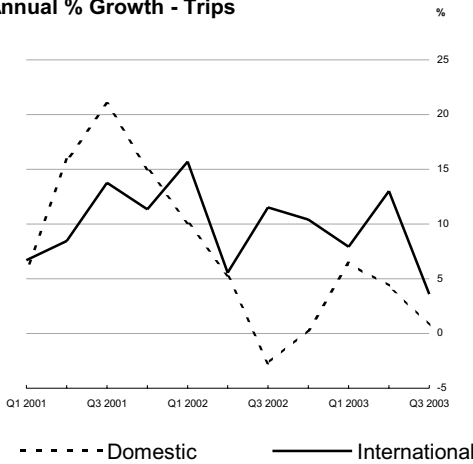




## Household Travel Survey Q3 2003

Annual % Growth - Trips



	Domestic Trips '000	International Trips '000
Q3 2000	1,759	1,213
Q3 2001	2,128	1,380
Q3 2002	2,070	1,539
Q3 2003	2,087	1,595

### % Growth in international travel remains higher than domestic travel

2,087,000 domestic trips were taken in Q3 2003 compared to 2,070,000 trips in Q3 2002, a growth of 0.8%. 1,595,000 international trips were taken in the third quarter of 2003 compared with 1,539,000 in the same quarter last year, an increase of 3.6% - *See Tables 1 & 9.*

The South-West was the most popular domestic destination for Irish residents during Q3 2003 followed by the West, with 521,000 and 390,000 trips respectively. Just over 29% of all bed-nights were spent in the South-West (3,005,000) - *See Table 1.*

EU destinations accounted for the bulk of international trips during Q3 2003, with 1,324,000 trips or 83% of total international travel, and 75.8% of bed-nights (12,711,000 nights). There were 121,000 trips to North America in Q3 2003 representing an increase of 26% on the same period in 2002 - *See Table 9.*

- Spain was the most frequently visited EU destination in Q3 2003 with 454,000 trips accounting for 34.3% of all trips. Spain also showed the highest year-on-year increase for trips of any EU country (12.4%) - *See Table 9a.*
- In the first 9 months of 2003 trips to North America were up 13.6% compared to 7.8% for all international trips - *See Table 9.*
- Estimated expenditure on international trips in Q3 2003 (€1,380m) showed an increase of 1.6% from Q3 2002. Expenditure on international holidays fell slightly (0.4%) in Q3 2003 to €1,037m from the same period in 2002 - *See Table 15.*
- In the first 9 months of 2003 there were 5,043,000 domestic trips taken compared to 4,876,000 in the same period of 2002 representing an increase of 3.4%. The number of Holiday trips grew by 3.3% to 2,392,000 in this period - *See Table 2.*
- 29.3% of all domestic Business trips were to Dublin in Q3 2003 compared to only 4.1% of Holiday trips - *See Table 2a.*
- Nights spent in Self-Catering accommodation for domestic trips increased by 20.5% in Q3 2003 compared to the same period in 2002 but the number of nights spent in Guest House/B&B's fell by 16% in the same period - *See Table 6.*

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**Table 1: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region Visited, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

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	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>2,087</b>
Border	597	682	675	142	129	249	162	148	151	234	142	139	156	222
Dublin	722	843	856	216	145	178	305	207	164	194	291	233	187	197
Mid-East	313	352	368	61	90	100	101	74	87	91	116	77	98	116
Mid-West	583	685	689	136	157	241	151	137	169	220	163	134	156	239
Midland	209	225	270	42	53	66	63	72	59	67	73	72	64	74
South-East	882	1,008	1,024	180	235	369	225	193	247	364	221	212	245	328
South-West	1,227	1,341	1,425	238	301	504	299	265	323	520	317	288	322	521
West	944	1,171	1,144	222	262	422	265	265	247	381	252	293	281	390
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>20,703</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>4,663</b>	<b>10,899</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>3,645</b>	<b>4,621</b>	<b>9,818</b>	<b>4,138</b>	<b>3,819</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>10,340</b>
Border	2,329	2,604	2,301	388	454	1,267	495	448	485	982	385	388	497	1,152
Dublin	2,230	2,331	2,260	596	375	608	751	533	532	553	642	550	502	578
Mid-East	1,033	1,089	976	193	202	415	279	154	213	343	266	154	248	423
Mid-West	2,273	2,476	2,514	398	591	1,077	410	337	598	1,147	432	360	496	1,278
Midland	637	587	704	90	109	232	156	165	127	193	219	149	177	236
South-East	3,403	3,971	3,815	462	814	2,143	553	489	651	2,107	568	589	703	1,747
South-West	5,090	5,802	5,720	632	1,187	3,060	922	795	1,134	2,813	977	836	1,084	3,005
West	3,708	4,348	3,932	581	931	2,097	739	723	882	1,680	648	792	884	1,920
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Border	3.9	3.8	3.4	2.7	3.5	5.1	3.1	3.0	3.2	4.2	2.7	2.8	3.2	5.2
Dublin	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.8	2.6	3.4	2.5	2.6	3.2	2.9	2.2	2.4	2.7	2.9
Mid-East	3.3	3.1	2.7	3.2	2.2	4.2	2.8	2.1	2.4	3.8	2.3	2.0	2.5	3.6
Mid-West	3.9	3.6	3.6	2.9	3.8	4.5	2.7	2.5	3.5	5.2	2.7	2.7	3.2	5.3
Midland	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.1	2.1	3.5	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.9	3.0	2.1	2.8	3.2
South-East	3.9	3.9	3.7	2.6	3.5	5.8	2.5	2.5	2.6	5.8	2.6	2.8	2.9	5.3
South-West	4.1	4.3	4.0	2.7	3.9	6.1	3.1	3.0	3.5	5.4	3.1	2.9	3.4	5.8
West	3.9	3.7	3.4	2.6	3.6	5.0	2.8	2.7	3.6	4.4	2.6	2.7	3.1	4.9

