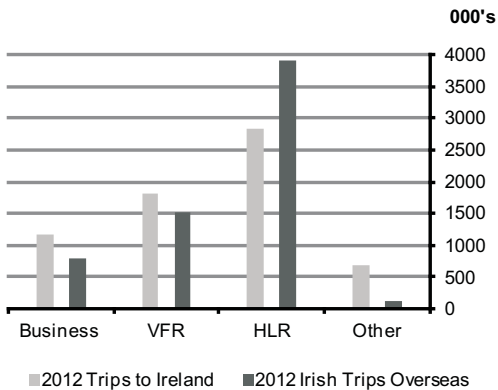




Number of trips by reason for journey - 2012



VFR : Visit to friends/relatives
HLR : Holiday/leisure/recreation

Tourism and Travel 2012

Reason for journey	Overseas trips to Ireland '000		Trips by Irish residents overseas '000	
	2011	2012	2011	2012
Business	1,098	1,182	698	794
Visits to Friends/Relatives	1,973	1,818	1,450	1,508
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	2,728	2,832	3,922	3,901
Other	705	685	222	123
Total	6,505	6,517	6,293	6,326

Overseas trips to Ireland increased by 0.2% in 2012

The main results for 2012 are as follows:

Overseas trips to Ireland:

- ◆ The number of overseas trips to Ireland by non residents increased from 6.505 million in 2011 to 6.517 million trips in 2012 (+0.2%). *See table 1.*
- ◆ The number of nights spent in Ireland by overseas travellers decreased by 4.7% in 2012, down from 50.3 million to 47.9 million. *See table 4.*
- ◆ Total tourism and travel earnings from overseas travellers to Ireland increased by 4.5% between 2011 and 2012, from €3,525 million to €3,683 million. *See table 7.*

Trips by Irish residents overseas:

- ◆ In 2012, the number of trips made by Irish residents overseas increased by 0.5%, from 6.293 million to 6.326 million trips. *See table 8.*
- ◆ Total tourism and travel expenditure by Irish residents overseas declined by 5.8%, from €4,762 million in 2011 to €4,487 million in 2012. *See table 10.*

This release contains the tourism and travel results for the years 2011 and 2012. Following a change in methodology, the data for 2011 has been revised. See background notes for further details of these changes.

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Overseas Travel to Ireland

In 2012, 6.517 million overseas trips were made to Ireland compared to 6.505 million trips in 2011, an increase of 0.2%. The number of overseas trips on cross channel routes decreased by 0.9%, falling from 3.579 million in 2011 to 3.546 million trips in 2012; while the number of trips on continental routes rose by 61,000 (+2.7%). The number of trips made by residents of Great Britain fell by 104,000 (-3.6%) in 2012. The largest percentage increase in the number of overseas trips to Ireland by reason for journey was in the category of business travel, which rose from 1.098 million trips to 1.182 million trips, an increase of 7.7%. The number of trips made for the purpose of visiting friends and relatives fell by 155,000 (-7.9%) to 1.818 million trips. Forty two percent of all overnight trips and 53% of all same day trips were made by residents of Great Britain. Almost one third of all overseas trips to Ireland occurred during the third quarter of 2012. (See tables 1, 2 and 3)

While the number of hotel bed nights occupied by overseas travellers to Ireland rose by 13%, from 12.6 million to 14.2 million, the total number of bed nights occupied in all accommodation types fell by 4.7% in 2012, decreasing from 50.3 million to 47.9 million bed nights. Residents of Great Britain occupied almost one million fewer bed nights in 2012. The number of bed nights spent by people travelling to visit friends and relatives fell by 1.5 million nights while those travelling for 'Other' reasons spent 924,000 less nights in Ireland during 2012. There was an increase in the number of bed nights spent by business travellers, which increased from 5.5 million to 5.9 million nights. The average length of stay by overseas travellers to Ireland fell marginally from 7.7 nights to 7.4 nights. (See tables 4, 5 and 6)

