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## Tourism, Travel and Transport

- In 2007 expenditure by residents from Other Europe exceeded expenditure by residents by Great Britain for the first time.
- Bednights spent in hotels by overseas visitors increased by 12% while nights spent in Guest House/B&B decreased by 11% on 2006.
- Domestic trips by Irish Residents show a 9% increase since 2006 with a resultant increase in expenditure of 13%.
- New private cars licensed for the first time in 2007 increased by 4.3% on the figures for 2006.
- Driving tests conducted in 2006 totalled 158,741 – an overall pass rate of 52% was achieved.
- Highest number of new private cars licensed for the first time in 2007, classified by make was Toyota (27,030), followed by Volkswagen (21,087) and Ford (20,027).



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## **Introduction**

The data provided in tables 16.1 to 16.10 is based on two sample surveys of passengers, the Country of Residence Survey and the Passenger Card Inquiry carried out by the Central Statistics Office. These surveys are used in conjunction with total passenger movement figures supplied by the transport companies to provide estimates for overseas tourism and travel.

From January 2000, commercial drivers on sea routes are excluded from visitor numbers. Commercial drivers are considered travellers rather than visitors.

One of the fundamental criteria used to distinguish a visitor from a traveller is that the trip should be to a place other than that of the usual environment. Places that are frequently visited are part of a person's usual environment even though they may be located at a considerable distance (or in another country) from the place of residence. Persons who work in means of transport are included in visitor numbers under 'Business' unless their trips consist of frequent routine travel, in which case they may be excluded by the usual environment criterion.

The Country of Residence Survey is a continuous sample survey of passengers (both inward and outward) at all major air and seaports to provide an estimated distribution of passengers by country of residence. This distribution is applied to the total passenger movement figures (supplied by the transport companies) to provide estimates of the numbers of visits abroad by Irish residents and visits to Ireland by non-residents. The visits to Ireland figure is further broken down to provide the data on area of residence. The sample size in the 2007 Country of Residence Survey was 612,000 passengers.

The Passenger Card Inquiry is a continuous sample survey of incoming and departing passengers at all major air and seaports. Survey cards, completed by passengers, give information on the reason for journey, area of residence, length of stay, expenditure and fare costs. The Passenger Card Inquiry results are combined with the overall visitor estimates from the Country of Residence Survey to provide the overseas tourism and travel estimates shown in the tables. The sample size in the 2007 Passenger Card Inquiry at air and seaports was 351,000 passengers (182,000 inward and 169,000 outward).

The estimates for cross-border visits on rail and scheduled bus services are derived from the passenger movement statistics. The estimates of expenditure by cross-border visitors using private cars (or unscheduled bus services) are based on very limited information and are subject to error.

The data provided in tables 16.13 to 16.17 is based on the results of the quarterly Household Travel Survey of private households. The scope of the survey is domestic and international travel patterns involving overnight stays of all residents of the Republic of Ireland.

The purpose of the Household Travel Survey is to measure domestic and international travel patterns involving overnight stays and associated details (expenditure, purpose of trip, type of accommodation used, etc) of Irish residents.

## **Vehicle licensing**

The CSO receives figures for vehicles licensed from the Vehicle Registration Unit, Department of Transport. The vehicle licensing tables show the number of mechanically propelled vehicles under current licence and the number of new motor vehicles licensed for the first time. Table 16.18 shows the significant increase in the number of mechanically propelled road vehicles under current licence over the years 1996 to 2006. The number of private cars and goods vehicles under current licence increased by 68% and 117% respectively in this period, while the total number of mechanically propelled vehicles increased by 72%. Tables 16.19 and 16.21 show that the total number of new motor vehicles licensed increased each year between 1998 and 2000, when they reached their highest level ever. This figure can be seen to drop in the years 2001, 2002 and 2003, with decreases of almost 25%, 30% and 32% respectively, when compared with the total for the year 2000. The figures for 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 show increases in the total number of new motor vehicles licensed, of 4%, 17%, 24% and 31% respectively, when compared with the total for the year 2003.

## **Shipping**

The Statistics of Port Traffic Survey carried out by the CSO collects quarterly data from 21 ports and harbours around the country. The statistics collected detail the movement of goods in sea-going vessels by type of cargo and region of trade in addition to the type and size of the vessels used to carry out the transportation. Table 16.24 shows tonnage of goods handled by category of traffic for the period 1997 to 2006.

## **Railways**

The tables relating to railway operations refer to services by Iarnród Éireann which is the only concern operating a rail service in this country. They provide the CSO with figures for goods and passengers transported. Table 16.25 shows details of passenger and freight traffic conveyed by rail for the years 2000 to 2007.

## **Buses**

The tables relating to scheduled bus passenger operations refer to services by Bus Éireann and Dublin Bus. Table 16.26 shows the number of passenger journeys and distances travelled by them for the years 2000 to 2007.

## **Technical Notes**

### **All relevant tables**

From January 2000 commercial drivers on sea routes are excluded from visitor numbers.

### **Table 16.1**

Total expenditure (excluding international fares) plus passenger fare receipts of Irish carriers from visitors to Ireland.

### **Table 16.7**

Total expenditure (including international fares) less passenger fare payments by Irish visitors abroad to Irish carriers.

### **Table 16.22**

Figures are for driving tests in all vehicle categories.

### **Table 16.23**

In 2005 the Daewoo brand was replaced by Chevrolet.

Prior to the year 2002 data for Land Rover and MG/Rover are included under the category 'Other makes'.

Prior to the year 2005 data for Kia are included under the category 'Other makes'.

Prior to the year 2007 Lexus and Ssangyong are included under the category 'Other makes'.

From 2007, data for Isuzu are included under the category 'Other makes'.

### **Table 16.25**

Passenger journeys data, Freight traffic tonnes data and Freight traffic tonnes kilometres data for the year 2006 have been revised by Iarnród Éireann.

Passenger journeys data for 2005 have been revised by Iarnród Éireann.

### **Table 16.26**

Passenger journey data for the years prior to 2001 have been revised by Dublin Bus.

**Table 16.1 Expenditure of visitors to Ireland by route of travel**

€m

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Route of travel</b>									
Air Cross-Channel	965	1,145	1,244	1,282	1,334	1,388	1,372	1,471	1,424
Sea Cross-Channel	494	485	513	566	515	487	493	453	465
Continental European	509	603	690	747	794	841	1,076	1,310	1,464
Transatlantic	314	385	445	451	555	488	513	559	568
<b>All overseas routes</b>	<b>2,280</b>	<b>2,617</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>3,045</b>	<b>3,198</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>3,455</b>	<b>3,793</b>	<b>3,920</b>
Cross-Border	192	207	222	221	226	228	235	237	256
<b>Total expenditure (excluding international fares)</b>	<b>2,473</b>	<b>2,824</b>	<b>3,115</b>	<b>3,266</b>	<b>3,424</b>	<b>3,432</b>	<b>3,689</b>	<b>4,029</b>	<b>4,176</b>
Passenger fare receipts of Irish carriers from visitors to Ireland	641	813	820	723	633	634	583	663	726
<b>Total international tourism and travel earnings</b>	<b>3,115</b>	<b>3,637</b>	<b>3,935</b>	<b>3,989</b>	<b>4,057</b>	<b>4,065</b>	<b>4,272</b>	<b>4,692</b>	<b>4,902</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 16.2 Expenditure of visitors to Ireland by area of residence and reason for journey**