**Table 2: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Reason for Journey, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

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	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>2,087</b>
Holiday	2,516	2,902	2,819	483	650	1,248	521	485	652	1,179	504	536	657	1,199
Business	554	652	583	162	144	147	199	143	143	123	174	167	136	140
Visiting Friends/Relatives	1,800	2,063	2,286	446	438	518	661	582	467	541	697	568	498	516
Other	607	690	763	144	141	216	189	151	184	227	200	175	219	233
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>20,703</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>4,663</b>	<b>10,899</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>3,645</b>	<b>4,621</b>	<b>9,818</b>	<b>4,138</b>	<b>3,819</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>10,340</b>
Holiday	11,465	13,227	12,098	1,331	2,596	7,773	1,527	1,389	2,343	6,980	1,386	1,464	2,271	7,511
Business	1,672	1,778	1,633	416	362	506	494	349	462	379	444	446	414	415
Visiting Friends/Relatives	5,651	5,823	6,120	1,117	1,221	1,725	1,759	1,424	1,158	1,718	1,820	1,350	1,226	1,719
Other	1,916	2,380	2,371	476	484	895	525	483	658	741	489	559	678	695
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Holiday	4.6	4.6	4.3	2.8	4.0	6.2	2.9	2.9	3.6	5.9	2.8	2.7	3.5	6.3
Business	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.6	2.5	3.4	2.5	2.4	3.2	3.1	2.6	2.7	3.0	3.0
Visiting Friends/Relatives	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.8	3.3	2.7	2.4	2.5	3.2	2.6	2.4	2.5	3.3
Other	3.2	3.4	3.1	3.3	3.4	4.1	2.8	3.2	3.6	3.3	2.4	3.2	3.1	3.0

**Table 2a: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Region Visited by Reason for Journey, Q3 2003**

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	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday	Visiting Friends/Relatives	Other	
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>516</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>2,087</b>
Border	10	125	69	18	222
Dublin	41	49	71	36	197
Mid-East	8	38	41	29	116
Mid-West	12	145	52	30	239
Midland	8	21	28	17	74
South-East	10	225	61	32	328
South-West	28	345	107	40	521
West	23	251	87	30	390
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>7,511</b>	<b>1,719</b>	<b>695</b>	<b>10,340</b>
Border	37	764	305	47	1,152
Dublin	93	201	207	77	578
Mid-East	29	233	88	74	423
Mid-West	44	973	152	110	1,278
Midland	24	91	85	35	236
South-East	31	1,451	159	106	1,747
South-West	99	2,423	366	117	3,005
West	58	1,376	357	128	1,920

**Table 3: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips and Number of Nights by Age, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

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	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>2,087</b>
0-14 years	1,154	1,410	1,337	214	310	571	315	282	285	493	277	236	293	493
15-19 years	236	266	300	54	51	98	64	68	67	108	58	57	70	117
20-29 years	677	667	790	161	150	185	170	158	184	211	237	192	175	214
30-39 years	1,046	1,324	1,391	268	299	433	325	302	331	428	330	326	333	372
40-49 years	993	1,339	1,270	289	259	416	376	286	279	398	307	298	278	408
50-59 years	701	689	689	134	165	221	169	153	142	202	193	180	182	229
60-69 years	431	368	402	72	80	123	93	74	90	134	105	97	103	167
70+ years	240	244	272	44	60	81	59	38	70	97	68	60	75	87
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>20,703</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>4,663</b>	<b>10,899</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>3,645</b>	<b>4,621</b>	<b>9,818</b>	<b>4,138</b>	<b>3,819</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>10,340</b>
0-14 years	4,990	6,159	5,585	547	1,113	3,634	864	756	1,069	2,966	794	604	960	3,076
15-19 years	1,144	1,228	1,373	163	229	646	189	246	330	642	155	181	252	717
20-29 years	2,233	2,312	2,368	496	515	789	512	463	553	696	656	600	578	735
30-39 years	3,482	4,096	3,962	625	833	1,861	777	706	887	1,623	747	755	837	1,454
40-49 years	3,466	4,432	4,151	707	765	1,968	992	717	810	1,882	742	690	741	1,932
50-59 years	2,556	2,384	2,194	381	547	998	458	373	421	899	501	509	561	1,047
60-69 years	1,667	1,377	1,462	268	329	500	281	237	288	612	325	276	331	856
70+ years	1,165	1,220	1,127	154	331	503	232	147	264	498	218	203	331	523

**Table 4: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Sex, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

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	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>2,087</b>
Male	2,613	3,049	3,143	595	650	1,030	773	661	708	1,008	766	697	723	1,008
Female	2,865	3,259	3,309	641	723	1,098	797	700	738	1,062	809	750	786	1,079
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>20,703</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>4,663</b>	<b>10,899</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>3,645</b>	<b>4,621</b>	<b>9,818</b>	<b>4,138</b>	<b>3,819</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>10,340</b>
Male	9,767	11,100	10,728	1,629	2,146	5,236	2,088	1,785	2,259	4,642	2,042	1,834	2,170	4,948
Female	10,937	12,108	11,494	1,711	2,517	5,663	2,216	1,860	2,362	5,176	2,096	1,985	2,419	5,392

