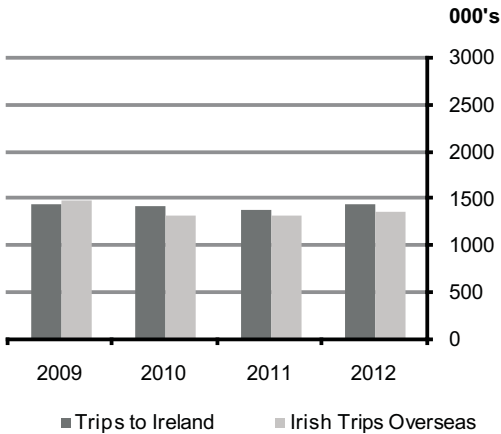




**Overseas Travel October - December,
2009 - 2012**



Overseas Travel
October - December 2012

**Trips to Ireland
by Area of Residence**

	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
			Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Oct - Dec '10	1,322,500	1,414,300	657,600	477,300	201,400	78,100
Oct - Dec '11	1,311,000	1,369,700	655,200	464,700	176,200	73,600
Oct - Dec '12	1,360,400	1,438,000	646,400	505,400	201,300	85,000
Jan - Dec '10	6,572,000	6,037,100	2,738,500	2,045,200	935,600	317,800
Jan - Dec '11	6,292,800	6,505,200	2,878,100	2,283,200	987,100	356,700
Jan - Dec '12	6,325,800	6,517,200	2,774,200	2,347,400	1,016,900	378,600

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Trips to Ireland increased by 5.0% for the period October - December 2012

In the period October - December 2012, the total number of *trips to Ireland* increased by 5.0% to 1,438,000 - an overall increase of 68,300 compared to the same period twelve months earlier. *See tables 1 and 2.*

Trips by residents of North America to Ireland increased by 14.2% to 201,300. Visitors from European Countries other than Great Britain (Other Europe) increased by 8.8% to 505,400 while visitors from Other Areas increased by 15.5% to 85,000. The number of visitors from Great Britain decreased by 1.3% to 646,400. The total number of *overseas trips made by Irish residents* during the period October - December 2012 increased by 3.8% to 1,360,400. *See tables 1 and 2.*

The total number of trips (Irish residents' trips overseas plus trips to Ireland) in the period October to December 2012 increased by 4.4% to 2,798,400 when compared with the same period twelve months earlier. The period October to December 2011 saw a decrease of 2.0% from the corresponding period in 2010. See tables 1 and 2.

In 2012, the total number of *overseas trips made by Irish residents* was 6,325,800, an increase of 0.5% over 2011. There was an increase of 0.2% to 6,517,200 in the number of *trips that were made to Ireland* in 2012. *See tables 3 and 4.*

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Table 1 Overseas Trips for the period October - December, 2009 - 2012

Year	Period	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
					Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2009	Oct - Dec	2,918,900	1,472,900	1,446,100	720,100	477,800	176,800	71,500
2010	Oct - Dec	2,736,800	1,322,500	1,414,300	657,600	477,300	201,400	78,100
2011	Oct - Dec	2,680,700	1,311,000	1,369,700	655,200	464,700	176,200	73,600
2012	Oct - Dec	2,798,400	1,360,400	1,438,000	646,400	505,400	201,300	85,000

Table 2 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for the period October - December, 2010 - 2012

Year	Period	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
					Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Change versus corresponding period of previous year (number)								
2010	Oct - Dec	-182,100	-150,400	-31,800	-62,500	-500	24,600	6,600
2011	Oct - Dec	-56,100	-11,500	-44,600	-2,400	-12,600	-25,200	-4,500
2012	Oct - Dec	117,700	49,400	68,300	-8,800	40,700	25,100	11,400
Change versus corresponding period of previous year (%)								
2010	Oct - Dec	-6.2	-10.2	-2.2	-8.7	-0.1	13.9	9.2
2011	Oct - Dec	-2.0	-0.9	-3.2	-0.4	-2.6	-12.5	-5.8
2012	Oct - Dec	4.4	3.8	5.0	-1.3	8.8	14.2	15.5