Total overseas tourism and travel earnings increased from €3,525 million in 2011 to €3,683 million in 2012. Excluding fares, expenditure increased by 0.6%, from €2,899 million to €2,916 million. Of this €2,916 million, 52% was spent by travellers for holiday/leisure/recreation purposes, 20% by those travelling to visit friends and relatives, 18% by business travellers and the remaining 10% by those travelling for 'Other' reasons. One third of total expenditure excluding fares was spent during the third quarter of 2012. Based on the area of residence of the overseas traveller, the most important markets in terms of expenditure (excluding fares) within Ireland were Great Britain (28%) and USA and Canada (25%). Of the €819 million spent by residents of Great Britain, 36% was spent on visits for holiday/leisure/recreation purposes, 33% on trips to visit friends and relatives and 26% on business trips. (See tables 7 and 7a)

Overseas Travel by Irish Residents

The total number of trips made by Irish residents overseas increased by 33,000 (+0.5%) in 2012, from 6.293 million to 6.326 million. The number of overseas business trips and trips to visit friends and relatives rose by 96,000 and 58,000 respectively, while holiday/leisure/recreation trips fell by 21,000 and trips for 'Other' reasons fell by 99,000. While the number of Irish overseas trips on cross channel routes fell by 66,000 (-2.5%), trips on continental routes rose by 98,000, from 3.299 million to 3.397 million (+3.0%). There was a marginal increase also in the number of Irish residents using transatlantic routes, which rose by 0.3% from 305,000 to 306,000 trips. The average length of stay by Irish residents on overseas trips fell from 8.4 nights to 8.3 nights. (See tables 8 and 9)

In 2012, the total expenditure (including fares) by Irish residents on overseas trips fell by 3.1% to €5,233 million. Expenditure on overseas holiday/leisure/recreation trips fell by 3.4% while expenditure on journeys for 'Other' purposes fell by 38%. When adjusted to exclude fares to Irish carriers, overseas tourism and travel expenditure by Irish residents declined by 5.8% from €4,762 million in 2011 to €4,487 million in 2012. (See table 10)

Tourism & Travel Earnings and Expenditure

Table 11 shows the estimated tourism and travel earnings and expenditure for 2011 and 2012. In 2012, earnings from trips to Ireland (inflow) rose by 4.5%, from €3,525 million to €3,683 million, while expenditure by Irish travellers overseas (outflow) fell by 5.8%, from €4,762 million to €4,487 million. As a result, the tourism and travel annual deficit decreased by 35%, from -€1,237 million to -€804 million.

Note: This release introduces a number of new breakdowns of key tourist markets and new tables which provide a more detailed breakdown of trips by non residents to Ireland.

Table 1 Overseas trips to Ireland by non-residents - number of overseas trips classified by mode of travel, type of trip, route of travel, area of residence and reason for journey, 2011¹ - 2012

Trips	'000					
	2011 ¹	2012	2012			
			Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
Total overseas trips to the Republic of Ireland	6,505	6,517	1,167	1,817	2,095	1,438
Trips by mode of travel						
Air	5,675	5,746	1,066	1,591	1,776	1,312
Sea	830	771	101	226	319	126
Trips by type						
Same-day trips	482	478	101	135	122	121
Overnight trips	6,023	6,039	1,066	1,682	1,973	1,317
Trips by route of travel						
Cross channel	3,579	3,546	689	967	1,104	786
Continental	2,278	2,339	396	663	774	505
Transatlantic	648	631	82	187	217	146
Trips by area of residence						
Great Britain	2,878	2,774	562	735	830	646
France	401	396	67	129	129	71
Germany	423	448	66	134	155	93
Italy	220	252	40	68	94	50
Other Europe	1,239	1,251	223	342	396	291
USA & Canada	987	1,017	145	306	365	201
Australia & New Zealand	141	155	21	43	56	34
All other areas	216	223	44	61	68	51
Trips by reason for journey						
Business	1,098	1,182	296	301	277	308
Visit to Friends/Relatives	1,973	1,818	392	465	517	444
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	2,728	2,832	371	863	1,075	523
Other	705	685	109	188	226	162

¹ Revised

Table 2 Overseas trips to Ireland by non-residents, with at least one overnight in Ireland - percentage distribution cross classified by area of residence and by reason for journey, 2011¹ - 2012