**Table 5: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Region of Residence, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

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	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>2,087</b>
Border	498	558	480	112	101	191	155	106	90	173	111	147	105	175
Dublin	1,818	2,036	2,257	369	498	696	473	467	560	681	549	445	559	657
Mid-East	656	700	775	144	154	239	162	178	174	248	176	164	163	227
Mid-West	471	638	601	125	124	197	192	99	122	218	162	112	126	215
Midland	257	297	278	54	57	105	82	48	51	110	69	67	75	129
South-East	498	582	585	97	100	219	167	142	116	186	141	144	123	184
South-West	835	905	910	200	199	305	202	196	201	308	205	221	221	331
West	445	590	565	135	141	176	138	124	131	146	164	146	137	168
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>20,703</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>4,663</b>	<b>10,899</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>3,645</b>	<b>4,621</b>	<b>9,818</b>	<b>4,138</b>	<b>3,819</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>10,340</b>
Border	1,713	1,965	1,506	285	388	862	430	280	291	643	292	403	331	772
Dublin	7,359	8,031	8,375	982	1,723	3,907	1,419	1,296	1,873	3,680	1,526	1,178	1,785	3,694
Mid-East	2,276	2,486	2,776	430	558	1,069	430	441	586	1,278	472	473	430	1,166
Mid-West	1,740	2,219	2,042	332	366	1,052	469	238	360	1,056	388	351	332	1,214
Midland	938	980	924	134	189	478	178	131	145	462	186	134	232	549
South-East	1,808	2,106	1,757	320	359	995	433	381	330	730	316	406	423	756
South-West	3,343	3,521	3,128	533	669	1,762	557	504	631	1,436	558	544	659	1,595
West	1,526	1,899	1,712	326	410	773	389	374	404	534	400	330	397	594

**Table 6: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Type of Accommodation, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

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	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total Domestic - Trips</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>1,235</b>	<b>1,373</b>	<b>2,128</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>1,575</b>	<b>1,447</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>2,087</b>
Caravan/Camping	295	323	293	15	98	195	15	28	74	176	14	17	86	166
Guest House/B&B	724	675	729	100	162	285	129	111	193	301	124	149	173	262
Own Holiday Home	185	211	289	34	68	81	29	68	55	98	68	50	53	93
Hotel/Conference Centre	1,669	2,042	2,041	521	396	553	572	472	455	552	561	521	487	579
Self Catering/Rented House	456	550	494	56	114	296	84	64	114	246	70	67	128	312
Friends/Relatives	1,935	2,241	2,359	471	466	625	679	562	496	607	694	584	490	585
Other	214	264	246	38	69	94	64	55	58	90	44	59	93	90
<b>Total Domestic - Nights</b>	<b>20,703</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>3,341</b>	<b>4,663</b>	<b>10,899</b>	<b>4,305</b>	<b>3,645</b>	<b>4,621</b>	<b>9,818</b>	<b>4,138</b>	<b>3,819</b>	<b>4,589</b>	<b>10,340</b>
Caravan/Camping	1,808	2,177	1,706	48	406	1,685	37	85	289	1,287	44	41	256	1,545
Guest House/B&B	2,275	2,217	2,038	262	507	1,103	345	274	570	962	232	440	488	808
Own Holiday Home	1,082	1,405	1,742	104	357	819	125	264	244	1,035	198	168	216	955
Hotel/Conference Centre	4,689	5,316	5,357	1,240	1,025	1,737	1,315	1,109	1,184	1,770	1,294	1,253	1,259	1,753
Self Catering/Rented House	3,090	3,749	3,168	305	679	2,367	399	280	616	1,953	319	353	689	2,354
Friends/Relatives	6,594	7,023	6,912	1,248	1,339	2,583	1,853	1,414	1,381	2,241	1,876	1,371	1,296	2,332
Other	1,165	1,320	1,298	134	351	605	231	219	336	569	174	194	385	594
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>
Caravan/Camping	6.1	6.7	5.8	3.2	4.1	8.6	2.5	3.0	3.9	7.3	3.1	2.4	3.0	9.3
Guest House/B&B	3.1	3.3	2.8	2.6	3.1	3.9	2.7	2.5	3.0	3.2	1.9	3.0	2.8	3.1
Own Holiday Home	5.8	6.7	6.0	3.1	5.3	10.1	4.3	3.9	4.4	10.6	2.9	3.4	4.1	10.3
Hotel/Conference Centre	2.8	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.6	3.1	2.3	2.3	2.6	3.2	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.0
Self Catering/Rented House	6.8	6.8	6.4	5.4	6.0	8.0	4.8	4.4	5.4	7.9	4.6	5.3	5.4	7.5
Friends/Relatives	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.9	4.1	2.7	2.5	2.8	3.7	2.7	2.3	2.6	4.0
Other	5.4	5.0	5.3	3.5	5.1	6.4	3.6	4.0	5.8	6.3	4.0	3.3	4.1	6.6

