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# Background to the Pilot National Travel Survey (NTS) 2009 

The Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) ${ }^{1}$ is a comprehensive nationwide survey of households designed to primarily produce quarterly labour force estimates. It also covers topics of specific social interest in additional modules each quarter. The module conducted in the fourth quarter of the 2009 QNHS was the pilot National Travel Survey (NTS), which was commissioned and part funded by the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.

It is internationally accepted that the most comprehensive method to collect data on transport modal splits ${ }^{2}$ is to have respondents complete a seven day travel diary. However, to reduce respondent burden and increase response rates, many countries have adopted an alternative of a 24 hour diary. This latter methodology was used for the collection of the NTS 2009 data. To ensure that data was collected for all seven days of the week, each person participating in the NTS was assigned a randomly selected 'travel reference day'. This 24 hour reference period commenced at 4 am on the nominated day and finished at 3.59 am the following morning.

The NTS surveyed one randomly selected person, aged 18 years and over, from each household across waves ${ }^{3}$ three and five of the QNHS sample. Prior to their travel reference day, each selected person was issued with a travel diary to record their travel details. After the travel reference day, these individuals were contacted by QNHS interviewers and either interviewed in person or by telephone to complete the survey questionnaire. Respondents used their 'travel diary' to aid recall of their travel details. In the event that the selected persons failed to record the required information in their travel diaries, details of their travel for the 24 hour period ending at 3.59 am on the day of the interview were collected instead.

The NTS is one of the most comprehensive household studies of travel patterns and transport demand ever to be conducted within the state. Information on access to and use of public transport, cars and other vehicles was collected from 7,245 households nationwide. Detailed information on travel was then collected from one randomly selected individual from each of these households. In total, $7,221^{4}$ adults provided information on travel. The information collected included the following:

- number of journeys made
- reason for making each journey
- mode(s) of transport used
- the time each journey commenced and ended
- the duration of each journey
- distance travelled

[^0]The NTS 2009 results are based on the information collected from a sample of individuals aged 18 and over ${ }^{5}$. Only travel within the island of Ireland, made by residents of the state, was included in the survey. While the NTS collected information on work related travel for most occupations, it excluded the business related travel of professional drivers (e.g. bus and taxi drivers) and other occupations where travel is integral to the role (e.g. postal delivery workers). It is important when interpreting the figures and comparing them to other data sources to note that the NTS journey purpose of 'work' includes both commuter and business travel.

All results on individual travel contained in this publication are grossed at the level of gender, age group and region to independently determined estimates of the population aged 18 and over for the fourth quarter of 2009. All household results are also grossed to independently determined estimates of the number of households at regional level for the same period.

As all estimates from sample surveys are subject to a margin of error, the 2006 Census of Population travel to work, school and college dataset (Place Of Work Census of Anonymised Records - POWCAR) should be used as the definitive source of data on travel to work, school and college. It is also worth noting that the results contained in this publication are based on travel patterns for a particular quarter, which may not be representative of the year as a whole. Therefore, particular care should be taken when interpreting the results, especially if extrapolating them to annualised results. For further guidelines on using the NTS data, please refer to Appendix A: Background Notes.

[^1]
## Chapter 2

## Key Findings

### 2.1 Personal travel

The average journey was 13 kilometres and took 24 minutes to complete.
Respondents travelled 2.4 journeys on average per day with little or no difference in the number of journeys made by urban and rural respondents.

The sampled population ${ }^{6}$ made an average of 17 journeys, travelled a distance of 221 kilometres and spent 403 minutes travelling per week.

Eighteen percent of respondents stated that they did not make any relevant journey ${ }^{7}$ on the travel reference day.
Rural respondents made fewer journeys but travelled further than urban respondents. The average journey made by rural respondents was $80 \%$ longer in distance than the average journey undertaken by urban respondents. Despite this, there was little or no difference in the average duration of journeys undertaken by urban and rural respondents.

Table 1: Average Weekly Travel Profile by Urban/Rural Residency

| Urban/Rural | Journeys | Distance | Travel Time |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | number | kilometres | minutes |
| Urban | 18 | 180 | 414 |
| Rural | 16 | 286 | 387 |
| State | 17 | 221 | 403 |

Table 2: Average Journey Profile by Urban/Rural Residency

| Urban/Rural | Distance | Duration |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | kilometres | minutes |
| Urban | 10 | 23 |
| Rural | 18 | 24 |
| State | 13 | 24 |

[^2]The two most common reasons for making a journey were work related ${ }^{8}$ ( $25 \%$ ), followed by shopping/food/drink (23\%). Visit Family/Friends \& Social/Entertainment accounted for a further 17\% of all journeys.

Figure 1: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Journey Purpose


| ■Work |
| :--- |
| Education |
| Shopping/Food/Drink |
| Versonal Business |
| Companion Journey to/from Education |
| Other Companion Journey |
| Other |

Private cars were the most frequently used method of travel, with $73 \%$ of all journeys made by private car, $64 \%$ by drivers and a further nine percent by passengers.

Four percent of all journeys were made by bus. There was a significant difference in the mode share of buses between urban and rural respondents at six percent and one percent respectively (See Table 17).

Figure 2: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Mode of Travel


| $■$ Private Car - Driver |
| :--- |
| $■$ Private Car - Passenger |
| $■$ Van/Lorry and Other |
| $■$ Walk |
| $■$ Bus |
| $\square$ Rail/Dart/Luas |
| $■$ Cycle |

The average journey made by drivers of private cars was 14 kilometres and took 23 minutes to complete.
Walking was the second most popular mode of travel, with $16 \%$ of all journeys made by walkers.
The average walk was two kilometres and took 17 minutes to complete.

[^3]Table 3: Average Journey Distance, Duration and Speed by Mode of Travel

| Mode | Distance | Duration | Speed |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | kilometres | minutes | kilometres per <br> hour |
| Private Car - Driver | 14 | 23 | 32 |
| Private Car - Passenger | 18 | 27 | 32 |
| Van/Lorry and Other | 22 | 28 | 39 |
| Walk | 2 | 17 | 7 |
| Bus | 14 | 43 | 18 |
| Rail/Dart/Luas | 26 | 51 | 25 |
| Cycle | 5 | 25 | 13 |
| All Modes | 13 | 24 | 27 |

People over 65 made fewer journeys, travelled shorter distances and spent less time travelling than people under 65. Compared to respondents aged less than 65 , people aged 65 to 74 made $22 \%$ less journeys ( 14 compared to 18). They also travelled $32 \%$ fewer kilometres and spent $25 \%$ less time travelling per week. Respondents aged 75 and over made even fewer journeys and travelled less than those aged 65 to 74.

Table 4: Average Weekly Travel Profile by Age Band

| Age Band | Journeys | Distance | Travel Time |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| years | number | kilometres | minutes |
| 18 to 64 | 18 | 237 | 426 |
| 65 to 74 | 14 | 161 | 320 |
| 75 and over | 10 | 86 | 211 |
| All Age Bands | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 1}$ | 403 |

People in employment drove more and had a lower proportion of journeys made by walkers and car passengers than people who were unemployed or who were not in the labour force (See Table 37). They also made more journeys, travelled further and spent longer travelling than the latter two categories of respondents.

Table 5: Average Weekly Travel Profile by ILO Status ${ }^{1}$

| ILO Status | Journeys | Distance | Travel Time |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | number | kilometres | minutes |
| Employed | 19 | 278 | 469 |
| Unemployed | 16 | 184 | 357 |
| Not in Labour Force | 15 | 144 | 314 |
| All Persons | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{4 0 3}$ |

[^4]Seventy percent of all journeys took less than 30 minutes to complete. Thirty nine percent of journeys took less than 15 minutes. Just eight percent of journeys lasted an hour or more.

Figure 3: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Duration

$=$ Less than 15 Minutes
$=15$ to 30 Minutes
$=30$ to 45 minutes
$=45-60$ Minutes
$=60$ Minutes and Over

The average work related journey was 18 kilometres, took 30 minutes to complete and had a speed ${ }^{9}$ of 32 kilometres $^{\prime}$ per hour.

The average journey for shopping/food/drink was eight kilometres, took 17 minutes to complete and had a speed of 24 kilometres per hour.

Table 6: Average Journey Distance, Duration and Speed by Journey Purpose

| Purpose | Distance | Duration | Speed |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | kilometres | minutes | kilometres <br> per hour |
| Work | 18 | 30 | 32 |
| Education | 16 | 36 | 25 |
| Shopping/Food/Drink | 8 | 17 | 24 |
| Personal Business | 12 | 20 | 28 |
| Visit Family/Friends \& Social/Entertainment | 17 | 26 | 30 |
| Companion Journey to/from Education | 5 | 13 | 22 |
| Other Companion Journey | 12 | 21 | 30 |
| Other | 14 | 32 | 24 |
| All Purposes | 13 | 24 | 27 |

Forty one percent of all journeys were less than four kilometres. In total, $59 \%{ }^{10}$ of all journeys were less than eight kilometres in length.

[^5]Figure 4: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Distance


> - Less than 2 Kms
> -2 to 4 Kms
> -4 to 6 Kms
> -6 to 8 Kms
> -8 Kms and Over

One third of all journeys made by drivers of private cars and $92 \%$ of journeys made by walkers were less than four kilometres. Just $47 \%$ of journeys made by car drivers and $51 \%$ of journeys made by car passengers were for a distance of eight kilometres or more.

Table 7 : Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Distance and Mode of Travel

| Distance (kilometres) | Mode |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Private Car Driver | Private Car Passenger | Van/Lorry <br> Driver and Other | Walk | Bus | Rail/Dart/ Luas | Cycle | All Modes |
| percentage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 2 | 14 | 12 | 8 | 71 | (5) | 0 | 25 | 22 |
| 2 to 4 | 19 | 19 | 15 | 21 | 17 | * 1 | 33 | 19 |
| 4 to 6 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 6 | 17 | * | $(19)^{2}$ | 11 |
| 6 to 8 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 2 | 10 | * | * | 6 |
| 8 and Over | 47 | 51 | 60 | (1) | 52 | 82 | (20) | 41 |
| All Distances | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

${ }^{1}$ Figures based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced by an "*"
${ }^{2}$ Figures in parentheses () indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between 30 and 50 ) and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.

During the rush hour periods of 8 am to 9 am and 5 pm to 6 pm , there was a difference of approximately $90 \%$ in the speed at which urban and rural respondents travelled. For the period 8 am to 9 am , urban respondents travelled at a speed of 20 kilometres per hour compared to 38 kilometres per hour for rural respondents. The corresponding speeds for the period 5 pm to 6 pm were 22 and 42 kilometres per hour respectively (See Table 31).

Respondents from the Dublin region travelled shorter distances in comparison to respondents from regions outside of Dublin. Dublin respondents travelled an average of 151 kilometres per week compared to an average of 248 kilometres per week for all other respondents (See Table 12).

