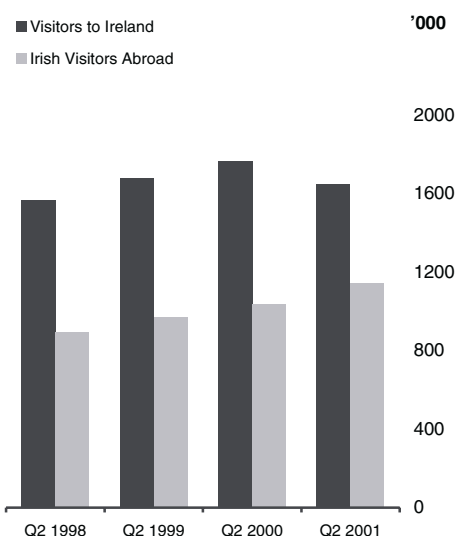




Tourism and Travel

Second Quarter 2001

Number of Visits



	Visitors to Ireland	Irish Visitors Abroad
		'000
Apr - Jun 2000	1,768	1,036
Apr - Jun 2001	1,647	1,143
% change	-6.8%	+10.3%

Number of Visitors to Ireland decreases by 6.8%

There were 1,647,000 Overseas Visitors to Ireland between April and June 2001 compared with 1,768,000 in the same period last year, a decrease of 6.8%. *See Table 1 and Graph.*

In the Second Quarter of 2001, the number of visits abroad by Irish Residents was 1,143,000, an increase of 10.3 % on the corresponding quarter in 2000. *See Table 10 and Graph.*

The expenditure figures for April - June 2001 show a net inflow of £144m - earnings from Visitors to Ireland accounted for £806m while expenditure by Irish Visitors Abroad amounted to £662m. *See Table 16.*

The Tourism figures in this release also show that:

- ◆ The number of Overseas Visitors on Cross-Channel routes decreased by over 10%. The main decline was for sea routes which fell by over 100,000.
- ◆ Irish Visitors travelling abroad on Continental routes increased by 94,000, an increase of almost 21%.

New information

There are four new tables (Tables 6-9) in this release giving information from the start of 2000 on the type of accommodation used by Overseas Visitors to Ireland. The information is derived from the Passenger Card Inquiry.

- ◆ The total number of bednights fell by 878,000 in the second quarter of 2001 compared with the same period last year. This included a fall of 212,000 bednights in hotels.

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Table 1 Overseas Visitors to Ireland – Estimated Number of Overseas Visits Classified By Route of Travel, Area of Residence and Reason for Journey

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Visits	2000	2000				2001	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar ¹	Apr-Jun
Total Overseas Visits	6,409	1,065	1,768	2,272	1,305	1,040¹	1,647
Route of Travel							
Air Cross-Channel	3,039	606	782	928	724	600 ¹	753
Sea Cross-Channel	1,614	215	496	657	246	178	392
Continental European	1,197	156	338	477	225	172	342
Transatlantic	560	87	153	210	110	91	161
Area of Residence							
Great Britain	3,633	683	996	1,166	788	632	903
Other Europe	1,467	188	403	610	266	203	395
USA & Canada	1,047	155	297	398	196	160	274
Other Areas	260	38	69	97	55	43	76
Reason for Journey							
Business	1,085	270	251	278	285	257	251
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	3,402	398	1,062	1,396	546	417	955
Visit to Friends/ Relatives	1,589	336	364	475	414	311	378
Other	330	59	89	123	59	57	63

¹ Revised

Table 2 Overseas Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents distinguishing Same-Day Visits

'000

Visits	2000	2000				2001	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar ¹	Apr – Jun
Total Overseas Visits	6,409	1,065	1,768	2,272	1,305	1,040¹	1,647
Same-day visits (i.e. no overnight in Ireland)	357	67	87	128	74	55	84
Visits with at least one Overnight in Ireland	6,049	997	1,679	2,143	1,230	984	1,563

¹ Revised

Table 3 Overseas Same-day Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents – Classified by Area of Residence and Reason for Journey, Apr – Jun 2001

'000					
Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
Total Same-day Visits (i.e. no overnight in Ireland)	37	28	16	2	84
Area of Residence					
Great Britain	31	24	11	2	68
Other Europe	4	2	2	1	9
USA & Canada	1	2	1	0	5
Other Areas	0	1	1	0	2

