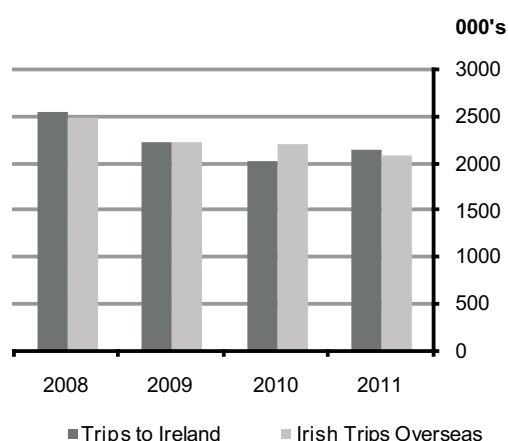




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Overseas Travel June - August, 2008 - 2011



Overseas Travel June - August 2011

	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	by Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Jun-Aug '09	2,218,200	2,219,400	945,200	784,900	378,600	110,700
Jun-Aug '10	2,191,500	2,010,300	845,500	700,000	354,300	110,600
Jun-Aug '11	2,076,300	2,133,800	885,800	742,600	381,100	124,300
Jan-Aug '09	4,947,600	4,886,900	2,265,400	1,712,100	703,900	205,400
Jan-Aug '10	4,646,700	4,036,400	1,821,000	1,379,100	632,000	204,300
Jan-Aug '11	4,457,500	4,481,800	1,972,600	1,557,700	711,400	240,100

Trips to Ireland increased by over 6% for the period June - August 2011

In the period June to August of 2011, the total number of *overseas trips to Ireland* increased by 6.1% to 2,133,800, an overall increase of 123,500 compared to the same period twelve months earlier. Visitors from North America increased by 7.6% to 381,100, while visitors from European Countries other than Great Britain (Other Europe) increased by 6.1% to 742,600. Trips by residents of Great Britain were up by 4.8% to 885,800 while trips by residents of all Other Areas rose by 12.4%. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

The total number of *overseas trips by Irish residents* decreased by 5.3% to 2,076,300 when compared to the same period in 2010. June to August of 2010 saw a drop of 1.2% from the corresponding period in 2009. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

The total number of trips (Irish trips overseas plus trips to Ireland) in the period June to August of 2011 increased by 0.2% to 4,210,100 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 July 2011 inclusive. August passenger figures will be available from November 1st. For details please go to <http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/15>.

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Table 1 Overseas Trips by Area of Residence for the period June - August, 2008 - 2011

Year	Period	All Trips	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
					Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2008	June - August	5,001,900	2,470,300	2,531,600	1,155,200	857,700	387,700	130,900
2009	June - August	4,437,600	2,218,200	2,219,400	945,200	784,900	378,600	110,700
2010	June - August	4,201,800	2,191,500	2,010,300	845,500	700,000	354,300	110,600
2011	June - August	4,210,100	2,076,300	2,133,800	885,800	742,600	381,100	124,300

Table 2 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for the period June - August, 2009 - 2011

Year	Period	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 period of previous year (number)								
2009	June - August	-564,300	-252,100	-312,200	-210,000	-72,800	-9,100	-20,200
2010	June - August	-235,800	-26,700	-209,100	-99,700	-84,900	-24,300	-100
2011	June - August	8,300	-115,200	123,500	40,300	42,600	26,800	13,700
Change versus corresponding period of previous year (%)								
2009	June - August	-11.3	-10.2	-12.3	-18.2	-8.5	-2.3	-15.4
2010	June - August	-5.3	-1.2	-9.4	-10.5	-10.8	-6.4	-0.1
2011	June - August	0.2	-5.3	6.1	4.8	6.1	7.6	12.4

Table 3 Overseas Trips for the period January - August, 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	10,998,600	5,515,300	5,483,300	2,702,900	1,817,300	723,300	239,800
2009	9,834,500	4,947,600	4,886,900	2,265,400	1,712,100	703,900	205,400
2010	8,683,100	4,646,700	4,036,400	1,821,000	1,379,100	632,000	204,300
2011	8,939,300	4,457,500	4,481,800	1,972,600	1,557,700	711,400	240,100

