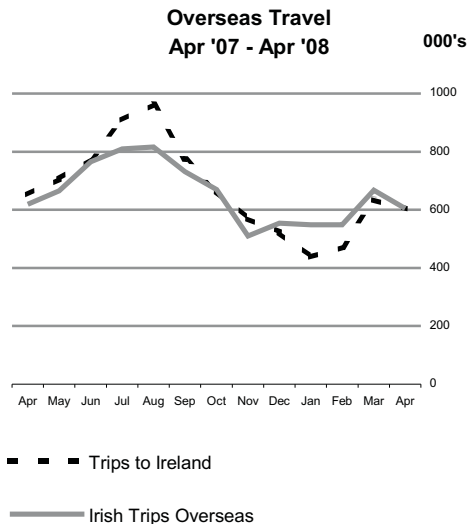




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Overseas Travel April 2008



	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	by Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Apr '06	544,200	650,900	373,700	187,400	69,600	20,300
Apr '07	618,800	651,600	357,700	202,000	70,500	21,300
Apr '08	604,800	603,900	301,200	206,000	74,000	22,600
Jan-Apr '06	1,890,700	2,040,800	1,193,200	560,500	219,300	67,700
Jan-Apr '07	2,194,100	2,129,900	1,129,200	698,400	226,700	75,600
Jan-Apr '08	2,367,300	2,146,100	1,150,700	686,100	230,000	79,300

Marginal growth in trips to Ireland so far in 2008

Trips to Ireland increased by just 0.8% for the first four months of 2008 compared to 4.4% for the same period in 2007. *See Table 4.*

In April 2008, the number of visitors from Great Britain fell by almost 16% to 301,200 compared to April 2007. This contributed largely to the overall reduction of 7.3% to 603,900 in the number of overseas trips to Ireland in April 2008 compared to the same month in 2007. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

Irish Residents made 604,800 overseas trips in April 2008 and this represented a fall of 2.3% from that recorded in April 2007. However, the number of overseas trips by Irish Residents for the first four months of 2008 was up 8% to 2,367,300 compared to the corresponding period in 2007. *See Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4.*

The CSO “Airport Pairings” database contains information of every direct flight in and out of the nine Irish airports on a monthly basis. Data is available from January 2006 to December 2007. For details please go to <http://tinyurl.com/2nypw8>.

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Table 1 Overseas Trips by Area of Residence

	Period	Area of Residence					
		Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2004	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
	November	436,300	465,400	267,300	124,100	55,000	19,000
	December	400,500	497,700	294,500	139,100	43,600	20,600
2006	January	442,300	408,400	232,000	115,800	40,100	20,500
	February	415,300	458,700	291,400	112,100	42,400	12,800
	March	488,900	522,700	296,100	145,200	67,200	14,200
	April	544,200	650,900	373,700	187,400	69,600	20,300
	May	603,700	710,700	360,500	224,300	100,700	25,200
	June	677,800	750,500	347,500	224,900	141,400	36,700
	July	778,100	839,200	392,800	266,800	140,100	39,400
	August	729,500	928,800	462,600	292,900	136,400	36,900
	September	638,500	738,400	384,700	195,600	121,000	37,100
	October	591,700	644,500	341,500	189,600	86,300	27,000
	November	488,500	497,500	267,400	152,100	57,400	20,600
	December	449,700	558,700	309,700	173,800	51,900	23,300
2007 ¹	January	493,900	440,900	228,000	146,200	44,400	22,200
	February	494,600	460,600	254,100	153,200	40,700	12,500
	March	586,700	576,800	289,300	196,900	71,000	19,500
	April	618,800	651,600	357,700	202,000	70,500	21,300
	May	665,200	705,600	358,700	219,900	100,300	26,800
	June	764,600	773,800	353,200	240,600	147,800	32,200
	July	808,600	909,200	412,800	312,500	146,000	37,900
	August	815,700	962,900	472,100	320,500	132,200	38,100
	September	731,400	774,300	384,400	240,600	112,100	37,200
	October	670,100	664,200	348,600	200,500	87,400	27,700
	November	509,700	569,300	304,000	185,400	61,200	18,800
	December	553,700	523,000	268,900	172,100	59,500	22,400
2008	January	548,400	437,000	224,000	147,600	44,200	21,200
	February	547,600	471,300	259,800	147,600	46,800	17,200
	March	666,500	634,000	365,700	185,000	64,900	18,300
	April	604,800	603,900	301,200	206,000	74,000	22,600