Table 4 Overseas Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents, with at least one overnight in Ireland—Classified by Area of Residence and Reason for Journey, Apr–Jun 2001

'000					
Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
Total Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland	214	927	362	61	1,563
Area of Residence					
Great Britain	116	449	251	19	835
Other Europe	68	233	53	31	386
USA & Canada	20	198	42	8	269
Other Areas	9	47	15	3	74

Table 5 Overseas Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents with at least one overnight in Ireland – Average Length of Stay (Nights) Classified by Route of Travel, Area of Residence and Reason for Journey

Length of Stay	Nights						
	2000	2000				2001	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
Total Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland	7.7	6.9	7.3	8.7	6.9	6.6	7.4
Route of Travel							
Air Cross-Channel	6.3	5.6	5.9	7.4	5.8	5.7	5.8
Sea Cross-Channel	7.7	7.6	7.1	8.5	7.3	6.5	7.2
Continental European	9.7	8.7	9.6	10.5	8.5	8.2	9.8
Transatlantic	10.4	10.3	10.1	11.0	9.9	9.8	9.9
Area of Residence							
Great Britain	5.7	5.5	5.5	6.6	5.0	4.9	5.2
Other Europe	10.0	8.4	9.7	11.4	8.6	8.5	10.0
USA & Canada	9.6	9.4	9.2	9.7	10.0	9.2	9.3
Other Areas	11.6	13.2	10.0	11.1	13.2	12.4	10.7
Reason for Journey							
Business	5.5	4.9	5.8	6.1	5.3	5.4	6.0
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	7.4	5.8	6.9	8.6	6.4	5.4	7.1
Visit to Friends/Relatives	8.4	8.6	7.9	9.1	7.8	8.0	7.7
Other	13.4	12.1	13.3	14.1	13.0	12.7	15.0

Table 6 Overseas Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents with at least one overnight in Ireland – Number of Bednights Classified by Type of Accommodation used

Bednights	'000						
	2000	2000				2001	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
Accommodation	46,169	6,916	12,175	18,653	8,426	6,491	11,297
Hotel	8,897	1,233	2,677	3,274	1,713	1,339	2,465
Guest house/B&B	8,667	805	2,482	4,063	1,317	890	2,419
Rented house/ Apartment	7,506	780	2,466	2,923	1,336	1,002	1,948
Caravan/Camping	1,466	24	195	1,189	58	43	292
Hostel	1,746	190	404	804	349	285	466
Friends/Relatives	12,795	3,334	2,380	4,297	2,785	2,321	2,524
Other	5,092	550	1,571	2,102	868	611	1,183

Table 7 Overseas Visitors to Ireland with at least one overnight in Ireland - Number of Bednights Classified by Area of Residence and Type of Accommodation used

'000							
Bednights	2000	2000				2001	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
Great Britain	19,115	3,479	5,005	6,993	3,638	2,888	4,344
Hotel	3,353	631	1,036	991	694	675	960
Guest house/B&B	2,627	310	814	1,066	437	327	758
Rented house/ Apartment	3,010	239	983	1,292	496	239	691
Caravan/Camping	713	6	138	536	32	36	137
Hostel	264	32	53	125	55	65	38
Friends/Relatives	7,761	2,092	1,556	2,499	1,613	1,371	1,463
Other	1,388	169	425	483	310	176	297
Other Europe	14,276	1,511	3,801	6,813	2,153	1,663	3,706
Hotel	2,232	242	634	957	399	247	578
Guest house/B&B	2,914	178	724	1,677	335	283	846
Rented house/ Apartment	2,923	261	1,029	1,211	423	413	799
Caravan/Camping	664	1	52	592	19	3	135
Hostel	882	58	217	441	167	92	269
Friends/Relatives	2,152	499	350	805	498	354	498
Other	2,511	271	795	1,131	314	272	580
USA & Canada	9,847	1,442	2,680	3,804	1,921	1,419	2,450
Hotel	2,945	309	880	1,199	557	362	812
Guest house/B&B	2,392	216	724	1,024	427	230	626
Rented house/ Apartment	1,182	259	335	328	260	242	296
Caravan/Camping	53	2	4	42	5	1	5
Hostel	368	67	92	136	73	77	95
Friends/Relatives	1,924	501	336	678	409	367	360
Other	982	88	308	396	189	140	256
Other Areas	2,929	484	688	1,043	713	520	796
Hotel	367	51	126	127	63	55	114
Guest house/B&B	735	101	219	296	119	50	189
Rented house/ Apartment	391	21	120	92	157	108	162
Caravan/Camping	35	14	1	19	1	3	15
Hostel	231	33	42	101	54	51	64
Friends/Relatives	959	242	138	315	265	230	203
Other	211	22	42	92	54	24	49