Table 4 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for the period January - August, 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 August total (number)							
2009	-1,164,100	-567,700	-596,400	-437,500	-105,200	-19,400	-34,400
2010	-1,151,400	-300,900	-850,500	-444,400	-333,000	-71,900	-1,100
2011	256,200	-189,200	445,400	151,600	178,600	79,400	35,800
Annual change in year to August total (%)							
2009	-10.6	-10.3	-10.9	-16.2	-5.8	-2.7	-14.3
2010	-11.7	-6.1	-17.4	-19.6	-19.4	-10.2	-0.5
2011	3.0	-4.1	11.0	8.3	13.0	12.6	17.5

Table 5 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence, 2008 - 2011

Area of Residence ¹	June - August			
	2008	2009	2010	2011
Total Overseas Trips to Ireland	2,531,600	2,219,400	2,010,300	2,133,800
Great Britain	1,155,200	945,200	845,500	885,800
Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg	78,900	73,000	62,900	72,400
France	150,100	134,000	128,500	132,700
Germany	162,600	148,600	138,900	145,400
Italy	92,600	100,300	84,300	78,300
Spain	85,100	82,900	79,300	88,600
Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark	64,800	51,100	53,400	55,000
Other Europe ²	223,500	195,100	152,700	170,300
USA and Canada	387,700	378,600	354,300	381,100
Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania ²	63,200	47,500	51,200	54,600
Other Areas ²	67,700	63,200	59,400	69,700

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.

Table 6 Overseas Trips by Area of Residence, 2007 - 2011

		Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence						
	Period	All Trips	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
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 7 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence, 2010 - 2011

Area of Residence ¹	2010	2010				2011	
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2
Total Overseas Trips to Ireland	6,037,100	1,084,800	1,541,400	1,996,600	1,414,300	1,177,600	1,781,600
Great Britain	2,738,500	526,600	701,700	852,600	657,600	564,300	761,000
Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg	200,100	35,500	49,200	64,500	51,100	47,000	61,500
France	342,500	54,000	92,800	119,900	75,700	64,600	115,600
Germany	377,300	58,400	104,900	135,500	78,500	64,700	123,700
Italy	221,800	43,400	39,600	90,700	48,100	41,000	52,900
Spain	221,300	35,600	52,900	80,000	52,800	44,100	57,600
Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark	164,500	25,500	41,400	55,800	41,800	32,900	51,600
Other Europe ²	517,700	114,200	119,700	154,600	129,300	104,700	157,800
USA and Canada	935,600	137,300	264,000	332,800	201,400	153,600	308,800
Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania ²	135,300	19,200	33,100	49,900	33,100	20,300	39,600
Other Areas ²	182,500	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.

Table 8 Overseas Trips by Area of Residence - Seasonally Adjusted, 2007 - 2011

					Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
					Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Period		All Trips	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland				
2007	Quarter 1	3,878,300	1,879,300	1,978,000	964,500	682,800	257,100	81,700
	Quarter 2	3,863,000	1,920,500	1,960,000	1,014,900	597,900	265,600	77,500
	Quarter 3	3,944,700	1,884,700	2,034,200	1,036,100	655,400	268,400	80,400
	Quarter 4	4,045,800	2,072,700	2,044,800	1,008,200	684,100	274,800	78,300
2008	Quarter 1	4,075,700	2,066,300	1,985,100	993,800	641,100	264,500	85,100
	Quarter 2	3,997,300	1,949,800	2,037,900	1,012,900	661,700	261,800	91,300
	Quarter 3	3,853,300	1,942,800	1,900,800	931,300	632,100	245,800	89,700
	Quarter 4	3,809,800	1,945,800	1,919,900	926,100	680,500	236,300	83,300
2009	Quarter 1	3,775,100	1,844,600	1,881,700	892,800	668,400	240,800	73,200
	Quarter 2	3,518,200	1,775,200	1,744,100	817,500	589,600	257,600	76,100
	Quarter 3	3,377,200	1,706,900	1,679,700	785,500	575,400	246,700	76,400
	Quarter 4	3,375,100	1,744,000	1,668,500	778,900	567,000	233,600	81,700
2010	Quarter 1	3,207,600	1,701,000	1,419,000	644,700	516,300	231,300	79,900
	Quarter 2	2,992,400	1,572,300	1,434,400	671,700	445,800	214,200	70,800
	Quarter 3	3,226,500	1,702,100	1,552,400	703,600	524,200	232,000	79,000
	Quarter 4	3,153,400	1,557,100	1,611,600	706,100	570,000	260,000	88,500
2011	Quarter 1	3,202,200	1,543,800	1,573,700	694,100	556,800	256,900	91,200
	Quarter 2	3,255,300	1,638,300	1,629,400	726,200	546,900	257,600	87,400