€m

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total expenditure (excluding international fares)</b>									
<b>2,280</b>	<b>2,617</b>	<b>2,893</b>	<b>3,045</b>	<b>3,198</b>	<b>3,204</b>	<b>3,455</b>	<b>3,793</b>	<b>3,920</b>	
<b>Area of residence</b>									
Great Britain	968	1,042	1,163	1,251	1,295	1,253	1,257	1,373	1,388
Other Europe	623	721	810	862	884	927	1,232	1,352	1,400
USA and Canada	549	679	713	705	784	769	731	803	806
Other areas	141	175	207	227	235	255	234	265	326
<b>Reason for journey</b>									
Business	438	486	460	445	402	424	457	473	554
Holiday/leisure/recreation	1,228	1,386	1,594	1,696	1,779	1,774	1,822	2,029	2,108
Visit to friends/relatives	453	569	648	675	708	755	884	936	914
Other	161	175	191	230	309	251	292	353	344

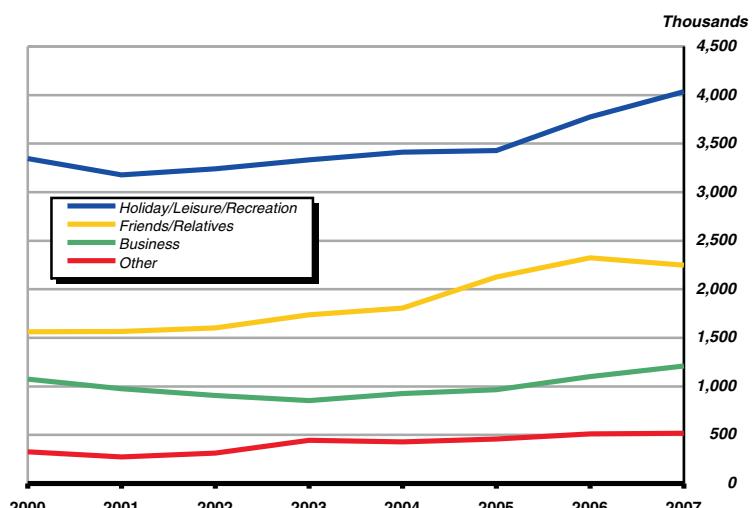
Source: CSO

**Table 16.3 Overseas and Cross-Border visits to Ireland**

Thousands

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total overseas visits</b>	<b>6,068</b>	<b>6,310</b>	<b>5,990</b>	<b>6,065</b>	<b>6,369</b>	<b>6,574</b>	<b>6,977</b>	<b>7,709</b>	<b>8,012</b>
<b>Route of travel</b>									
Air Cross-Channel	2,836	3,047	2,969	3,073	3,253	3,413	3,595	3,900	3,754
Sea Cross-Channel	1,677	1,518	1,313	1,335	1,262	1,192	1,085	983	1,013
Continental European	1,065	1,187	1,170	1,173	1,287	1,408	1,705	2,181	2,575
Transatlantic	489	560	539	484	567	561	592	645	669
<b>Area of residence</b>									
Great Britain	3,558	3,559	3,462	3,579	3,719	3,681	3,822	4,060	4,032
Other Europe	1,333	1,453	1,357	1,392	1,497	1,600	1,917	2,281	2,590
USA and Canada	943	1,043	912	849	904	977	953	1,055	1,073
Other areas	233	256	260	245	249	317	285	314	317
<b>Reason for journey</b>									
Business	994	1,074	975	906	854	926	967	1,100	1,211
Holiday/leisure/recreation	3,306	3,346	3,177	3,242	3,334	3,413	3,428	3,775	4,035
Visit to friends/relatives	1,439	1,564	1,566	1,603	1,736	1,807	2,125	2,323	2,247
Other	328	328	273	314	445	429	457	511	519
<b>Cross-Border visits</b>									
<b>Rail</b>									
Length of stay – 1 day or less	79	98	99	95	102	89	87	81	96
– over 1 day	147	153	151	141	145	126	123	115	136
<b>Scheduled bus</b>									
Length of stay – 1 day or less	193	200	126	119	115	113	107	100	92
– over 1 day	97	94	192	176	162	160	152	142	130

Source: CSO

**Inward Visits - reason for journey**

**Table 16.4 Overseas visits to Ireland: average length of stay by route of travel, area of residence and reason for journey**

	<i>Nights</i>								
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>All overseas visits</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>7.3</b>
<b>Route of travel</b>									
Air Cross-Channel	6.0	6.3	6.3	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.5	5.1	4.8
Sea Cross-Channel	7.9	7.7	8.0	8.3	7.9	7.7	8.2	8.3	8.4
Continental European	10.4	9.7	10.7	10.8	11.1	10.5	10.5	11.1	9.9
Transatlantic	10.5	10.4	10.3	10.6	10.9	9.9	10.0	9.6	9.5
<b>Area of residence</b>									
Great Britain	5.8	5.7	5.6	5.3	5.2	5.0	4.8	4.8	4.7
Other Europe	10.3	10.0	11.1	11.2	11.1	10.5	10.9	11.2	9.6
USA and Canada	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.6	10.0	9.3	9.5	9.0	9.1
Other areas	11.5	11.6	13.8	15.1	15.9	14.0	13.4	12.4	14.5
<b>Reason for journey</b>									
Business	5.6	5.5	5.9	5.9	5.6	5.4	5.5	4.2	5.2
Holiday/leisure/recreation	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.1	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.0	6.8
Visit to friends/relatives	8.3	8.4	8.4	8.1	7.8	7.9	8.2	8.5	7.9
Other	13.0	13.2	16.5	16.7	16.8	13.6	12.2	15.8	13.1

Source: CSO

**Table 16.5 Overseas visits to Ireland by non-residents distinguishing same-day visits**

*Thousands*

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total overseas visits</b>	<b>6,068</b>	<b>6,310</b>	<b>5,990</b>	<b>6,065</b>	<b>6,369</b>	<b>6,574</b>	<b>6,977</b>	<b>7,709</b>	<b>8,012</b>
Same-day visits (no overnight in Ireland)	344	345	344	305	334	349	367	424	422
Visits with at least one overnight in Ireland	5,723	5,966	5,646	5,760	6,035	6,225	6,610	7,285	7,590

Source: CSO

**Table 16.6 Overseas visits to Ireland with at least one overnight in Ireland – number of bednights classified by area of residence and type of accommodation used**