Table 8 Overseas Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents, with at least one overnight in Ireland – Number of Bednights Classified by Type of Accommodation used and Reason for Journey, Jan-Mar 2001

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Bednights	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
Accommodation Used	1,162	2,217	2,446	667	6,491
Hotel	486	706	103	44	1,339
Guesthouse/B & B	180	499	129	82	890
Rented house/Apartment	233	302	205	262	1,002
Caravan/Camping	4	38	1	0	43
Hostel	12	178	44	52	285
Friends/Relatives	113	319	1,817	73	2,321
Other	135	176	147	154	611

Table 9 Overseas Visits to Ireland by Non-Residents, with at least one overnight in Ireland – Number of Bednights Classified by Type of Accommodation used and Reason for Journey, Apr-Jun 2001

'000

Bednights	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
Accommodation Used	1,286	6,473	2,802	737	11,297
Hotel	475	1,785	158	47	2,465
Guesthouse/B & B	155	1,904	269	89	2,419
Rented house/Apartment	433	887	310	318	1,948
Caravan/Camping	4	276	13	0	292
Hostel	12	347	34	74	466
Friends/Relatives	84	485	1,903	52	2,524
Other	122	789	115	157	1,183

Table 10 Visits Abroad by Irish Residents – Number of Visits Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey

'000							
Visits	2000	2000				2001	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
Total Overseas Visits	3,811	723	1,036	1,249	803	767¹	1,143
Route of Travel							
Air Cross-Channel	1,584	371	404	421	388	358 ¹	417
Sea Cross-Channel	442	79	119	161	83	73	114
Continental European	1,543	229	452	595	266	282	546
Transatlantic	242	45	61	71	65	54	66
Reason for Journey							
Business	637	156	143	172	166	149	150
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	1,969	311	571	756	331	346	662
Visit to Friends/ Relatives	961	198	242	262	258	227	257
Other	244	57	79	60	48	45	74

¹ Revised

Table 11 Overseas Visits by Irish Residents distinguishing Same-Day Visits

'000							
Visits	2000	2000				2001	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr – Jun
Total Overseas Visits	3,811	723	1,036	1,249	803	767	1,143
Same-day visits (i.e. no overnight abroad)	190	32	45	74	39	35	61
Visits with at least one overnight abroad	3,621	691	991	1,175	764	732	1,082

Table 12 Same-day Visits Abroad by Irish Residents - Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey

Visits	'000						
	2000	2000				2001	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
Total Overseas Visits	190	32	45	74	39	35	61
Route of Travel							
Air Cross-Channel	78	21	14	17	26	23	22
Sea Cross-Channel	64	8	25	25	7	5	24
Continental European	42	2	5	30	4	3	11
Transatlantic	6	0	1	2	2	3	4
Reason for Journey							
Business	70	23	13	11	22	19	18
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	91	5	24	56	7	8	30
Visit to Friends/ Relatives	22	3	4	5	9	3	11
Other	8	1	3	2	2	4	3

Table 13 Same-day Visits Abroad by Irish Residents – Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey, Apr – Jun 2001

Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
	Total Same-day Visits (i.e. no overnight abroad)	18	30	11	
Route of Travel					
Air Cross Channel	16	3	3	0	22
Sea Cross Channel	1	21	1	1	24
Continental	1	4	5	0	11
Transatlantic	1	1	1	1	4

Table 14 Visits Abroad by Irish Residents, with at least one overnight – Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey, Apr–Jun 2001

'000

Visits	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	Visit to Friends/ Relatives	Other	
Total Visits with at least one overnight abroad	135	631	247	69	1,082
Route of Travel					
Air Cross Channel	74	133	152	36	395
Sea Cross Channel	13	34	38	5	90
Continental	38	433	35	28	534
Transatlantic	10	31	20	1	62