Background Notes

Periodicity	Quarterly – rolling three month release.
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 seaports. 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 seaports. The PCI is a survey of passengers which in addition to residency, also collects information on the reason for the journey, area of residence, length of stay, expenditure and fare costs.</p>
Sample Design	<p>A sample of flights and sailings is selected to facilitate proper representation of airport/seaport 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 seaport pairing, as provided by the airports and ferry companies.</p> <p>Where there is no survey coverage in a period for an airport/seaport pairing, results are imputed using the 'nearest neighbour' imputation methodology.</p>
Sample Size	The sample size for the Overseas Travel release in respect of the three month period June - August 2011 was just under 199,000 passengers.
Seasonal Adjustment	<p>Seasonally adjusted quarterly data is available in Table 8. Visitor numbers to Ireland are subject to a high degree of seasonality. These seasonal fluctuations do not affect annual comparisons but they do affect monthly or quarterly comparisons. Typically trips are at their highest during the summer months, although there are also clear peaks around Christmas and Easter. To facilitate interpretation of underlying trends, visitor numbers are adjusted to remove these seasonal trends.</p> <p>Seasonal adjustment is conducted using the direct seasonal adjustment approach. Under this approach each individual series is independently adjusted each month, e.g. aggregate series are adjusted without reference to the component series. Seasonal adjustment models are developed for each series based on unadjusted data from January 2000 to the current period. These models are then applied to the entire series. Seasonal factors are updated each quarter.</p> <p>The adjustments are completed by applying the X-12-ARIMA model, developed by the U.S. Census Bureau to the unadjusted data. This methodology estimates seasonal factors while also taking into consideration factors that impact on the quality of the seasonal adjustment such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar effects, e.g. the timing of Easter • Outliers, temporary changes and level shifts in the series

Reliability of Results

Estimation of survey results using the above sampling design introduces a statistical variability which would not be present if *all* passengers from *every* flight/sailing had been sampled. This means that the survey results are best estimates based on the information collected for the sample.

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.

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 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 2011 calendar quarters are presented in the following tables.

Overseas trips to Ireland by Area of Residence					
Q1 2011	Irish Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Total trips	1,270,107	564,337	399,013	153,570	60,699
Standard error	4,081	2,867	2,841	1,753	1,297
Standard error as % of estimate	0.32	0.51	0.71	1.14	2.14

Overseas trips to Ireland by Area of Residence					
Q2 2011	Irish Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Total trips	1,770,966	761,009	620,673	308,757	91,154
Standard error	4,252	2,814	3,147	2,110	1,359
Standard error as % of estimate	0.24	0.37	0.51	0.68	1.49

In general, the more detailed the classification provided the greater the standard error of the estimates. In the derivation of the results, the assumption was made that non-respondents had similar characteristics and activity levels to those respondents in the same stratification cell. This assumption, which is 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, 6 and 8**

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, 6 and 8**

North America includes the following countries:

Canada
United States

**Other Areas
Tables 1-4, 6 and 8**

Other Areas includes the following countries:

Africa (see page 12 for breakdown of countries)
Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania (see below for breakdown of countries)
Central, South and Other Americas (see page 12 for breakdown of countries)
Eastern Asia, Middle East and Other Asia (see page 13 for breakdown of countries)

**Other Europe
Tables 5 and 7**

Other Europe includes the following countries:

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

**Australia,
New Zealand and
Other Oceania
Tables 5 and 7**

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

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

**Other Areas
Tables 5 and 7**

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

Africa

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

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