Respondents living in the Dublin region reported a lower share of journeys by car drivers (54\%) and a higher share of journeys by walkers ( $21 \%$ ) compared to other respondents. Sixty eight percent of the journeys made by respondents from outside the Dublin region were made by private car drivers with a further $15 \%$ made by walkers.

Table 8: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Mode of Travel and Region

| Mode | Dublin | All Regions <br> excluding <br> Dublin | State |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Private Car - Driver | 54 | percentage |  |
| Private Car - Passenger | 7 | 68 | 64 |
| Van/Lorry and Other | 4 | 9 | 9 |
| Walk | 21 | 5 | 4 |
| Bus | 9 | 15 | 16 |
| Rail/Dart/Luas | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Cycle | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| All Modes | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | 1 | 1 |

### 2.2 Gender differences

The average journey undertaken by males was $36 \%$ longer than the average female journey at 15 and 11 kilometres respectively (See Table 19).

Men travelled an average of 71 kilometres more per week than women ( 257 kilometres versus 186 kilometres) and spent 62 minutes longer travelling each week than females ( 435 minutes compared to 373 minutes).

Table 9: Average Weekly Travel Profile by Gender

| Gender | Journeys | Distance | Travel Time |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | number | kilometres | minutes |
| Male | 17 | 257 | 435 |
| Female | 17 | 186 | 373 |
| All Persons | 17 | 221 | 403 |

The most frequently cited reason for male travel was work. For females, the most frequent reason for undertaking a journey was for shopping/food/drink (See Table 14).

A higher proportion of the journeys made by females were made as car passengers compared to males, at $12 \%$ and five percent respectively (See Table 15).

Seventy nine percent of male respondents stated that they either owned or had regular use of a vehicle compared to 70\% for females (See Table 42).

Eighty six percent of males held a driving licence compared to $73 \%$ for females (See Table 41). This trend is also reflected in the percentage holding a full car or motorcycle driving licence with $78 \%$ of males stating that they held one compared to $64 \%$ for females (See Figure 22).

### 2.3 Public transport

While $77 \%$ of respondent households stated that they had access to a local ${ }^{11}$ public transport service, there were considerable differences in the availability of public transport between urban and rural areas. Ninety five percent of urban households reported that they had access to a local public transport service compared to just 51\% for rural households (See Figure 16). There was also a very clear difference in the availability of a local public transport service between Dublin households and all other households. Ninety eight percent of households in the Dublin region reported having access to a local public transport service compared to just $69 \%$ for households outside the Dublin region (See Figure 18).

A local bus service was the most common form of local public transport available to households. Seventy one percent of households stated that they had a local bus service compared to $30 \%$ with a local mainline train service and $12 \%$ with a local Luas/Dart service (See Figure 17).

Twenty two percent of adults with a local public transport service use it at least once a week, $27 \%$ for urban respondents compared to seven percent for rural respondents. While overall, $42 \%$ of respondents with a local public transport service stated that they would never use it ${ }^{12}$, there was a considerable divergence between urban and rural respondents with $33 \%$ of the former compared to $68 \%$ of the latter stating that they would never use public transport.

Figure 5: Percentage Distribution of Respondents ${ }^{1}$ by Frequency of Use of Local Public Transport and Urban/Rural Residency

${ }^{1}$ Refers only to Respondents With Access to a Local Public Transport Service

Forty percent of respondents in the Dublin region with a local public transport service use public transport at least weekly with a further $21 \%$ using it at least monthly (See Table 40).

### 2.4 Vehicle ownership and usage ${ }^{13}$

Seventy five percent of respondents stated that they either owned or had regular use of some kind of vehicle (excluding vehicles from company car pools). The lowest concentration of vehicle ownership/regular use was amongst respondents aged 75 and over at just $41 \%$, followed by the 18 to 24 age group at $52 \%$.

[^6]Figure 6: Percentage of Respondents who Own/Have Regular Use of a Vehicle by Age Band


Of the people who owned or had regular use of a vehicle and who were in employment, $83 \%$ used the vehicle to drive to work ${ }^{14}$. This figure was significantly lower for respondents from the Dublin region, where just $77 \%$ of respondents who were employed and who owned or had regular use of a vehicle stated that they used the vehicle to drive to work compared to $85 \%$ for similar respondents living outside the Dublin region (See Figure 25).

Seventy percent of adults who used a vehicle to travel to work and who responded to the question stated that they usually parked their vehicles during working hours in either a private car park or in their employer's car park. Sixteen percent stated that they parked in a non-payment area during working hours while a further $13 \%$ parked in a public car park or used metered on street parking (See Table 44).

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## Chapter 3

## Weekly Travel Patterns

Both males and females made an average of 17 journeys per week.
Table 10 below shows that on average, respondents spent 403 minutes travelling 221 kilometres per week.

Urban respondents made more journeys per week than rural respondents at 18 and 16 respectively. Despite making fewer journeys, rural respondents travelled an average of 106 kilometres more per week than respondents from urban areas ( 286 kilometres versus 180 kilometres respectively).

Men travelled further than women ( 257 kilometres compared to 186 kilometres) and spent just over an hour longer travelling each week ( 435 minutes compared to 373 minutes).

Table 10: Average Weekly Travel Profile by Urban/Rural Residency and Gender

| Residency and Gender |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Urban/Rural | Gender | Journeys | Travel Time | Distance |
|  |  | number | minutes | kilometres |
|  |  | 17 | 451 | 217 |
| Urban | Male | 18 | 380 | 146 |
|  | Female | 18 | 414 | 180 |
| Rural | All Persons | 16 | 412 | 314 |
|  | Male | 17 | 359 | 255 |
| State | Female | 16 | 387 | 286 |
|  | All Persons | 17 | 435 | 257 |
|  | Male | 17 | 373 | 186 |
|  | Female | $\mathbf{1 7}$ | 403 | 221 |

Respondents aged 35 to 44 made an average of 20 journeys, travelled 277 kilometres and spent 459 minutes travelling per week. Respondents aged 65 and over made the least number of journeys ( 12 per week) and spent 273 minutes travelling 128 kilometres per week.

Table 11: Average Weekly Travel Profile by Age Band

| Age Band <br> (years) | Journeys | Travel Time | Distance |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | number | minutes | kilometres |
| 18 to 24 | 16 | 406 | 192 |
| 25 to 34 | 18 | 428 | 235 |
| 35 to 44 | 20 | 459 | 277 |
| 45 to 54 | 19 | 448 | 254 |
| 55 to 64 | 16 | 366 | 203 |
| 65 and over | 12 | 273 | 128 |
| All Age Bands | 17 | 403 | 221 |

Respondents living outside the Dublin region travelled 64\% further each week than Dublin respondents but spent $13 \%$ less time travelling. Dublin respondents travelled an average of 151 kilometres and spent 446 minutes travelling per week. Respondents living outside the Dublin region spent an average of 387 minutes travelling 248 kilometres per week.

Table 12: Average Weekly Travel Profile by Region and Gender

| Region | Gender | Journeys | Travel Time | Distance |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | number | minutes | kilometres |
| All Regions Excluding Dublin | Male | 17 | 416 | 284 |
|  | Female | 17 | 358 | 213 |
| Dublin | All Persons | 17 | 387 | 248 |
|  | Male | 17 | 485 | 183 |
|  | Female | 18 | 410 | 120 |
| State | All Persons | 18 | 446 | 151 |
|  | Male | 17 | 435 | 257 |
|  | Female | 17 | 373 | 186 |

## Chapter 4

## Why People Travel

Work related travel accounted for $25 \%$ of all journeys, representing $30 \%$ for males and $21 \%$ for females. Shopping/food/drink accounted for a further $23 \%$ of journeys, representing $25 \%$ for females compared to $21 \%$ for males.

Figure 7: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Journey Purpose and Gender


Thirty one percent of all work related journeys were made by people aged 25 to 34 . Respondents in the 18 to 24 age group accounted for just nine percent of all work related journeys.

Visiting family/friends and social/entertainment accounted for $17 \%$ of all journeys for both males and females, with people in the 25 to 34 age group making $25 \%$ of these journey types.

While overall just three percent of journeys were for the purpose of education, $80 \%$ of these journeys were made by respondents aged 18 to 34 , with those aged 18 to 24 making $62 \%$ of them.

Companion journeys to/from educational facilities constituted nine percent of all journeys, with $42 \%$ of these journeys made by respondents aged 35 to 44 . These journeys represented $13 \%$ of all female journeys compared to five percent of male journeys.

Table 13: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Age Band and Journey Purpose

| Age Band (years) | Journey Purpose |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Work | Education | Shopping/ Food/ Drink | Personal Business | Visit Family/ Friends \& Social/ Entertainment | Companion Journey to/from Education | Other Companion Journey | Other | All <br> Purposes |
|  | percentage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 to 24 | 9 | 62 | 9 | (6) | 18 | (4) | * | 11 | 11 |
| 25 to 34 | 31 | 18 | 20 | 13 | 25 | 30 | 22 | 19 | 24 |
| 35 to 44 | 25 | (9) ${ }^{1}$ | 19 | 19 | 18 | 42 | 26 | 22 | 23 |
| 45 to 54 | 22 | (8) | 18 | 20 | 16 | 20 | 24 | 19 | 19 |
| 55 to 64 | 11 | * 2 | 17 | 19 | 12 | 3 | 10 | 12 | 12 |
| 65 and over | 3 | * | 17 | 23 | 12 | * | 10 | 17 | 11 |
| All Age Bands | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

${ }^{1}$ Figures in parentheses ( ) indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between 30 and 50 ) and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.
${ }^{2}$ Figures based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced by an "*"

Table 14: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Journey Purpose, Urban/Rural Residency and Gender

| Purpose | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | State |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Male | Female | All Persons | Male | Female | All Persons | Male | Female | All Persons |
|  | percentage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Work | 30 | 21 | 25 | 30 | 21 | 25 | 30 | 21 | 25 |
| Education | 4 | 3 | 3 | (2) ${ }^{1}$ | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Shopping/Food/Drink | 21 | 25 | 23 | 23 | 25 | 24 | 21 | 25 | 23 |
| Personal Business | 9 | 8 | 8 | 12 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 9 |
| Visit Family/Friends \& Social/Entertainment | 17 | 18 | 18 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| Companion Journey to/from Education | 5 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 14 | 9 | 5 | 13 | 9 |
| Other Companion Journey | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Other | 11 | 9 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| All Purposes | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

[^8]
## Chapter 5

## How People Travel ${ }^{15}$

Sixty four percent of all reported journeys were made by drivers of private cars with a further nine percent made by private car passengers.

Walking was the second most common mode of travel, with $16 \%$ of all journeys made by walkers.
While there was no statistically significant difference in the reported percentage of male and female journeys made by car drivers, travelling as a car passenger accounted for $12 \%$ of female journeys compared to five percent for male journeys.