Thousands

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Great Britain</b>	<b>17,686</b>	<b>17,507</b>	<b>17,823</b>	<b>16,986</b>	<b>16,961</b>	<b>17,895</b>	<b>17,487</b>
Hotel	3,792	4,452	4,306	4,034	4,075	4,535	4,993
Guest house/B&B	2,589	2,204	2,156	1,891	1,649	1,627	1,552
Rented house/Apartment	2,637	2,777	2,660	3,012	2,320	2,720	2,408
Caravan/Camping	481	411	401	334	276	320	364
Hostel	245	283	261	255	209	170	173
Friends/Relatives	7,004	6,604	7,184	6,615	7,413	7,651	7,143
Other	938	776	855	845	1,019	872	854
<b>Other Europe</b>	<b>14,677</b>	<b>15,231</b>	<b>16,320</b>	<b>16,481</b>	<b>19,981</b>	<b>24,902</b>	<b>24,288</b>
Hotel	2,084	2,520	2,414	2,795	3,086	3,626	4,508
Guest house/B&B	3,154	2,609	3,106	2,930	2,817	3,232	2,578
Rented house/Apartment	3,457	3,687	3,594	3,806	5,446	6,109	5,698
Caravan/Camping	519	617	656	573	515	603	670
Hostel	882	749	954	822	895	1,162	862
Friends/Relatives	2,445	2,481	2,823	3,186	4,718	6,670	6,174
Other	2,136	2,568	2,773	2,369	2,504	3,500	3,798
<b>USA and Canada</b>	<b>8,668</b>	<b>7,998</b>	<b>8,834</b>	<b>8,790</b>	<b>8,765</b>	<b>9,052</b>	<b>9,381</b>
Hotel	2,793	2,770	3,095	3,199	2,984	3,167	3,356
Guest house/B&B	2,024	1,808	1,798	1,692	1,494	1,496	1,401
Rented house/Apartment	1,154	974	1,362	1,167	1,308	1,209	1,376
Caravan/Camping	25	12	8	21	11	18	47
Hostel	333	322	313	315	281	350	333
Friends/Relatives	1,658	1,703	1,722	1,713	2,199	2,261	2,149
Other	681	409	536	683	488	551	719
<b>Other Areas</b>	<b>3,522</b>	<b>3,602</b>	<b>3,868</b>	<b>4,348</b>	<b>3,746</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>4,472</b>
Hotel	458	457	463	635	471	735	617
Guest house/B&B	580	501	410	466	449	417	485
Rented house/Apartment	743	912	1,127	833	665	617	906
Caravan/Camping	46	15	11	42	46	42	3
Hostel	250	226	181	233	170	153	317
Friends/Relatives	1,118	1,224	1,394	1,517	1,585	1,647	1,826
Other	327	267	282	622	360	157	318

Source: CSO

**Table 16.7 Expenditure (including international fares) on visits abroad by Irish residents by route of travel**

€m

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Route of travel</b>									
Air Cross-Channel	1,164	1,232	1,265	1,464	1,393	1,419	1,610	1,638	1,897
Sea Cross-Channel	171	172	208	213	220	211	202	192	190
Continental European	1,112	1,382	1,699	2,237	2,452	2,480	2,846	3,402	3,969
Transatlantic	344	402	429	395	521	551	612	686	786
All overseas routes	2,792	3,187	3,600	4,310	4,586	4,661	5,270	5,918	6,842
Cross-Border	108	112	121	120	127	128	131	131	142
<b>Total expenditure (including international fares)</b>	<b>2,900</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>3,721</b>	<b>4,429</b>	<b>4,713</b>	<b>4,789</b>	<b>5,401</b>	<b>6,049</b>	<b>6,984</b>
Passenger fare payments by Irish visitors abroad to Irish carriers	436	495	497	477	555	610	629	732	821
<b>Total net international tourism and travel expenditure</b>	<b>2,465</b>	<b>2,804</b>	<b>3,224</b>	<b>3,952</b>	<b>4,158</b>	<b>4,179</b>	<b>4,773</b>	<b>5,318</b>	<b>6,163</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 16.8 Visits abroad by Irish residents – number of overseas visits by Irish residents by route of travel and reason for journey and Cross-Border visits on rail and scheduled bus services**

Thousands

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total overseas visits</b>									
	<b>3,576</b>	<b>3,783</b>	<b>4,216</b>	<b>4,634</b>	<b>4,929</b>	<b>5,409</b>	<b>6,113</b>	<b>6,848</b>	<b>7,713</b>
<b>Route of travel</b>									
Air Cross-Channel	1,618	1,577	1,670	1,825	1,825	1,982	2,215	2,252	2,356
Sea Cross-Channel	454	414	439	413	408	384	336	341	333
Continental European	1,276	1,550	1,864	2,190	2,438	2,735	3,205	3,867	4,583
Transatlantic	227	242	243	206	259	309	357	387	441
<b>Reason for journey</b>									
Business	594	631	542	559	597	671	738	813	886
Holiday/leisure/recreation	1,752	1,963	2,402	2,706	2,876	3,081	3,518	3,864	4,654
Visit to friends/relatives	958	946	1,048	1,099	1,170	1,296	1,416	1,648	1,753
Other	261	243	224	270	287	361	441	523	420
<b>Cross-Border visits</b>									
<b>Rail</b>									
Length of stay – 1 day or less	131	137	112	131	152	132	129	121	142
– over 1 day	65	77	56	58	58	50	49	46	54
<b>Scheduled bus</b>									
Length of stay – 1 day or less	246	243	142	163	170	168	159	149	137
– over 1 day	5	7	71	72	65	64	60	56	52

Source: CSO

**Table 16.9 Visits abroad by Irish residents: average length of stay of overseas visits of Irish residents by route of travel and reason for journey**

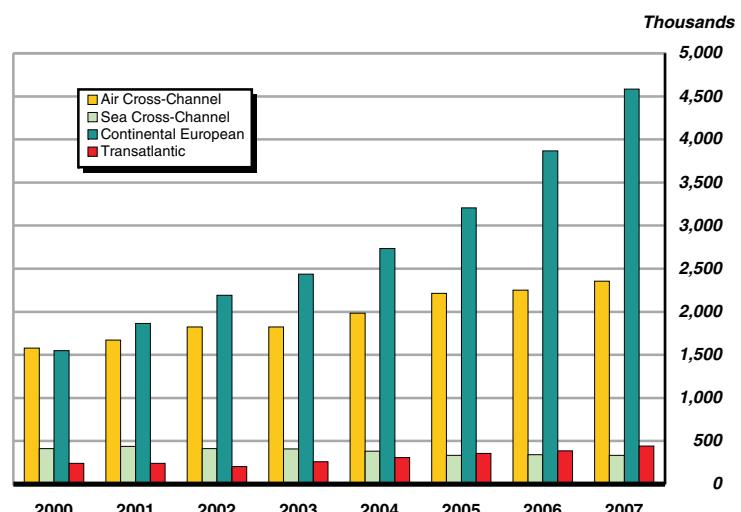
	Nights								
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>All overseas visits</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.1</b>
<b>Route of travel</b>									
Air Cross-Channel	8.9	9.4	9.4	9.6	8.9	8.4	8.3	7.5	8.5
Sea Cross-Channel	6.4	6.8	7.4	8.0	8.2	8.4	6.5	7.1	6.5
Continental European	9.7	9.5	9.8	9.3	9.0	8.0	8.3	8.0	7.8
Transatlantic	17.2	16.0	15.6	16.6	16.9	14.3	11.7	10.9	10.2
<b>Reason for journey</b>									
Business	6.6	7.1	7.2	7.6	7.3	6.3	6.6	6.3	6.1
Holiday/leisure/recreation	10.0	10.3	10.4	10.0	9.6	8.7	8.4	8.0	8.4
Visit to friends/relatives	9.2	9.3	8.9	9.2	8.8	8.8	9.1	9.0	8.3
Other	12.6	11.9	13.7	11.3	12.9	9.6	8.8	7.0	8.2

Source: CSO

**Table 16.10 Tourism and travel earnings and expenditure**

	€m								
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
International tourism and travel earnings from visitors to Ireland	3,115	3,637	3,935	3,989	4,057	4,065	4,272	4,692	4,902
Net international tourism and travel expenditure by Irish visitors abroad	2,465	2,804	3,224	3,952	4,158	4,179	4,773	5,318	6,163
<b>Tourism and travel balance</b>	<b>+650</b>	<b>+832</b>	<b>+711</b>	<b>+37</b>	<b>-101</b>	<b>-114</b>	<b>-501</b>	<b>-626</b>	<b>-1,261</b>