¹ Revised from March 2007

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

Year	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Change versus corresponding month of previous year (number)						
2005	37,700	-31,300	-31,500	13,900	-7,400	-6,300
2006	97,500	131,000	74,600	45,600	7,800	3,200
2007 ¹	74,600	700	-16,000	14,600	900	1,000
2008	-14,000	-47,700	-56,500	4,000	3,500	1,300
Change versus corresponding month of previous year (%)						
2005	9.2	-5.7	-9.5	10.9	-10.7	-26.9
2006	21.8	25.2	24.9	32.2	12.6	18.7
2007 ¹	13.7	0.1	-4.3	7.8	1.3	4.9
2008	-2.3	-7.3	-15.8	2.0	5.0	6.1

¹ Revised from March 2007**Table 3 Overseas Trips for Year to Date to the end of April**

Year	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2004	1,450,200	1,763,100	1,076,000	368,600	242,100	76,300
2005	1,655,000	1,810,400	1,065,800	463,200	215,700	65,600
2006	1,890,700	2,040,800	1,193,200	560,500	219,300	67,700
2007 ¹	2,194,100	2,129,900	1,129,200	698,400	226,700	75,600
2008	2,367,300	2,146,100	1,150,700	686,100	230,000	79,300

¹ Revised from March 2007**Table 4 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for Year to Date to the end of April**

Year	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Annual change in year to date total (number)						
2005	204,800	47,300	-10,200	94,600	-26,400	-10,700
2006	235,700	230,400	127,400	97,300	3,600	2,100
2007 ¹	303,400	89,100	-64,000	137,900	7,400	7,900
2008	173,200	16,200	21,500	-12,300	3,300	3,700
Annual change in year to date total (%)						
2005	14.1	2.7	-0.9	25.7	-10.9	-14.0
2006	14.2	12.7	12.0	21.0	1.7	3.2
2007 ¹	16.0	4.4	-5.4	24.6	3.4	11.7
2008	7.9	0.8	1.9	-1.8	1.5	4.9

¹ Revised from March 2007

Table 5 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence 2006 - 2008

Area of Residence ¹	2006	2007	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08	Apr-08	May-08	Jun-08	Jul-08	Aug-08	Sep-08	Oct-08	Nov-08	Dec-08
Total Overseas Trips	7,709,000	8,012,200	437,000	471,300	634,000	603,900								
Great Britain	4,059,800	4,031,900	224,000	259,800	365,700	301,200								
Austria	50,300	40,800	1,000	900	3,100	5,900								
Belgium	97,100	82,800	5,800	5,400	6,000	7,900								
Czech Republic	41,600	43,000	3,100	3,400	3,600	4,000								
Denmark	42,500	55,400	3,800	3,300	6,000	6,200								
Finland	28,400	38,600	1,700	1,600	2,900	3,300								
France	357,800	397,300	19,600	18,000	27,300	38,100								
Germany	422,300	446,200	20,000	24,000	31,400	33,000								
Hungary	26,900	30,600	4,200	2,600	3,700	2,500								
Italy	249,900	263,800	11,400	15,500	14,600	19,100								
Latvia	32,100	37,200	3,100	2,700	2,600	3,400								
Lithuania	29,900	49,200	2,600	4,600	3,700	3,700								
Netherlands	158,100	153,900	8,100	8,600	13,000	13,600								
Poland	235,600	311,800	25,900	20,100	21,000	16,000								
Portugal	29,600	28,700	1,900	2,300	2,200	2,100								
Romania	-	25,800	3,100	1,800	2,700	1,900								
Slovakia	-	35,800	3,900	4,100	3,400	3,100								
Spain	200,200	239,400	11,600	13,400	14,000	19,600								
Sweden	75,900	97,500	4,300	5,900	7,500	5,600								
Other EU 27 ³	74,800	45,300	3,900	2,800	3,800	3,600								
Norway	32,600	60,700	1,800	2,400	3,800	5,100								
Switzerland	50,900	59,700	3,800	2,400	4,300	4,700								
Other Europe ²	44,300	46,900	3,000	1,900	4,600	3,700								
USA	967,800	991,700	41,100	43,700	61,200	70,900								
Canada	86,800	81,500	3,100	3,100	3,700	3,200								
Central, South and Other Americas ²	24,300	28,100	1,700	2,200	1,900	1,800								
South Africa	35,000	24,800	2,100	2,600	1,800	2,600								
Other Africa ²	13,900	15,600	2,300	1,100	1,600	1,400								
Japan	19,700	16,600	1,200	1,200	700	500								
Eastern Asia ²	20,000	23,600	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,200								
Middle East ²	22,200	25,400	1,100	1,200	1,600	1,500								
Other Asia ²	39,000	37,700	2,900	2,100	3,000	4,300								
Australia	115,300	120,200	6,900	4,100	5,600	8,400								
New Zealand and Other Oceania ²	24,300	24,700	1,500	1,100	500	1,000								

