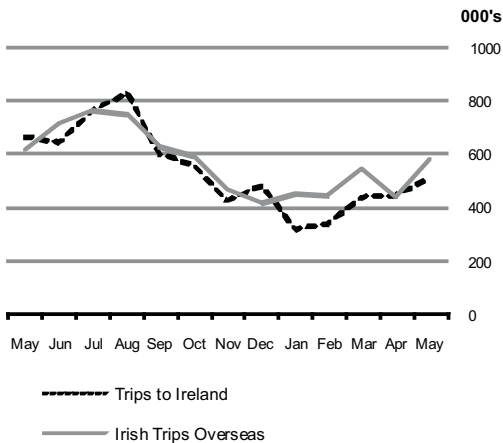


Overseas Travel May '09 - May '10



Overseas Travel May 2010

	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	by Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
May '08	677,700	805,700	397,000	273,500	105,700	29,600
May '09	610,300	657,500	306,400	219,300	105,900	25,900
May '10	580,900	502,500	214,600	175,800	88,200	23,800
Jan-May '08	3,045,000	2,951,800	1,547,600	959,600	335,600	108,900
Jan-May '09	2,729,400	2,667,500	1,320,200	927,300	325,300	94,700
Jan-May '10	2,455,200	2,026,100	975,500	679,100	277,700	93,700

Trips to Ireland continue to fall in May

While Irish residents made 29,400 fewer trips in May 2010, 155,000 less trips were taken to Ireland by Overseas residents compared to May 2009. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

Trips to Ireland by overseas residents in May 2010 decreased to 502,500, a drop of 23.6% compared to May 2009. Visitors from Great Britain decreased by 30% to 214,600 while trips to Ireland by residents of other Europe and North America decreased by 19.8% and 16.7% respectively. Trips to Ireland by residents of all other countries decreased by 8.1%. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

Irish residents made 580,900 overseas trips in May 2010. This was 4.8% fewer than the number of trips taken in May 2009. *See Tables 1 and 2.*

The CSO "Airport Pairings" database contains information on every direct flight in and out of the nine Irish airports on a monthly basis. Data is available from January 2006 up to April 2010. May passenger figures will be available from August 3rd. For details please go to <http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/15>.

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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
2006	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	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
	May	677,700	805,700	397,000	273,500	105,700	29,600
	June	768,300	749,900	325,000	249,500	132,400	43,000
	July	856,400	835,300	341,800	311,600	137,100	44,900
	August	845,600	946,300	488,400	296,600	118,200	43,100
	September	726,300	690,700	318,600	231,800	101,900	38,400
	October	639,500	662,000	323,700	230,700	76,800	30,900
	November	505,200	499,100	261,200	170,100	48,300	19,500
	December	491,100	503,900	266,000	160,500	54,300	23,200
2009	January	502,100	424,200	208,300	149,500	45,200	21,200
	February	474,000	445,200	244,800	149,100	37,500	13,900
	March	563,700	532,800	269,400	190,100	59,600	13,800
	April	579,400	607,800	291,400	219,300	77,200	20,000
	May	610,300	657,500	306,400	219,300	105,900	25,900
	June	709,900	636,600	260,700	219,600	121,900	34,400
	July	759,800	759,600	314,800	276,800	130,100	37,900
	August	748,600	823,100	369,700	288,500	126,600	38,400
	September	628,800	594,600	271,600	192,300	99,700	31,000
	October	591,400	551,300	276,600	177,800	71,500	25,500
	November	464,200	421,200	210,800	140,800	50,700	18,800
	December	417,300	473,600	232,600	159,100	54,600	27,200
2010	January	448,900	313,800	142,400	105,100	44,200	22,100
	February	447,200	336,800	171,500	115,100	35,000	15,200
	March	543,100	434,200	212,700	146,400	58,100	16,900
	April ¹	435,100	438,900	234,300	136,700	52,200	15,700
	May	580,900	502,500	214,600	175,800	88,200	23,800

¹ Revised

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

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)						
2007	61,500	-5,100	-1,800	-4,400	-400	1,600
2008	12,500	100,100	38,300	53,600	5,400	2,800
2009	-67,400	-148,200	-90,600	-54,200	200	-3,700
2010	-29,400	-155,000	-91,800	-43,500	-17,700	-2,100
Change versus corresponding month of previous year (%)						
2007	10.2	-0.7	-0.5	-2.0	-0.4	6.3
2008	1.9	14.2	10.7	24.4	5.4	10.4
2009	-9.9	-18.4	-22.8	-19.8	0.2	-12.5
2010	-4.8	-23.6	-30.0	-19.8	-16.7	-8.1

