northern Mariana Islands
Christmas Island	Palau
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Papua New Guinea
Cook Islands	Pitcairn
Fiji	Samoa
French Polynesia	Solomon Islands
French Southern Territories	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
Guam	Svalbard and Jan Mayen
Heard Island and McDonald Islands	Tokelau
Kiribati	Tonga
Marshall Islands	Tuvalu
Micronesia, Federated States of	United States Minor Outlying Islands
Nauru	Vanuatu
New Caledonia	Wallis and Futuna