Table 3 Overseas Trips for the period January - December, 2009 - 2012

Year	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
				Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
2009	13,976,900	7,049,300	6,927,500	3,257,000	2,382,300	980,400	307,900
2010	12,609,100	6,572,000	6,037,100	2,738,500	2,045,200	935,600	317,800
2011	12,798,000	6,292,800	6,505,200	2,878,100	2,283,200	987,100	356,700
2012	12,842,900	6,325,800	6,517,200	2,774,200	2,347,400	1,016,900	378,600

Table 4 Annual Change in Overseas Trips for the period January - December, 2010 - 2012

Year	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence			
				Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Annual change in year to December total (number)							
2010	-1,367,800	-477,300	-890,400	-518,500	-337,100	-44,800	9,900
2011	188,900	-279,200	468,100	139,600	238,000	51,500	38,900
2012	44,900	33,000	12,000	-103,900	64,200	29,800	21,900
Annual change in year to December total (%)							
2010	-9.8	-6.8	-12.9	-15.9	-14.2	-4.6	3.2
2011	1.5	-4.2	7.8	5.1	11.6	5.5	12.2
2012	0.4	0.5	0.2	-3.6	2.8	3.0	6.1

Table 5 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence for the period October - December, 2009 - 2012

Area of Residence ¹	October - December			
	2009	2010	2011	2012
Total Overseas Trips to Ireland	1,446,100	1,414,300	1,369,700	1,438,000
Great Britain	720,100	657,600	655,200	646,400
Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg	53,100	51,100	56,400	54,800
France	60,400	75,700	69,600	71,300
Germany	76,700	78,500	90,600	93,100
Italy	56,200	48,100	42,700	49,800
Spain	57,200	52,800	50,400	55,500
Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark	37,700	41,800	41,100	45,600
Other Europe ²	136,300	129,300	114,000	135,300
USA and Canada	176,800	201,400	176,200	201,300
Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania ²	28,800	33,100	26,900	34,300
Other Areas ²	42,600	45,000	46,600	50,700

¹ Country estimates are subject to high levels of sample variation and therefore should be interpreted with caution. See Background Notes.

² See Background Notes for countries included.

Table 6 Overseas Trips in each calendar quarter, 2008 - 2012

Period	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence				
				Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas	
2008	Quarter 1	3,304,700	1,762,500	1,542,200	849,500	480,200	155,900	56,700
	Quarter 2	4,210,200	2,050,800	2,159,400	1,023,200	729,000	312,100	95,200
	Quarter 3	4,900,700	2,428,300	2,472,400	1,148,900	839,900	357,200	126,400
	Quarter 4	3,300,800	1,635,800	1,665,000	850,900	561,200	179,400	73,500
2009	Quarter 1	2,941,900	1,539,800	1,402,200	722,400	488,700	142,200	48,800
	Quarter 2	3,801,500	1,899,600	1,901,900	858,500	658,200	305,000	80,300
	Quarter 3	4,314,400	2,137,100	2,177,300	956,100	757,600	356,400	107,300
	Quarter 4	2,918,900	1,472,900	1,446,100	720,100	477,800	176,800	71,500
2010	Quarter 1	2,523,900	1,439,200	1,084,800	526,600	366,500	137,300	54,200
	Quarter 2	3,214,500	1,673,100	1,541,400	701,700	500,500	264,000	75,200
	Quarter 3	4,133,800	2,137,200	1,996,600	852,600	700,900	332,800	110,200
	Quarter 4	2,736,800	1,322,500	1,414,300	657,600	477,300	201,400	78,100
2011	Quarter 1	2,445,200	1,266,400	1,178,800	550,700	407,800	154,700	65,600
	Quarter 2	3,558,000	1,753,000	1,805,000	760,700	647,500	303,800	92,900
	Quarter 3	4,114,100	1,962,400	2,151,700	911,600	763,200	352,400	124,600
	Quarter 4	2,680,700	1,311,000	1,369,700	655,200	464,700	176,200	73,600
2012	Quarter 1	2,399,900	1,234,800	1,165,100	562,400	392,800	144,700	65,200
	Quarter 2	3,544,700	1,727,500	1,817,300	735,200	672,400	305,700	104,000
	Quarter 3	4,099,900	2,003,200	2,096,700	830,200	776,800	365,200	124,500
	Quarter 4	2,798,400	1,360,400	1,438,000	646,400	505,400	201,300	85,000

