

22 December 2005

Overseas Travel October 2005

	Irish	Trips		by Area of Residence			
	Trips	to	Great	Other	North	Other	
	Abroad	Ireland	Britain	Europe	America	Areas	
	100.000	5 40 000	004 700		70.000		
Oct '03	432,000	542,300	324,700	116,200	79,300	22,000	
Oct '04	507,600	555,100	314,300	127,600	86,500	26,600	
Oct '05	479,000	611,100	344,200	163,200	79,000	24,600	
Jan-Oct '03	4,296,600	5,551,100	3,202,300	1,339,000	798,200	211,500	
Jan-Oct '04	4,734,100	5,702,000	3,155,500	1,406,200	867,000	273,300	
Jan-Oct '05	5,276,100	6,014,500	3,262,900	1,648,900	852,100	250,600	

Trips to Ireland in October up by 56,000

In October 2005 there were 611,100 Overseas Trips to Ireland, compared with 555,100 in October 2004, an increase of 56,000.

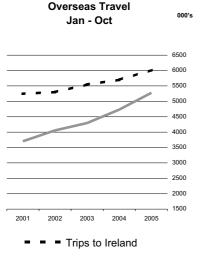
Between January and October this year, there were 6,014,500 Overseas Trips to Ireland, an increase of 312,500 on the January to October 2004 total of 5,702,000. *See Tables 1 to 4.*

There were 479,000 Overseas Trips by Irish Residents in October 2005 compared with 507,600 in October 2004, a decrease of 28,600. *See Tables 1 and 2*. Between January and October of this year, there were 5,276,100 Overseas Trips by Irish Residents, an increase of 542,000 on the first ten months of 2004. *See Tables 3 and 4*.

The breakdown of visitors to Ireland by Area of Residence shows the following:

- An increase of 107,400 in the number of visitors from Great Britain, in the first ten months of this year.
- The number of visitors from Other European countries grew by 242,700 in the same period.
- Trips to Ireland by residents of North America fell by 14,900 and the number of visitors from Other Areas fell by 22,700, compared with January to October 2004. *See Tables 3 and 4*.

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			_		Area of R	esidence	
	Period	Irish Trips Abroad	Trips to Ireland	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2001	October	365,000	512,500	341,100	90,200	62,200	19,100
	November	275,900	383,000	249,300	72,000	47,000	14,700
	December	248,800	358,900	235,300	69,600	38,200	15,700
2002	January	258,200	310,500	202,400	63,100	32,000	13,000
	February	286,900	349,500	237,500	60,500	35,800	15,600
	March	347,900	461,300	290,400	88,900	66,100	15,900
	April	322,000	460,300	277,700	103,400	61,000	18,200
	Мау	406,900	549,800	319,900	131,500	79,100	19,200
	June	482,100	602,600	318,600	158,800	99,900	25,300
	July	523,900	682,700	355,000	190,900	107,700	29,100
	August	553,700	768,800	423,900	210,400	103,300	31,100
	September	479,800	593,300	352,700	125,100	90,100	25,400
	October	395,700	520,800	317,700	102,800	79,000	21,300
	November	284,600	392,200	243,900	80,200	51,800	16,300
	December	303,300	373,100	238,900	76,000	43,500	14,600
2003	January	293,700	334,800	214,100	65,400	41,800	13,400
	February	302,000	344,800	226,500	67,200	40,100	11,000
	March	346,300	438,100	266,100	100,000	59,600	12,400
	April	355,000	524,800	335,100	120,200	56,500	13,100
	Мау	443,100	584,200	332,700	142,300	90,400	18,700
	June	527,500	595,200	309,300	153,200	106,600	26,000
	July	547,300	722,800	372,000	203,600	118,700	28,500
	August	566,600	852,500	478,600	225,200	111,000	37,700
	September	483,100	611,700	343,200	145,700	94,200	28,600
	October	432,000	542,300	324,700	116,200	79,300	22,000
	November	321,000	417,500	261,200	79,100	61,200	16,000
	December	322,500	400,400	255,400	78,700	44,600	21,800
2004	January	332,900	347,200	213,900	71,500	44,000	17,800
	February	346,500	403,700	260,300	76,500	50,200	16,700
	March	361,900	461,000	271,200	92,700	78,800	18,400
	April	409,000	551,200	330,600	127,900	69,200	23,400
	May	473,600	584,700	297,200	159,200	96,300	32,000
	June	550,800	626,200	317,000	166,300	109,300	33,600
	July	618,800	754,200	362,200	234,000	121,100	36,900
	August	594,700	822,800	466,900	215,100	107,300	33,500
	September	538,400	596,000	322,000	135,300	104,300	34,300
	October	507,600	555,100	314,300	127,600	86,500	26,600
	November	335,400	436,300	263,500	93,400	58,100	21,400
	December	348,200	436,200	261,600	100,600	51,600	22,400
2005	January	374,100	378,100	232,000	87,600	41,700	16,800
	February	378,000	390,800	245,900	90,200	41,400	13,300
	March	456,100	521,700	288,800	143,700	70,800	18,400
	April	446,700	519,900	299,100	141,800	61,800	17,100
	May	566,200	602,400	310,800	175,000	92,700	23,900
	June	612,900	682,200	343,200	188,600	117,200	33,300
	July	717,600	781,200	367,000	246,600	131,900	35,800
	August	642,800	878,400	487,200	240,800	114,000	36,500
	September	602,600	648,800	344,700	171,600	101,600	31,000
	October	479,000	611,100	344,200	163,200	79,000	24,600

