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Household Travel Survey December and Annual 2020

Dear Householder,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Central Statistics Office (CSO) to ask you to complete the Household Travel Survey (HTS). This survey asks about overnight trips and day trips (same-day trips) taken in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland by you or a member of your household in **December 2020**. The survey also has some questions about overnight trips taken to any destination in 2020. Participation in this survey is voluntary.

Why is it important that you participate?

Tourism and travel by Irish residents is very important to the economy and is a major source of employment. The information you provide in this questionnaire will help to measure the extent and the economic importance of tourism and travel, and will assist the tourism industry and government to make key decisions about the tourism sector.

Why is it important to participate - even if you did not travel in December 2020?

If you have not taken any trips within the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland in December 2020, we would still appreciate it if you answered a few questions on the form. Information from people who have not taken any trips is equally important to us and will help us ensure that the figures represent the full picture.

Did you take any trips in 2020?

In 2020 we are aware that travel restrictions had a significant impact on usual travel patterns. At the end of this form there are two additional questions which ask about all personal overnight trips taken anytime during 2020. Unlike the other questions in the form these trips can be domestic or foreign (which includes all destinations outside the Republic of Ireland). Please complete these to help us assess the impact that Covid-19 has had on personal travel by Irish residents in 2020.

Why were you selected for this survey?

Each month 4,600 private households are randomly selected from the CSO household register. The CSO's household register is based on data from public sector databases used for statistical purposes by the CSO under the Statistics Act, 1993.

What next?

Please return this form when completed, in the free-post envelope provided, before **18th January 2021**. If you have any queries, please contact us at tourism@cso.ie or call one of the phone numbers at the top of this form. Thank you in advance for your cooperation regarding this important survey.

Tá leagan Gaeilge den fhoirm seo le fail ach í a iarraidh ón oifig seo.

Legal basis, Statistical Confidentiality and Data Protection

The Household Travel Survey is conducted by the CSO each month under Section 24 of the Statistics Act, 1993, to provide aggregate statistics relevant to tourism planning and to provide tables required by EU Regulation No 692/2011 on Tourism Statistics. **Please be assured that all information that you provide to the CSO is treated as strictly confidential under the Statistics Act, 1993 and may be used for statistical purposes only.** For information on your Data Protection rights please see the following documentation on the CSO website. <https://www.cso.ie/en/methods/tn/householdtravelsurvey/>

Pádraig Dalton
Director General

Please complete this form even if no trips were taken

Question 1 Household Composition Details

Please complete the following details for each person usually resident in this household.

Person Code	First name	Age	Gender	
			Male	Female
e.g. A	Joe	4 2	☒	☐
A			☐	☐
B			☐	☐
C			☐	☐
D			☐	☐
E			☐	☐
F			☐	☐
G			☐	☐
H			☐	☐
I			☐	☐

What is a trip?

For the purposes of this survey, a trip is an overnight or same-day trip taken within the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland.

Please include overnight and same-day trips which were taken on the island of Ireland for personal or professional purposes e.g. holidays, visiting friends or relatives, business or professional trips, sporting or religious events, medical visits, shopping trips.

Exclude all weekly or more frequent trips that are part of your normal routine, and for same-day visits exclude trips taken that were less than 30km from your usual residence.

If you need more information, just follow this link for more details of what trips should be counted - <https://www.cso.ie/en/methods/surveybackgroundnotes/householdtravelsurvey/>

Question 2 During the month of December 2020, did any member of the household return from any trips within the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland?

2(a) Overnight Trip

Yes ☐ No ☐

2(b) Same-day Trip

Yes ☐ No ☐

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If you answered no to both overnight and same-day trips, please **skip to Question 17**.

Overnight Trips

Please only include overnight trips that any member of the household **returned from** during the month of **December 2020 within the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland.**

Question 3 For each overnight trip taken during the month of December 2020, where did you (i.e. *members of the household*) return from?

State main destination County	Example trip	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
	Mayo				

Question 4 What date in December 2020 did you return from each trip?

Date of Return	DD / MM / YY	DD / MM / YY	DD / MM / YY	DD / MM / YY	DD / MM / YY
	21 / 12 / 20				

Question 5 How many nights were spent away from home on each trip?

Please enter total nights spent away from home (e.g. 3 people away for 4 nights, then enter 4).

Nights spent away from home?					
	7				

Question 6 Please identify each individual who went on each trip?

Please circle the letter(s) under each trip, using those allocated to each person in Q1 on page 2, indicating which members of the household went on each trip.