Trips	Reason for journey									
	Business		Visit to Friends/Relatives		Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation		Other		Total	
	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012
Total trips with at least one overnight in Ireland ('000s)	928	1,018	1,907	1,759	2,673	2,775	515	488	6,023	6,039
Area of residence (%)										
Great Britain	50	50	61	62	34	31	19	11	44	42
France	6	7	4	3	7	8	11	9	6	6
Germany	6	6	3	3	9	10	9	7	7	7
Italy	2	2	2	1	4	4	10	17	4	4
Other Europe	22	20	16	16	18	18	36	41	19	19
USA & Canada	9	10	9	8	22	22	10	12	15	15
All other areas (incl. Australia & New Zealand)	5	6	6	6	6	6	5	4	6	6
All residencies	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

¹ Revised

Table 3 Overseas same-day trips to Ireland by non-residents - percentage distribution cross classified by area of residence and by reason for journey, 2011¹ - 2012

Trips	Reason for journey									
	Business		Visit to Friends/Relatives		Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation		Other		Total	
	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012
Total same-day trips (i.e. no overnight in Ireland) ('000s)	170	165	66	60	55	57	190	197	482	478
Area of residence (%)										
Great Britain	83	82	56	60	47	43	26	31	53	53
Other Europe	13	15	30	24	24	22	31	31	23	24
All other areas	4	3	14	16	30	35	43	38	24	23
All residencies	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

¹ Revised

Table 4 Overseas trips to Ireland by non-residents, with at least one overnight in Ireland - number of bednights cross classified by type of accommodation used and by area of residence, 2011¹ - 2012

'000

Bednights	Area of Residence									
	Great Britain		Other Europe		USA & Canada		All Other Areas		Total	
	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012
Type of accommodation used										
Hotel	3,431	3,463	4,670	5,568	3,464	4,036	987	1,113	12,552	14,180
Guest House/B&B	763	607	2,267	2,165	854	988	286	313	4,169	4,074
Rented House/Apartment	1,337	1,132	4,900	3,104	1,269	976	988	836	8,494	6,048
Friends/Relatives	6,751	5,702	4,269	4,360	1,818	1,429	1,947	1,840	14,785	13,331
Other	1,565	1,965	6,704	6,294	1,297	1,260	757	792	10,324	10,311
Total	13,846	12,869	22,810	21,492	8,702	8,688	4,966	4,893	50,323	47,942

¹ Revised

Table 5 Overseas trips to Ireland by non-residents, with at least one overnight in Ireland - number of bednights cross classified by type of accommodation used and by reason for journey, 2011¹ - 2012

'000

Bednights	Reason for journey									
	Business		Visit to Friends/Relatives		Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation		Other		Total	
	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012
Type of accommodation used										
Hotel	2,575	3,099	1,175	1,180	8,259	9,190	543	711	12,552	14,180
Guest House/B&B	258	370	514	455	2,783	2,340	613	909	4,169	4,074
Rented House/Apartment	1,384	895	957	498	2,322	1,437	3,831	3,218	8,494	6,048
Friends/Relatives	572	729	11,176	9,736	2,330	2,067	706	798	14,785	13,331
Other	758	759	1,029	1,439	3,206	3,648	5,331	4,464	10,324	10,311
Total	5,548	5,853	14,851	13,308	18,899	18,682	11,024	10,100	50,323	47,942

¹ Revised

Table 6 All overseas trips to Ireland by non-residents - estimated average length of stay (nights) classified by area of residence and reason for journey, 2011¹ - 2012

Average length of stay	Nights					
	2011 ¹	2012	2012			
			Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
All overseas trips to Ireland	7.7	7.4	6.8	7.0	8.1	7.2
Trips by area of residence						
Great Britain	4.8	4.6	4.3	4.4	5.3	4.4
France	10.3	9.2	7.8	8.5	10.6	9.6
Germany	9.3	9.0	9.9	8.2	9.2	9.3
Italy	9.5	9.5	5.7	7.8	10.9	12.3
Other Europe	10.2	9.1	8.4	8.3	10.4	8.8
USA & Canada	8.8	8.5	8.0	8.6	8.4	9.1
Australia & New Zealand	11.7	11.6	16.2	11.6	10.8	10.0
All other areas	15.4	13.9	16.3	13.7	13.9	11.9
Trips by reason for journey						
Business	5.1	5.0	4.0	4.4	4.7	6.6
Visit to Friends/Relatives	7.5	7.3	8.1	7.0	7.8	6.4
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	6.9	6.6	5.2	6.4	7.6	5.8
Other	15.6	14.8	14.7	14.0	15.2	15.1