Table 7 Overseas Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence, 2011 - 2012

Area of Residence ¹	2011	2012	2011				2012			
			Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Total Overseas Trips to Ireland	6,505,200	6,517,200	1,178,800	1,805,000	2,151,700	1,369,700	1,165,100	1,817,300	2,096,700	1,438,000
Great Britain	2,878,100	2,774,200	550,700	760,700	911,600	655,200	562,400	735,200	830,200	646,400
Belgium, Netherlands and Luxembourg	235,100	237,300	47,500	59,600	71,500	56,400	44,900	68,900	68,600	54,800
France	401,500	396,300	68,700	126,500	136,700	69,600	66,600	129,000	129,400	71,300
Germany	422,900	448,200	66,300	123,100	143,000	90,600	65,900	134,100	155,100	93,100
Italy	220,100	251,700	38,000	55,700	83,800	42,700	39,700	67,800	94,300	49,800
Spain	244,900	253,100	46,400	59,600	88,400	50,400	43,100	63,300	91,100	55,500
Norway, Sweden, Finland and Denmark	181,700	191,000	31,400	50,800	58,400	41,100	30,000	57,000	58,400	45,600
Other Europe ²	577,100	569,900	109,400	172,300	181,400	114,000	102,500	152,300	179,800	135,300
USA and Canada	987,100	1,016,900	154,700	303,800	352,400	176,200	144,700	305,700	365,200	201,300
o Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania ²	141,100	155,700	21,400	38,200	54,600	26,900	21,600	43,300	56,500	34,300
Other Areas ²	215,600	222,900	44,200	54,700	70,000	46,600	43,600	60,700	67,900	50,700

¹ Country estimates are subject to high levels of sample variation and therefore should be interpreted with caution. See Background Notes.

² See Background Notes for countries included.

Table 8 Overseas Trips in each calendar quarter - Seasonally Adjusted, 2008 - 2012

Period	All Trips	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Trips to Ireland	Trips to Ireland by Area of Residence				
				Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas	
2008	Quarter 1	4,092,300	2,071,700	1,990,100	995,800	637,100	263,300	84,500
	Quarter 2	3,989,400	1,945,700	2,038,400	1,013,300	662,400	261,300	90,800
	Quarter 3	3,854,200	1,943,900	1,894,200	930,000	634,300	245,500	90,200
	Quarter 4	3,798,700	1,940,800	1,923,700	924,500	682,600	236,500	83,700
2009	Quarter 1	3,800,100	1,855,300	1,891,600	895,400	663,600	240,900	72,500
	Quarter 2	3,506,700	1,769,000	1,741,900	818,400	590,300	256,200	75,300
	Quarter 3	3,378,100	1,708,100	1,670,300	783,400	573,600	245,600	76,900
	Quarter 4	3,362,300	1,736,300	1,673,500	776,600	574,100	235,000	82,300
2010	Quarter 1	3,235,600	1,721,700	1,430,700	647,700	511,000	232,500	78,500
	Quarter 2	2,975,500	1,562,000	1,429,300	672,000	447,100	213,600	70,000
	Quarter 3	3,228,200	1,702,800	1,540,300	700,300	522,700	230,200	79,900
	Quarter 4	3,147,600	1,548,400	1,620,300	703,500	574,500	262,600	90,000
2011	Quarter 1	3,230,900	1,567,600	1,594,700	681,800	568,700	260,300	95,400
	Quarter 2	3,233,900	1,608,300	1,640,200	728,000	571,300	254,100	87,600
	Quarter 3	3,203,800	1,562,500	1,658,400	750,100	577,700	243,300	90,400
	Quarter 4	3,119,700	1,542,900	1,583,900	705,100	560,700	232,000	84,600
2012	Quarter 1	3,172,300	1,514,900	1,577,500	698,500	551,500	239,600	94,000
	Quarter 2	3,210,300	1,595,700	1,653,900	703,300	592,600	255,200	99,300
	Quarter 3	3,199,100	1,596,600	1,617,500	680,500	582,100	255,100	90,700
	Quarter 3	3,264,400	1,602,600	1,661,900	695,100	612,300	263,200	97,500