Source: CSO

**Outward visits - route of travel**

**Table 16.11 Passenger movement by sea, rail, scheduled bus and air classified by route**

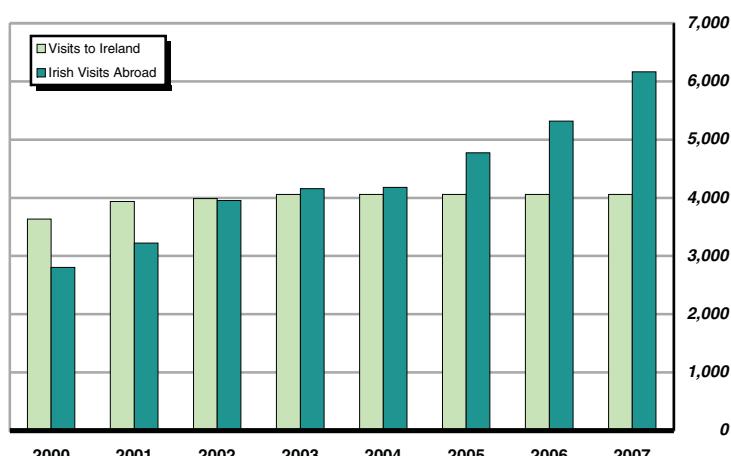
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Mode	Year	Routes to/from							
		Great Britain		Northern Ireland		Other places		Total	
		Outwards	Inwards	Outwards	Inwards	Outwards	Inwards	Outwards	Inwards
Sea	2002	1,960	1,962	—	—	148	147	<b>2,109</b>	<b>2,110</b>
	2003	1,889	1,913	—	—	147	146	<b>2,036</b>	<b>2,059</b>
	2004	1,816	1,839	—	—	141	147	<b>1,957</b>	<b>1,986</b>
	2005	1,500	1,536	—	—	116	116	<b>1,616</b>	<b>1,653</b>
	2006	1,349	1,396	—	—	130	130	<b>1,479</b>	<b>1,526</b>
	2007	1,370	1,416	—	—	142	139	<b>1,512</b>	<b>1,555</b>
Rail	2002	—	—	418	433	—	—	<b>418</b>	<b>433</b>
	2003	—	—	457	456	—	—	<b>457</b>	<b>456</b>
	2004	—	—	388	406	—	—	<b>388</b>	<b>406</b>
	2005	—	—	365	408	—	—	<b>365</b>	<b>408</b>
	2006	—	—	336	385	—	—	<b>336</b>	<b>385</b>
	2007	—	—	400	456	—	—	<b>400</b>	<b>456</b>
Bus (scheduled)	2002	—	—	527	532	—	—	<b>527</b>	<b>532</b>
	2003	—	—	508	514	—	—	<b>508</b>	<b>514</b>
	2004	—	—	503	509	—	—	<b>503</b>	<b>509</b>
	2005	—	—	475	481	—	—	<b>475</b>	<b>481</b>
	2006	—	—	446	448	—	—	<b>446</b>	<b>448</b>
	2007	—	—	411	412	—	—	<b>411</b>	<b>412</b>
Air	2002	4,966	4,919	—	—	4,070	4,050	<b>9,036</b>	<b>8,969</b>
	2003	5,132	5,096	—	—	4,556	4,556	<b>9,688</b>	<b>9,652</b>
	2004	5,468	5,434	—	—	5,030	5,031	<b>10,498</b>	<b>10,466</b>
	2005	5,887	5,864	—	—	5,903	5,917	<b>11,790</b>	<b>11,781</b>
	2006	6,223	6,181	—	—	7,154	7,193	<b>13,377</b>	<b>13,373</b>
	2007	6,200	6,137	—	—	8,384	8,408	<b>14,584</b>	<b>14,544</b>
Total	2002	<b>6,926</b>	<b>6,881</b>	945	965	4,218	4,198	12,089	12,044
	2003	<b>7,021</b>	<b>7,009</b>	965	970	4,704	4,702	12,232	12,225
	2004	<b>7,284</b>	<b>7,274</b>	891	915	5,171	5,178	13,346	13,367
	2005	<b>7,387</b>	<b>7,400</b>	840	889	6,019	6,033	14,246	14,322
	2006	<b>7,572</b>	<b>7,577</b>	782	833	7,284	7,323	15,638	15,733
	2007	<b>7,570</b>	<b>7,553</b>	811	868	8,526	8,547	16,907	16,967

Source: CSO

**Estimated earnings and expenditure**

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**Table 16.12 Registered hotels and guest houses and number of bedrooms available**

<b>Description</b>	<i>Number</i>									
	<b>1998</b>	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
Hotels	819	836	844	849	858	854	846	854	812	857
Bedrooms available	36,090	36,677	38,000	40,000	42,000	43,043	43,352	45,773	45,873	51,322
Guest houses	459	491	481	489	486	480	461	448	409	387
Bedrooms available	4,869	5,153	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,310	5,226	5,115	4,632	4,429

Source: Fáilte Ireland

**Table 16.13 Domestic travel by Irish residents – number of trips, number of nights and average length of stay by region visited**

	<i>Thousands</i>							
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Total Domestic – Trips</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>7,310</b>	<b>7,942</b>
Border, Midland and Western	597	2,078	2,089	2,235	2,295	2,366	2,302	2,479
Southern and Eastern	722	4,229	4,363	4,422	4,706	4,807	5,008	5,463
<b>Total Domestic – Nights</b>	<b>20,703</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>24,203</b>	<b>26,328</b>
Border, Midland and Western	2,329	7,539	6,937	7,800	7,657	8,199	7,538	7,947
Southern and Eastern	2,230	15,669	15,285	15,816	16,532	16,408	16,665	18,381
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Border, Midland and Western	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.2
Southern and Eastern	3.1	3.7	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.4

Source: CSO

**Table 16.14 Domestic travel by Irish residents – number of trips, number of nights and average length of stay by reason for journey**

	<i>Thousands</i>							
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total Domestic – Trips</b>	<b>5,478</b>	<b>6,307</b>	<b>6,452</b>	<b>6,657</b>	<b>7,001</b>	<b>7,173</b>	<b>7,310</b>	<b>7,942</b>
Holiday	2,516	2,902	2,819	2,933	3,142	3,348	3,827	4,271
Business	554	652	583	619	624	770	761	711
Visiting Friends/Relatives	1,800	2,063	2,286	2,291	2,420	2,298	2,254	2,420
Other	607	690	763	814	815	757	468	541
<b>Total Domestic – Nights</b>	<b>20,703</b>	<b>23,207</b>	<b>22,222</b>	<b>23,616</b>	<b>24,189</b>	<b>24,607</b>	<b>24,203</b>	<b>26,328</b>
Holiday	11,465	13,227	12,098	13,009	13,506	13,676	14,374	16,359
Business	1,672	1,778	1,633	1,788	1,665	1,973	2,080	1,771
Visiting Friends/Relatives	5,651	5,823	6,120	6,509	6,478	6,535	6,168	6,587
Other	1,916	2,380	2,371	2,310	2,540	2,422	1,581	1,611
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.3</b>
Holiday	4.6	4.6	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.8
Business	3.0	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.7	2.5
Visiting Friends/Relatives	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7
Other	3.2	3.4	3.1	2.8	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.0