Table 2 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for the Month of October

				Area of Reside	ence	
	Irish Trips	Trips to	Great	Other	North	Other
Year	Abroad	Ireland	Britain	Europe	America	Areas
		Change versus corr	responding month o	of previous year	(number)	
2002	30,700	8,300	-23,400	12,600	16,800	2,200
2003	36,300	21,500	7,000	13,400	300	700
2004	75,600	12,800	-10,400	11,400	7,200	4,600
2005	-28,600	56,000	29,900	35,600	-7,500	-2,000
		Change versus o	orresponding mon	th of previous ye	ear (%)	
2002	8.4	1.6	-6.9	14.0	27.0	11.5
2003	9.2	4.1	2.2	13.0	0.4	3.3
2004	17.5	2.4	-3.2	9.8	9.1	20.9
2005	-5.6	10.1	9.5	27.9	-8.7	-7.5

Table 3 Overseas Trips for Year to Date to the end of October

			Area of Residence						
	Irish Trips	Trips to	Great	Other	North	Other			
Year	Abroad	Ireland	Britain	Europe	America	Areas			
2001	3,705,200	5,248,400	2,977,600	1,215,000	826,400	229,400			
2002	4,057,100	5,299,500	3,095,900	1,235,400	753,900	214,200			
2003	4,296,600	5,551,100	3,202,300	1,339,000	798,200	211,500			
2004	4,734,100	5,702,000	3,155,500	1,406,200	867,000	273,300			
2005	5,276,100	6.014,500	3,262,900	1,648,900	852,100	250,600			

Table 4 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for Year to Date to the end of October

		_		Area of Reside	ence	
	Irish Trips	Trips to	Great	Other	North	Other
Year	Abroad	Ireland	Britain	Europe	America	Areas
		Annual cł	nange in year to dat	e total (number)		
2002	351,900	51,100	118,300	20,400	-72,500	-15,200
2003	239,500	251,600	106,400	103,600	44,300	-2,700
2004	437,500	150,900	-46,800	67,200	68,800	61,800
2005	542,000	312,500	107,400	242,700	-14,900	-22,700
		Annua	I change in year to	date total (%)		
2002	9.5	1.0	4.0	1.7	-8.8	-6.6
2003	5.9	4.7	3.4	8.4	5.9	-1.3
2004	10.2	2.7	-1.5	5.0	8.6	29.2
2005	11.4	5.5	3.4	17.3	-1.7	-8.3