¹ Revised

Table 6a All overseas trips to Ireland by non-residents - estimated average length of stay cross classified by area of residence and by reason for journey, 2011¹ - 2012

Average length of stay	Reason for journey									
	Business		Visit to Friends/Relatives		Holiday/Leisure/Recreation		Other		Total	
	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012
Area of Residence										
Great Britain	2.6	2.9	5.7	5.5	5.1	4.8	4.5	5.0	4.8	4.6
France	8.9	7.5	7.2	7.4	8.3	7.6	21.5	21.4	10.3	9.2
Germany	7.1	5.6	9.6	7.3	8.0	7.9	17.0	24.2	9.3	9.0
Italy	9.0	10.4	10.1	10.7	6.4	5.4	15.5	14.4	9.5	9.5
Other Europe	8.3	7.3	9.1	8.9	7.4	6.7	19.8	16.1	10.2	9.1
USA & Canada	6.3	7.7	10.7	10.7	7.9	7.7	12.2	10.8	8.8	8.5
All other areas (incl. Australia & New Zealand)	10.2	8.2	16.1	16.6	9.2	8.8	35.3	36.6	13.9	12.9
Total	5.1	5.0	7.5	7.3	6.9	6.6	15.6	14.8	7.7	7.4

¹ Revised

Table 7 Expenditure by overseas travellers to Ireland classified by type of trip, area of residence, reason for journey and total overseas tourism and travel earnings, 2011¹ - 2012

Estimated expenditure	€ million					
	2011 ¹	2012	2012			
			Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
Total expenditure in Ireland (excluding fares) (1)	2,899	2,916	483	816	994	622
Fare receipts of Irish carriers from overseas travellers to Ireland (2)	626	767	103	186	295	183
Total overseas tourism and travel earnings (1) + (2)	3,525	3,683	586	1,002	1,289	805
Total expenditure in Ireland (excluding fares) by trip type						
Same-day trips	36	34	8	10	8	8
Overnight trips	2,864	2,882	475	807	986	614
Total expenditure in Ireland (excluding fares) by area of residence						
Great Britain	830	819	168	218	246	186
France	197	189	29	63	66	31
Germany	241	227	27	71	82	47
Italy	102	108	18	30	39	20
Other Europe	580	544	96	145	177	125
USA & Canada	679	742	97	210	287	148
Australia & New Zealand	117	133	18	36	49	30
All other areas	154	155	30	42	48	35
Total expenditure in Ireland (excluding fares) by reason for journey						
Business	478	529	126	136	124	144
Visit to Friends/Relatives	641	588	129	151	164	144
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	1,457	1,513	180	453	608	272
Other	324	287	48	77	98	64

¹ Revised

Table 7a Total expenditure in Ireland (excl fares) by overseas travellers cross classified by area of residence and by reason for journey, 2011¹ - 2012

€ million

Estimated expenditure	Reason for journey									
	Business		Visit to Friends/Relatives		Holiday/Leisure/ Recreation		Other		Total	
	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012	2011 ¹	2012
Area of Residence										
Great Britain	185	217	294	273	316	294	35	35	830	819
France	28	27	28	21	113	120	29	21	197	189
Germany	24	21	27	18	133	158	57	30	241	227
Italy	10	11	11	10	64	59	17	28	102	108
Other Europe	131	120	108	101	231	221	110	103	580	544
USA & Canada	64	91	95	85	472	519	48	47	679	742
All other areas (incl. Australia & New Zealand)	37	42	78	81	128	142	28	24	271	288
Total	478	529	641	588	1,457	1,513	324	287	2,899	2,916

¹ Revised

Table 8 Overseas trips by Irish residents - number of trips classified by mode of travel, type of trip, route of travel and reason for journey, 2011¹ - 2012