Table 15: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Mode of Travel and Gender

| and Gender |  | Male | Female |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mode | All Persons |  |  |
|  | percentage |  |  |
| Private Car - Driver | 65 | 63 | 64 |
| Private Car - Passenger | 5 | 12 | 9 |
| Van/Lorry and Other | 8 | 1 | 4 |
| Walk | 15 | 17 | 16 |
| Bus | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| Rail/Dart/Luas | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Cycle | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| All Modes | 100 | 100 | 100 |

The highest share for walking was in the age cohorts 18 to 24 and 65 and over, who made $26 \%$ and $23 \%$ respectively of their journeys by walking.

Forty percent of the journeys made by people aged 18 to 24 were undertaken by private car drivers compared to $74 \%$ of the journeys made by people aged 35 to 54 .

Seventeen percent of the journeys made by both the 18 to 24 and the 65 and over age groups were undertaken as car passengers compared to five percent for respondents in the 35 to 44 age cohort.

While four percent of all journeys were made by bus, the highest proportion of bus journeys were made by respondents aged 18 to 24 , who made $11 \%$ of their journeys by bus.

[^9]Table 16: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Mode of Travel and Age Band

| Mode | Age Band (Years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 18 to 24 | 25 to 34 | 35 to 44 | 45 to 54 | 55 to 64 | 65 and over | All Age Bands |
|  | percentage |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Private Car - Driver | 40 | 63 | 74 | 74 | 65 | 51 | 64 |
| Private Car - Passenger | 17 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 9 | 17 | 9 |
| Van/Lorry and Other | * 1 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Walk | 26 | 16 | 12 | 12 | 17 | 23 | 16 |
| Bus | 11 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Rail/Dart/Luas | * | 2 | (1) | (1) | * | * | 1 |
| Cycle | * | $(1)^{2}$ | (1) | (1) | (2) | * | 1 |
| All Modes | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

${ }^{1}$ Figures based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced by an "*"
${ }^{2}$ Figures in parentheses ( ) indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between 30 and 50 ) and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.

Seventy five percent of the journeys undertaken by rural residents were made by private car drivers compared to $57 \%$ for journeys made by urban residents.

The share of journeys made by walkers was significantly different between urban and rural areas. Twenty two percent of the journeys made by urban respondents were made by walkers compared to seven percent for rural respondents.

There was also a notable urban/rural divide in the mode share of bus journeys. Just one percent of the journeys undertaken by rural respondents were made by bus compared to six percent for journeys made by urban respondents.

Table 17: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Mode of Travel and Urban/Rural Residency

| Mode | Urban | Rural | State |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | percentage |  |  |
| Private Car - Driver | 57 | 75 | 64 |
| Private Car - Passenger | 8 | 11 | 9 |
| Van/Lorry and Other | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| Walk | 22 | 7 | 16 |
| Bus | 6 | 1 | 4 |
| Rail/Dart/Luas | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Cycle | 1 | (1) ${ }^{1}$ | 1 |
| All Modes | 100 | 100 | 100 |

[^10]Respondents from the Dublin region had a significantly lower proportion of journeys made by car. Fifty four percent of the journeys made by respondents from the Dublin region were made by car drivers compared to $68 \%$ for all other regions. Dublin also had a significantly higher proportion of journeys made by walkers. Twenty one percent of the journeys reported by Dublin respondents were made by walkers compared to $15 \%$ for respondents from all other regions.

Table 18: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Mode of Travel and Region

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mode | All Regions <br> Excluding Dublin | Dublin | State |
|  |  | percentage |  |
| Private Car - Driver | 68 | 54 | 64 |
| Private Car - Passenger | 9 | 7 | 9 |
| Van/Lorry and Other | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Walk | 15 | 21 | 16 |
| Bus | 2 | 9 | 4 |
| Rail/Dart/Luas | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Cycle | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| All Modes | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

## Chapter 6

## Distance Travelled

The average distance travelled per journey was 13 kilometres.
On average, journeys undertaken by males were $36 \%$ longer than those undertaken by females - 15 kilometres for males versus 11 kilometres for females.

Journeys undertaken by rural respondents were 80\% longer on average than those of urban respondents at 18 and 10 kilometres respectively.

Females resident in urban areas made the shortest journeys, with an average of eight kilometres per journey. Males living in rural areas made the longest journeys, with an average of almost 20 kilometres per journey.

Figure 8: Average Journey Distance by Gender and Urban/Rural Residency


The average length of a journey made by respondents from the Dublin region was just $60 \%$ of the average for the rest of the country, at 9 kilometres and 15 kilometres respectively. The male:female comparison was 11:7 kilometres on average for Dublin respondents and 17:12 kilometres on average for respondents from all regions excluding Dublin.

Table 19: Average Journey Distance by Region and Gender

| Region | Male | Female | All Persons |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | kilometres |  |  |
| All Regions Excluding Dublin | 17 | 12 | 15 |
| Dublin | 11 | 7 | 9 |
| State | 15 | 11 | 13 |

The shortest journeys were made to accompany others to an educational facility ${ }^{16}$, which had an average distance of five kilometres. Journeys made as companions for other reasons had an average distance of 12 kilometres.

The average length of work related journeys was 18 kilometres while journeys for shopping/food/drink were 10 kilometres shorter.

Table 20: Average Journey Distance by Journey Purpose

|  |  |
| :--- | :---: |
| Purpose | Distance |
|  | kilometres |
| Work | 18 |
| Education | 16 |
| Shopping/Food/Drink | 8 |
| Personal Business | 12 |
| Visit Family/Friends \& Social/Entertainment | 17 |
| Companion Journey to/from Education | 5 |
| Other Companion Journey | 12 |
| Other | 14 |
| All Purposes | 13 |

The shortest journeys were made by walkers, which averaged just two kilometres.
The average length of journeys made by car passengers was 18 kilometres compared to 5 kilometres for journeys made by cyclists.

[^11]Table 21: Average Journey Distance by Mode of Travel

| Mode | Distance |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | kilometres |
| Private Car - Driver | 14 |
| Private Car - Passenger | 18 |
| Van/Lorry and Other | 22 |
| Walk | 2 |
| Bus | 14 |
| Rail/Dart/Luas | 26 |
| Cycle | 5 |
| All Modes | 13 |

## Chapter 7

## Duration of Journeys

The average journey took 24 minutes to complete. While rural residents' journeys were, on average, $80 \%$ longer in distance (see Figure 8), there was no significant difference in the average duration of journeys between urban and rural residents at 23 and 24 minutes respectively.

Reflecting the longer average distances travelled by them (see Figure 8), male journeys took an average of $24 \%$ longer to complete than female journeys - 26 minutes compared to 21 minutes for females.

Figure 9: Average Journey Duration by Gender and Urban/Rural Residency


Journeys made by car drivers took an average of 23 minutes to complete while those made by car passengers took 27 minutes. There was a significant difference in the speed of journeys made by car drivers from the Dublin region compared to other regions. The hourly rate of travel for journeys made by car drivers from the Dublin region was 42\% slower at 21 kilometres per hour compared to 36 kilometres per hour for all other regions.

The journeys with the longest duration were those made by Rail/Dart/Luas, followed by bus journeys, which averaged 51 and 43 minutes respectively.

The average walk lasted 17 minutes and was travelled at a speed of seven kilometres per hour.

Table 22: Average Journey Duration by Mode of Travel

| Mode | Duration |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | minutes |
| Private Car - Driver | 23 |
| Private Car - Passenger | 27 |
| Van/Lorry and Other | 28 |
| Walk | 17 |
| Bus | 43 |
| RaillDartlLuas | 51 |
| Cycle | 25 |
| All Modes | 24 |

Table 23: Average Journey Speed by Mode of Travel and Region

|  | Region |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mode | All Regions <br> Excluding Dublin | Dublin | State |
| Private Car - Driver | kilometres per hour |  |  |
| Private Car - Passenger | 36 | 21 | 32 |
| Van/Lorry and Other | 36 | 22 | 32 |
| Walk | 43 | 26 | 39 |
| Bus | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Rail/Dart/Luas | 27 | 13 | 18 |
| Cycle | 35 | 22 | 25 |
| All Modes | 13 | 13 | 13 |

There was a significant difference in the speed at which urban and rural respondents travelled in motorised vehicles. Journeys by car drivers were $54 \%$ faster for rural respondents compared to urban respondents. Similarly, bus journeys made by rural respondents were $138 \%$ faster than bus journeys made by urban respondents.

Table 24: Average Journey Speed by Mode of Travel and Urban/Rural Residency

| Mode | Urban/Rural |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | State |
|  | kilometres per hour |  |  |
| Private Car - Driver | 26 | 40 | 32 |
| Private Car - Passenger | 25 | 42 | 32 |
| Van/Lorry and Other | 33 | 45 | 39 |
| Walk | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Bus | 16 | 38 | 18 |
| Rail/Dart/Luas | 24 | * 1 | 25 |
| Cycle | 13 | $(14)^{2}$ | 13 |
| All Modes | 21 | 38 | 27 |

${ }^{1}$ Figures based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced by an "*"
${ }^{2}$ Figures in parentheses () indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between
30 and 50 ) and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.

Thirty nine percent of all journeys took less than 15 minutes to complete while a further $31 \%$ took between 15 and 30 minutes. Just eight percent of all journeys lasted an hour or longer.

Table 25 Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Duration, Urban/Rural Residency and Gender

| Duration (minutes) | Urban/Rural |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban |  |  | Rural |  |  | State |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | All <br> Persons | Male | Female | All Persons | Male | Female | All Persons |
|  | percentage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 15 | 34 | 43 | 39 | 37 | 41 | 39 | 35 | 42 | 39 |
| 15 to 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 32 | 31 | 30 | 31 | 31 |
| 30 to 45 | 19 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 17 |
| 45-60 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 |
| 60 and Over | 10 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 8 |
| All Durations | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

The shortest journeys were those made as companion journeys to/from educational facilities, which averaged 13 minutes. It is worth noting that at five kilometres (see Table 20), this category of journey was the shortest.

Table 26 Average Journey Duration by Journey Purpose

| Purpose | Duration |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | minutes |
| Work | 30 |
| Education | 36 |
| Shopping/Food/Drink | 17 |
| Personal Business | 20 |
| Visit Family/Friends \& Social/Entertainment | 26 |
| Companion Journey to/from Education | 13 |
| Other Companion Journey | 21 |
| Other | 32 |
| All Purposes | $\mathbf{2 4}$ |

Despite the fact that the average distance travelled per journey by residents of the Dublin region was just 60\% of that for residents of other regions (see Table 19), the average duration of a journey made by residents of the Dublin region was just marginally longer than it was for the rest of the country at 25 and 23 minutes respectively.

Table 27: Average Journey Duration by Region and Gender

|  | Male | Female | All Persons |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Region |  | minutes |  |
|  | 25 | 21 | 23 |
| All Regions Excluding Dublin | 29 | 22 | 25 |
| Dublin | 26 | 21 | 24 |
| State |  |  |  |

## Chapter 8

## When \& How Fast People Travel

Just $15 \%$ of all journeys commenced during the 12 hour period 8 pm to 8 am compared to a peak of nine percent during the 8 am to 9 am rush hour.