**Table 7: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

€ million

	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Domestic - Expenditure</b>	<b>706.6</b>	<b>879.9</b>	<b>849.4</b>	<b>147.5</b>	<b>159.2</b>	<b>373.6</b>	<b>199.6</b>	<b>163.8</b>	<b>182.3</b>	<b>298.7</b>	<b>204.6</b>	<b>184.0</b>	<b>200.6</b>	<b>361.0</b>
Holiday	447.7	549.7	501.6	72.8	91.4	280.4	105.1	81.0	105.5	219.3	95.8	95.8	112.2	264.2
Business	109.5	149.3	152.9	41.5	28.6	35.9	43.3	40.0	35.6	27.2	50.1	36.2	36.5	35.9
Visiting Friends/Relatives	81.3	86.6	97.2	15.1	17.9	25.8	27.8	22.8	16.5	26.4	31.5	19.5	21.3	29
Other	68.1	94.3	97.7	18.1	21.3	31.5	23.4	20.0	24.7	25.8	27.2	32.5	30.6	31.9

**Table 8: Domestic travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Region Visited, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

€ million

	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Domestic - Expenditure</b>	<b>706.6</b>	<b>879.9</b>	<b>849.4</b>	<b>147.5</b>	<b>159.2</b>	<b>373.6</b>	<b>199.6</b>	<b>163.8</b>	<b>182.3</b>	<b>298.7</b>	<b>204.6</b>	<b>184.0</b>	<b>200.6</b>	<b>361.0</b>
Border	73.6	91.4	80.3	15.5	11.7	45.7	18.5	16.5	17.1	32.3	14.4	15.9	19.0	39.1
Dublin	82.8	108.5	105.0	30.4	14.7	28.4	35.0	28.7	20.3	20.4	35.6	25.5	24.8	23.8
Mid-East	22.1	26.4	34.1	5.9	4.9	10.3	5.3	7.1	6.7	8.7	11.6	9.1	11.5	12.2
Mid-West	69.9	87.3	82.6	18.0	18.6	35.8	14.9	19.6	18.5	29.0	15.5	17.8	16.8	40.3
Midland	12.7	23.9	25.5	4.5	5.4	6.2	7.8	6.8	6.6	4.1	8.0	5.6	5.6	7.6
South-East	99.9	135.7	132.5	17.0	26.2	66.5	26.0	19.1	27.5	52.7	33.2	22.5	28.1	57.2
South-West	190.8	218.8	215.3	26.3	45.2	102.1	45.2	34.3	45.9	87.3	47.8	46.0	52.2	103.7
West	154.8	187.9	174.1	29.9	32.5	78.6	46.9	31.7	39.7	64.2	38.5	41.6	42.6	77.1



**Table 9: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Region Visited, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

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	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>1,595</b>
EU	2,988	3,400	3,802	590	907	1,158	745	742	981	1,282	796	794	1,135	1,324
Other Europe	145	197	229	34	61	66	35	27	63	102	37	31	70	107
North America	439	360	339	80	104	101	75	64	82	96	97	76	78	121
Central & South America	27	23	21	10	5	5	4	6	4	5	6	5	6	9
Asia	55	62	65	17	18	17	11	10	19	19	17	12	17	9
Africa	65	71	86	19	12	21	20	17	17	24	27	23	16	16
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	48	49	56	15	8	12	13	18	11	10	17	12	7	9
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>35,544</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>5,523</b>	<b>11,221</b>	<b>14,821</b>	<b>6,388</b>	<b>6,272</b>	<b>11,081</b>	<b>16,260</b>	<b>7,047</b>	<b>6,491</b>	<b>12,331</b>	<b>16,776</b>
EU	24,020	26,844	29,191	3,208	8,127	11,231	4,278	4,281	8,248	12,303	4,359	4,431	9,348	12,711
Other Europe	1,352	1,873	2,185	205	601	787	279	213	578	1,139	255	228	654	1,101
North America	6,506	5,412	5,046	982	1,769	1,805	856	747	1,319	1,771	1,208	892	1,418	2,181
Central & South America	411	378	313	171	82	68	57	78	58	87	90	82	113	150
Asia	873	1,012	1,060	269	280	242	221	153	375	292	240	190	310	131
Africa	857	859	1,153	265	137	259	197	199	219	364	372	347	229	198
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	1,525	1,576	1,713	423	224	428	500	603	284	304	522	321	258	304
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>10.5</b>
EU	8.0	7.9	7.7	5.4	9.0	9.7	5.7	5.8	8.4	9.6	5.5	5.6	8.2	9.6
Other Europe	9.3	9.5	9.5	6.0	9.9	11.9	8.0	7.9	9.2	11.2	6.9	7.4	9.3	10.3
North America	14.8	15.0	14.9	12.3	17.0	17.9	11.4	11.7	16.1	18.4	12.5	11.7	18.2	18.0
Central & South America	15.2	16.4	14.9	17.1	16.4	13.6	14.3	13.0	14.5	17.4	15.0	16.4	18.8	16.7
Asia	15.9	16.3	16.3	15.8	15.6	14.2	20.1	15.3	19.7	15.4	14.1	15.8	18.2	14.6
Africa	13.2	12.1	13.4	13.9	11.4	12.3	9.9	11.7	12.9	15.2	13.8	15.1	14.3	12.4
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	31.8	32.2	30.6	28.2	28.0	35.7	38.5	33.5	25.8	30.4	30.7	26.8	36.9	33.8

**Table 9a: European Union International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights by Country/Region Visited, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