Trips	2011 ¹	2012	'000			
			2012			
			Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
Total overseas trips by Irish residents	6,293	6,326	1,235	1,727	2,003	1,360
Trips by mode of travel						
Air	5,779	5,839	1,167	1,586	1,811	1,275
Sea	514	487	67	142	193	85
Trips by type						
Same-day trips	148	147	29	38	42	38
Overnight trips	6,145	6,178	1,206	1,690	1,961	1,322
Trips by route of travel						
Cross channel	2,689	2,623	611	679	704	629
Continental	3,299	3,397	566	967	1,210	653
Transatlantic	305	306	57	81	89	78
Trips by reason for journey						
Business	698	794	190	198	182	225
Visit to Friends/Relatives	1,450	1,508	348	376	398	386
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	3,922	3,901	684	1,124	1,376	717
Other	222	123	13	30	47	34

¹ Revised

Table 9 All overseas trips by Irish residents - estimated average length of stay (nights) classified by route of travel and reason for journey, 2011¹ - 2012

Average length of stay	2011 ¹	2012	Nights			
			2012			
			Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
All overseas trips by Irish residents	8.4	8.3	7.5	7.3	10.5	6.9
Trips by route of travel						
Cross channel	7.0	6.7	6.2	5.6	9.2	5.6
Continental	9.5	9.2	8.8	8.3	11.0	7.8
Transatlantic	9.6	10.8	7.9	9.7	14.9	9.2
Trips by reason for journey						
Business	4.6	4.3	3.4	3.8	6.1	4.2
Visit to Friends/Relatives	7.4	7.4	8.0	6.3	9.1	6.2
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	9.3	9.2	8.2	7.9	11.5	7.9
Other	10.9	13.2	16.2	18.9	11.1	9.9

¹ Revised

Table 10 Overseas trips by Irish residents - estimated expenditure classified by reason for journey and total overseas tourism and travel expenditure, 2011¹ - 2012

	€ million					
Estimated expenditure	2011 ¹	2012	2012			
			Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
Total expenditure (including fares) (1)	5,399	5,233	969	1,273	1,928	1,062
Fare payments by Irish travellers abroad to Irish carriers (2)	637	746	110	179	283	175
Total overseas tourism and travel expenditure (1) - (2)	4,762	4,487	859	1,094	1,645	887
Total expenditure (including fares) by reason for journey						
Business	548	581	135	136	140	169
Visit to Friends/Relatives	808	819	193	180	255	191
Holiday/Leisure/Recreation	3,835	3,704	631	912	1,486	675
Other	208	129	9	46	48	27

¹ Revised

Table 11 Tourism and travel estimated earnings from overseas travellers to Ireland and expenditure by Irish travellers overseas, 2011¹ - 2012

	€ million					
Estimated earnings and expenditure	2011 ¹	2012	2012			
			Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec
Overseas tourism and travel earnings from trips to Ireland	3,525	3,683	586	1,002	1,289	805
Overseas tourism and travel expenditure by Irish travellers abroad	4,762	4,487	859	1,094	1,645	887
Tourism and travel balance	-1,237	-804	-274	-92	-356	-83