Table 15 Visits Abroad by Irish Residents with at least one overnight – Estimated Average Length of Stay (Nights) Classified by Route of Travel and Reason for Journey

Length of Stay	2000	2000				2001	
		Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun
All Overseas Visits	9.6	8.0	9.1	11.4	9.1	8.3	9.0
Route of Travel							
Air Cross-Channel	9.4	8.6	8.8	11.1	9.1	8.9	8.7
Sea Cross-Channel	6.8	6.6	6.3	7.2	6.7	6.9	6.5
Continental European	9.5	7.0	9.3	11.4	8.3	7.4	9.0
Transatlantic	16.0	11.4	14.2	21.1	15.3	11.4	13.6
Reason for Journey							
Business	7.1	6.2	7.5	7.7	7.0	6.3	7.2
Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation	10.3	8.5	9.7	12.0	9.3	8.5	9.3
Visit to Friends/ Relatives	9.3	8.7	8.3	10.4	9.4	9.2	8.7
Other	11.9	8.1	9.3	18.9	12.6	8.1	10.4

Table 16 Tourism and Travel Estimated Earnings and Expenditure

		£ Million		
Period		Earnings from all Visitors to Ireland ¹	Expenditure by all Irish Visitors abroad ²	Balance ³
1995	Year	1,679	1,267	+ 412
1996	Year	1,889	1,371	+ 518
1997	Year	2,107	1,481	+ 626
1998	Year	2,281	1,701	+ 581
1999	Year	2,453	1,941	+ 512
2000	Year	2,888	2,217	+ 670
1995	January – March	242	210	+ 32
	April – June	420	298	+ 122
	July – September	686	489	+ 197
	October – December	332	270	+ 62
1996	January – March	265	245	+ 20
	April – June	518	337	+ 181
	July – September	741	514	+ 127
	October – December	366	276	+ 90
1997	January – March	296	255	+ 41
	April – June	571	369	+ 202
	July – September	822	560	+ 263
	October – December	418	297	+ 120
1998	January – March	333	284	+ 49
	April – June	620	454	+ 168
	July – September	861	626	+ 235
	October – December	468	337	+ 131
1999	January – March	379	334	+ 45
	April – June	667	522	+ 146
	July – September	899	702	+ 197
	October – December	508	383	+ 124
2000	January – March	436	354	+ 82
	April – June	786	574	+ 212
	July – September	1,066	837	+ 229
	October – December	600	453	+ 148
2001	January – March	463	403	+ 61
	April – June ⁴	806	662	+ 144

¹ Expenditure (excluding international fares) plus passenger fare receipts of Irish carriers from visitors to Ireland

² Expenditure (including international fares) less passenger fare payments by Irish visitors abroad to Irish carriers

³ + = Net inflow

⁴ Provisional

Background Notes

- Introduction** This quarterly series gives details on the number of visits made by Overseas Visitors to Ireland and by Irish Residents travelling abroad for the quarter. It includes data on the reason for journey, average number of nights and expenditure. The quarterly series supplements the annual release which provides more extensive annual information on tourism and travel.
- Reason for Journey** From the 1st January, 1999 the classification by reason for journey was changed in accordance with Council Directive 95/57/EC. The new classification (business, holiday/leisure/recreation; visits to friend or relatives and other) also accords with recommendations of the World Tourism Organisation (W.T.O.).
- Sources** Two sample surveys of passengers, the Country of Residence Survey and the Passenger Card Inquiry are carried out by the Central Statistics Office. These are used in conjunction with passenger movement figures supplied by the transport companies to provide estimates for overseas tourism and travel.

The Country of Residence Survey is a continuous sample survey of passengers (both inward and outward) at all major air and sea ports to provide an estimated distribution of passengers by country of residence. This distribution is applied to the total passenger movement figures to provide estimates of Irish residents travelling abroad and visits to Ireland by non-residents. Visitors to Ireland are further broken down into the areas of residence shown in this release.

The Passenger Card Inquiry is a continuous sample survey of incoming and departing passengers at air and sea ports. This survey provides information on the reason for journey, area of residence, length of stay, expenditure and fare costs. The results are combined with the overall visitor estimates from the Country of Residence Survey to provide the overseas tourism and travel estimates shown in this release.