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Overseas Travel Q2, 2008 - 2011



Overseas Travel Quarter 2 2011

	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	by Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Apr-Jun '09	1,899,600	1,901,900	858,500	658,200	305,000	80,300
Apr-Jun '10	1,673,100	1,541,400	701,700	500,500	264,000	75,200
Apr-Jun '11	1,771,000	1,781,600	761,000	620,700	308,800	91,200
Jan-Jun '09	3,439,400	3,304,100	1,580,900	1,146,900	447,200	129,100
Jan-Jun '10	3,112,300	2,626,200	1,228,300	867,000	401,300	129,400
Jan-Jun '11	3,041,100	2,959,200	1,325,300	1,019,700	462,400	151,900

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Trips to Ireland increase by over 15% in Quarter 2 2011

In the second quarter of 2011, the total number of *overseas trips to Ireland* increased by 15.6% to 1,781,600, an overall increase of 240,200, compared to the same period twelve months earlier. Visitors from European Countries other than Great Britain (Other Europe) increased by 24.0% to 620,700 while trips by residents of North America and Great Britain were up by 17.0% to 308,800 and 8.5% to 761,000 respectively. Trips by residents of all Other Areas rose by 21.3%. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

The total number of *overseas trips by Irish residents* increased by 5.9% to 1,771,000 when compared to the same quarter in 2010. Quarter 2 2010 saw a drop of 11.9% from the corresponding quarter in 2009. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

The total number of trips (Irish trips overseas plus trips to Ireland) in the second quarter of 2011 increased by 10.5 % to 3,552,600, when compared with the same period in 2010. *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 May 2011 inclusive. June passenger figures will be available from September 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	All Trips	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
					Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2006	Quarter 1	2,736,300	1,346,500	1,389,800	819,500	373,100	149,800	47,500
	Quarter 2	3,937,800	1,825,700	2,112,100	1,081,700	636,700	311,600	82,100
	Quarter 3	4,652,500	2,146,100	2,506,400	1,240,000	755,400	397,500	113,400
	Quarter 4	3,230,400	1,529,800	1,700,600	918,600	515,500	195,700	70,900
2007	Quarter 1	3,053,500	1,575,200	1,478,300	771,500	496,400	156,200	54,300
	Quarter 2	4,179,600	2,048,600	2,131,000	1,069,600	662,500	318,600	80,300
	Quarter 3	5,002,100	2,355,700	2,646,400	1,269,300	873,600	390,300	113,200
	Quarter 4	3,490,100	1,733,600	1,756,500	921,500	557,900	208,100	68,900
2008	Quarter 1	3,304,700	1,762,500	1,542,200	849,500	480,200	155,900	56,700
	Quarter 2	4,210,200	2,050,800	2,159,400	1,023,200	729,000	312,100	95,200
	Quarter 3	4,900,700	2,428,300	2,472,400	1,148,900	839,900	357,200	126,400
	Quarter 4	3,300,800	1,635,800	1,665,000	850,900	561,200	179,400	73,500
2009	Quarter 1	2,942,000	1,539,800	1,402,200	722,400	488,700	142,200	48,800
	Quarter 2	3,801,500	1,899,600	1,901,900	858,500	658,200	305,000	80,300
	Quarter 3	4,314,400	2,137,100	2,177,300	956,100	757,600	356,400	107,300
	Quarter 4	2,919,000	1,472,900	1,446,100	720,100	477,800	176,800	71,500
2010	Quarter 1	2,524,000	1,439,200	1,084,800	526,600	366,500	137,300	54,200
	Quarter 2	3,214,500	1,673,100	1,541,400	701,700	500,500	264,000	75,200
	Quarter 3	4,133,800	2,137,200	1,996,600	852,600	700,900	332,800	110,200
	Quarter 4	2,736,800	1,322,500	1,414,300	657,600	477,300	201,400	78,100
2011	Quarter 1	2,447,700	1,270,100	1,177,600	564,300	399,000	153,600	60,700
	Quarter 2	3,552,600	1,771,000	1,781,600	761,000	620,700	308,800	91,200

Table 2 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for Q2, 2008 - 2011

Year	All Trips	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
				Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Change versus corresponding quarter of previous year (number)							
2008	30,600	2,200	28,400	-46,400	66,500	-6,500	14,900
2009	-408,700	-151,200	-257,500	-164,700	-70,800	-7,100	-14,900
2010	-587,000	-226,500	-360,500	-156,800	-157,700	-41,000	-5,100
2011	338,100	97,900	240,200	59,300	120,200	44,800	16,000
Change versus corresponding quarter of previous year (%)							
2008	0.7	0.1	1.3	-4.3	10.0	-2.0	18.6
2009	-9.7	-7.4	-11.9	-16.1	-9.7	-2.3	-15.7
2010	-15.4	-11.9	-19.0	-18.3	-24.0	-13.4	-6.4
2011	10.5	5.9	15.6	8.5	24.0	17.0	21.3