Table 28: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Start Time and Urban/Rural Residency

| Start Time | Urban/Rural |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | State |
|  | percentage |  |  |
| 00:00-05:59 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 06:00-06:59 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 07:00-07:59 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 08:00-08:59 | 9 | 8 | 9 |
| 09:00-09:59 | 6 | 8 | 7 |
| 10:00-10:59 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| 11:00-11:59 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| 12:00-12:59 | 7 | 8 | 7 |
| 13:00-13:59 | 8 | 7 | 8 |
| 14:00-14:59 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| 15:00-15:59 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 16:00-16:59 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 17:00-17:59 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| 18:00-18:59 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| 19:00-19:59 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 20:00-23:59 | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| All Times | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Twenty one percent of all journeys made by private car drivers commenced during the three hour period 7 am to 10 am while $11 \%$ of all walks commenced during the lunch time period of 1 pm to 2 pm .

Table 29: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Start Time and Mode of Travel

| Start Time | Mode |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Private Car Driver | Private Car Passenger | Walk | All Modes |
|  | percentage |  |  |  |
| 00:00-05:59 | 2 | (3) | 3 | 2 |
| 06:00-06:59 | 1 | * 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 07:00-07:59 | 4 | $(2)^{2}$ | (2) | 4 |
| 08:00-08:59 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 8 |
| 09:00-09:59 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 10:00-10:59 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 6 |
| 11:00-11:59 | 6 | 7 | 9 | 7 |
| 12:00-12:59 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 8 |
| 13:00-13:59 | 7 | 8 | 11 | 8 |
| 14:00-14:59 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| 15:00-15:59 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| 16:00-16:59 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| 17:00-17:59 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 8 |
| 18:00-18:59 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| 19:00-19:59 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 5 |
| 20:00-23:59 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 9 |
| All Times | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

[^12]The longest journeys commenced between 6 am and 7 am, were 37 kilometres long and took 48 minutes to complete. The distance travelled fell to 22 kilometres for journeys commenced during the period 7 am to 8 am, falling further to 13 kilometres with a travel time of 25 minutes for journeys commenced between 8 am and 9 am .

Table 30: Average Journey Profile by Start Time and Mode of Travel

| Start Time | Mode |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Private Car Driver |  | Private Car Passenger |  | All Modes Excluding Private Car |  | All Modes |  |
|  | Distance | Duration | Distance | Duration | Distance | Duration | Distance | Duration |
|  | kilometres | minutes | kilometres | minutes | kilometres | minutes | kilometres | minutes |
| 00:00-05:59 | 24 | 29 | (22) ${ }^{1}$ | (27) | 12 | 21 | 19 | 26 |
| 06:00-06:59 | 37 | 45 | * ${ }^{1}$ | * | (39) | (60) | 37 | 48 |
| 07:00-07:59 | 23 | 34 | (38) | (55) | 16 | 39 | 22 | 37 |
| 08:00-08:59 | 13 | 24 | 16 | 29 | 11 | 26 | 13 | 25 |
| 09:00-09:59 | 12 | 20 | 14 | 22 | 6 | 21 | 11 | 20 |
| 10:00-10:59 | 13 | 20 | 19 | 33 | 5 | 21 | 11 | 21 |
| 11:00-11:59 | 11 | 19 | 15 | 23 | 7 | 24 | 10 | 21 |
| 12:00-12:59 | 13 | 21 | 18 | 25 | 7 | 23 | 12 | 22 |
| 13:00-13:59 | 11 | 19 | 14 | 21 | 5 | 20 | 9 | 20 |
| 14:00-14:59 | 12 | 20 | 18 | 28 | 5 | 22 | 11 | 21 |
| 15:00-15:59 | 14 | 22 | 20 | 30 | 6 | 26 | 12 | 24 |
| 16:00-16:59 | 15 | 24 | 23 | 33 | 13 | 31 | 15 | 27 |
| 17:00-17:59 | 18 | 28 | 25 | 32 | 10 | 30 | 16 | 29 |
| 18:00-18:59 | 16 | 26 | 15 | 24 | 11 | 28 | 15 | 26 |
| 19:00-19:59 | 12 | 19 | 14 | 22 | 5 | 21 | 10 | 20 |
| 20:00-23:59 | 12 | 19 | 10 | 19 | 6 | 19 | 10 | 19 |
| All Times | 14 | 23 | 18 | 27 | 8 | 25 | 13 | 24 |

[^13]Table 31: Average Journey Speed by Start Time and Urban/Rural Residency

| Start Time | Urban/Rural |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Urban | Rural | State |
|  | kilometres per hour |  |  |
| 00:00-05:59 | 28 | 43 | 33 |
| 06:00-06:59 | 33 | 51 | 40 |
| 07:00-07:59 | 26 | 48 | 34 |
| 08:00-08:59 | 20 | 38 | 26 |
| 09:00-09:59 | 20 | 35 | 27 |
| 10:00-10:59 | 19 | 34 | 25 |
| 11:00-11:59 | 19 | 36 | 26 |
| 12:00-12:59 | 20 | 37 | 27 |
| 13:00-13:59 | 19 | 33 | 24 |
| 14:00-14:59 | 21 | 36 | 26 |
| 15:00-15:59 | 22 | 38 | 28 |
| 16:00-16:59 | 22 | 39 | 28 |
| 17:00-17:59 | 22 | 42 | 29 |
| 18:00-18:59 | 24 | 39 | 30 |
| 19:00-19:59 | 22 | 38 | 28 |
| 20:00-23:59 | 22 | 38 | 28 |
| All Times | 21 | 38 | 27 |

## Chapter 9

## Variations in Travel by Distance

Fifty nine percent ${ }^{17}$ of all journeys (see Figure 4) were less than eight kilometres (five miles), $68 \%$ for journeys reported by urban respondents compared to $43 \%$ for rural respondents.

Figure 10: Percentage Distribution of Urban Journeys by
Distance


| - Less than 2 Kms |
| :--- |
| -2 to 4 Kms |
| -4 to 6 Kms |
| -6 to 8 Kms |
| -8 Kms and Over |

Figure 11: Percentage Distribution of Rural Journeys by Distance


[^14]Females had a higher proportion of short journeys than males. Sixty four percent of journeys made by females were less than eight kilometres compared to $54 \%$ for males.

Figure 12: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Distance and Gender


At a regional level, respondents living in the Dublin region reported a higher proportion of short journeys of less than eight kilometres (69\%) compared to the other regions (55\%).

Table 32: Percentage Distribution of Journeys
by Distance and Region

|  | Region |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Distance <br> (kilometres) | All Regions <br> Excluding Dublin | Dublin |  |
|  |  | State |  |


|  | percentage |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less than 2 | 22 | 23 | 22 |
| 2 to 4 | 17 | 23 | 19 |
| 4 to 6 | 10 | 15 | 11 |
| 6 to 8 | 6 | 8 | 6 |
| 8 and Over | 45 | 31 | 41 |
| All Distances | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

Fifty one percent of journeys under two kilometres and a further $18 \%$ of journeys between two and four kilometres were made by walkers. The corresponding figures for car drivers were $40 \%$ and $64 \%$ respectively.

Table 33 Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Mode of Travel and Distance

| Mode | Distance (Kilometres) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Less than 2 | 2 to 4 | 4 to 6 | 6 to 8 | 8 and Over | All Distances |
|  | percentage |  |  |  |  |  |
| Private Car - Driver | 40 | 64 | 71 | 71 | 74 | 64 |
| Private Car - Passenger | 5 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 9 |
| Van/Lorry \& Other | 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 4 |
| Walk | 51 | 18 | 8 | 4 | (0) | 16 |
| Bus | (1) ${ }^{1}$ | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| Rail \& Dart/Luas | 0 | 0 | * 2 | * | 3 | 1 |
| Cycle | 1 | 2 | (2) | 0 | (1) | 1 |
| All Modes | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

${ }^{1}$ Figures in parentheses () indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between 30 and 50 ) and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.
${ }^{2}$ Figures based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced by an "*"

In total, $52 \%$ of all journeys were less than six kilometres. Thirty five percent of work related journeys, $64 \%$ of journeys for shopping/food/drink and $80 \%$ of companion journeys to/from educational facilities were all under six kilometres.

Table 34: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Distance and Journey Purpose

| Distance (kilometres) | Purpose |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Work | Education | Shopping/ Food/Drink | Personal Business | Visit Family/Friends \& Social/ Entertainment | Companion Journey to/from Education | Other Companion Journey | Other | All <br> Purposes |
| percentage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 2 | 11 | 16 | 31 | 26 | 22 | 36 | 18 | 20 | 22 |
| 2 to 4 | 13 | $(11)^{1}$ | 22 | 21 | 17 | 29 | 23 | 22 | 19 |
| 4 to 6 | 11 | (9) | 11 | 10 | 10 | 15 | 11 | 14 | 11 |
| 6 to 8 | 6 | * 2 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 6 |
| 8 and Over | 59 | 58 | 30 | 36 | 44 | 15 | 39 | 38 | 41 |
| All Distances | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

[^15]Thirty seven percent of all journeys of eight kilometres or more were work related journeys with a further 17\% undertaken for the purpose of shopping/food/drink.

Table 35: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Journey Purpose and Distance

| Purpose | Distance (kilometres) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Less than 2 | 2 to 4 | 4 to 6 | 6 to 8 | 8 and Over | All <br> Distances |
|  | percentage |  |  |  |  |  |
| Work | 13 | 17 | 23 | 24 | 37 | 25 |
| Education | 2 | (2) ${ }^{1}$ | (2) | *2 | 4 | 3 |
| Shopping/Food/Drink | 32 | 27 | 23 | 22 | 17 | 23 |
| Personal Business | 10 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 9 |
| Visit Family/Friends \& Social/Entertainment | 17 | 15 | 15 | 19 | 18 | 17 |
| Companion Journey to/from Education | 14 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 9 |
| Other Companion Journey | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Other | 8 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| All Purposes | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

${ }^{1}$ Figures in parentheses () indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between 30 and 50 ) and
are therefore subject to a large margin of error.
${ }^{2}$ Figures based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced by an "*"

## Chapter 10

## Travel by ILO Status

On average, employed people made more journeys compared to people who were unemployed or not in the labour force. Respondents in employment made an average of 19 journeys per week compared to 16 and 15 journeys per week respectively for unemployed respondents and respondents who were not in the labour force. Respondents in employment also had a lower proportion of journeys less than eight kilometres compared to respondents who were unemployed or those who were not in the labour force. Fifty three percent ${ }^{19}$ of journeys made by employed respondents were less than eight kilometres in length compared to $66 \%$ and over for unemployed respondents and respondents who were not in the labour force.