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	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total EU International - Trips</b>	<b>2,988</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,802</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>742</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>1,282</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>1,135</b>	<b>1,324</b>
Austria	31	31	35	12	4	9	6	14	3	10	7	30	6	9
Belgium/Luxembourg	55	60	86	16	20	11	13	22	21	20	23	30	15	19
France	347	416	509	62	107	188	59	94	147	192	76	92	143	183
Germany	88	81	99	21	24	18	18	24	19	28	29	19	22	26
Greece	70	69	84	1	29	32	7	4	31	42	8	3	37	43
Italy	126	161	201	36	42	52	31	41	57	76	27	42	51	66
Netherlands	72	79	85	23	20	16	20	24	19	21	21	23	20	19
Nordic States	44	52	36	12	12	13	15	9	9	9	9	13	8	9
Portugal	115	142	160	10	55	69	8	7	55	76	22	12	79	88
Spain	820	976	997	120	335	381	140	144	304	404	145	158	375	454
UK (Great Britain & Northern Ireland)	1,218	1,334	1,511	275	261	370	427	358	318	405	429	373	380	407
<i>Of which: Great Britain</i>	1,030	1,134	1,307	229	225	327	354	309	279	355	365	323	321	350
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	188	200	204	46	37	43	73	49	40	51	65	50	59	57
<b>Total EU International - Nights</b>	<b>24,020</b>	<b>26,844</b>	<b>29,191</b>	<b>3,208</b>	<b>8,127</b>	<b>11,231</b>	<b>4,278</b>	<b>4,281</b>	<b>8,248</b>	<b>12,303</b>	<b>4,359</b>	<b>4,431</b>	<b>9,348</b>	<b>12,711</b>
Austria	214	253	306	88	26	92	46	99	35	114	58	235	41	87
Belgium/Luxembourg	235	258	402	54	111	50	43	65	148	120	70	104	51	110
France	3,362	4,234	4,844	335	1,207	2,271	421	577	1,524	2,313	431	501	1,579	2,002
Germany	703	554	685	124	202	129	100	153	146	202	185	90	149	259
Greece	886	827	1,060	9	357	401	60	47	406	551	57	21	494	544
Italy	1,181	1,418	1,889	200	431	570	218	328	490	868	202	271	484	686
Netherlands	458	396	397	75	116	139	66	89	74	129	104	69	144	142
Nordic States	328	386	237	146	47	95	98	46	55	77	58	63	56	88
Portugal	1,255	1,565	1,667	72	628	800	66	46	591	885	145	136	866	1,062
Spain	9,108	10,748	10,538	1,054	3,753	4,578	1,363	1,260	3,230	4,784	1,264	1,517	3,818	5,375
UK (Great Britain & Northern Ireland)	6,291	6,204	7,166	1,050	1,250	2,106	1,799	1,571	1,549	2,260	1,786	1,424	1,666	2,355
<i>Of which: Great Britain</i>	5,551	5,551	6,562	923	1,104	1,945	1,580	1,437	1,434	2,083	1,609	1,270	1,499	2,100
<i>Northern Ireland</i>	740	653	603	127	146	161	219	134	115	177	177	154	167	255

**Table 10: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Reason for Journey, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

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	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>1,595</b>
Holiday	2,226	2,569	2,833	374	749	1,007	439	459	771	1,112	491	533	897	1,142
Business	622	638	609	189	161	127	162	164	145	140	160	147	157	159
Visiting Friends/Relatives	663	704	856	153	141	177	234	189	181	211	275	193	193	220
Other	257	251	299	48	64	70	69	72	79	77	71	81	84	74
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>35,544</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>5,523</b>	<b>11,221</b>	<b>14,821</b>	<b>6,388</b>	<b>6,272</b>	<b>11,081</b>	<b>16,260</b>	<b>7,047</b>	<b>6,491</b>	<b>12,331</b>	<b>16,776</b>
Holiday	23,883	26,786	28,353	3,113	8,431	11,666	3,576	3,539	8,093	12,798	3,922	3,902	9,260	13,172
Business	3,728	3,462	3,163	899	937	897	728	690	807	934	732	739	842	1,054
Visiting Friends/Relatives	5,123	5,175	6,415	1,013	988	1,551	1,624	1,373	1,320	1,788	1,934	1,162	1,191	1,807
Other	2,810	2,530	2,730	498	866	707	459	671	861	739	459	687	1,038	743
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>10.5</b>
Holiday	10.7	10.4	10.0	8.3	11.3	11.6	8.1	7.7	10.5	11.5	8.0	7.3	10.3	11.5
Business	6.0	5.4	5.2	4.8	5.8	7.1	4.5	4.2	5.6	6.7	4.6	5.0	5.4	6.6
Visiting Friends/Relatives	7.7	7.4	7.5	6.6	7.0	8.8	6.9	7.3	7.3	8.5	7.0	6.0	6.2	8.2
Other	10.9	10.1	9.1	10.4	13.5	10.1	6.7	9.3	10.9	9.6	6.5	8.5	12.4	10.0

**Table 10a: International travel by Irish Residents - Region Visited by Reason for Journey, Q3 2003**

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	Reason for Journey				Total
	Business	Holiday	Visiting Friends/Relatives	Other	
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>1,142</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>1,595</b>
EU	128	945	186	65	1,324
Other Europe	11	88	4	4	107
North America	15	77	25	5	121
Other	5	32	4	1	43
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>1,054</b>	<b>13,172</b>	<b>1,807</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>16,776</b>
EU	760	10,255	1,203	493	12,711
Other Europe	58	968	43	32	1,101
North America	163	1,394	421	202	2,181
Other	73	554	140	16	783

**Table 11: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Age, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