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 & changes from Jan 2007.

³ See Background Notes for Countries included & changes from Jan 2008.

Table 6 Overseas Trips by Area of Residence - Seasonally Adjusted

	Period	Area of Residence					
		Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2004	April	451,100	552,700	310,300	135,200	82,400	27,100
	May	441,600	537,800	282,400	136,900	81,300	30,300
	June	437,200	525,400	298,800	128,500	76,700	26,300
	July	457,300	547,800	302,200	139,400	77,500	25,900
	August	436,000	530,500	311,100	120,800	75,600	22,100
	September	448,400	518,200	285,700	124,900	84,400	26,500
	October	496,700	550,200	298,000	146,200	83,300	26,600
	November	459,700	569,100	318,200	146,400	81,300	27,900
	December	484,700	603,200	325,800	159,800	89,700	27,900
2005	January	503,500	593,400	334,100	159,300	80,900	24,700
	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	23,500
	June	491,700	573,500	319,500	148,800	82,300	25,300
	July	525,600	569,300	308,400	147,400	85,000	25,300
	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
	November	596,100	598,300	320,100	188,700	74,700	24,100
	December	538,600	661,200	353,200	209,300	75,600	23,700
2006	January	576,500	624,200	325,300	204,100	75,500	28,600
	February	542,400	665,200	362,100	197,400	77,200	21,900
	March	554,900	625,100	335,500	185,900	73,000	21,100
	April	596,600	668,600	348,800	193,500	84,400	24,800
	May	557,900	662,000	358,400	190,900	84,400	24,300
	June	551,700	644,400	334,300	182,900	97,500	27,500
	July	564,100	615,200	335,300	164,300	88,800	27,600
	August	560,900	611,800	308,700	177,600	96,200	25,700
	September	548,800	662,800	358,100	184,000	94,300	28,100
	October	568,900	636,300	329,800	200,900	84,600	26,600
	November	636,000	640,900	323,900	223,300	80,900	25,900
	December	609,300	713,400	356,900	238,600	87,700	26,400
2007 ¹	January	627,500	668,000	328,600	239,400	85,100	31,000
	February	640,800	654,400	311,700	251,600	78,700	23,000
	March	652,700	684,100	323,000	250,200	80,200	27,300
	April	662,400	643,800	327,300	207,800	86,400	27,700
	May	618,200	652,900	348,400	186,800	85,300	26,900
	June	632,700	658,300	336,400	199,800	98,100	24,100
	July	591,700	674,700	352,200	193,600	91,200	25,800
	August	635,000	653,400	325,900	206,200	91,200	26,500
	September	639,800	689,600	348,300	234,100	86,000	27,600
	October	662,000	662,800	337,600	211,200	86,800	27,400
	November	660,800	733,500	365,500	257,300	88,300	24,500
	December	744,600	665,800	317,600	221,200	102,100	26,000
2008 ²	January	684,400	657,100	324,600	223,900	87,900	26,800
	February	705,100	667,700	324,800	235,200	90,400	20,300
	March	733,900	734,300	411,300	218,200	76,800	25,500
	April	630,500	597,100	278,100	211,500	92,200	28,600

