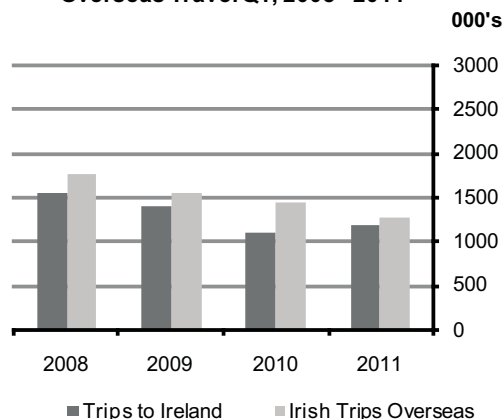




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Overseas Travel Q1, 2008 - 2011



Overseas Travel

Quarter 1 2011

	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	by Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Jan-Mar '08	1,762,500	1,542,200	849,500	480,200	155,900	56,700
Jan-Mar '09	1,539,800	1,402,200	722,400	488,700	142,200	48,800
Jan-Mar '10	1,439,200	1,084,800	526,600	366,500	137,300	54,200
Jan-Mar '11	1,270,100	1,177,600	564,300	399,000	153,600	60,700

Trips to Ireland increase by over 8% in Quarter 1 2011

In the first quarter of 2011, the total number of overseas trips to Ireland increased by 8.6% to 1,177,600, an overall increase of 92,800, compared to the same period twelve months earlier. Visitors from North America increased by 11.9% to 153,600 while trips from residents of Other Europe and Great Britain were up by 8.9% to 399,000 and 7.2% to 564,300 respectively. Trips by residents from Other Areas rose by 12.0%. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

Irish residents took 1,270,100 overseas trips in this quarter. This is a decrease of 11.7% when compared to the same quarter in 2010. Quarter 1 2010 saw a drop of 6.5% from the corresponding quarter in 2009. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

The CSO "Airport Pairings" database contains information on every direct flight in and out of the nine Irish airports on a monthly basis. Data is available from January 2006 to February 2011 inclusive. March passenger figures will be available from June 1st. For details please go to <http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/15>.

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Table 1 Overseas Trips by Area of Residence

	Period	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
				Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2006	Quarter 1	1,346,500	1,389,800	819,500	373,100	149,800	47,500
	Quarter 2	1,825,700	2,112,100	1,081,700	636,700	311,600	82,100
	Quarter 3	2,146,100	2,506,400	1,240,000	755,400	397,500	113,400
	Quarter 4	1,529,800	1,700,600	918,600	515,500	195,700	70,900
2007	Quarter 1	1,575,200	1,478,300	771,500	496,400	156,200	54,300
	Quarter 2	2,048,600	2,131,000	1,069,600	662,500	318,600	80,300
	Quarter 3	2,355,700	2,646,400	1,269,300	873,600	390,300	113,200
	Quarter 4	1,733,600	1,756,500	921,500	557,900	208,100	68,900
2008	Quarter 1	1,762,500	1,542,200	849,500	480,200	155,900	56,700
	Quarter 2	2,050,800	2,159,400	1,023,200	729,000	312,100	95,200
	Quarter 3	2,428,300	2,472,400	1,148,900	839,900	357,200	126,400
	Quarter 4	1,635,800	1,665,000	850,900	561,200	179,400	73,500
2009	Quarter 1	1,539,800	1,402,200	722,400	488,700	142,200	48,800
	Quarter 2	1,899,600	1,901,900	858,500	658,200	305,000	80,300
	Quarter 3	2,137,100	2,177,300	956,100	757,600	356,400	107,300
	Quarter 4	1,472,900	1,446,100	720,100	477,800	176,800	71,500
2010	Quarter 1	1,439,200	1,084,800	526,600	366,500	137,300	54,200
	Quarter 2	1,673,100	1,541,400	701,700	500,500	264,000	75,200
	Quarter 3	2,137,200	1,996,600	852,600	700,900	332,800	110,200
	Quarter 4	1,322,500	1,414,300	657,600	477,300	201,400	78,100
2011	Quarter 1	1,270,100	1,177,600	564,300	399,000	153,600	60,700