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	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>1,595</b>
0-14 years	503	645	661	72	209	261	102	100	198	264	99	94	225	291
15-19 years	202	236	259	31	58	110	36	46	59	122	32	39	73	115
20-29 years	627	569	663	113	123	211	122	120	156	231	156	162	167	224
30-39 years	691	827	956	181	230	225	190	182	251	301	223	199	249	273
40-49 years	702	914	942	171	238	297	208	215	240	287	200	200	285	308
50-59 years	568	561	606	114	140	158	149	138	138	184	146	147	177	217
60-69 years	330	273	348	63	74	74	62	59	90	99	100	82	103	124
70+ years	145	137	162	18	42	43	34	24	46	51	41	30	51	44
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>35,544</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>5,523</b>	<b>11,221</b>	<b>14,821</b>	<b>6,388</b>	<b>6,272</b>	<b>11,081</b>	<b>16,260</b>	<b>7,047</b>	<b>6,491</b>	<b>12,331</b>	<b>16,776</b>
0-14 years	5,406	6,704	6,513	537	2,378	3,044	745	682	2,099	3,070	661	651	2,281	3,437
15-19 years	2,401	2,780	2,818	285	803	1,393	300	289	750	1,507	272	259	755	1,409
20-29 years	7,052	6,315	6,896	1,063	1,635	2,681	937	1,198	1,664	2,839	1,195	1,153	2,267	2,814
30-39 years	5,436	6,058	7,022	1,001	1,891	2,022	1,144	1,066	1,955	2,691	1,311	1,092	1,921	2,389
40-49 years	5,470	7,045	7,230	921	2,062	2,873	1,190	1,189	2,043	2,802	1,196	1,173	2,268	2,948
50-59 years	4,943	4,662	4,925	840	1,216	1,594	1,013	901	1,209	1,806	1,009	987	1,456	2,075
60-69 years	3,234	2,825	3,443	645	787	760	633	632	879	997	936	789	906	1,235
70+ years	1,602	1,564	1,812	233	449	454	427	315	482	547	468	387	476	467

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**Table 12: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Sex, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

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	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>1,595</b>
Male	1,870	2,084	2,283	406	533	666	480	477	571	737	498	500	642	770
Female	1,897	2,077	2,314	359	582	713	423	407	605	802	499	453	688	825
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>35,544</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>5,523</b>	<b>11,221</b>	<b>14,821</b>	<b>6,388</b>	<b>6,272</b>	<b>11,081</b>	<b>16,260</b>	<b>7,047</b>	<b>6,491</b>	<b>12,331</b>	<b>16,776</b>
Male	16,666	17,975	19,552	2,738	5,059	6,974	3,203	3,167	5,209	7,704	3,472	3,262	5,850	8,020
Female	18,878	19,979	21,107	2,785	6,162	7,846	3,185	3,105	5,872	8,556	3,575	3,228	6,481	8,756

**Table 13: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips & Number of Nights by Region of Residence, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

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	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>1,595</b>
Border	292	316	355	45	87	115	70	53	85	140	78	66	111	115
Dublin	1,579	1,748	1,907	320	461	571	396	395	498	601	413	427	553	681
Mid-East	437	535	558	107	147	167	114	108	149	176	126	123	168	209
Mid-West	250	293	317	52	82	90	70	64	77	109	67	57	84	96
Midland	161	145	179	20	51	48	25	30	42	72	35	43	51	61
South-East	294	331	393	55	92	108	77	78	89	143	83	68	108	116
South-West	523	495	566	96	131	184	85	105	145	196	119	107	158	205
West	231	298	320	70	64	98	66	52	92	101	76	63	99	111
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>35,544</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>5,523</b>	<b>11,221</b>	<b>14,821</b>	<b>6,388</b>	<b>6,272</b>	<b>11,081</b>	<b>16,260</b>	<b>7,047</b>	<b>6,491</b>	<b>12,331</b>	<b>16,776</b>
Border	2,848	2,905	3,243	336	901	1,085	584	435	806	1,448	553	452	869	1,083
Dublin	14,450	15,564	16,603	2,202	4,584	6,401	2,377	2,752	4,573	6,488	2,790	2,809	5,068	7,438
Mid-East	3,940	4,722	4,607	651	1,437	1,964	669	643	1,328	1,790	846	763	1,707	2,072
Mid-West	2,488	2,632	2,885	377	754	905	595	521	745	1,159	461	530	786	1,057
Midland	1,400	1,474	1,523	135	478	551	310	170	367	705	281	278	451	641
South-East	2,755	2,903	3,527	425	914	1,012	552	565	782	1,502	678	431	944	1,193
South-West	5,161	4,894	5,423	830	1,511	1,863	690	799	1,616	2,129	879	751	1,569	2,117
West	2,502	2,860	2,850	567	641	1,040	611	387	866	1,039	559	478	937	1,175

**Table 14: International travel by Irish Residents - Number of Trips, Number of Nights & Average Length of Stay by Type of Accommodation, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