Table 5 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence - 2005

Area of Residence ¹	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total Overseas Trips	378,100	390,800	521,700	519,900	602,400	682,200	781,200	878,400	648,800	611,100		
Great Britain	232,000	245,900	288,800	299,100	310,800	343,200	367,000	487,200	344,700	344,200		
Austria	1,200	1,100	2,300	3,300	4,700	3,100	6,400	5,700	4,700	2,000		
Belgium	4,600	4,900	6,500	7,000	9,100	7,400	8,700	10,400	7,700	7,100		
Czech Republic	1,900	1,300	3,400	2,200	2,400	4,800	4,100	3,300	3,300	3,400		
Denmark	1,100	1,900	4,100	3,200	3,900	4,300	4,900	3,700	3,200	3,900		
France	12,900	16,000	35,700	29,500	26,900	28,700	36,600	38,500	23,000	20,900		
Germany	15,600	17,900	26,400	28,000	47,400	39,600	50,000	56,100	41,800	36,100		
Italy	9,600	7,500	11,100	14,800	12,600	18,400	29,800	35,700	12,500	15,400		
Spain	10,400	10,000	13,500	12,000	12,700	14,700	23,500	22,600	11,900	12,000		
Netherlands	9,100	9,500	9,900	11,200	15,800	16,400	15,800	16,200	15,100	14,400		
Poland	5,300	4,400	8,300	4,400	8,100	12,100	20,400	14,200	14,600	11,800		
Sweden	1,700	2,000	3,400	4,300	5,600	7,200	7,900	5,000	7,100	5,700		
Baltic Countries ²	3,200	2,600	4,800	6,300	5,400	5,600	6,700	6,300	4,700	5,000		
Other EU 25 ²	6,500	5,600	7,600	8,200	9,700	13,700	14,200	11,900	10,000	10,100		
Switzerland	2,000	3,000	3,300	3,600	5,200	5,200	8,200	6,000	5,100	8,000		
Other Europe ²	2,500	2,300	3,400	3,800	5,600	7,400	9,200	5,300	6,800	7,600		
USA	39,700	38,100	67,100	58,000	83,500	107,300	118,400	103,400	90,100	72,400		
Canada	2,000	3,200	3,800	3,800	9,200	9,900	13,500	10,500	11,500	6,600		
Central, South and Other Americas ²	1,500	1,800	1,300	1,100	1,200	3,000	2,000	1,500	1,900	1,500		
Africa ²	2,500	1,900	2,500	2,400	3,500	4,700	4,800	5,000	3,900	3,200		
Japan	1,400	900	1,500	1,100	1,100	1,700	2,200	3,800	1,900	1,900		
Other Asia and Middle East ²	4,700	3,800	5,100	5,500	5,500	8,900	8,100	8,500	6,900	5,600		
Australia	5,900	4,200	6,400	5,500	11,000	12,900	15,100	14,300	13,500	9,900		
New Zealand and Other Oceania ²	800	700	1,700	1,500	1,500	2,200	3,400	3,400	2,900	2,500		

¹ Country estimates are subject to high levels of sample variation, affecting the interpretation of these estimates and their trends. See Background Notes.