Table 2 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for Q1, 2008 - 2011

Table 2: Annual Change in Overseas Trips for Q4, 2008-2011						
Year	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Change versus corresponding quarter of previous year (number)						
2008	187,300	63,900	78,000	-16,200	-300	2,400
2009	-222,700	-140,000	-127,100	8,500	-13,700	-7,900
2010	-100,600	-317,400	-195,800	-122,200	-4,900	5,400
2011	-169,100	92,800	37,700	32,500	16,300	6,500
Change versus corresponding quarter of previous year (%)						
2008	11.9	4.3	10.1	-3.3	-0.2	4.4
2009	-12.6	-9.1	-15.0	1.8	-8.8	-13.9
2010	-6.5	-22.6	-27.1	-25.0	-3.4	11.1
2011	-11.7	8.6	7.2	8.9	11.9	12.0

Table 3 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence 2009 - 2011

Area of Residence ¹	2009	2010	2009				2010				2011
			Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1
Total Overseas Trips	6,927,500	6,037,100	1,402,200	1,901,900	2,177,300	1,446,100	1,084,800	1,541,400	1,996,600	1,414,300	1,177,600
Great Britain	3,257,000	2,738,500	722,400	858,500	956,100	720,100	526,600	701,700	852,600	657,600	564,300
Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg	243,800	200,100	53,600	67,000	70,200	53,100	35,500	49,200	64,500	51,100	47,000
France	391,300	342,500	82,400	122,000	126,500	60,400	54,000	92,800	119,900	75,700	64,600
Germany	418,500	377,300	70,800	131,400	139,600	76,700	58,400	104,900	135,500	78,500	64,700
Italy	280,600	221,800	58,000	64,000	102,400	56,200	43,400	39,600	90,700	48,100	41,000
Spain	253,700	221,300	48,500	60,600	87,300	57,200	35,600	52,900	80,000	52,800	44,100
Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark	176,100	164,500	33,200	53,300	51,900	37,700	25,500	41,400	55,800	41,800	32,900
Other Europe ²	618,100	517,700	142,100	159,900	179,800	136,300	114,200	119,700	154,600	129,300	104,700
USA and Canada	980,400	935,600	142,200	305,000	356,400	176,800	137,300	264,000	332,800	201,400	153,600
Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania ²	130,200	135,300	19,000	34,100	48,300	28,800	19,200	33,100	49,900	33,100	20,300
Other Areas ²	177,600	182,500	29,800	46,200	59,000	42,600	35,100	42,100	60,300	45,000	40,400

¹ Country estimates are subject to high levels of sample variation and therefore should be interpreted with caution. See Background Notes.

² See Background Notes for Countries included.

Background Notes

Periodicity	Quarterly.
Scope	Overseas Travel.
Coverage	All Overseas Travel into and out of the Republic of Ireland.
Data Collection	<p>The monthly Country of Residence Survey (CRS) forms the basis of the data used in this release. This survey is conducted at Dublin, Cork, Shannon, Knock and Kerry airports and Rosslare, Ringaskiddy, Dún Laoghaire and Dublin ports. Data from passengers is collected by a Central Statistics Office (CSO) interviewer.</p> <p>In addition to CRS data we also include residency data from the CSO's Passenger Card Inquiry (PCI), also conducted at airports and ports. The PCI is a sample survey of passengers which in addition to residency also collects information on the reasons for the journey, area of residence, length of stay, expenditure and fare costs.</p>
Sample Design	<p>A sample of flights and sailings is made to facilitate proper representation of airport/port pairings; day, night, week day and weekend flights/sailings.</p> <p>On the selected flights/sailings, a 1 in 5 (20%) systematic sample of passengers is selected and their country of residence is recorded.</p> <p>Sample results are grossed to total passenger numbers travelling for each airport or port pairing, as provided by the airports and ferry companies.</p> <p>Where there is no survey coverage in a quarter for an airport/port pairing, results are imputed using the 'nearest neighbour' imputation methodology.</p>
Sample Size	The sample size for the Q1 2011 Overseas Travel release was just over 88,000 passengers.
Reliability of Results	<p>Estimation of survey results using the above sampling design 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, estimations are made. This means that the survey results are best estimates based on available information.</p> <p>This variability is expressed by means of a standard error. The 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 greater for small estimates and may, in particular, make it more difficult to compare figures for different time periods. Standard error estimates in respect of the major Area of Residence categories for the 2008 reference year are presented in the following table. In 2008, just over 468,000 persons were interviewed from a total of almost 33,838,500 journeys giving a sampling rate of 1.4%. The more detailed country figures in Table 3 would of course be subject to higher standard errors, as a percentage of the estimate.</p>