Source: CSO

**Table 16.15 Domestic travel by Irish residents – total estimated expenditure by reason for journey**

*€m*

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Domestic - Expenditure</b>	<b>706.6</b>	<b>879.9</b>	<b>849.4</b>	<b>970.9</b>	<b>1,037.2</b>	<b>1,164.5</b>	<b>1,375.2</b>	<b>1,551.0</b>
Holiday	447.7	549.7	501.6	575.9	624.9	706.8	872.7	1,028.1
Business	109.5	149.3	152.9	157.6	162.5	188.3	227.3	194.1
Visiting Friends/Relatives	81.3	86.6	97.2	114.0	121.1	142.4	181.8	219.7
Other	68.1	94.3	97.7	123.4	128.7	127.0	93.4	109.1

Source: CSO

**Table 16.16 International travel by Irish residents – number of trips, number of nights and average length of stay by region visited**

Thousands

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total International – Trips</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>7,830</b>
EU-27	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6,460
of which EU-25	–	–	–	–	4,614	5,101	5,775	6,385
EU-15	2,988	3,400	3,802	4,117	4,455	4,927	5,548	6,141
Other Europe	145	197	229	260	167	238	256	228
North America	439	360	339	384	449	571	577	685
Central and South America	27	23	21	30	28	41	59	47
Asia	55	62	65	64	89	95	135	163
Africa	65	71	86	76	69	77	105	153
Australia, New Zealand and Oceania	48	49	56	42	50	68	75	94
<b>Total International – Nights</b>	<b>35,544</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>54,266</b>	<b>62,236</b>
EU-27	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	43,160
of which EU-25	–	–	–	–	33,924	36,168	38,161	42,447
EU-15	24,020	26,844	29,191	31,758	32,938	34,996	36,752	40,938
Other Europe	1,352	1,873	2,185	2,285	1,681	2,092	2,563	1,777
North America	6,506	5,412	5,046	5,722	6,200	7,726	6,834	8,941
Central and South America	411	378	313	513	488	654	867	728
Asia	873	1,012	1,060	999	1,543	1,559	2,195	2,710
Africa	857	859	1,153	1,080	991	1,108	1,376	1,917
Australia, New Zealand and Oceania	1,525	1,576	1,713	1,344	1,475	2,196	2,270	3,003
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.9</b>
EU-27	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	6.7
of which EU-25	–	–	–	–	7.4	7.1	6.6	6.6
EU-15	8.0	7.9	7.7	7.7	7.4	7.1	6.6	6.7
Other Europe	9.3	9.5	9.5	8.8	10.1	8.8	10.0	7.8
North America	14.8	15.0	14.9	14.9	13.8	13.5	11.8	13.1
Central and South America	15.2	16.4	14.9	17.1	17.4	16.0	14.7	15.5
Asia	15.9	16.3	16.3	15.6	17.3	16.4	16.3	16.6
Africa	13.2	12.1	13.4	14.2	14.4	14.4	13.1	12.5
Australia, New Zealand and Oceania	31.8	32.2	30.6	32.0	29.5	32.3	30.3	31.9

Source: CSO

**Table 16.17 International travel by Irish residents – number of trips, number of nights and average length of stay by reason for journey**

	<i>Thousands</i>							
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total International – Trips</b>	<b>3,768</b>	<b>4,162</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>4,974</b>	<b>5,465</b>	<b>6,189</b>	<b>6,981</b>	<b>7,830</b>
Holiday	2,226	2,569	2,833	3,162	3,472	3,931	4,612	5,448
Business	622	638	609	621	684	791	783	723
Visiting Friends/Relatives	663	704	856	876	985	1,118	1,317	1,356
Other	257	251	299	315	325	351	268	303
<b>Total International – Nights</b>	<b>35,544</b>	<b>37,953</b>	<b>40,660</b>	<b>43,702</b>	<b>46,302</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>54,266</b>	<b>62,236</b>
Holiday	23,883	26,786	28,353	31,115	33,692	36,714	38,884	47,019
Business	3,728	3,462	3,163	3,421	3,430	3,870	4,282	3,669
Visiting Friends/Relatives	5,123	5,175	6,415	6,150	6,906	7,706	9,063	9,304
Other	2,810	2,530	2,730	3,015	2,274	3,211	2,037	2,244
<b>Average Length of Stay</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.9</b>
Holiday	10.7	10.4	10.0	9.8	9.7	9.3	8.4	8.6
Business	6.0	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.0	4.9	5.5	5.1
Visiting Friends/Relatives	7.7	7.4	7.5	7.0	7.0	6.9	6.9	6.9
Other	10.9	10.1	9.1	9.6	7.0	9.1	7.6	7.4

Source: CSO

**Table 16.18 Mechanically propelled vehicles under current licence**

Number

Year	Private cars	Motor cycles	Goods vehicles	Tractors, excavators, dumpers etc	Public service vehicles		Exempt vehicles	Others	Total
					Small	Large			
1976	551,117	36,025	53,532	67,577	4,143	2,573	7,432	2,417	<b>724,816</b>
1977	572,692	33,649	53,251	71,819	3,674	2,598	7,413	2,574	<b>747,670</b>
1978	638,740	30,866	59,585	71,762	2,879	2,635	5,447	2,657	<b>814,571</b>
1979	682,958	28,785	61,543	67,189	2,716	2,672	4,744	2,604	<b>853,211</b>
1980	734,371	28,488	65,052	69,118	2,444	2,722	6,141	2,695	<b>911,031</b>
1981	774,594	28,140	67,014	66,273	2,366	2,844	5,835	2,753	<b>949,819</b>
1982	709,000	25,676	68,087	64,382	3,453	2,955	5,847	2,740	<b>882,140</b>
1983	718,555	25,208	69,978	67,595	3,960	2,949	6,407	2,729	<b>897,381</b>
1984	711,098	26,305	84,103	68,392	4,329	3,107	6,085	2,690	<b>906,109</b>
1985	709,546	26,025	93,369	68,552	4,358	3,295	6,905	2,708	<b>914,758</b>
1986	711,087	25,735	101,475	66,149	4,710	3,422	7,146	2,760	<b>922,484</b>
1987	736,595	25,828	111,023	67,597	4,826	3,521	7,525	2,838	<b>959,753</b>
1988	749,459	24,877	118,764	69,219	4,952	3,701	7,598	2,726	<b>981,296</b>
1989	773,396	24,492	130,020	72,707	5,061	3,834	7,238	2,812	<b>1,019,560</b>
1990	796,408	22,744	143,166	72,814	4,977	4,047	7,255	2,848	<b>1,054,259</b>
1991	836,583	24,652	148,331	75,742	5,363	4,388	7,119	3,367	<b>1,105,545</b>
1992	858,498	24,649	144,798	76,784	5,711	4,557	7,514	3,962	<b>1,126,473</b>
1993	891,027	23,921	135,225	77,115	6,144	4,835	7,874	5,097	<b>1,151,238</b>
1994	939,022	23,632	135,809	77,680	6,925	4,985	8,052	6,168	<b>1,202,273</b>
1995	990,384	23,452	141,785	77,925	8,086	5,282	8,336	7,253	<b>1,262,503</b>
1996	1,057,383	23,847	146,601	78,696	9,219	5,535	8,661	8,674	<b>1,338,616</b>
1997	1,134,429	24,424	158,158	78,405	10,340	5,845	10,336	10,393	<b>1,432,330</b>
1998	1,196,901	24,398	170,866	78,047	11,249	6,096	11,748	11,548	<b>1,510,853</b>
1999	1,269,245	26,677	188,814	75,591	13,076	6,564	12,248	15,941	<b>1,608,156</b>
2000	1,319,250	30,638	205,575	73,806	13,637	6,957	13,864	18,494	<b>1,682,221</b>
2001	1,384,704	32,913	219,510	73,719	16,547	7,084	14,965	20,242	<b>1,769,684</b>
2002	1,447,908	33,147	233,069	73,956	18,252	7,090	16,186	20,438	<b>1,850,046</b>
2003	1,507,106	35,094	251,130	76,425	19,856	7,392	17,185	23,241	<b>1,937,429</b>
2004	1,582,833	34,854	268,082	76,697	20,744	7,430	18,847	26,820	<b>2,036,307</b>
2005	1,662,157	34,300	286,548	76,307	21,888	7,625	20,321	29,534	<b>2,138,680</b>
2006	1,778,861	34,927	318,604	78,520	23,284	7,997	22,117	32,083	<b>2,296,393</b>