² See Background Notes for Countries included

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Table 6	Overseas Trips by Area of Residence - Seaso	nally Adjusted
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					Area of R	esidence	
		Irish Trips	Trips to				
	Period	Abroad	Ireland	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2001	October	356,600	507,200	314,800	106,900	61,100	18,800
	November	374,400	506,300	306,200	110,100	67,000	20,000
	December	357,100	496,900	294,100	110,600	67,600	20,600
2002	January	362,500	498,700	297,000	117,100	64,600	18,900
	February	373,200	526,700	316,200	112,800	67,000	26,100
	March	398,900	554,400	340,600	113,600	69,100	22,400
	April	350,200	461,900	260,300	109,600	72,800	20,900
	May	380,700	508,500	306,000	114,600	67,000	18,100
	June	384,100	502,200	298,900	120,600	69,000	19,60
	July	386,800	490,200	294,500	112,900	68,300	20,500
	August	409,200	492,700	282,900	115,700	72,000	20,70
	September	391,100	514,000	310,800	115,300	72,900	19,100
	October	384,900	516,400	296,800	120,700	77,100	21,100
	November	388,000	516,300	298,100	124,000	73,500	21,90
	December	431,600	516,200	297,600	120,400	76,400	18,800
2003	January	404,900	532,800	312,000	120,200	83,000	19,600
	February	393,300	517,900	300,800	123,800	74,700	18,30
	March	398,400	522,200	310,000	125,100	62,300	17,40
	April	389,400	526,400	314,500	127,200	67,200	15,10
	May	413,400	538,300	317,000	122,900	76,500	17,70
	June	419,100	497,800	290,900	117,600	74,400	20,300
	July	404,400	522,600	309,600	120,900	75,600	20,00
	August	416,600	548,300	319,200	125,500	77,800	25,00
	September	398,900	531,200	303,700	134,300	76,300	21,800
	October	422,000	537,500	306,000	134,500	76,800	22,000
	November	438,800	546,300	316,800	123,400	86,100	21,10
	December	452,600	554,100	318,400	124,900	77,700	27,30
2004	January	451,600	547,200	308,900	130,600	86,000	26,20
	February	452,400	606,400	346,100	139,600	93,300	27,50
	March	417,100	545,900	314,400	113,800	82,600	25,90
	April	451,100	552,700	310,300	135,200	82,400	27,10
	May	441,600	537,800	282,400	136,900	81,300	30,30
	June	437,200	525,400	298,800	128,500	76,700	26,30
	July	457,300	547,800	302,200	139,400	77,500	25,90
	August	436,000	530,500	311,100	120,800	75,600	22,10
	September	448,400	518,200	285,700	124,900	84,400	26,50
	October	496,700	550,200	298,000	146,200	83,300	26,60
	November	459,700	569,100	318,200	146,400	81,300	27,90
	December	484,700	603,200	325,800	159,800	89,700	27,90
2005	January	503,500	593,400	334,100	159,300	80,900	24,70
	February	494,500	587,100	327,300	163,900	76,600	21,800
	March	522,000	616,100	333,500	175,400	74,600	26,000
	April	500,900	521,700	282,000	149,900	75,600	21,600
	May	521,300	556,500	303,000	150,400	77,900	23,50
	June	491,700	573,500	319,500	148,800	82,300	25,30
	July	525,600	569,300	308,400	147,400	85,000	25,30
	August	480,700	569,000	321,100	139,800	81,600	24,600
	September	507,800	574,800	318,400	151,900	81,200	23,900
	October	477,300	600,200	330,400	179,500	75,900	24,100