¹ Revised from March 2007² Seasonal Adjustment factors updated from January 2008

Background Notes

Periodicity	Monthly.
Scope	Overseas Travel.
Coverage	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 Rosslare, Ringaskiddy, Dún Laoghaire and Dublin ports. Information is collected via interview.
Sample Design	<p>A sample of flights and sailings is selected for surveying. This selection is done in such a way as to ensure proper representation of airport/port pairing, day and night and weekday and weekend flights/sailings.</p> <p>On these flights/sailings, a 1 in 5 systematic sample of passengers is selected and their country of residence is recorded.</p> <p>Sample results are grossed up to total passenger numbers travelling for each airport or port pairing, as provided by the airports and ferry companies.</p> <p>Where there was no coverage in a survey month for an airport/port pairing, results are imputed on the basis of 'nearest neighbour'.</p>
Sample Size	The sample size in the April 2008 Country of Residence Survey was just over 41,700 passengers.
Reliability of Results	<p>In 2004 the total number of persons sampled for the Country of Residence Survey (CRS) was almost 585,000. The total number of journeys was almost 23,985,000 giving an average sampling rate of 2.4%.</p> <p>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. In some cases where ports/airports are unable to provide private/charter figures minor estimations will be made. This means that the survey results cannot be taken as accurate to the full degree shown in this report.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

	Irish Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other 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 and 6

From January 2007 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	

Switzerland

Norway

Other Europe (see page 8 for breakdown of countries)

North America Tables 1-4 and 6	North America includes the following Countries: Canada United States
Other Areas Tables 1-4 and 6	From January 2007 Other Areas includes the following Countries: Other Africa (see page 9 for breakdown of countries) South Africa Australia Japan Central, South and Other Americas (see below for breakdown of countries) Eastern Asia, Middle East and Other Asia (see page 10 for breakdown of countries) New Zealand and Other Oceania (see page 10 for breakdown of countries)
Other EU 27 Table 5	From January 2008 Other EU 27 includes the following Countries: Bulgaria Cyprus Estonia Greece Luxembourg Malta Slovenia
Other Europe Table 5	From January 2007 Other Europe includes the following Countries: Aland Islands Albania Andorra Belarus Bosnia and Herzegovina Croatia Faroe Islands Gibraltar Guernsey Iceland Isle of Man Jersey Liechtenstein Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Moldova, Republic of Monaco Montenegro Russian Federation San Marino Serbia Turkey Ukraine Vatican City
Central, South and Other Americas Table 5	Central, South and Other Americas includes the following Countries: Anguilla Antigua and Barbuda Argentina Aruba Bahamas Barbados Belize Bermuda Bolivia Brazil Cayman Islands Chile Guyana Haiti Honduras Jamaica Martinique Mexico Montserrat Netherlands Antilles Nicaragua Panama Paraguay 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
Guatemala	

**Other Africa
Table 5**

From January 2007 Other Africa includes the following Countries:

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

Eastern Asia Table 5	From January 2007 Eastern Asia includes the following Countries:	
	China	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
	Hong Kong	Mongolia
	Korea, Republic of	Taiwan, Province of China
Middle East Table 5	From January 2007 Middle East includes the following Countries	
	Afghanistan	Oman
	Bahrain	Palestinian Territory, Occupied
	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Qatar
	Iraq	Saudi Arabia
	Israel	Syrian Arab Republic
	Jordan	United Arab Emirates
	Kuwait	Yemen
	Lebanon	
Other Asia Table 5	From January 2007 Other Asia includes the following Countries:	
	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
New Zealand and Other Oceania Table 5	New Zealand and Other Oceania includes the following Countries:	
	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	