Source: Department of Transport

**Table 16.19 New motor vehicles licensed for the first time by taxation class**

Taxation class	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Number
Private cars	138,538	170,322	225,269	160,908	150,485	142,992	149,635	166,270	173,273	180,754	
Goods vehicles	23,811	30,066	33,606	30,622	28,412	30,532	31,165	38,396	43,619	46,043	
Tractors	2,318	2,762	2,816	2,681	2,868	2,970	2,881	3,168	3,687	4,442	
Motor cycles	3,117	4,955	6,871	6,919	5,596	4,993	3,833	3,240	3,206	3,522	
Exempt vehicles	2,481	2,664	3,321	3,709	4,114	4,022	5,099	4,851	6,169	7,422	
Public service vehicles	1,380	1,795	1,774	1,335	1,149	1,081	1,181	1,400	1,732	1,956	
<i>Small</i>	991	1,109	873	843	713	599	652	902	1,033	1,283	
<i>Large</i>	389	686	901	492	436	482	529	498	699	673	
Machines or contrivances	739	709	1,003	938	819	1,123	1,241	1,359	1,327	1,445	
Other classes	140	327	330	329	300	396	472	600	714	862	
<b>Total</b>	<b>172,524</b>	<b>213,600</b>	<b>274,990</b>	<b>207,441</b>	<b>193,743</b>	<b>188,109</b>	<b>195,507</b>	<b>219,284</b>	<b>233,727</b>	<b>246,446</b>	

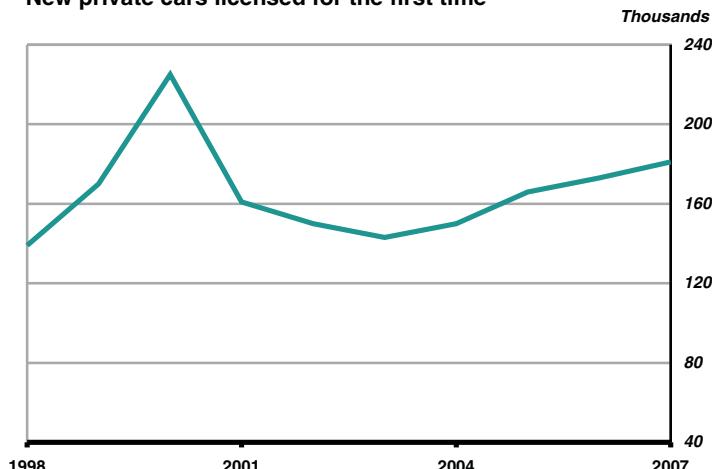
Source: CSO

**Table 16.20 New private cars licensed for the first time by engine cubic capacity**

Engine cubic capacity	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Number
Up to 1000 cc	16,190	24,714	34,800	19,750	10,971	9,561	8,613	8,396	9,196	6,410	
1001-1300 cc	24,148	31,834	44,684	25,429	25,403	24,638	22,433	20,425	21,508	21,941	
1301-1400 cc	40,559	52,261	67,667	40,959	39,905	37,457	38,534	44,545	44,854	48,525	
1401-1500 cc	1,998	1,021	3,341	7,389	5,822	5,682	6,581	8,426	7,306	7,591	
1501-1600 cc	21,463	22,578	27,029	21,638	21,343	20,338	25,867	32,602	34,183	37,054	
1601-2400 cc	31,067	34,427	43,194	41,469	42,451	40,198	41,006	43,342	45,707	48,938	
2401 cc and over	3,113	3,487	4,554	4,274	4,590	5,118	6,601	8,534	10,519	10,295	
<b>Total</b>	<b>138,538</b>	<b>170,322</b>	<b>225,269</b>	<b>160,908</b>	<b>150,485</b>	<b>142,992</b>	<b>149,635</b>	<b>166,270</b>	<b>173,273</b>	<b>180,754</b>	

Source: CSO

**New private cars licensed for the first time**



**Table 16.21 New vehicles licensed for the first time by local authority**

Number

Authority	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Carlow	1,795	2,535	3,136	2,197	2,233	2,166	2,218	2,523	2,919	3,268
Cavan	1,946	2,334	3,315	2,477	2,308	2,263	2,506	2,989	3,241	3,465
Clare	4,267	5,107	6,080	4,522	4,032	3,979	4,329	4,783	5,119	5,526
Donegal	3,807	4,769	6,103	4,688	4,727	4,156	4,435	5,024	5,446	6,014
Galway	7,750	9,155	11,734	8,351	8,570	8,065	8,624	9,463	10,265	10,839
Kerry	3,883	4,424	6,129	4,077	4,099	3,829	4,067	4,865	5,412	5,651
Kildare	6,879	9,058	12,135	9,357	8,654	8,431	9,042	10,004	10,651	11,130
Kilkenny	3,244	4,003	5,132	3,563	3,433	3,278	3,447	4,053	4,415	4,996
Laois	2,178	2,568	3,433	2,404	2,385	2,326	2,507	3,028	3,134	3,509
Leitrim	644	865	1,231	868	890	849	883	994	1,182	1,223
Limerick County	5,931	6,506	9,157	6,220	6,019	5,731	6,334	6,888	7,525	8,193
Longford	1,023	1,288	1,632	1,261	1,271	1,224	1,220	1,494	1,523	1,776
Louth	3,821	5,040	6,700	5,110	4,725	4,426	4,525	5,150	5,647	6,018
Mayo	3,477	4,384	5,937	4,216	4,136	4,189	4,494	5,458	5,962	5,780
Meath	5,602	7,180	9,245	7,423	6,951	7,226	7,752	8,933	9,456	9,996
Monaghan	1,753	2,217	2,938	2,023	2,107	1,920	2,019	2,381	2,726	2,705
Offaly	2,283	2,990	4,100	2,798	2,803	2,702	2,933	3,244	3,516	3,751
Roscommon	1,952	2,429	3,361	2,453	2,585	2,523	2,978	3,670	3,533	4,154
Sligo	2,240	2,914	3,503	2,444	2,496	2,290	2,350	2,657	2,835	2,918
North Tipperary	2,577	3,045	3,811	2,592	2,616	2,547	2,637	3,176	3,982	4,295
South Tipperary	3,024	3,612	5,002	3,201	3,197	3,278	3,314	3,685	3,511	3,753
Waterford County	1,964	2,470	3,193	2,070	2,158	1,942	2,079	2,510	3,240	3,637
Westmeath	2,845	3,476	4,435	3,053	3,118	3,077	3,144	3,537	4,028	4,201
Wexford	5,133	6,418	8,218	6,358	6,033	5,673	6,407	7,516	8,927	8,789
Wicklow	4,639	5,978	7,879	5,866	5,075	5,057	5,161	5,812	6,398	6,782
Cork County and City Council	21,284	27,841	35,801	25,697	24,053	25,131	26,330	28,568	30,114	31,767
Dublin County and City Council	61,679	74,385	93,752	76,307	67,779	64,415	64,287	70,492	72,997	76,716
Limerick City Council	2,058	2,894	3,532	2,601	2,171	2,074	2,097	2,259	2,022	1,940
Waterford City Council	2,846	3,715	4,366	3,244	3,119	3,342	3,388	4,128	4,001	3,654
<b>Total</b>	<b>172,524</b>	<b>213,600</b>	<b>274,990</b>	<b>207,441</b>	<b>193,743</b>	<b>188,109</b>	<b>195,507</b>	<b>219,284</b>	<b>233,727</b>	<b>246,446</b>