Background Notes

Periodicity	Monthly.										
Scope	Overseas Travel.										
Coverage	All Overseas Travel int	All Overseas Travel into and out of Republic of Ireland.									
Data Collection		The survey is conducted at Dublin, Cork, Shannon, Knock and Kerry airports and Rosslar Ringaskiddy, Dún Laoghaire and Dublin ports. Information is collected via interview.									
Sample Design	A sample of flights and ensure proper represer flights/sailings.										
	On these flights/sailing residence is recorded.	s, a 1 in 5 systemati	ic sample of p	assengers is se	lected and the	ir country of					
		Sample results are grossed up to total passenger numbers travelling for each airport or port pairing, as provided by the airports and ferry companies.									
	Where there was no coverage in a survey month for an airport/port pairing, results are imputed on the basis of 'nearest neighbour'.										
Sample Size	The sample size in the passengers.	The sample size in the October 2005 Country of Residence Survey was just under 53,000 passengers.									
Reliability of Results	In 2004 the total number of persons sampled for the Country of Residence Survey (CR almost 585,000. The total number of journeys was almost 23,985,000 giving an average samate of 2.4%.										
	Estimation of survey results from data relating to a sample of 20% of passengers for a sample of flights/sailings introduces a statistical variability which would not be present if <i>all</i> passengers from <i>every</i> flight/sailing had been interviewed. This means that the survey results cannot be taken as accurate to the full degree shown in this report.										
	The variability is expressed by means of a standard error. This 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 relatively greater for small estimates and may, in particular, make it more difficult to compare figures for different time periods. The following table gives estimates of the standard error for the major Area of Residence categories. The more detailed country figures in Table 5 are subject to higher standard errors, as a percentage of the estimate.										
		Irish Trips	Great	Other	North	Other					
		Abroad	Britain	Europe	America	Areas					
	Total trips	5,417,800	3,680,600	1,600,200	976,700	317,100					
	Standard error	10,300	8,400	6,800	4,700	3,700					
	Standard error as										
	% of estimate	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.5	1.2					

In general, the more detailed the classification provided the greater the standard error of the estimates. In the derivation of the results, the assumption was made that non-respondents had similar characteristics and activity levels to those respondents in the same stratification cell. This assumption, which is a standard one in surveys such as this, may have resulted in some slight bias being introduced into the results. Moreover, although every effort was made to ensure that the information received during interview was correct in all respects it is inevitable that some minor non-sampling errors remained undetected.

Seasonal Adjustment 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.

The seasonal adjustment method used is the X-11 Arima (Auto-regressive Integrated Moving Average) variant of the US Bureau of the Census X-11 seasonal adjustment model. Each individual series is adjusted separately to capture the different seasonal patterns exhibited by each visiting group. Seasonal factors are calculated and applied concurrently to each series. Once a year, in January, seasonal factors for the full series will be calculated and applied.

The X-11 Arima variant requires at least 5 years data. The present seasonally adjusted series are based on seasonal patterns from January 2000 to date. The duration is just sufficient for seasonal adjustment; the process will improve as the series is extended.

Definitions

Trips Eurostat methodology defines a Visitor as 'any person travelling to a place other than that of his/her usual environment for less than twelve months and whose main purpose of trip is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited'. However, as the Country of Residence Survey 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 this country cannot be excluded. Therefore, for the purposes of this survey, 'Trips' includes those travelling for remuneration in Ireland. Commercial Drivers travelling on sea routes are excluded.

Country of Residence Country of Residence is defined as the country in which a person has resided during the past year.

COUNTRY BREAKDOWNS

Other Europe Tables 1-4 Other Europe in these tables includes the following Countries:

EU 25 i.e.	
Austria Latvia	
Belgium Lithuania	
Cyprus Luxembou	ırg
Czech Republic Malta	
Denmark Netherland	ls
Estonia Poland	
Finland Portugal	
France Slovakia	
Germany Slovenia	
Greece Spain	
Hungary Sweden	
Italy	

Switzerland Other Europe (see page 8 for breakdown of countries)

