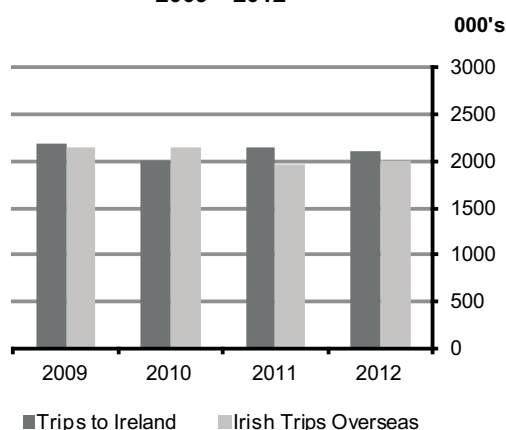




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Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence

	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Jul - Sept '10	2,137,200	1,996,600	852,600	700,900	332,800	110,200
Jul - Sept '11	1,962,400	2,151,700	911,600	763,200	352,400	124,600
Jul - Sept '12	2,003,200	2,096,700	830,200	776,800	365,200	124,500
Jan - Sept '10	5,249,500	4,622,800	2,080,900	1,567,900	734,200	239,700
Jan - Sept '11	4,981,800	5,135,500	2,223,000	1,818,400	810,900	283,100
Jan - Sept '12	4,965,400	5,079,100	2,127,800	1,842,000	815,600	293,700

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Trips to Ireland decreased by 2.6% for the period July - September 2012

In the period July - September 2012, the total number of *trips to Ireland* decreased by 2.6% to 2,096,700 - an overall decrease of 55,000 compared to the same period twelve months earlier. *See tables 1 and 2.*

Trips by residents of Great Britain to Ireland decreased by 8.9% to 830,200. Visitors from European Countries other than Great Britain (Other Europe) increased by 1.8% to 776,800 while visitors from North America increased by 3.6% to 365,200. The number of visitors from Other Areas decreased by 0.1% to 124,500. *See tables 1 and 2.*

The total number of *overseas trips made by Irish residents* during the period July - September 2012 increased by 2.1% to 2,003,200. *See tables 1 and 2.*

The total number of trips (Irish residents' trips overseas plus trips to Ireland) in the period July to September 2012 decreased by 0.3% to 4,099,900 when compared with the same period twelve months earlier. The period July to September 2011 saw a decrease of 0.5% from the corresponding period in 2010. See tables 1 and 2.

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Table 1 Overseas Trips for the period July - September, 2009 - 2012

Year	Period	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
					Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2009	Jul - Sept	4,314,500	2,137,100	2,177,300	956,100	757,600	356,400	107,300
2010	Jul - Sept	4,133,800	2,137,200	1,996,600	852,600	700,900	332,800	110,200
2011	Jul - Sept	4,114,100	1,962,400	2,151,700	911,600	763,200	352,400	124,600
2012	Jul - Sept	4,099,900	2,003,200	2,096,700	830,200	776,800	365,200	124,500

Table 2 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for the period July - September, 2010 - 2012

Year	Period	All Trips	Irish Residents' 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)								
2010	Jul - Sept	-180,700	100	-180,700	-103,500	-56,700	-23,600	2,900
2011	Jul - Sept	-19,700	-174,800	155,100	59,000	62,300	19,600	14,400
2012	Jul - Sept	-14,200	40,800	-55,000	-81,400	13,600	12,800	-100
Change versus corresponding period of previous year (%)								
2010	Jul - Sept	-4.2	0.0	-8.3	-10.8	-7.5	-6.6	2.7
2011	Jul - Sept	-0.5	-8.2	7.8	6.9	8.9	5.9	13.1
2012	Jul - Sept	-0.3	2.1	-2.6	-8.9	1.8	3.6	-0.1

Table 3 Overseas Trips for the period January - September, 2009 - 2012

Year	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
				Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2009	11,057,900	5,576,500	5,481,500	2,537,000	1,904,500	803,600	236,400
2010	9,872,300	5,249,500	4,622,800	2,080,900	1,567,900	734,200	239,700
2011	10,117,300	4,981,800	5,135,500	2,223,000	1,818,400	810,900	283,100
2012	10,044,500	4,965,400	5,079,100	2,127,800	1,842,000	815,600	293,700

Table 4 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for the period January - September, 2010 - 2012