Source: CSO

**Table 16.22 Driving test pass rates by sex**

Number and rates

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Male</b>									
Pass	31,694	45,624	50,557	51,016	42,545	41,821	43,531	39,937	43,992
Fail	21,826	29,010	34,510	38,174	34,157	31,949	34,920	32,653	38,853
% Pass	59.2	61.1	59.4	57.2	55.5	56.7	55.5	55.0	53.1
<b>Female</b>									
Pass	25,130	36,240	42,758	44,553	38,326	43,478	39,647	33,757	39,176
Fail	21,462	27,302	34,871	38,633	33,955	39,167	35,885	31,153	36,720
% Pass	53.9	57.0	55.1	53.6	53.0	52.6	52.5	52.0	51.6
<b>Total tests</b>	<b>100,112</b>	<b>138,176</b>	<b>162,696</b>	<b>172,376</b>	<b>148,983</b>	<b>156,415</b>	<b>153,983</b>	<b>137,500</b>	<b>158,741</b>

Source: Department of Transport

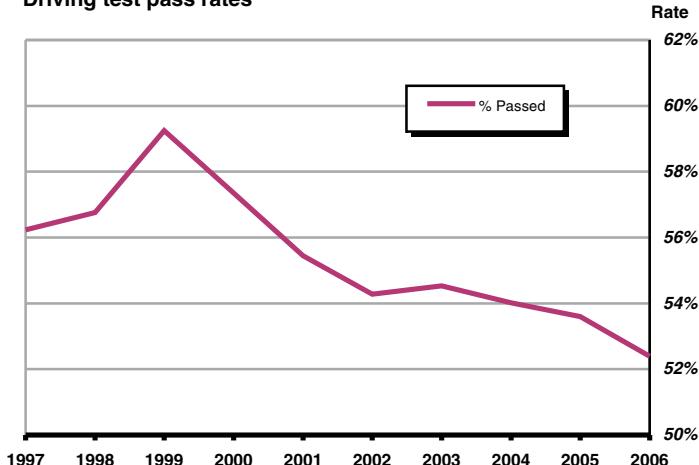
**Table 16.23 New private cars licensed for the first time by make**

Number

Make	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Alfa Romeo	2,547	2,087	1,319	836	645	460	445	465
Audi	2,197	2,260	3,060	2,950	3,410	4,488	4,232	5,200
BMW	3,898	4,008	4,147	3,708	4,794	5,587	6,137	6,876
Chevrolet	—	—	—	—	—	2,342	2,557	1,661
Citroen	4,842	3,783	4,289	3,935	3,330	4,032	3,097	2,201
Daewoo	6,675	2,394	1,370	1,457	1,718	37	—	—
Daihatsu	911	433	242	267	232	311	442	693
Fiat	16,821	10,558	8,899	5,632	3,793	2,623	2,995	2,451
Ford	25,064	17,936	17,146	17,231	16,514	19,735	19,504	20,027
Honda	3,207	2,806	2,905	2,632	3,017	3,348	3,482	3,935
Hyundai	7,204	4,518	4,421	5,080	5,615	6,673	6,816	6,578
Isuzu	167	94	83	56	33	42	23	—
Kia	—	—	—	—	—	2149	3,297	3,603
Land Rover	—	—	1,089	1,076	1,190	1,392	1,603	1,991
Lexus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1,569
Mazda	4,545	2,711	2,290	3,533	4,526	4,064	3,262	4,077
Mercedes-Benz	4,139	4,455	3,734	4,890	4,678	4,778	5,159	5,179
MG/Rover	—	—	1,706	976	1,153	854	141	—
Mitsubishi	5,495	2,503	1,949	1,614	1,940	2,053	1,673	1,801
Nissan	23,231	15,791	13,745	13,347	12,036	13,078	13,073	13,538
Opel	21,205	14,954	11,971	10,611	10,474	11,870	13,497	16,222
Peugeot	10,016	8,510	9,108	7,916	8,416	9,101	7,716	7,664
Renault	13,728	11,088	10,897	9,723	11,119	10,689	9,022	6,322
Saab	976	975	846	1,111	1,249	1,305	1,249	1,079
Ssangyong	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	592
Seat	6,204	3,921	3,142	3,382	3,320	3,122	3,096	3,289
Skoda	4,233	3,971	4,079	3,459	3,095	5,005	5,008	5,823
Subaru	844	354	341	407	434	478	514	439
Suzuki	2,108	1,653	1,704	1,864	2,719	3,115	3,957	3,706
Toyota	25,189	16,531	16,655	16,736	19,433	23,490	24,704	27,030
Volkswagen	22,538	16,967	15,803	14,396	15,030	14,599	19,940	21,087
Volvo	1,973	1,938	1,738	1,844	1,973	2,839	2,763	2,937
Other Makes	5,312	3,709	1,807	2,323	3,749	2,611	3,869	2,719
<b>Total</b>	<b>225,269</b>	<b>160,908</b>	<b>150,485</b>	<b>142,992</b>	<b>149,635</b>	<b>166,270</b>	<b>173,273</b>	<b>180,754</b>