Table 3 Overseas Trips for Year to Date Q2, 2008 - 2011

Year	All Trips	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
				Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2008	7,514,900	3,813,300	3,701,600	1,872,700	1,209,200	468,000	151,900
2009	6,743,500	3,439,400	3,304,100	1,580,900	1,146,900	447,200	129,100
2010	5,738,500	3,112,300	2,626,200	1,228,300	867,000	401,300	129,400
2011	6,000,300	3,041,100	2,959,200	1,325,300	1,019,700	462,400	151,900

Table 4 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for Year to Date Q2, 2009 - 2011

Table 1: Annual Change in Overseas Trips for Year to Date Q2, 2009-2011							
Year	All Trips	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
				Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Annual change in year to date Q2 total (number)							
2009	-771,400	-373,900	-397,500	-291,800	-62,300	-20,800	-22,800
2010	-1,005,000	-327,100	-677,900	-352,600	-279,900	-45,900	300
2011	261,800	-71,200	333,000	97,000	152,700	61,100	22,500
Annual change in year to date Q2 total (%)							
2009	-10.3	-9.8	-10.7	-15.6	-5.2	-4.4	-15.0
2010	-14.9	-9.5	-20.5	-22.3	-24.4	-10.3	0.2
2011	4.6	-2.3	12.7	7.9	17.6	15.2	17.4

Table 5 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	Quarter 2
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	1,781,600
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	761,000
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	61,500
France	391,300	342,500	82,400	122,000	126,500	60,400	54,000	92,800	119,900	75,700	64,600	115,600
Germany	418,500	377,300	70,800	131,400	139,600	76,700	58,400	104,900	135,500	78,500	64,700	123,700
Italy	280,600	221,800	58,000	64,000	102,400	56,200	43,400	39,600	90,700	48,100	41,000	52,900
Spain	253,700	221,300	48,500	60,600	87,300	57,200	35,600	52,900	80,000	52,800	44,100	57,600
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	51,600
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	157,800
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	308,800
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	39,600
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	51,600

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	This release covers Overseas Travel into and out of the Republic of Ireland, however travel by residents of Northern Ireland into or out of the Republic of Ireland or domestic travel within the Republic of Ireland is excluded.
Data Collection	<p>Data from the Country of Residence Survey (CRS) is used in this release. This survey is conducted at Dublin, Cork, Shannon, Knock, Galway and Kerry airports and Rosslare, Ringaskiddy, Dún Laoghaire and Dublin ports. Residency data is collected from passengers 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 for the CRS, a 1 in 5 (20%) systematic sample of passengers is selected and their country of residence is recorded. In the PCI survey a sample of flights/sailings are selected and a PCI card is distributed to all passengers on these flights/sailings.</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 Q2 2011 Overseas Travel release was just under 179,800 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 the standard error calculation. 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 5 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 collected is 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 these surveys 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, trips may 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.
- Easter** Easter falls each year on a Sunday between March 22nd and April 25th, inclusively. In 2011 Easter Sunday fell on April 24th, while in 2010 it fell on April 4th. Visitor numbers each year are greatly influenced by when Easter falls.

Dates for Easter Sunday

2011 - 24th April

2010 - 4th April

2009 - 12th April

Country Breakdowns

Other Europe Tables 1-4

Other Europe includes the following countries:

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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

Other countries included are:

Aland Islands

Albania

Andorra

Belarus

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Croatia

Faroe Islands

Gibraltar

Guernsey

Iceland

Isle of Man

Jersey

Liechtenstein

Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Moldova, Republic of

Monaco

Montenegro

Norway

Russian Federation

San Marino

Serbia

Switzerland

Turkey

Ukraine

Vatican City

North America Tables 1-4

North America includes the following countries:

Canada

United States

Other Areas Tables 1-4

Other Areas includes the following countries:

Africa (see page 9 for breakdown of countries)

Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania (see page 8 for breakdown of countries)

Central, South and Other Americas (see page 9 for breakdown of countries)

Eastern Asia, Middle East and Other Asia (see page 10 for breakdown of countries)

**Other Europe
Table 5**

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 5**

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

American Samoa	Niue
Australia	Norfolk Island
Antarctica	Northern Mariana Island
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	

Other Areas
Table 5

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