Year	All Trips	Irish Residents' 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 September total (number)							
2010	-1,185,600	-327,000	-858,700	-456,100	-336,600	-69,400	3,300
2011	245,000	-267,700	512,700	142,100	250,500	76,700	43,400
2012	-72,800	-16,400	-56,400	-95,200	23,600	4,700	10,600
Annual change in year to September total (%)							
2010	-10.7	-5.9	-15.7	-18.0	-17.7	-8.6	1.4
2011	2.5	-5.1	11.1	6.8	16.0	10.4	18.1
2012	-0.7	-0.3	-1.1	-4.3	1.3	0.6	3.7

Table 5 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence for the period July - September, 2009 - 2012

Area of Residence ¹	July - September			
	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total Overseas Trips to Ireland	2,177,300	1,996,600	2,151,700	2,096,700
Great Britain	956,100	852,600	911,600	830,200
Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg	70,200	64,500	71,500	68,600
France	126,500	119,900	136,700	129,400
Germany	139,600	135,500	143,000	155,100
Italy	102,400	90,700	83,800	94,300
Spain	87,300	80,000	88,400	91,100
Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark	51,900	55,800	58,400	58,400
Other Europe ²	179,800	154,600	181,400	179,800
USA and Canada	356,400	332,800	352,400	365,200
Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania ²	48,300	49,900	54,600	56,500
Other Areas ²	59,000	60,300	70,000	67,900

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 in each calendar quarter, 2008 - 2012

		Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence						
Year	Period	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland				
					Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
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	2,941,900	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	2,918,900	1,472,900	1,446,100	720,100	477,800	176,800	71,500
2010	Quarter 1	2,523,900	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	2,445,200	1,266,400	1,178,800	550,700	407,800	154,700	65,600
	Quarter 2	3,558,000	1,753,000	1,805,000	760,700	647,500	303,800	92,900
	Quarter 3	4,114,100	1,962,400	2,151,700	911,600	763,200	352,400	124,600
	Quarter 4	2,680,700	1,311,000	1,369,700	655,200	464,700	176,200	73,600
2012	Quarter 1	2,399,900	1,234,800	1,165,100	562,400	392,800	144,700	65,200
	Quarter 2	3,544,700	1,727,500	1,817,300	735,200	672,400	305,700	104,000
	Quarter 3	4,099,900	2,003,200	2,096,700	830,200	776,800	365,200	124,500

Table 7 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence, 2011 - 2012

Area of Residence ¹	2011	2011				2012		
		Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3
Total Overseas Trips to Ireland	6,505,200	1,178,800	1,805,000	2,151,700	1,369,700	1,165,100	1,817,300	2,096,700
Great Britain	2,878,100	550,700	760,700	911,600	655,200	562,400	735,200	830,200
Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg	235,100	47,500	59,600	71,500	56,400	44,900	68,900	68,600
France	401,500	68,700	126,500	136,700	69,600	66,600	129,000	129,400
Germany	422,900	66,300	123,100	143,000	90,600	65,900	134,100	155,100
Italy	220,100	38,000	55,700	83,800	42,700	39,700	67,800	94,300
Spain	244,900	46,400	59,600	88,400	50,400	43,100	63,300	91,100
Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark	181,700	31,400	50,800	58,400	41,100	30,000	57,000	58,400
Other Europe ²	577,100	109,400	172,300	181,400	114,000	102,500	152,300	179,800
USA and Canada	987,100	154,700	303,800	352,400	176,200	144,700	305,700	365,200
o Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania ²	141,100	21,400	38,200	54,600	26,900	21,600	43,300	56,500
Other Areas ²	215,600	44,200	54,700	70,000	46,600	43,600	60,700	67,900

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² See Background Notes for countries included.

Table 8 Overseas Trips in each calendar quarter - Seasonally Adjusted, 2008 - 2012

		Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence						
Year	Period	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland				
					Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2008	Quarter 1	4,092,800	2,071,600	1,990,800	997,900	637,500	263,200	84,700
	Quarter 2	3,988,100	1,946,000	2,038,800	1,012,400	662,000	261,200	90,900
	Quarter 3	3,854,000	1,943,500	1,893,000	929,500	634,300	245,600	90,000
	Quarter 4	3,800,400	1,941,500	1,924,700	923,900	682,900	236,800	83,800
2009	Quarter 1	3,800,700	1,855,000	1,892,800	899,000	663,900	240,700	72,700
	Quarter 2	3,505,200	1,769,600	1,742,400	816,800	590,000	256,000	75,400
	Quarter 3	3,376,700	1,706,800	1,668,600	782,700	573,600	245,600	76,700
	Quarter 4	3,365,700	1,738,200	1,675,400	776,600	574,400	235,600	82,300
2010	Quarter 1	3,236,600	1,721,200	1,431,900	651,300	512,000	232,200	78,800
	Quarter 2	2,974,000	1,563,000	1,430,000	669,300	446,800	213,400	70,000
	Quarter 3	3,224,200	1,700,600	1,538,100	699,700	521,800	230,000	79,700
	Quarter 4	3,154,200	1,550,400	1,622,000	703,600	575,500	263,800	89,800
2011	Quarter 1	3,232,500	1,567,000	1,596,600	686,500	570,400	259,800	96,000
	Quarter 2	3,233,100	1,609,800	1,641,200	724,600	570,900	253,800	87,800
	Quarter 3	3,197,200	1,559,800	1,655,700	749,500	575,900	243,000	90,100
	Quarter 4	3,127,900	1,545,700	1,586,500	707,000	562,300	233,400	84,300
2012	Quarter 1	3,174,700	1,514,100	1,579,700	704,000	554,500	239,000	94,800
	Quarter 2	3,210,400	1,597,500	1,655,200	699,200	592,000	254,800	99,600
	Quarter 3	3,190,400	1,593,500	1,614,500	680,000	578,900	254,600	90,400

Background Notes

Periodicity	Monthly - 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	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, Dun Laoghaire, Ringaskiddy and Dublin seaports. Residency data is collected from passengers by a Central Statistics Office (CSO) interviewer.
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.</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 July - September 2012 was just under 126,300 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 (see definition (4) on page 10) • Outliers, temporary changes and level shifts in the series
Rounding	Individual figures have been rounded independently and the sum of the component items may therefore not necessarily add to the totals shown.

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 to Quarter 3 2012 calendar quarters are presented in the following tables

Overseas trips to Ireland by Area of Residence

Q1 2012	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Total trips	1,234,757	562,424	392,777	144,724	65,206
Standard error	4,070	2,850	2,763	1,825	1,313
Standard error as % of estimate	0.33	0.51	0.70	1.26	2.01

Overseas trips to Ireland by Area of Residence

Q2 2012	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Total trips	1,727,450	735,168	672,429	305,717	103,975
Standard error	5,138	3,464	3,703	2,616	1,745
Standard error as % of estimate	0.30	0.47	0.55	0.86	1.68

Overseas trips to Ireland by Area of Residence

Q3 2012	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Total trips	2,003,168	830,220	776,810	365,191	124,466
Standard error	5,858	3,962	4,320	2,939	2,014
Standard error as % of estimate	0.29	0.48	0.56	0.80	1.62

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.

Airport Pairings The CSO “Airport Pairings” database contains information on every direct flight in and out of the nine Irish airports on a monthly basis. September 2012 passenger figures will be added to the database from early December 2012. For details please go to <http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/15>

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.
- (4) Timing of Easter** Easter falls each year on a Sunday between March 22nd and April 25th, inclusively. In 2012 Easter Sunday fell on April 8th, while in 2011 it fell on April 24th. Visitor numbers each year are greatly influenced by when Easter falls.

Dates for Easter Sunday

2012 - 8th April
 2011 - 24th April
 2010 - 4th April

Country Breakdowns

Other Europe Tables 1-4, 6 and 8

Other Europe includes the following countries:

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

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 1-4, 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 Islands
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	Guatemala
Antigua and Barbuda	Guyana
Argentina	Haiti
Aruba	Honduras
Bahamas	Jamaica
Barbados	Martinique
Belize	Mexico
Bermuda	Montserrat
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 Grenadines
Ecuador	Suriname
El Salvador	Trinidad and Tobago
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	Turks and Caicos Islands
French Guiana	Uruguay
Greenland	Venezuela
Grenada	Virgin Islands, British
Guadeloupe	Virgin Islands, US

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	South Sudan
Gambia	Sudan
Ghana	Swaziland
Guinea	Tanzania, United Republic of
Guinea-Bissau	Togo
Kenya	Tunisia
Lesotho	Uganda

	Liberia	Western Sahara
	Libya	Zambia
	Madagascar	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	
	Israel	Saudi Arabia
	Jordan	Syrian Arab Republic
	Kuwait	United Arab Emirates
	Lebanon	Yemen
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