North America	North America in these tables includes the following Countries:				
Tables 1-4	United States				
	United States Canada				
Other Areas Tables 1-4	Other Areas in these tables includes the following Countries:				
	Africa (see page 9 for breakdown of countries) Australia				
	Japan				
	Central, South and Other Americas (see below for breakdown of countries)				
	Other Asia and Middle East (see page 10 for breakdown of countries) New Zealand and Oceania (see page 10 for breakdown of countries)				
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Baltic Countries Table 5	Baltic Countries includes the following Countries:				
	Estonia				
	Latvia				
	Lithuania				
Other EU 25 Table 5	Other EU 25 includes the following Countries:				
	Cyprus	Malta			
	Finland	Portugal			
	Greece	Slovakia			
	Hungary Luxembourg	Slovenia			
	Luxembourg				
Other Europe Table 5	Other Europe includes the following Countries:				
	Albania	Jersey			
	Andorra	Liechtenstein			
	Armenia	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of			
	Azerbaijan Belarus	Moldova, Republic of Monaco			
	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Norway			
	Bulgaria	Romania			
	Croatia	Russian Federation			
	Faroe Islands	San Marino			
	Georgia	Turkey			
	Gibraltar	Ukraine			
	Guernsey Iceland	Vatican City Yugoslavia, Federal Republic of			
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Central, South and Other Americas	Central, South and Other Americas includes the following Countries:				
Table 5	Anguilla	Guyana			
	Antigua and Barbuda	Haiti			
	Argentina	Honduras			
	Aruba Bahamas	Jamaica Martinique			
	Barbados	Mexico			
	Belize	Montserrat			
	Bermuda	Netherlands Antilles			
	Bolivia	Nicaragua			
	Brazil	Panama			
	Cayman Islands	Paraguay			
	Chile	Peru			

	Colombia Costa Rica Cuba Dominica Dominican Republic Ecuador El Salvador Falkland Islands (Malvinas) French Guiana Greenland Grenada Guadeloupe Guatemala	Puerto Rico Saint Kitts and Nevis Saint Lucia Saint Pierre and Miquelon Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Suriname Trinidad and Tobago Turks and Caicos Islands Uruguay Venezuela Virgin Islands, British Virgin Islands, US
Africa	Africa includes the following Countries: Algeria Angola Benin Botswana Burkina Faso Burundi Cameroon Cape Verde Central African Republic Chad Comoros	Malawi Mali Mauritania Mauritius Mayotte Morocco Mozambique Namibia Niger Nigeria Reunion
	Congo Congo, The Democratic Republic of the Cote d'Ivoire Djibouti Egypt Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Ethiopia Gabon Gambia Ghana Guinea Guinea-Bissau Kenya Lesotho Liberia Libyan Arab Jamahiriya Madagascar	Rwanda Saint Helena Sao Tome and Principe Senegal Seychelles Sierra Leone Somalia South Africa Sudan Swaziland Tanzania, United Republic of Togo Tunisia Uganda Western Sahara Zambia Zimbabwe

Other Asia and Middle East	Other Asia and Middle East includes the following Countries:		
Table 5	Afghanistan	Macao	
	Bahrain	Malaysia	
	Bangladesh	Maldives	
	Bhutan	Mongolia	
	British Indian Ocean Territory	Myanmar	
	Brunei Darussalam	Nepal	
	Cambodia	Oman	
	China	Pakistan	
	East Timor	Palestinian Territory, Occupied	
	Hong Kong	Philippines	
	India	Qatar	
	Indonesia	Saudi Arabia	
	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Singapore	
	Iraq	Sri Lanka	
	Israel	Syrian Arab Republic	
	Jordan	Taiwan, Province of China	
	Kazakhstan	Tajikistan	
	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of	Thailand	
	Korea, Republic of	Turkmenistan	
	Kuwait	United Arab Emirates	
		Uzbekistan	
	Kyrgyzstan		
	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Viet Nam	
	Lebanon	Yemen	
New Zealand and Other Oceania	New Zealand and Other Oceania includes the following Countries:		
Table 5	American Samoa	Niue	
	Antarctica	Norfolk Island	
	Bouvet Island	Northern Mariana Islands	
	Christmas Island	Palau	
	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Papua New Guinea	
	Cook Islands	Pitcairn	
	Fiji	Samoa	
	French Polynesia	Solomon Islands	
	French Southern Territories	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands	
	Guam	Svalbard and Jan Mayen	
	Heard Island and McDonald Islands	Tokelau	
	Kiribati	Tonga	
	Marshall Islands	Tuvalu	
	Micronesia, Federated States of	United States Minor Outlying Islands	
	Nauru	Vanuatu	
	New Caledonia	Wallis and Futuna	
	New Zealand		