Figure 13: Average Weekly Number of Journeys by ILO Status


[^16]Table 36: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Distance and ILO Status

|  | ILO Status |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Distance <br> (kilometres) | Employed | UnemployedNot in Labour <br> Force | All Persons |  |
|  |  | percentage |  |  |
| Less than 2 | 18 | 28 | 29 | 22 |
| 2 to 4 | 17 | 22 | 22 | 19 |
| 4 to 6 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 11 |
| 6 to 8 | 6 | $(4)^{1}$ | 6 | 6 |
| 8 and Over | 47 | 34 | 31 | 41 |
| All Distances | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

${ }^{1}$ Figures in parentheses () indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between 30 and 50 ) and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.

In addition to reporting that they made more journeys per week (see Figure 13), people in employment also travelled further and for longer each week when compared to unemployed respondents or respondents who were not in the labour force. Employed respondents spent an average of 469 minutes per week travelling 278 kilometres compared to 357 minutes travelling 184 kilometres for unemployed respondents and 314 minutes travelling 144 kilometres for respondents who were not in the labour force.

Figure 14: Average Weekly Distance Travelled by ILO Status


Figure 15: Average Weekly Travel Time by ILO Status


Employed respondents reported the highest share of journeys by private car drivers (71\%) compared to people who were unemployed or not in the labour force ( $54 \%$ and $53 \%$ respectively). People in employment also had a significantly smaller proportion of journeys made by walking and as car passengers. Just 11\% of journeys made by people in employment were made by walking compared to $25 \%$ and $24 \%$ respectively for unemployed respondents and respondents who were not in the labour force. Six percent of the journeys made by people in employment were made as car passengers compared to $10 \%$ and $13 \%$ respectively for respondents who were unemployed and those who were not in the labour force.

Table 37: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Mode of Travel and ILO Status

|  | ILO Status |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mode | Employed | UnemployedNot in Labour <br> Force | All Persons |  |
| Private Car - Driver |  | percentage |  |  |
| Private Car - Passenger | 71 | 54 | 53 | 64 |
| Van/Lorry and Other | 6 | 10 | 13 | 9 |
| Walk | 6 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| Bus | 11 | 25 | 24 | 16 |
| Rail/Dart/Luas | 3 | $* 1$ | $(1)^{2}$ | 4 |
| Cycle | 2 | $*$ | 1 | 1 |
| All Modes | 1 | $*$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | 1 |

${ }^{1}$ Figures based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced by an '*'
${ }^{2}$ Figures in parentheses () indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between 30 and 50 ) and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.

Forty two percent of the journeys made by employed respondents were work related and a further $18 \%$ were for shopping/food/drink. Just $14 \%$ of their journeys were to visit family/friends \& social/entertainment compared to $24 \%$ and $20 \%$ respectively for unemployed respondents and respondents who were not in the labour force. There is also a clear difference in the proportion of journeys made as companion journeys to/from educational facilities for people in employment compared to unemployed respondents or those that were not in the labour force. Just six percent of the journeys made by employed respondents were companion journeys to/from educational facilities compared to $15 \%$ and $13 \%$ respectively for unemployed respondents and respondents who were not in the labour force.

Table 38: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Journey Purpose and ILO Status

|  | ILO Status |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Purpose | Employed | Unemployed | Not in Labour <br> Force | All Persons |
|  |  | percentage |  |  |
| Work | 42 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| Education | 1 | $* 1$ | 6 | 3 |
| Shopping/Food/Drink | 18 | 29 | 32 | 23 |
| Personal Business | 7 | 13 | 12 | 9 |
| Visit Family/Friends \& Social/Entertainment | 14 | 24 | 20 | 17 |
| Companion Journey to/from Education | 6 | 15 | 13 | 9 |
| Other Companion Journey | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Other | 7 | 11 | 13 | 10 |
| All Purposes | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

${ }^{1}$ Figures based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced by an "*"

People in employment had a lower share of journeys of less than 30 minutes duration compared to people who were unemployed or not in the labour force. Sixty six percent of the journeys made by employed respondents took less than 30 minutes to complete compared to $73 \%$ and $74 \%$ respectively for unemployed respondents and those who were not in the labour force.

Table 39: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Duration and ILO Status

|  | ILO Status |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Duration <br> (minutes) | Employed | Unemployed | Not in Labour | All Persons |
|  |  |  | Force |  |


|  | percentage |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Less than 15 | 36 | 42 | 43 | 39 |
| 15 to 30 | 30 | 31 | 31 | 31 |
| 30 to 45 | 18 | 16 | 15 | 17 |
| $45-60$ | 6 | $(4)^{1}$ | 4 | 5 |
| 60 and Over | 9 | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| All Durations | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

TFigures in parentheses ( ) indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample
(between 30 and 50 ) and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.

## Chapter 11

## Public Transport, Vehicle Ownership/ Usage \& Driving Licences

### 11.1 Availability and use of local public transport

Seventy seven percent of households reported that they had access to a local public transport service with $95 \%$ of urban households having such a service compared to $51 \%$ for rural households.

Figure 16: Percentage of Households with a Local Public Transport Service by Urban/Rural Residency


The most common form of public transport available to households was a local bus service, with $71 \%$ of households reporting that they had access to such a service. There was a significant difference in access to local public transport services between urban and rural respondents across all types of public transport.

Figure 17: Percentage of Households with a Local Public Transport Service by Urban/Rural Residency and Type of Local Public Transport Service


Ninety eight percent of Dublin households reported having access to local public transport compared to 69\% for households from outside the Dublin region.

Figure 18: Percentage of Households with a Local Public Transport Service by Region


Twenty six percent of respondents with a local Dart or Luas service use it at least once a week compared to 20\% for respondents with a local bus service using it at least weekly. Just four percent of respondents with a local mainline train service use it at least weekly.

Respondents with a local Dart/Luas service are less likely to never ${ }^{20}$ use it compared with respondents with a local bus or mainline train service. Eighty one percent of respondents with a local Dart/Luas service stated that they would use the service at least once a year compared to $50 \%$ for respondents with a local mainline train service availing of their local service at least once a year and $49 \%$ for respondents with a local bus service.

[^17]Figure 19: Percentage Distribution of Respondents ${ }^{1}$ by Type of Local Public Transport Service and Frequency of Use of Service

${ }^{1}$ Refers only to respondents with access to a local public transport service

There is a notable difference in the use of public transport between urban and rural respondents. Sixty eight percent of rural respondents with a local public transport service stated that they would never use public transport compared to just $33 \%$ for urban respondents.

Figure 20: Percentage Distribution of Respondents by Frequency of Use of Local Public Transport and Urban/Rural Residency ${ }^{1}$

${ }^{1}$ Only refers to respondents with access to a local public transport service

Forty percent of respondents from the Dublin region with a local public transport service use public transport at least weekly with a further $21 \%$ using it at least monthly.

At the same time, $18 \%$ of Dublin respondents with a local public transport service stated that they would never or almost never use the service compared to $54 \%$ for respondents from all regions excluding Dublin.

Table 40: Percentage Distribution of Respondents ${ }^{1}$ by Frequency of Use of Local Public Transport and Region

|  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Frequency | All Regions Excluding <br> Dublin | Dublin | State |
|  |  | percentage |  |
| At Least Once a Week | 12 | 40 | 22 |
| At Least Monthly but not Weekly | 10 | 21 | 14 |
| At Least Yearly but not Monthly | 23 | 21 | $\mathbf{2 3}$ |
| Never or Less than Yearly | 54 | 18 | 42 |
| All Frequencies | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ |

${ }^{1}$ Refers only to respondents who have a local public transport service

### 11.2 Driving licences

Seventy nine percent of respondents stated that they held some type of driving licence. A higher proportion of males reported that they held a driving licence than females at $86 \%$ and $73 \%$ respectively.

Table 41: Percentage of Respondents with a Driving Licence by Gender and Urban/Rural Residency

| by Gender and Urban/Rural Residency |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gender | Urban/Rural |  |  |
|  | Urban | Rural | State |
| Male | 82 | percentage |  |
| Female | 69 | 92 | 86 |
| All Persons | 75 | 80 | 73 |

Seventy eight percent of males held a full car or motorcycle driving licence compared to $64 \%$ of females.
A smaller proportion of respondents living in the Dublin region (76\%) were driving licence holders compared to respondents from the other regions (81\%).

Figure 21: Percentage of Respondents with a Driving Licence by Region


The age group with the lowest proportion of respondents holding a full car and/or motorcycle driving licence(s) was the 18 to 24 age group, followed by the 65 and over age group. Just $43 \%$ of respondents aged 18 to 24 and $56 \%$ of respondents aged 65 and over held a full car and/or motorcycle driving licence(s).

Figure 22: Percentage of Respondents with a Full Car or Motorcycle Driving Licence by Age Band and Gender


### 11.3 Vehicle ownership, usage and parking

Seventy five percent of respondents stated that they either owned or had regular use of a vehicle (excluding cars from company car pools). A higher proportion of rural respondents owned or had regular access to a vehicle compared to urban respondents, at $83 \%$ and $69 \%$ respectively. Males were also more likely to have owned/had regular use of a vehicle than females, with $79 \%$ of male respondents compared to $70 \%$ of female respondents reporting that they either owned or had regular use of a vehicle.

Table 42: Percentage of Respondents who Own/Have Regular Use of a Vehicle by Urban/Rural Residency and Gender

|  | Gender |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Urban/Rural | Male | Female | All Persons |
|  |  | percentage |  |
| Urban | 73 | 65 | 69 |
| Rural | 88 | 79 | 83 |
| State | 79 | 70 | 75 |

Just $52 \%$ of respondents aged 18 to 24 either owned or had regular access to a vehicle compared to $87 \%$ for respondents aged 35 to 44 .

Figure 23: Percentage of Respondents who Own/Have Regular Use of a Vehicle by Age Band and Gender


Dublin respondents were less likely to own/have regular use of a vehicle than respondents living outside the Dublin region. Seventy percent of Dublin respondents stated that they either owned or had regular use of a vehicle compared to $77 \%$ for all other respondents.

Figure 24: Percentage of Respondents who Own/Have Regular Use of a Vehicle by Region and Gender


Of those who stated that they either owned or had regular use of a vehicle, $90 \%$ parked the vehicle in the driveway or garage of a private house and a further eight percent parked on a public road when the vehicle was not in use.

Table 43: Percentage Distribution of Respondents ${ }^{1}$ by Parking Place when Vehicle is not in Use

Parking Place When Vehicle is Not in Use

|  | percentage |
| :--- | :---: |
| Driveway/garage of private house | 90 |
| Public road | 8 |
| Public or Private car park | 2 |

[^18]Eighty three percent of employed respondents who either owned or had regular use of a vehicle stated that they used the vehicle to drive to work. Seventy seven percent of Dublin respondents who were employed and either owned or had regular use of a vehicle stated that they used the vehicle to drive to work compared to $85 \%$ for respondents living outside the Dublin region.