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	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>Total International - Trips</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>764</b>	<b>1,115</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>1,539</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>1,330</b>	<b>1,595</b>
Caravan/Camping	105	166	161	4	64	94	4	3	50	99	9	7	56	92
Guest House/B&B	203	208	254	38	46	81	43	47	61	85	61	62	69	88
Own Holiday Home	29	47	80	7	8	15	18	11	18	28	23	18	22	30
Hotel/Conference Centre	1,567	1,716	1,868	403	430	473	410	439	459	544	425	454	501	535
Self Catering/Rented House	789	926	934	88	335	395	108	104	309	392	129	123	361	450
Friends/Relatives	919	936	1,095	197	198	252	289	246	221	317	311	243	253	302
Other	155	162	206	28	34	70	31	35	59	73	39	46	67	99
<b>Total International - Nights</b>	<b>35,544</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>5,523</b>	<b>11,221</b>	<b>14,821</b>	<b>6,388</b>	<b>6,272</b>	<b>11,081</b>	<b>16,260</b>	<b>7,047</b>	<b>6,491</b>	<b>12,331</b>	<b>16,776</b>
Caravan/Camping	1,546	2,547	2,231	59	1,065	1,379	45	44	708	1,397	82	60	822	1,324
Guest House/B&B	1,418	1,469	1,873	267	331	669	202	255	495	757	367	325	634	703
Own Holiday Home	500	639	969	49	120	240	230	107	218	482	161	183	265	540
Hotel/Conference Centre	11,090	11,367	12,570	2,244	3,181	3,905	2,035	2,446	3,262	4,544	2,319	2,278	3,456	4,121
Self Catering/Rented House	10,298	11,538	11,276	962	4,348	4,970	1,258	1,278	3,752	4,950	1,296	1,397	4,559	5,723
Friends/Relatives	8,421	7,858	8,996	1,421	1,786	2,467	2,184	1,771	1,782	3,062	2,381	1,726	1,759	3,044
Other	2,271	2,535	2,745	521	390	1,191	434	372	864	1,068	441	522	836	1,321
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>10.5</b>
Caravan/Camping	14.7	15.3	13.9	14.8	16.6	14.7	11.3	14.7	14.2	14.1	9.1	8.6	14.7	14.4
Guest House/B&B	7.0	7.1	7.4	7.0	7.2	8.3	4.7	5.4	8.1	8.9	6.0	5.2	9.2	8.0
Own Holiday Home	17.2	13.6	12.1	7.0	15.0	16.0	12.8	9.7	12.1	17.2	7.0	10.2	12.0	18.0
Hotel/Conference Centre	7.1	6.6	6.7	5.6	7.4	8.3	5.0	5.6	7.1	8.4	5.5	5.0	6.9	7.7
Self Catering/Rented House	13.1	12.5	12.1	10.9	13.0	12.6	11.6	12.3	12.1	12.6	10.0	11.4	12.6	12.7
Friends/Relatives	9.2	8.4	8.2	7.2	9.0	9.8	7.6	7.2	8.1	9.7	7.7	7.1	7.0	10.1
Other	14.7	15.6	13.3	18.6	11.5	17.0	14.0	10.6	14.6	14.6	11.3	11.3	12.5	13.3

**Table 15: International travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Reason for Journey, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

€ million

	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>International - Expenditure</b>	<b>3,187.3</b>	<b>3,549.7</b>	<b>3,924.0</b>	<b>704.5</b>	<b>949.2</b>	<b>1,180.7</b>	<b>715.3</b>	<b>733.9</b>	<b>982.5</b>	<b>1,358.5</b>	<b>849.1</b>	<b>745.6</b>	<b>1,108.8</b>	<b>1,380.0</b>
Holiday	1,984.5	2,252.0	2,565.3	341.7	637.2	882.9	390.2	408.2	647.0	1,041.3	468.8	435.4	749.1	1,036.7
Business	740.3	810.5	796.1	251.8	205.1	163.1	190.5	209.5	199.6	172.3	214.7	185.2	222.7	188.3
Visting Friends/Relatives	297.5	290.4	351.2	66.7	50.5	81.5	91.7	69.4	77.0	86.7	118.1	77.7	75.0	104.4
Other	165.0	196.8	211.4	44.3	56.4	53.2	42.9	46.8	58.9	58.2	47.5	47.3	62.0	50.6

**Table 16: International travel by Irish Residents - Total Estimated Expenditure by Region visited, Q1 2001 - Q3 2003**

€ million

	2000	2001	2002	2001				2002				2003		
				Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
<b>International - Expenditure</b>	<b>3,187.3</b>	<b>3,549.7</b>	<b>3,924.0</b>	<b>704.5</b>	<b>949.2</b>	<b>1,180.7</b>	<b>715.3</b>	<b>733.9</b>	<b>982.5</b>	<b>1,358.5</b>	<b>849.1</b>	<b>745.6</b>	<b>1108.8</b>	<b>1380.0</b>
EU	1,961.4	2,262.4	2,584.2	387.4	635.5	812.3	427.2	482.0	657.6	970.2	474.4	495.6	791.6	968.3
Other Europe	148.1	218.9	250.7	37.5	56.7	74.6	50.1	31.2	64.4	114.2	40.9	34.4	90.4	112.5
North America	693.1	620.0	582.8	150.7	168.0	182.2	119.1	103.2	145.5	162.7	171.4	105.8	130.1	206.8
Central & South America	56.2	52.3	59.2	19.2	8.6	11.2	13.3	14.0	11.0	12.3	21.9	10.5	14.5	20.1
Asia	109.0	156.1	149.5	40.7	41.8	40.6	33.0	30.2	50.0	37.8	31.5	27.8	32.9	19.4
Africa	93.4	121.9	148.7	37.3	19.9	28.4	36.3	25.9	28.5	36.0	58.3	37.4	26.6	22.6
Australia, New Zealand & Oceania	126.1	118.1	148.9	31.7	18.7	31.4	36.3	47.4	25.5	25.3	50.7	34.1	22.7	30.3



## Background Notes

<b>Reference period</b>	Calendar quarters
<b>Scope</b>	Domestic and International travel patterns involving overnight stays of all residents of the Republic of Ireland
<b>Coverage</b>	All private households
<b>Purpose</b>	The purpose of the Household Travel Survey (HTS) is to measure domestic and international travel patterns involving overnight stays and associated details (expenditure, purpose of trip, type of accommodation used etc.) of Irish residents. The survey is one of several Central Statistics Office (CSO) tourism surveys conducted to comply with the requirements of Council Directive 95/57/EC of 23 November 1995 concerning the collection of statistical information in the field of tourism.
<b>Data collection</b>	Information is collected via postal survey on a quarterly basis by the Central Statistics Office.
<b>Sample Design</b>	The HTS is a random stratified sample. Each quarter, 12,000 households (or approximately 1% of all private households) are randomly selected from the Electoral Register, where the selection is stratified by District Electoral Division.