	Irish Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Total trips	7,877,364	3,872,393	2,610,268	1,004,605	351,748
Standard error	14,687	11,186	10,211	5,683	4,196
Standard error as % of estimate	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	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 classification cell. This assumption, which is usual in surveys such as this, may introduce some slight bias into the results. Moreover, although every effort was made to ensure that the information received during interview was correct, it is possible that some minor non-sampling errors remain undetected.

Definitions

- (1) Trips** The data presented in this report is in terms of Trip numbers. A Trip is defined as a journey (usually including the return) from one place to another.
- (2) Visitor** The definition of Visitor used in the CRS survey is based on that agreed with Eurostat, the European Statistical Office. A Visitor is defined as *'any person travelling to a place other than that of his/her usual environment for less than twelve months and whose main purpose is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited'*. However, as the CRS 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 a country cannot be excluded. Therefore, for the purposes of this survey, Trips include those travelling for paid work. Commercial Drivers travelling on sea routes are excluded.
- (3) Country of Residence** Country of Residence is defined as the country in which the person has resided during the past year.

Country Breakdowns

Other Europe Tables 1-2

Other Europe includes the following countries:

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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	

Other countries included are:

Aland Islands	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Albania	Moldova, Republic of
Andorra	Monaco
Belarus	Montenegro
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Norway
Croatia	Russian Federation
Faroe Islands	San Marino
Gibraltar	Serbia
Guernsey	Switzerland
Iceland	Turkey
Isle of Man	Ukraine
Jersey	Vatican City
Liechtenstein	

**North America
Tables 1-2**

North America includes the following countries:

Canada
United States

**Other Areas
Tables 1-2**

Other Areas includes the following countries:

Africa (see page 7 for breakdown of countries)
Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania (see below for breakdown of countries)
Central, South and Other Americas (see page 7 for breakdown of countries)
Eastern Asia, Middle East and Other Asia (see page 8 for breakdown of countries)

**Other Europe
Table 3**

Other Europe includes the following countries:

Aland Islands	Liechtenstein
Albania	Lithuania
Andorra	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Austria	Malta
Belarus	Moldova, Republic of
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Monaco
Bulgaria	Montenegro
Croatia	Poland
Cyprus	Portugal
Czech Republic	Romania
Estonia	Russian Federation
Faroe Islands	San Marino
Gibraltar	Serbia
Greece	Slovakia
Guernsey	Slovenia
Hungary	Switzerland
Iceland	Turkey
Isle of Man	Ukraine
Jersey	Vatican City
Latvia	

**Australia, New Zealand
and
Other Oceania
Table 3**

Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania includes the following countries:

American Samoa	New Zealand
Australia	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

Other Areas
Table 3

Other Areas include the following groups of countries:

**Central, South and
Other Americas**

Anguilla	Guyana
Antigua and Barbuda	Haiti
Argentina	Honduras
Aruba	Jamaica
Bahamas	Martinique
Barbados	Mexico
Belize	Montserrat
Bermuda	Netherlands Antilles
Bolivia	Nicaragua
Brazil	Panama
Cayman Islands	Paraguay
Chile	Peru
Columbia	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, U.S
Guatemala	

Africa

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	

Eastern Asia	China	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
	Hong Kong	Mongolia
	Japan	Taiwan, Province of China
	Korea, Republic of	
Middle East	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	
Other Asia	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