Figure 25: Percentage of Respondents ${ }^{1}$ in Employment who Use their Vehicle to Drive to Work by Region

${ }^{1}$ Only refers to respondents who own or have regular use of a vehicle

People aged 65 and over who were employed and either owned or had regular use of a vehicle were less likely to use the vehicle to drive to work when compared with other age groups. Sixty one percent of respondents aged 65 and over who were in employment and had access to a vehicle used the vehicle to drive to work compared to $82 \%$ and over for the other age groups.

Figure 26: Percentage of Respondents ${ }^{1}$ in Employment who Use their Vehicle to Drive to Work by Age Band

${ }^{1}$ Only refers to respondents who own or have regular use of a vehicle

When using the vehicle to drive to work, $70 \%$ of respondents stated that they parked in a private car park or used their employer's car park, $16 \%$ parked in a non payment area and a further $13 \%$ parked in a public car park or used metered on street parking.

Table 44: Percentage Distribution of Respondents ${ }^{1}$ by Place of Parking During Work Hours

|  | Public Car Park or <br> Metered on street <br> Parking | Private or <br> Company <br> Car Park | Non <br> Payment <br> Area | Other/ Not <br> Stated | All Parking <br> Areas |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Percentage | 13 | 70 | percentage |  |  |

[^19]
## Chapter 12

## Travel and Age

Respondents aged 65 and over displayed a significantly different travel pattern to those aged 18 to 64. Respondents aged 65 and over made fewer journeys, travelled shorter distances and spent less time travelling. People aged 18 to 64 made an average of 18 journeys a week, travelled 237 kilometres and spent 426 minutes travelling. For those aged 65 to 74 , the average number of journeys fell to 14 per week and it took them 320 minutes to travel an average of 161 kilometres per week. Looking at the corresponding data for respondents aged 75 and over, the average number of journeys, distance travelled and travel time per week were 10 journeys, 86 kilometres and 211 minutes respectively.

Figure 27: Average Weekly Number of Journeys by Age Band and Gender


Figure 28: Average Weekly Distance Travelled by Age Band and Gender


Figure 29: Average Weekly Travel Time by Age Band and Gender


Looking at the various modes of travel used by respondents, the private car was the most common method of travel for all age groups. For the under 65's, journeys by private car accounted for $73 \%$ of all journeys, $65 \%$ by drivers and eight percent by passengers. The lowest share of journeys by drivers and the highest share of journeys by passengers were in the age cohort 75 and over, with just $42 \%$ of the journeys made by this age group made by car drivers and a further $22 \%$ by car passengers. There was also a notable difference between respondents aged under 65 and those aged 65 and over in the mode share for walking. Sixteen percent of journeys made by respondents aged 18 to 64 were made by walking compared to $21 \%$ and $26 \%$ respectively for respondents aged 65 to 74 and those aged 75 and over.

Respondents aged 18 to 64 had the lowest proportion of short journeys when compared with people aged 65 to 74 and 75 and over. Twenty two percent of the journeys reported by respondents aged 18 to 64 were less than two kilometres. The corresponding figure for people in the age cohort 65 to 74 was $26 \%$. Respondents aged 75 and over reported the highest share of short journeys with $34 \%$ of their journeys covering a distance of less than two kilometres.

Respondents aged 18 to 64 had the highest proportion of long journeys (eight kilometres and over), at 42\% compared to $35 \%$ and $27 \%$ for the 65 to 74 and the 75 and over age groups respectively.

Table 45: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Mode of Travel, Age Band and Gender

| Mode | Age Band (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 18 to 64 |  |  | 65 to 74 |  |  | 75 and over |  |  | All Age Bands |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | All <br> Persons | Male | Female | All <br> Persons | Male | Female | All <br> Persons | Male | Female | All <br> Persons |
| percentage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Private Car Driver | 65 | 66 | 65 | 69 | 44 | 57 | 54 | 31 | 42 | 65 | 63 | 64 |
| Private Car Passenger | 5 | 10 | 8 | (3) | 26 | 14 | 13 | 31 | 22 | 5 | 12 | 9 |
| Van/Lorry \& Other | 8 | 1 | 5 | * 2 | * | (2) | * | * | * | 8 | 1 | 4 |
| Walk | 15 | 16 | 16 | 19 | 24 | 21 | 24 | 28 | 26 | 15 | 17 | 16 |
| Bus | 3 | 4 | 4 | * | (4) | 3 | * | 9 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 4 |
| Rail/Dart/Luas | 2 | 1 | 1 | * | * | * | * | * | * | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Cycle | 2 | $(1)^{1}$ | 1 | * | * | * | * | 0 | * | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| All Modes | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

${ }^{1}$ Figures in parentheses () indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between 30 and 50 ) and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.
${ }^{2}$ Figures based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced by an "*"

Table 46: Percentage Distribution of Journeys by Distance, Age Band and Gender

| Distance (kilometres) | Age Band (years) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 18 to 64 |  |  | 65 to 74 |  |  | 75 and over |  |  | All Age Bands |  |  |
|  | Male | Female | All Persons | Male | Female | All Persons | Male | Female | All Persons | Male | Female | All Persons |
| percentage |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Less than 2 | 18 | 25 | 22 | 24 | 27 | 26 | 31 | 36 | 34 | 19 | 26 | 22 |
| 2 to 4 | 18 | 20 | 19 | 20 | 26 | 23 | 24 | 18 | 21 | 18 | 20 | 19 |
| 4 to 6 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 11 |
| 6 to 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | * 1 | $(5)^{2}$ | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| 8 and Over | 48 | 36 | 42 | 39 | 30 | 35 | 27 | 28 | 27 | 46 | 36 | 41 |
| All Distances | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

${ }^{1}$ Figures based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced by an "*"
${ }^{2}$ Figures in parentheses () indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between 30 and 50 ) and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.

Ownership or regular use of a vehicle differs considerably for respondents aged 65 and over compared to those aged less than 65. Seventy eight percent of respondents in the 18 to 64 age cohort reported that they either owned or had regular use of a vehicle. This fell to $68 \%$ for respondents aged 65 to 74 , falling sharply to $41 \%$ for those aged 75 and over. This trend is also reflected in the percentage of respondents with a driving licence. Eighty three percent of respondents aged 18 to 64 stated that they held a driving licence. Seventy four percent of this age cohort held either a full car or motorcycle driving licence. For the age group 65 to $74,69 \%$ were driving licence holders. This figure fell to $45 \%$ for respondents aged 75 and over.

Figure 30: Percentage of Respondents who Own/Have Regular Use of a Vehicle by Age Band and Gender


Figure 31: Percentage of Respondents with a Driving Licence by Age Band and Gender


Figure 32: Percentage of Respondents with a Full Car or Motorcycle Driving Licence by Age Band and Gender


## Appendix A

## Background Notes

## Guide to using the NTS results

Care should be taken when interpreting the NTS 2009 results or when comparing them with the POWCAR and other data sources. When comparing the NTS to POWCAR data, it should be noted that the NTS journey purpose of 'work' includes both commuter and business travel while the POWCAR data includes commuter travel only; the NTS collected travel data for a specific day while the Census collected travel data for the 'usual' journey to work, school or college. Similarly, when examining issues such as the mode share for travel to school/education, it is important to note that the NTS doesn't accurately reflect the mode share for the whole student population as the NTS only sampled persons aged 18 and over.

Data from other jurisdictions indicates that there can be significant seasonal variations in travel patterns. The NTS travel reference days covered the period October 2009 to January $2010^{21}$, spanning the Christmas and New Year holiday period when travel patterns may be atypical. This period also encompasses the shortest days and some of the coldest and wettest weather of the year. It is worth noting that Met Éireann's records for this period showed rainfall totals for November 2009 'were the highest on record at most stations, including the long-term stations at Malin Head and Valentia Observatory, where records extend back over 100 years ${ }^{\prime 22}$. There were also heavy snowfalls in early January 2010, leading to school closures and traffic disruption. Such extreme weather conditions invariably affect travel patterns.

## Reference period

The 2009 pilot National Travel Survey constituted a module in the $4^{\text {th }}$ quarter of the 2009 Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) ${ }^{23}$. The travel reference days, i.e. the days for which travel data was collected, covered the period October 2009 to mid January 2010. Figure A1 shows the distribution of the travel reference days over this period by month while Figures A2 and A3 shows the dispersal of the travel reference days by the day of the week and whether the respondent travelled or not on that day.

[^20]Figure A1: Percentage Distribution of Travel Reference Days by Month


Figure A2: Percentage Distribution of Travel Reference Days by Day of Week for Respondents who Travelled


| -Monday |
| :---: |
| -Tuesday |
| - Wednesday |
| - Thursday |
| - Friday |
| - Saturday |
| - Sunday |

Figure A3: Percentage Distribution of Travel Reference Days by Day of Week for Respondents who did not Travel



## Key definitions

Population: Refers to adults, aged 18 and over, resident in the Republic of Ireland.
Travel: Is restricted to travel within the island of Ireland (i.e. includes travel within Northern Ireland).
Journey: A journey is defined as a one-way course of travel with a single main purpose. For example, a person travelling from home to the shop and back has made two journeys, the first journey is from home to the shop and the second journey is from the shop to home.

Journey purpose: The purpose of a journey is governed by what action was taken at the end of the journey. However, for homeward bound journeys, the purpose is governed by what action was taken at the end of the corresponding outward journey (e.g. the purpose of a journey from the shops to home is 'shopping').

Return Journeys from work to home and home to work at lunch time were, where necessary, reclassified to a purpose of 'shopping/food/drink'.

Main mode of travel: Journeys may consist of more than one mode of travel and each mode of travel is recorded as a separate stage within the journey. The main mode of travel is determined by the mode of travel used for the greatest distance where there is more than one mode of travel used on a journey. In the event of there being more than one main mode of travel (i.e. when two or more modes are of equal distance), then the main mode of travel is determined by the mode of travel used for the earliest stage of the journey.

Mode of travel 'Other': Within this category, the category 'Other' includes air, boat/ship and other modes of transport. It also includes journeys by car, motorcycle and van/lorries where these weren't identified as either driver or passenger journeys.

Commuter travel: Refers to travel to and from work.
The duration of a journey and weekly travel times: These are calculated as the sum of time spent on each stage of the journey and not the difference between the start and end time of a journey.

## Data collection

The NTS data was collected on laptop computers using Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI).

## Symbols and conventions

All figures are rounded to the nearest whole digit. This may lead to a discrepancy between the sum of the constituent values and the totals shown in the tables and figures.

Conversion rate of miles to kilometres: 1 kilometre $=0.6213$ mile ( 1 mile $=1.6095$ kilometres $)$.
The following symbols have been used throughout the report:

* = Small sample size. Results based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced with an asterisk.
( ) = Figures in parentheses indicates that results are based on a small unweighted sample of between 30 and 50 and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.


## Sample design

A three-stage sample design was used to generate the NTS sample. The three sampling stages were as follows:

## Stage1:

A total of 2,600 blocks (or small areas) were selected at county level to proportionally represent eight strata reflecting population density. Each block was selected to contain, on average, 75 dwellings and this sample of blocks is fixed for a period of about five years.