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

Year	Irish Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2006	2,494,400	2,751,500	1,553,700	784,900	320,000	92,900
2007	2,859,200	2,835,500	1,487,900	918,200	327,000	102,400
2008	3,045,000	2,951,800	1,547,600	959,600	335,600	108,900
2009	2,729,400	2,667,500	1,320,200	927,300	325,300	94,700
2010	2,455,200	2,026,100	975,500	679,100	277,700	93,700

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

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)						
2007	364,800	84,000	-65,800	133,300	7,000	9,500
2008	185,800	116,300	59,700	41,400	8,600	6,500
2009	-315,600	-284,300	-227,400	-32,300	-10,300	-14,200
2010	-274,200	-641,400	-344,700	-248,200	-47,600	-1,000
Annual change in year-to-date total (%)						
2007	14.6	3.1	-4.2	17.0	2.2	10.2
2008	6.5	4.1	4.0	4.5	2.6	6.3
2009	-10.4	-9.6	-14.7	-3.4	-3.1	-13.0
2010	-10.0	-24.0	-26.1	-26.8	-14.6	-1.1

Table 5 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence 2009 - 2010

Area of Residence ¹	2009	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10 ³	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10	Aug-10	Sep-10	Oct-10	Nov-10	Dec-10
Total Overseas Trips	6,927,500	313,800	336,800	434,200	438,900	502,500							
Great Britain	3,257,000	142,400	171,500	212,700	234,300	214,600							
Austria	46,400	800	2,100	1,900	1,700	3,300							
Belgium	97,600	2,600	3,800	4,700	6,700	3,000							
Czech Republic	36,400	2,300	1,400	2,300	1,600	1,900							
Denmark	46,900	1,900	1,900	3,400	4,000	3,900							
Finland	25,200	900	**	800	1,900	2,000							
France	391,300	16,000	17,700	20,300	25,900	30,900							
Germany	418,500	15,900	16,600	25,900	20,600	41,000							
Hungary	22,600	2,000	1,600	3,100	**	2,200							
Italy	280,600	9,400	17,400	16,600	12,700	14,200							
Latvia	23,800	1,700	2,000	1,300	**	1,700							
Lithuania	34,400	2,400	2,500	2,500	3,600	1,600							
Netherlands	137,500	5,000	7,400	8,700	8,300	11,700							
Poland	232,400	16,700	14,100	15,500	10,800	14,800							
Portugal	34,700	2,500	800	1,900	2,100	3,000							
Romania	24,900	2,100	1,200	2,100	3,300	2,100							
Slovakia	26,200	2,300	1,300	1,000	1,800	1,200							
Spain	253,700	10,200	10,200	15,200	17,900	15,200							
Sweden	61,800	1,800	2,300	5,000	3,900	3,600							
Other EU 27 ²	40,900	2,700	3,100	3,900	2,200	3,700							
Norway	42,200	1,200	2,000	3,800	2,100	5,200							
Switzerland	60,500	1,900	3,100	3,900	1,400	5,500							
Other Europe ²	43,600	3,000	2,100	2,600	2,600	4,300							
USA	890,900	40,800	32,100	53,400	48,700	77,800							
Canada	89,500	3,400	2,900	4,700	3,500	10,500							
Central, South and Other Americas ²	31,000	2,800	2,200	1,800	1,600	2,500							
South Africa	27,500	1,600	900	1,000	**	1,400							
Other Africa ²	16,000	1,700	500	1,000	**	**							
Japan	11,500	**	500	800	**	1,600							
Eastern Asia ²	21,500	2,100	1,800	1,100	1,000	1,300							
Middle East ²	28,300	1,800	1,700	1,400	1,600	2,100							
Other Asia ²	41,900	3,400	2,700	3,800	2,500	3,400							
Australia	111,800	7,300	4,200	4,900	5,700	9,100							
New Zealand and Other Oceania ²	18,400	1,000	700	1,100	1,300	1,500							

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.