Source: CSO

#### Driving test pass rates



**Table 16.24 Tonnage of goods handled by Irish ports, classified by category of traffic**

Thousands of tonnes

Category of traffic	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Total goods handled</b>	<b>36,330</b>	<b>39,954</b>	<b>42,928</b>	<b>45,273</b>	<b>45,795</b>	<b>44,919</b>	<b>46,165</b>	<b>47,720</b>	<b>52,146</b>	<b>53,318</b>
Roll-on/roll-off traffic	6,354	7,504	8,174	8,947	9,253	9,449	9,857	10,570	11,816	11,915
Lift-on/lift-off traffic	4,423	4,906	5,755	6,262	5,731	5,919	6,574	7,022	7,803	8,472
Liquid bulk	11,117	12,166	12,993	14,008	14,247	13,154	12,966	13,315	14,759	14,301
Dry bulk	12,739	13,783	14,416	14,463	14,832	14,775	15,024	14,828	15,589	16,215
Break bulk and all other goods	1,697	1,595	1,589	1,593	1,732	1,622	1,743	1,984	2,179	2,415
<b>Goods received</b>	<b>25,593</b>	<b>28,694</b>	<b>30,726</b>	<b>31,679</b>	<b>32,634</b>	<b>32,182</b>	<b>33,234</b>	<b>34,703</b>	<b>37,654</b>	<b>38,555</b>
Roll-on/roll-off traffic	3,507	4,267	4,713	5,245	5,532	5,517	5,792	6,261	7,260	7,079
Lift-on/lift-off traffic	2,381	2,777	3,089	3,344	3,485	3,566	3,956	4,291	4,770	5,379
Liquid bulk	8,901	9,836	10,814	11,124	11,463	10,880	10,666	11,111	11,977	11,692
Dry bulk	9,830	10,879	11,166	10,910	10,883	10,945	11,444	11,445	11,911	12,465
Break bulk and all other goods	974	936	945	1,055	1,271	1,274	1,376	1,596	1,736	1,940
<b>Goods forwarded</b>	<b>10,737</b>	<b>11,260</b>	<b>12,202</b>	<b>13,594</b>	<b>13,161</b>	<b>12,737</b>	<b>12,931</b>	<b>13,017</b>	<b>14,492</b>	<b>14,763</b>
Roll-on/roll-off traffic	2,847	3,237	3,461	3,702	3,722	3,931	4,066	4,308	4,557	4,836
Lift-on/lift-off traffic	2,042	2,129	2,667	2,917	2,246	2,353	2,617	2,732	3,032	3,093
Liquid bulk	2,216	2,330	2,180	2,885	2,784	2,273	2,301	2,205	2,781	2,609
Dry bulk	2,909	2,905	3,250	3,552	3,949	3,830	3,580	3,383	3,679	3,750
Break bulk and all other goods	724	659	644	538	461	348	367	388	443	475

Source: CSO

**Table 16.25 Traffic by rail**

Thousands

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Passenger journeys</b>								
Mainline and other services	9,695	10,833	11,250	11,256	11,310	11,843	9,801	11,387
Dublin suburban services	22,026	23,373	24,120	24,302	23,240	25,812	33,551	34,124
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,721</b>	<b>34,206</b>	<b>35,370</b>	<b>35,558</b>	<b>34,550</b>	<b>37,655</b>	<b>43,352</b>	<b>45,511</b>
<b>Passenger kilometres</b>	<b>1,389,138</b>	<b>1,515,303</b>	<b>1,628,000</b>	<b>1,601,000</b>	<b>1,581,698</b>	<b>1,781,000</b>	<b>1,872,100</b>	<b>2,007,065</b>
<b>Freight traffic tonnes</b>	<b>2,707</b>	<b>2,612</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>2,251</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>825</b>
<b>Freight traffic tonnes kilometres</b>	<b>490,825</b>	<b>515,754</b>	<b>426,307</b>	<b>398,309</b>	<b>399,041</b>	<b>303,223</b>	<b>206,777</b>	<b>128,908</b>

Source: Iarnród Éireann

**Table 16.26 Scheduled bus passenger services**

*Thousands*

Scheduled services	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Passenger journeys</b>								
Dublin city services	134,191	142,912	146,600	149,900	149,851	145,691	146,292	147,532
Provincial city services	19,156	20,051	20,954	21,391	21,070	21,574	21,940	22,085
Other scheduled services	21,364	23,729	25,104	26,969	26,803	27,467	27,783	28,136
School transport scheme	43,797	43,610	43,300	43,554	42,402	43,596	42,367	45,507
<b>Total</b>	<b>218,508</b>	<b>230,302</b>	<b>235,958</b>	<b>241,814</b>	<b>240,126</b>	<b>238,328</b>	<b>238,382</b>	<b>243,260</b>
<b>Vehicle kilometres</b>								
Dublin city services	54,126	56,873	57,602	57,903	58,285	59,750	59,779	63,234
Provincial city services	7,197	7,593	7,745	8,201	8,027	8,236	8,317	8,529
Other scheduled services	66,363	70,457	71,840	77,095	77,551	83,074	83,401	84,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>127,686</b>	<b>134,923</b>	<b>137,187</b>	<b>143,199</b>	<b>143,863</b>	<b>151,060</b>	<b>151,497</b>	<b>156,163</b>

Source: Bus Éireann, Dublin Bus

**Table 16.27 Persons at work aged 15 years and over (excluding those who work mainly at or from home) usually resident in the State, classified by time leaving home and time taken to travel to work**

Time travelling	Total	Departure time									
		Before 06.30	06.31 07.00	07.01 07.30	07.31 08.00	08.01 08.30	08.31 09.00	09.01 09.30	After 09.30	Not stated	
Under ¼ hour	<b>470,483</b>	19,712	27,177	35,548	83,684	68,440	110,374	50,550	55,722	19,276	
¼ hour - under ½ hour	<b>505,841</b>	25,138	35,426	63,679	92,440	98,270	95,090	36,011	42,506	17,281	
½ hour - under ¾ hour	<b>317,152</b>	18,892	33,208	58,368	61,031	69,707	34,917	14,153	17,941	8,935	
¾ hour - 1 under hour	<b>124,320</b>	8,992	18,222	24,454	27,528	24,293	8,958	3,756	5,327	2,790	
1 hour - under 1½ hours	<b>131,144</b>	14,830	27,296	28,612	28,818	15,586	6,118	2,751	4,531	2,602	
1½ hours and over	<b>56,275</b>	14,714	14,222	11,142	7,139	3,563	1,664	813	1,599	1,419	
Not stated	<b>181,866</b>	10,860	16,232	21,085	26,437	20,914	16,863	8,940	11,600	48,935	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,787,081</b>	<b>113,138</b>	<b>171,783</b>	<b>242,888</b>	<b>327,077</b>	<b>300,773</b>	<b>273,984</b>	<b>116,974</b>	<b>139,226</b>	<b>101,238</b>	

Source: CSO

**Table 16.28 Persons at work aged 15 years and over, usually resident in the State, classified by distance travelled and means of travel to work**

	Means of travel											Work mainly at or from home	Not stated	Total
	On foot	Bicycle	Bus, minibus or coach	Train or DART	Motor cycle or scooter	Motor car Driver	Motor car Passenger	Lorry or van	Other means					
0 Kilometers	6,921	60	72	22	12	1,684	84	425	54	10,831	128	<b>20,293</b>		
1 Kilometer	72,195	3,768	1,306	183	375	44,399	4,439	4,130	363	—	379	<b>132,118</b>		
2 to 4 Kilometers	59,196	14,269	17,179	3,054	1,990	162,526	20,849	10,962	989	—	656	<b>292,171</b>		
5 to 9 Kilometers	7,121	9,729	29,576	9,428	3,095	195,224	20,198	15,540	982	—	613	<b>291,962</b>		
10 to 14 Kilometers	—	2,768	18,420	10,859	2,359	151,805	13,336	16,594	550	—	483	<b>217,484</b>		
15 to 24 Kilometers	—	845	14,602	10,705	2,070	174,729	13,722	21,428	540	—	502	<b>239,458</b>		
25 to 49 Kilometers	—	142	7,689	8,610	1,235	147,593	9,793	19,779	352	—	375	<b>195,770</b>		
50 Kilometers and over	—	0	3,255	4,750	443	70,805	4,747	16,246	428	—	229	<b>101,035</b>		
Not stated	60,255	4,725	22,857	7,331	1,470	131,681	17,639	35,486	2,187	94,875	26,433	<b>402,496</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>205,688</b>	<b>36,306</b>	<b>114,956</b>	<b>54,942</b>	<b>13,049</b>	<b>1,080,446</b>	<b>104,861</b>	<b>140,590</b>	<b>6,445</b>	<b>105,706</b>	<b>29,798</b>	<b>1,892,787</b>		

Source: CSO