Stage 2:
Approximately 15 households were surveyed from each block of wave three and wave five households (i.e. 757 blocks) for the NTS survey sample ${ }^{24}$.

## Stage 3:

From each of these 15 households, one individual, aged 18 or over, was randomly selected to participate in the NTS module and assigned a randomly selected 'travel reference' day.

From this original sample of 11,353 households and individuals, a total of 7,245 respondent households and 7,221 respondent individuals formed the basis of the results in this publication ${ }^{25}$.

The NTS survey results were aggregated to agree with population estimates stratified by age, gender and region.
For detailed information on both sample design and weighting for the QNHS, which covers the first two stages of the NTS sample design, see the CSO website (www.cso.ie).

## Grossing

The QNHS grossing procedure aligns the distribution of persons covered in the survey with independently determined population estimates at the level of sex, age group and region. Given that the NTS questions were asked to a sub-sample (persons aged 18 and over) of the overall QNHS sample, the grossing factors applied in the derivation of the NTS module differs from those that were used in the preparation of the main QNHS estimates.

## Respondents to the survey

Only direct respondents were included in the NTS survey (i.e. no third party responses were permitted for the NTS module).

## ILO Labour Force Classification

The primary classification used for the QNHS results is the ILO (International Labour Office) labour force classification. The ILO classification distinguishes three distinct categories as follows:

1. In Employment: Persons who worked in the week before the main QNHS survey for one hour or more for payment or profit, including work on the family farm or business and all persons who had a job but were not at work because of illness, holidays etc.
2. Unemployed: Persons who, in the week before the survey, were without work and available for work within the next two weeks, and had taken specific steps, in the preceding four weeks, to find work.
3. Inactive Population (not in labour force): All other persons.

The labour force comprises persons employed plus unemployed (i.e. categories 1 and 2 above).
Statistical significance: All estimates based on sample surveys are subject to error, some of which is measurable. Where an estimate is statistically significantly different from another estimate it means that we can be 95\% confident that differences between those two estimates are not due to sampling error. Unless otherwise stated, differences mentioned in the text have been found to be statistically significant at the $95 \%$ confidence level.

[^21]Urban or rural location: The country is divided up into eight strata based on population density. These areas are further classified into urban and rural areas as follows:

## Urban

- Cities
- Suburbs of cities
- Mixed urban or rural areas bordering on the suburbs of cities
- Towns and their environs with populations of 5,000 or over (large urban)
- Mixed urban or rural areas bordering on the environs of larger towns
- Towns and their environs with a population of 1,000 to 5,000 (other urban)


## Rural

- Mixed urban or rural areas
- Rural areas


## Region

The regional classifications correspond to the regional authorities established under the Local Government Act, 1991 (Regional Authorities) (Establishment) Order, 1993, which came into operation on 1 January 1994.

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- Dublin
Dublin
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Dún Laoghaire
Fingal
South Dublin

- All other regions All regions excluding Dublin


## Appendix B

## National Travel Survey 2009Questionnaire

Q1. Excluding school buses, is there a bus service provided locally?

1. Yes
2. No

Q2. How often do you use the local bus service?

1. Three or more times a week
2. Once or twice a week
3. Less than weekly but more than twice a month
4. Once or twice a month
5. Less than monthly but more than twice a year
6. Once or twice a year
7. Less than yearly or never

Q3. Is there a mainline train service provided locally?

1. Yes
2. No

Q4. How often do you use the local mainline train service?

1. Three or more times a week
2. Once or twice a week
3. Less than weekly but more than twice a month
4. Once or twice a month
5. Less than monthly but more than twice a year
6. Once or twice a year
7. Less than yearly or never

Q5. Is there a Dart or Luas service provided locally?

1. Yes
2. No

Q6. How often do you use the local Dart or Luas service?

1. Three or more times a week
2. Once or twice a week
3. Less than weekly but more than twice a month
4. Once or twice a month
5. Less than monthly but more than twice a year
6. Once or twice a year
7. Less than yearly or never

Q7. How many bicycles does your household have that are used by adults or children aged 6 or over?

Q8. How often do you use a bicycle?

1. Three or more times a week
2. Once or twice a week
3. Less than weekly but more than twice a month
4. Once or twice a month
5. Less than monthly but more than twice a year
6. Once or twice a year
7. Less than yearly or never

Q9. Do you own OR have regular use of a vehicle of any kind? Exclude company car pools - i.e. cars shared with work colleagues.

1. Yes
2. No

Q10. What is the registration number of this vehicle? Note: If more than one, the vehicle used most often by the respondent should be selected.

Q11. Where is this vehicle usually parked when it is not in use? This is where the vehicle is usually kept at night.

1. Driveway/garage of private house
2. Public road
3. Public car park
4. Private car park

Q12. Do you use this vehicle to drive any part of your journey to work?

1. Yes
2. No

Q13. Where is the vehicle usually parked during working hours?

1. Public car park
2. Private or firm's car park
3. Park ' $n$ ' ride scheme
4. Metered on street parking
5. In a non-payment area

Q14. Do you hold any of the following driving licences that are valid in this country? Code disqualified drivers and international permits/other licenses valid in the Republic of Ireland as '2'

1. Provisional driving licence (CAR)
2. Full driving licence (CAR)
3. Provisional driving licence (MOTORCYCLE)
4. Full driving licence (MOTORCYCLE)
5. Passenger services vehicle licence (PSV)
6. Heavy goods vehicle licence (HGV)
7. No licence held

Q15. Please confirm the day of the week that the travel data refers to.

1. Monday
2. Tuesday
3. Wednesday
4. Thursday
5. Friday
6. Saturday
7. Sunday

Q16. Please confirm the date of the travel reference day

Q17. Where were you on the travel reference day?

1. In Ireland
2. Travelling to/from Ireland
3. Abroad

Q18. Did you travel anywhere on the travel reference day?

1. Yes
2. No

Q19. Where did the journey begin?

1. Home
2. Work
3. School/Education
4. Shops
5. Personal Business (e.g. bank, church etc)
6. Family/Friends
7. Social/Entertainment (e.g. Cinema)
8. Sport/Leisure Facility
9. Doctor/Medical Facility
10. Other (Please specify)

Q20. Please provide further specific details if the journey began at 'Other'.
Q21. Where did the journey end?

1. Home
2. Work
3. School/Education
4. Shops
5. Personal Business (e.g. bank, church etc)
6. Family/Friends
7. Social/Entertainment (e.g. Cinema)
8. Sport/Leisure Facility
9. Doctor/Medical Facility
10. Other (Please specify)

Q22. Please provide further specific details if the journey ended at 'Other'.
Q23. What was the main purpose of the journey?

1. To travel to/from work
2. To School/Education
3. Shopping
4. To go for Food/Drink (e.g. lunch or coffee)
5. Personal Business
6. Companion Journey
7. Just Walk
8. Visit Family/Friends
9. Social/Entertainment (e.g. cinema)
10. Sports (Participate)
11. Medical Appointment
12. Day trip/Same day visit
13. Other (Please specify)

Q24. Please provide further specific details if you have described the main purpose of the journey as 'Other'.
Q25. What time did the journey begin?

Q26. What time did you arrive at your location?
Q27. How many modes of travel were used on the journey or how many stages were there to the journey? If more than one mode of travel was used in the journey, each mode of travel is recorded as a separate stage.

Q28. What method of travel did you use for stage 1 of the journey?

1. Private Car-Driver
2. Private Car-Passenger
3. Motorcycle - Driver
4. Motorcycle - Passenger
5. Van/Lorry - Driver
6. Van/Lorry - Passenger
7. Walk
8. Bus-CIE/Dublin Bus
9. Bus-Private Operator
10. Rail
11. Dart/Luas
12. Cycle
13. Taxi/Hackney
14. Air
15. Boat/Ship
16. Other (Please specify)

Q29. If method of travel is 'Other', please specify the method.
Q30. Is this the same vehicle that you mentioned earlier i.e. in response to question 10 above? Note: This question is only asked if the mode of travel is either as a driver or passenger of a car or motorcycle or van/lorry.

1. Yes
2. No

Q31. How many other people travelled in the vehicle? Note: This question is only asked if the mode of travel is either as a driver or passenger of a car or motorcycle or van/lorry.

Q32. How many of the other occupants were aged 16 years of age and over? Note: This question is only asked if the answer to question 31 above is 1 or more.

Q33. How many of the other occupants were aged under 16 years of age? Note: This question is only asked if the answer to question 31 above is 1 or more.

Q34. How far did you travel using this method of travel? Note: Distances of less than one mile or one kilometre were coded as ' 0 '.

Q35. Is this distance in miles or kilometres?

1. Kilometres
2. Miles

Q36. How long, in minutes, did you spend travelling on this stage of the journey?
Note: Questions 28 to 36 are repeated for each stage of the journey
Q37. Was this journey part of your normal travel routine? (Note: This question was only asked in relation to journeys that were described as 'one-day visits' OR if the total distance travelled was more than 30 kilometres $\underline{\text { OR }}$ the duration of the entire journey was more than 3 hours) .

1. Yes
2. No
3. No but expenditure already captured above

Q38. Please provide further details of the purpose of this journey. Note: This question was only asked if the answer to question 37 above was 'No'.

Q39. What is the estimated expenditure, in Euros, spent in total by all occupants in your group for each of the following categories? (Note: This question was only asked if Q37 above was asked and the answer was '2' i.e. the journey was not part of the respondent's normal routine):
a) Meals
b) Fuel (private expenditure only)
c) Transport costs (excluding fuel)
d) Entertainment
e) Shopping
f) Other expenses

Q40. Did you make another journey on this day?