³ Revised

** Suppressed for reasons of confidentiality and/or data reliability

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
2006	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	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	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
	May	627,800	747,700	384,200	231,000	91,700	29,800
	June	638,000	639,900	308,200	209,100	87,400	32,800
	July	620,200	619,600	288,700	203,900	84,900	31,000
	August	668,700	646,500	337,800	197,300	80,300	30,300
	September	641,800	613,300	285,900	223,100	77,900	28,600
	October	634,600	659,900	311,200	245,800	76,800	30,300
	November	680,300	647,300	319,300	235,900	70,600	25,500
	December	660,700	636,000	314,200	203,500	93,600	27,200
2009	January	617,100	639,400	303,800	224,100	91,000	27,900
	February	597,800	626,000	307,300	223,600	74,100	24,900
	March	614,100	617,300	304,000	222,200	72,700	20,200
	April	607,400	595,200	267,600	226,800	95,500	25,700
	May	572,800	605,100	289,200	181,000	91,000	26,200
	June	593,900	544,800	250,200	189,200	78,000	25,300
	July	562,200	573,100	271,800	191,300	80,100	25,700
	August	588,100	563,800	261,400	193,000	85,500	26,700
	September	563,300	528,300	246,100	182,700	77,400	22,800
	October	589,700	545,800	265,600	188,700	73,800	24,600
	November	607,900	544,500	248,200	186,900	75,900	26,100
	December	553,100	599,400	266,300	202,700	89,500	32,400
2010 ¹	January	551,300	469,400	207,800	153,300	86,400	28,400
	February	563,300	470,800	213,300	166,400	69,700	28,200
	March	584,900	494,300	236,700	165,800	74,400	26,000
	April ²	445,300	431,500	220,100	138,000	63,000	20,000
	May	559,300	456,600	197,100	156,000	72,900	23,800

¹ Seasonal Adjustment factors updated from January 2010² Revised

Background Notes

- Periodicity** Monthly.
- Scope** Overseas Travel.
- Coverage** All Overseas Travel into and out of the Republic of Ireland.
- Data Collection** The monthly Country of Residence Survey (CRS) forms the basis of the data used in this release. This survey is conducted at Dublin, Cork, Shannon, Knock and Kerry airports and Rosslare, Ringaskiddy, Dún Laoghaire and Dublin ports. Data from passengers is collected by a Central Statistics Office (CSO) interviewer.
- Sample Design** A sample of flights and sailings is made to facilitate proper representation of airport/port pairings; day, night, week day and weekend flights/sailings.
- On the selected flights/sailings, a 1 in 5 (20%) systematic sample of passengers is selected and their country of residence is recorded.
- Sample results are grossed to total passenger numbers travelling for each airport or port, as provided by the airports and ferry companies.
- Where there is no survey coverage in a month for an airport/port pairing, results are imputed using the 'nearest neighbour' imputation methodology.
- Sample Size** The sample size for the May 2010 Country of Residence Survey was just over 30,200 passengers.
- Reliability of Results** Estimation of survey results using the above sampling design introduces a statistical variability which would not be present if *all* passengers from *every* flight/sailing had been interviewed. In some cases where ports/airports are unable to provide private/charter figures estimations are made. This means that the survey results are best estimates based on available information.
- This variability is expressed by means of a standard error. The standard error gives the relative size of the 'sampling error' (variability) present in an estimate compared with the estimate itself. In general, estimates can be said to have a relative precision of twice their standard error.
- The effect of sampling error is greater for small estimates and may, in particular, make it more difficult to compare figures for different time periods. Standard error estimates in respect of the major Area of Residence categories for the 2008 reference year are presented in the following table. In 2008, just over 468,000 persons were interviewed from a total of almost 33,838,500 journeys giving a sampling rate of 1.4%. The more detailed country figures in Table 5 would of course be subject to higher standard errors, as a percentage of the estimate.

	Irish Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Total trips	7,877,364	3,872,393	2,610,268	1,004,605	351,748
Standard error	14,687	11,186	10,211	5,683	4,196
Standard error as % of estimate	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	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 classification cell. This assumption, which is usual in surveys such as this, may introduce some slight bias into the results. Moreover, although every effort was made to ensure that the information received during interview was correct, it is possible that some minor non-sampling errors remain 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 series is adjusted separately to capture the different seasonal patterns exhibited by different visitor groups. Once a year, in January, new seasonal factors are calculated based on the most recent data available.

The X-11 Arima variant requires at least five years data. The present seasonally adjusted series are based on seasonal patterns from January 2000 to December 2009.

Definitions

(1) Trips

The data presented in this report is in terms of Trip numbers. A Trip is defined as a journey (usually including the return) from one place to another.

(2) Visitor

The definition of Visitor used in the CRS survey is based on that agreed with Eurostat, the European Statistical Office. A Visitor is defined as '*any person travelling to a place other than that of his/her usual environment for less than twelve months and whose main purpose is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited*'. However, as the CRS does not establish the reason for an individual's trip or length of stay, those travelling for reason of remuneration or for more than one year to a country cannot be excluded. Therefore, for the purposes of this survey, Trips include those travelling for paid work. Commercial Drivers travelling on sea routes are excluded.

(3) Country of Residence

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

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 From January 2007 Other Africa includes the following Countries:
Table 5

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
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	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	