Background Notes

Periodicity	Monthly - rolling three month release.
Scope	Overseas Travel.
Coverage	This release covers Overseas Travel into and out of the Republic of Ireland, however travel by residents of Northern Ireland into or out of the Republic of Ireland or domestic travel within the Republic of Ireland is excluded.
Data Collection	Data from the Country of Residence Survey (CRS) is used in this release. This survey is conducted at Dublin, Cork, Shannon, Knock, Galway and Kerry airports and Rosslare, Dun Laoghaire, Ringaskiddy and Dublin seaports. Residency data is collected from passengers by a Central Statistics Office (CSO) interviewer.
Sample Design	<p>A sample of flights and sailings is selected to facilitate proper representation of airport/seaport pairings, day, night, week day and weekend flights/sailings.</p> <p>On the selected flights/sailings for the CRS, a 1 in 5 (20%) systematic sample of passengers is selected and their country of residence is recorded.</p> <p>Sample results are grossed to total passenger numbers travelling for each airport or seaport pairing, as provided by the airports and ferry companies.</p> <p>Where there is no survey coverage in a period for an airport/seaport pairing, results are imputed using the 'nearest neighbour' imputation methodology.</p>
Sample Size	The sample size for the Overseas Travel release in respect of the three month period October - December 2012 was just under 89,800 passengers.
Seasonal Adjustment	<p>Seasonally adjusted quarterly data is available in Table 8. 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.</p> <p>Seasonal adjustment is conducted using the direct seasonal adjustment approach. Under this approach each individual series is independently adjusted each month, e.g. aggregate series are adjusted without reference to the component series. Seasonal adjustment models are developed for each series based on unadjusted data from January 2000 to the current period. These models are then applied to the entire series. Seasonal factors are updated each quarter.</p> <p>The adjustments are completed by applying the X-12-ARIMA model, developed by the U.S. Census Bureau to the unadjusted data. This methodology estimates seasonal factors while also taking into consideration factors that impact on the quality of the seasonal adjustment such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar effects, e.g. the timing of Easter (see definition (4) on page 10) • Outliers, temporary changes and level shifts in the series
Rounding	Individual figures have been rounded independently and the sum of the component items may therefore not necessarily add to the totals shown.

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 sampled. This means that the survey results are best estimates based on the information collected for the sample.

This variability is expressed by the standard error calculation. 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 Quarter 1 to Quarter 4 2012 calendar quarters are presented in the following tables

Overseas trips to Ireland by Area of Residence

Q1 2012	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Total trips	1,234,757	562,424	392,777	144,724	65,206
Standard error	4,070	2,850	2,763	1,825	1,313
Standard error as % of estimate	0.33	0.51	0.70	1.26	2.01

Overseas trips to Ireland by Area of Residence

Q2 2012	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Total trips	1,727,450	735,168	672,429	305,717	103,975
Standard error	5,138	3,464	3,703	2,616	1,745
Standard error as % of estimate	0.30	0.47	0.55	0.86	1.68

Overseas trips to Ireland by Area of Residence

Q3 2012	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Total trips	2,003,168	830,220	776,810	365,191	124,466
Standard error	5,858	3,962	4,320	2,939	2,014
Standard error as % of estimate	0.29	0.48	0.56	0.80	1.62

Overseas trips to Ireland by Area of Residence					
Q4 2012	Irish Residents' Trips Overseas	Great Britain	Other Europe	North America	Other Areas
Total trips	1,360,388	646,399	505,417	201,256	84,965
Standard error	4,746	3,268	3,302	2,232	1,606
Standard error as % of estimate	0.35	0.51	0.65	1.11	1.89

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 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 collected is correct, it is possible that some minor non-sampling errors remain undetected.