1. Yes
2. No

Note: Questions 19 to 40 are repeated for each journey

## Appendix C

## National Travel Survey 2009 Sample Characteristics

Table C1: Unweighted Sample of Respondent

Households by Region $\quad$| Hegion | Households |
| :--- | :---: |
|  | Number |
|  | 5,558 |
| All Regions Excluding Dublin | $\mathbf{1 , 6 8 7}$ |
| Dublin | $\mathbf{7 , 2 4 5}$ |
| State |  |

Table C2: Unweighted Sample of Respondent Households by Urban/Rural Residency
Urban/Rural Households

|  | Number |
| :--- | :---: |
| Urban | 4,299 |
| Rural | 2,946 |
| State | $\mathbf{7 , 2 4 5}$ |

Table C3: Unweighted Sample of Respondents by Age Band, Gender and Urban/Rural Residency

| Age Band | Gender | Urban/Rural |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Urban | Rural | State |
|  |  | number |  |  |
| 18 to 24 | Male | 129 | 82 | 211 |
|  | Female | 159 | 76 | 235 |
|  | All Persons | 288 | 158 | 446 |
| 25 to 34 | Male | 341 | 184 | 525 |
| , | Female | 474 | 247 | 721 |
|  | All Persons | 815 | 431 | 1,246 |
| 35 to 44 | Male | 411 | 330 | 741 |
|  | Female | 506 | 365 | 871 |
|  | All Persons | 917 | 695 | 1,612 |
| 45 to 54 | Male | 318 | 267 | 585 |
|  | Female | 404 | 253 | 657 |
|  | All Persons | 722 | 520 | 1,242 |
| 55 to 64 | Male | 278 | 223 | 501 |
|  | Female | 324 | 237 | 561 |
|  | All Persons | 602 | 460 | 1,062 |
| 65 to 74 | Male | 228 | 187 | 415 |
|  | Female | 281 | 182 | 463 |
|  | All Persons | 509 | 369 | 878 |
| 75 and Over | Male | 136 | 104 | 240 |
|  | Female | 296 | 199 | 495 |
|  | All Persons | 432 | 303 | 735 |
| All Age Bands | Male | 1,841 | 1,377 | 3,218 |
|  | Female | 2,444 | 1,559 | 4,003 |
|  | All Persons | 4,285 | 2,936 | 7,221 |

Table C4: Unweighted Sample of Respondents by Age Band, Gender and Region

| Age Band | Gender | Region |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | All Regions Excluding Dublin | Dublin | State |
|  |  | number |  |  |
| 18 to 24 | Male | 155 | 56 | 211 |
|  | Female | 161 | 74 | 235 |
|  | All Persons | 316 | 130 | 446 |
| 25 to 34 | Male | 391 | 134 | 525 |
|  | Female | 571 | 150 | 721 |
|  | All Persons | 962 | 284 | 1,246 |
| 35 to 44 | Male | 581 | 160 | 741 |
|  | Female | 686 | 185 | 871 |
|  | All Persons | 1,267 | 345 | 1,612 |
| 45 to 54 | Male | 459 | 126 | 585 |
|  | Female | 493 | 164 | 657 |
|  | All Persons | 952 | 290 | 1,242 |
| 55 to 64 | Male | 405 | 96 | 501 |
|  | Female | 416 | 145 | 561 |
|  | All Persons | 821 | 241 | 1,062 |
| 65 to 74 | Male | 319 | 96 | 415 |
|  | Female | 364 | 99 | 463 |
|  | All Persons | 683 | 195 | 878 |
| 75 and Over | Male | 184 | 56 | 240 |
|  | Female | 352 | 143 | 495 |
|  | All Persons | 536 | 199 | 735 |
| All Age Bands | Male | 2,494 | 724 | 3,218 |
|  | Female | 3,043 | 960 | 4,003 |
|  | All Persons | 5,537 | 1,684 | 7,221 |

Table C5: Unweighted Sample of Journeys by Age Band, Gender and Urban/Rural Residency of Person making the Journey

| Age Band | Gender | Urban/Rural Residency |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Urban | Rural | State |
|  |  | number |  |  |
| 18 to 24 | Male | 297 | 174 | 471 |
|  | Female | 385 | 178 | 563 |
|  | All Persons | 682 | 352 | 1,034 |
| 25 to 34 | Male | 844 | 416 | 1,260 |
|  | Female | 1,301 | 600 | 1,901 |
|  | All Persons | 2,145 | 1,016 | 3,161 |
| 35 to 44 | Male | 1,130 | 811 | 1,941 |
|  | Female | 1,551 | 1,053 | 2,604 |
|  | All Persons | 2,681 | 1,864 | 4,545 |
| 45 to 54 | Male | 823 | 715 | 1,538 |
|  | Female | 1,172 | 718 | 1,890 |
|  | All Persons | 1,995 | 1,433 | 3,428 |
| 55 to 64 | Male | 636 | 478 | 1,114 |
|  | Female | 760 | 493 | 1,253 |
|  | All Persons | 1,396 | 971 | 2,367 |
| 65 to 74 | Male | 507 | 377 | 884 |
|  | Female | 587 | 305 | 892 |
|  | All Persons | 1,094 | 682 | 1,776 |
| 75 and Over | Male | 262 | 143 | 405 |
|  | Female | 413 | 196 | 609 |
|  | All Persons | 675 | 339 | 1,014 |
| All Age Bands | Male | 4,499 | 3,114 | 7,613 |
|  | Female | 6,169 | 3,543 | 9,712 |
|  | All Persons | 10,668 | 6,657 | 17,325 |

Table C6: Unweighted Sample of Journeys by Age Band, Gender and Region of Person making the Journey

| Age Band | Gender | Region |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | All Regions Excluding Dublin | Dublin | State |
|  |  | number |  |  |
| 18 to 24 | Male | 343 | 128 | 471 |
|  | Female | 367 | 196 | 563 |
|  | All Persons | 710 | 324 | 1,034 |
| 25 to 34 | Male | 935 | 325 | 1,260 |
|  | Female | 1,503 | 398 | 1,901 |
|  | All Persons | 2,438 | 723 | 3,161 |
| 35 to 44 | Male | 1,519 | 422 | 1,941 |
|  | Female | 1,992 | 612 | 2,604 |
|  | All Persons | 3,511 | 1,034 | 4,545 |
| 45 to 54 | Male | 1,228 | 310 | 1,538 |
|  | Female | 1,434 | 456 | 1,890 |
|  | All Persons | 2,662 | 766 | 3,428 |
| 55 to 64 | Male | 914 | 200 | 1,114 |
|  | Female | 923 | 330 | 1,253 |
|  | All Persons | 1,837 | 530 | 2,367 |
| 65 to 74 | Male | 647 | 237 | 884 |
|  | Female | 651 | 241 | 892 |
|  | All Persons | 1,298 | 478 | 1,776 |
| 75 and Over | Male | 284 | 121 | 405 |
|  | Female | 402 | 207 | 609 |
|  | All Persons | 686 | 328 | 1,014 |
| All Age Bands | Male | 5,870 | 1,743 | 7,613 |
|  | Female | 7,272 | 2,440 | 9,712 |
|  | All Persons | 13,142 | 4,183 | 17,325 |

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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ For further details on the QNHS, see: http://www.cso.ie/qnhs/about qnhs.htm
    ${ }^{2}$ Modal split refes to the different types and combination of transport options that people use, eg, train, car
    ${ }^{3}$ Each household selected for the QNHS survey is surveyed for five consecutive quarters. The first quarter that a household is surveyed is referred to as wave one, the second wave two, etc
    ${ }^{4}$ See Appendix C: National Travel Survey 2009 - Sample Characteristics for detailed information on the sampled households and individuals

[^1]:    ${ }^{5}$ Additional information on the sampling methodology can be found in Appendix A: Background Notes

[^2]:    ${ }^{6}$ Population refers to the estimated population aged 18 and over for quarter 42009
    ${ }^{7}$ Relevant journeys refer to journeys within the island of Ireland

[^3]:    ${ }^{8}$ Work related travel includes both commuter and business travel and is referred to in all further tables and figures as 'work'

[^4]:    ${ }^{1}$ The ILO (International Labour Office) labour force classification distinguishes the following three main subgroups of the population:
    In Employment: Persons who worked in the week before the QNHS survey for one hour or more for payment or profit, including work on the
    family farm or business and all persons who had a job but were not at work because of illness, holidays etc.
    Unemployed: Persons who, in the week before the QNHS survey, were without work and available for work within the next two weeks, and
    had taken specific steps in the preceding four weeks to find work.
    Inactive Population (not in labour force): All other persons

[^5]:    ${ }^{9}$ The speed of a journey is determined by the door to door travel time
    ${ }^{10}$ The quoted percentage differs from the sum of the constituent parts in Figure 4 due to the rounding of numbers contained in the Figure

[^6]:    ${ }^{11}$ It was open to respondents to decide for themselves what was meant by 'local' in the context of a public transport service. However, if requested by the respondent, a suggested guide was that a local transport service refers to one that is within a ten minute walk of the household
    12 'Never use public transport' includes respondents who use public transport less frequently than once a year
    ${ }^{13}$ Excludes use of vehicles from company car pools

[^7]:    ${ }^{14}$ Respondents were advised to report that they used the vehicle to drive to work if they drove the vehicle for any part of the journey to/from work

[^8]:    ${ }^{1}$ Figures in parentheses ( ) indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between 30 and 50 ) and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.

[^9]:    ${ }^{15}$ Results on how people travel are all based on the main mode of travel used for a journey. Main mode of travel was defined as the mode of travel used for the greatest distance

[^10]:    ${ }^{1}$ Figures in parentheses () indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between 30 and 50 ) and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.

[^11]:    ${ }^{16}$ Companion journeys to/from educational facilities are journeys made to bring/accompany another person to a school/educational facility that they themselves do not attend eg a parent making a journey to drop children to school

[^12]:    ${ }^{1}$ Figures based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced by an "*"
    ${ }^{2}$ Figures in parentheses ( ) indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between 30 and 50)
    and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.

[^13]:    ${ }^{1}$ Figures in parentheses () indicate percentages are based on a small unweighted sample (between 30 and 50 ) and are therefore subject to a large margin of error.
    ${ }^{2}$ Figures based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced by an "*"

[^14]:    ${ }^{17}$ The quoted percentage differs from the sum of the constituent parts in Figure 4 due to the rounding of numbers contained in the Figure

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[^16]:    ${ }^{18}$ The ILO (International Labour Office) labour force classification distinguishes the following three main subgroups of the population:
    In Employment: Persons who worked in the week before the QNHS survey for one hour or more for payment or profit, including work on the family farm or business and all persons who had a job but were not at work because of illness, holidays, etc
    Unemployed: Persons who, in the week before the QNHS survey, were without work and available for work within the next two weeks, and had taken specific steps, In the preceding four weeks, to find work
    Inactive Population (not in labour force): All other persons
    ${ }^{19}$ The quoted percentage differs from the sum of the constituent parts in Table 36 due to the rounding of numbers contained in the Table

[^17]:    20 'Never' includes respondents who use their relevant transport service less frequently than once a year

[^18]:    ${ }^{1}$ Refers only to respondents who own or have regular use of a vehicle

[^19]:    ${ }^{1}$ Refers only to respondents who are employed, who own or have regular use of a vehicle and who use the vehicle to drive to work
    ${ }^{2}$ Figures based on an unweighted sample of less than 30 have been replaced by an '*'

[^20]:    ${ }^{21}$ For further information on the period covered by the survey, see Figure A1
    ${ }^{22}$ Met Éireann. Monthly Weather Summary The Weather of November 2009
    ${ }^{23}$ For a copy of the QNHS - Quarter 4, 2009 main results go to: http://www.cso.ie/releasespublications/pr labforarchive.htm

[^21]:    ${ }^{24}$ Each household selected for the QNHS survey is surveyed for five consecutive quarters. The first quarter that a household is surveyed is referred to as wave one, the second wave two, etc
    ${ }^{25}$ See Appendix C: National Travel Survey 2009 - Sample characteristics for further details on the NTS sample