¹ Revised

Background Notes

Introduction	The data in this release gives details on the number of overseas trips to Ireland and Irish trips abroad. It provides data on country of residence, reason for journey, the average length of stay (nights) and expenditure of overseas travellers to Ireland and by Irish residents on trips abroad.
Ireland	For the purposes of this release, Ireland refers to the Republic of Ireland.
Data Sources	<p>The Central Statistics Office (CSO) carries out two sample surveys of passengers at airports and seaports. These are the <i>Country of Residence Survey</i> (CRS) and the <i>Passenger Card Inquiry</i> (PCI). Data from these surveys are used in conjunction with passenger movement figures supplied by the air and sea transport companies to provide the estimates for overseas tourism and travel in this release. The <i>Country of Residence Survey</i> is a continuous sample survey of passengers (both inward and outward) which provides an estimated country of residence breakdown for passengers entering and leaving Ireland. This distribution is applied to the total passenger movement figures to provide estimates of Irish trips abroad and trips to Ireland by non-residents. Trips to Ireland are categorised into the areas of residence shown in this release.</p> <p>The Passenger Card Inquiry is a continuous sample survey of incoming and departing passengers. This survey provides information on the reason for journey, length of stay, expenditure and fare costs, in addition to residency. The results are combined with the overall residency estimates from the Country of Residence Survey to provide the overseas tourism and travel details shown in this release.</p>
Periodicity	Annual
Scope	The length of stay, residency, reason for journey, accommodation type (inbound travellers only), expenditure and fare costs for overseas travel into and out of Ireland.
Coverage	<p>This release provides information on overseas travel into and out of Ireland. The results for overseas travel to Ireland are based on the travel and expenditure patterns of departing non-resident passengers while results for overseas travel by Irish residents are based on departing and incoming Irish passengers.</p> <p>Travel by residents of Northern Ireland into or out of Ireland or travel within Ireland by Irish residents is excluded from this publication.</p>
Data Collection	This release is based on the results of the Passenger Card Inquiry. The PCI surveys passengers at Dublin, Cork, Shannon, Knock and Kerry airports and at Rosslare, Ringaskiddy, Dún Laoghaire and Dublin seaports. Data on the country of residence, length of stay, reason for journey, expenditure and fare costs is collected from passengers who complete a questionnaire provided by one of a team of Central Statistics Office (CSO) interviewers.
Sample Design	<p>A sample of flights and sailings is selected to facilitate proper representation of airport/seaport pairings (e.g. Dublin-London Heathrow), day, night, weekday and weekend flights/sailings. The PCI card is then distributed by CSO interviewers to all passengers on these flights and sailings.</p> <p>Where expenditure or fare data is missing, results are imputed using the ‘nearest neighbour’ imputation methodology. In other words, these expenditures and fares are estimated using the average fares of other observations in the sample with similar characteristics.</p>
Sample Size	The effective sample size for the PCI in 2012 was 180,000 passengers.

Data Revision During 2012 the CSO conducted an extensive review of the methodology used to compile the results presented in this publication. The principal changes included a revision to the weighting and imputation methodology and an extended and more refined editing procedure.

A further revision of the grossing methodology used to compile this release was introduced for the 2012 data. As a result, the 2011 data is now revised, leading to a slight discontinuity in the series. The following table highlights the impact of this revision on the 2011 data.

Table A1 Comparison of principal data headings between original and revised data for 2011

	Original data	Revised data
Inbound		
Total trips	6,621,000	6,505,000
Total bednights consumed	50,879,000	50,323,000
Total expenditure (excluding international fares)	€2,954m	€2,899m
Outbound		
Total trips	6,383,000	6,293,000
Total expenditure (including international fares)	€5,472m	€5,399m

Definitions

Trip In this release, a trip is defined as a journey (usually including a return) from one place to another, for any purpose (i.e. both tourism and non tourism). The number of trips is calculated as the sum of both outward journeys and inward journeys divided by two.

Same Day Traveller A traveller is classified as a same day traveller if his/her trip does not include an overnight stay.

Transit/Transfer Passengers Transit passengers are defined as those who make a stop at an airport without any particular purpose other than being en route to another destination. These passengers generally do not disembark from their aircraft and are therefore not covered by the Passenger Card Inquiry.

Transfer passengers or 'connecting passengers' are also defined as those who make a stop at an airport without any particular purpose other than being en route to another destination. However, unlike transits, transfer passengers disembark the aircraft and pass through the airport en route to their connecting flight. Such passengers may be surveyed for the Passenger Card Inquiry and are thus included in the estimates for trips and expenditure.

Country of Residence Country of Residence is defined as the country in which the person has resided for 12 months prior to interview.

Total Expenditure Total expenditure refers to the amount paid for the acquisition or consumption of goods and services for one's own use or for use by others, for and during trips. It includes expenditure by travellers themselves, as well as expenses that are paid for or reimbursed by others. For example, expenses paid by another person (e.g. gift) or expenses paid directly by the employer for employees on business travel are included. Total expenditure does not include purchases of land, real estate or motor vehicles.

Overseas Tourism & Travel Earnings	Overseas tourism and travel earnings refers to the total expenditure by overseas travellers while in Ireland plus fares paid by them to Irish air and sea carriers.
Overseas Tourism & Travel Expenditure	Overseas tourism and travel expenditure refers to the total expenditure of Irish residents on overseas trips (including all fares) less fares paid by them to Irish air and sea carriers.
Tourism & Travel Balance	This refers to the difference between tourism and travel earnings from overseas trips to Ireland and tourism and travel expenditure on trips abroad by Irish residents.
Rounding	Individual figures have been rounded independently and the sum of component items therefore may not necessarily add to the totals shown.