Airport Pairings

The CSO "Airport Pairings" database contains information on every direct flight in and out of the nine Irish airports on a monthly basis. December 2012 passenger figures will be added to the database from early March 2013. For details please go to <http://cso.ie/shorturl.aspx/15>

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 these surveys 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, trips may 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.
- (4) Timing of Easter** Easter falls each year on a Sunday between March 22nd and April 25th, inclusively. In 2012 Easter Sunday fell on April 8th, while in 2011 it fell on April 24th. Visitor numbers each year are greatly influenced by when Easter falls.

Dates for Easter Sunday

2012 - 8th April
 2011 - 24th April
 2010 - 4th April

Country Breakdowns**Other Europe
Tables 1-4, 6 and 8**

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	

Other countries included are:

Aland Islands	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Albania	Moldova, Republic of
Andorra	Monaco
Belarus	Montenegro
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Norway
Croatia	Russian Federation
Faroe Islands	San Marino
Gibraltar	Serbia
Guernsey	Switzerland
Iceland	Turkey
Isle of Man	Ukraine
Jersey	Vatican City
Liechtenstein	

**North America
Tables 1-4, 6 and 8**

North America includes the following countries:

Canada
United States

**Other Areas
Tables 1-4, 6 and 8**

Other Areas includes the following countries:

Africa (see page 13 for breakdown of countries)
Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania (see page 12 for breakdown of countries)
Central, South and Other Americas (see page 13 for breakdown of countries)
Eastern Asia, Middle East and Other Asia (see page 14 for breakdown of countries)

**Other Europe
Tables 5 and 7**

Other Europe includes the following countries:

Aland Islands	Latvia
Albania	Liechtenstein
Andorra	Lithuania
Austria	Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of
Belarus	Malta
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Moldova, Republic of
Bulgaria	Monaco
Croatia	Montenegro
Cyprus	Poland
Czech Republic	Portugal
Estonia	Romania
Faroe Islands	Russian Federation
Gibraltar	San Marino
Greece	Serbia
Guernsey	Slovakia
Hungary	Slovenia
Iceland	Switzerland
Isle of Man	Turkey
Jersey	Ukraine
	Vatican City

**Australia,
New Zealand and
Other Oceania
Tables 5 and 7**

Australia, New Zealand and Other Oceania includes the following countries:

American Samoa	New Zealand
Australia	Niue
Antarctica	Norfolk Island
Christmas Island	Northern Mariana Islands
Cocos (Keeling) Islands	Palau
Cook Islands	Papua New Guinea
Fiji	Pitcairn
French Polynesia	Samoa
French Southern Territories	Solomon Islands
Guam	South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands
Heard Island and McDonald Islands	Svalbard and Jan Mayen
Kiribati	Tokelau
Marshall Islands	Tonga
Micronesia, Federated States of	Tuvalu
Nauru	United States Minor Outlying Islands
New Caledonia	Vanuatu
	Wallis and Futuna

**Other Areas
Tables 5 and 7**

Other Areas includes the following group of countries:

**Central, South and
Other Americas**

Anguilla	Guatemala
Antigua and Barbuda	Guyana
Argentina	Haiti
Aruba	Honduras
Bahamas	Jamaica
Barbados	Martinique
Belize	Mexico
Bermuda	Montserrat
Bolivia	Nicaragua
Brazil	Panama
Cayman Islands	Paraguay
Chile	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

Africa

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

Eastern Asia	China Hong Kong Japan Korea, Republic of	Korea, Democratic People's Republic of Mongolia Taiwan, Province of China
Middle East	Afghanistan Bahrain Iran, Islamic Republic of Iraq Israel Jordan Kuwait Lebanon	Oman Palestinian Territory, Occupied Qatar Saudi Arabia Syrian Arab Republic United Arab Emirates Yemen
Other Asia	Armenia Azerbaijan Bangladesh Bhutan British Indian Ocean Territory Brunei Darussalam Cambodia Georgia India Indonesia Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Lao People's Democratic Republic Macao	Malaysia Maldives Myanmar Nepal Pakistan Philippines Singapore Sri Lanka Tajikistan Thailand Timor Leste Turkmenistan Uzbekistan Vietnam