A two stage weighting process is used. Firstly, survey results are weighted to agree with household population estimates broken down by *household type* (the number of persons 18 or over) and *region* (NUTS 3). The household population estimates are provided by the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS). Secondly, these results are further weighted to agree with the Tourism & Travel frontier results.

<b>NUTS regions</b>	The regional classifications in this release are based on the NUTS (Nomenclature of Territorial Units) classification used by Eurostat. The NUTS 3 regions correspond to the eight Regional Authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994. The NUTS 2 regions, which were proposed by Government and agreed by Eurostat in 1999, are groupings of the NUTS 3 regions. The composition of the regions is set out below.
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<b>Border, Midland and Western NUTS2 Region</b>		<b>Southern and Eastern NUTS2 Region</b>	
<b>Border</b>	Cavan Donegal Leitrim Louth Monaghan Sligo	<b>Dublin</b>	Dublin Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown Fingal South Dublin
<b>Midland</b>	Laoighis Longford Offaly Westmeath	<b>Mid-East</b>	Kildare Meath Wicklow
<b>West</b>	Galway City Galway County Mayo Roscommon	<b>Mid-West</b>	Clare Limerick City Limerick County North Tipperary
		<b>South-East</b>	Carlow Kilkenny South Tipperary Waterford City Waterford County Wexford
		<b>South-West</b>	Cork City Cork County Kerry

## Definitions

**Tourism** The activities of persons travelling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business or other purposes. Stays in prison, military service and hospital or clinics etc. are excluded. Trips taken for the purposes of work, which is distinguished from business trips by where that activity is remunerated, are also excluded.

*Domestic tourism* is defined as the activities of residents of the Republic of Ireland travelling to and staying in places only within the Republic of Ireland but outside their usual environment.

*International tourism* is defined as the activities of residents of the Republic of Ireland travelling to and staying in places outside the Republic of Ireland and outside their usual environment.

*National tourism* is defined as *Domestic* tourism plus *International* tourism.

**Overnight Visitor** An overnight visitor is a visitor who stays at least one night in collective or private accommodation in the place, county or country visited. A visitor is defined as any person travelling to a place other than that of usual environment for less than 12 months and whose main purpose of trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited (i.e. work). Consequently the following are excluded:

- Short-distance local transport and commuting i.e. more or less regular trips between place of work/study and place of residence.
- Routine or regular visits e.g. visiting parents every weekend.
- For visits of more than 12 consecutive months, a traveller will be considered a resident of that place (from a statistical standpoint).
- Migratory movements for work purposes.

The following are excluded from Domestic travel:

Residents travelling within the country with the intention of changing their usual residence.  
 Residents travelling within the country to exercise an activity remunerated at the place visited i.e. work.  
 Persons who travel to work temporarily in institutions within the country.  
 Persons who travel regularly or frequently between neighbouring localities to work or study.  
 Nomads and persons without fixed residence.  
 Armed forces on manoeuvre.

The following are excluded from International travel:

Persons leaving the country as migrants, including dependants accompanying or joining them.  
 Persons, known as border workers, residing near the border in the Republic of Ireland but working in the North of Ireland.  
 Diplomats, consular officers and members of the armed forces when travelling outside of the Republic of Ireland on assignment. This includes dependants and household employees accompanying or joining them.  
 Persons travelling as refugees or nomads.

**Tourism Expenditure** Total consumption expenditure is any expenditure made by a visitor or on behalf of a visitor for and during their trip and stay at destination.

Tourism expenditure includes purchases of consumer goods and services inherent in travel and stay, purchases of small durable goods for personal use, souvenirs and gifts for family and friends.

The following outlays or acquisitions are excluded:

- Purchases for commercial purposes, for resale, purchases made on behalf of an employer during a business trip.
- Capital type investments or transactions engaged in by visitors, such as land, housing, real estate, works of art and other important acquisitions (such as cars, caravans, boats, second houses), even though they may be used in the future for tourism travel purposes.
- Cash given to relatives or friends during the trip, which does not represent payment of tourism goods or services, as well as donations made to institutions.

**Other Accommodation** Other Accommodation includes:

Health farms  
 Stays on board ships, buses and trains  
 Stays at moorings or marinas  
 Other commercial accommodation  
 Any other accommodation n.e.c.

**Nordic State** Nordic States include the following states:

Denmark  
 Finland  
 Sweden

**Other Europe** Other Europe includes the following states:

Andorra	Liechtenstein
Albania	Lithuania
Armenia	Malta
Azerbaijan	Moldavia (Republic of)
Belarus	Norway
Bosnia Herzegovina	Poland
Bulgaria	Romania
Croatia	Russian Federation
Cyprus	San Marino
Czech Republic	Slovak Republic
Estonia	Slovenia
FYROM	Switzerland
Georgia	Turkey
Hungary	Ukraine
Iceland	Vatican City
Latvia	Yugoslavia (Federal Republic of)