	Example trip	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
(In the example, Joe went on a trip to Mayo so the person code "A" is circled in respect of the person code for Joe in question 1.)	A	A	A	A	A
	B	B	B	B	B
	C	C	C	C	C
	D	D	D	D	D
	E	E	E	E	E
	F	F	F	F	F
	G	G	G	G	G
	H	H	H	H	H
	I	I	I	I	I

Question 7 What was the main reason for each trip?

Please mark (X) in one box only under each trip.

	Example trip	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Personal					
1. Holiday/leisure/recreation	X				
2. Visiting friends/relatives					
3. Other personal (including education & training, work/looking for work, sporting events, health & medical care, religious, shopping)					
Professional					
4. Business & professional (including conference/seminar)					

Question 8 What was the main type of accommodation used on each trip?

Please mark (X) in one box only under each trip.

	Example trip	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
Paid Accommodation (including that paid for by third party)					
1. Hotel	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Guesthouse/B&B	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. Campsite/caravan park/tent/ rented mobile home	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. Self-catering holiday centre, youth hostel	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. Rented accommodation e.g. house/villa/apartment/room(s) in a private dwelling	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. All other paid accommodation e.g. inland waterways cruiser, marinas, health farm, spa	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Free Accommodation					
7. Accommodation provided by friends/relatives	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
8. Own holiday home/own mobile home	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
9. All other free accommodation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Question 9 For each trip, what was the main type of transportation used in getting to and from the destination?

Please mark (X) in one box only under each trip.

1. Air	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Waterway (passenger ferry, yacht, rented vessel)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
3. Rail, bus or coach	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. Private motor vehicle (owned or leased, including friends/relatives' car)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. Rented motor vehicle (including car-sharing and car-pooling)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. Other (including bicycle)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐



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Calculating Trip Costs?

The cost of each trip should include all expenditure for each trip (e.g. air fares, taxi fares, accommodation costs) regardless of the method of payment. The cost should cover both payments made by all household members in the travel party and all expenses paid for or reimbursed by others (e.g. employer).

Please exclude any expenditure on housing, land, real estate, goods for resale, donations to charities/institutions or cash presents/payments to relatives and friends who are not part of the travel party.

If you need more information just follow this link for details of what trip costs should be counted
<https://www.cso.ie/en/methods/surveybackgroundnotes/householdtravelsurvey/>

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Question 10 How much did each trip cost (€)?

	Example trip	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
1. Accommodation costs	, 8 7 5	,	,	,	,
	+	+	+	+	+
2. Transport costs to, from and at destination	, 7 9	,	,	,	,
	+	+	+	+	+
3. Package Tour or all-inclusive holiday costs	,	,	,	,	,
	+	+	+	+	+
4. Expenditure on valuables (e.g. jewellery, works of art)	,	,	,	,	,
	+	+	+	+	+
5. Expenditure on durable consumer goods (e.g. electronic equipment, cars, boats, mobile homes, caravans, furniture)	, 2 0 0	,	,	,	,
	+	+	+	+	+
6. All other expenditure (e.g. meals, drinks, shopping, excursions)	, 7 2 2	,	,	,	,
	=	=	=	=	=
Total expenditure (sum of 1 to 6)	1 , 8 7 6	,	,	,	,

Same-day Trips

Remember, please only include same-day trips which are trips at least 30km from your usual residence that are not part of your normal routine, and that took place during the month of **December 2020 within the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland**.

Question 11 During the month of December 2020, where did you (i.e. members of the household) travel to on same-day trips?

State main destination County	Example trip	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
	Wexford				

Question 12 On what date in December 2020 did each trip take place?

Date of trip	DD / MM / YY	DD / MM / YY	DD / MM / YY	DD / MM / YY	DD / MM / YY
	05 / 12 / 20				

Question 13 How many hours were spent at the destination on each trip?

Please exclude travel time.

Hours spent at destination?					
	5				

Question 14 Please identify each individual who went on each trip?

Please circle the letter(s) under each trip, using those allocated to each person in Q1 on page 2, indicating which members of the household went on each trip.

(In the example, Joe went on a trip to Wexford so the person code "A" is circled in respect of the person code for Joe in question 1.)

A	A	A	A	A
B	B	B	B	B
C	C	C	C	C
D	D	D	D	D
E	E	E	E	E
F	F	F	F	F
G	G	G	G	G
H	H	H	H	H
I	I	I	I	I

Question 15 What was the main reason for each same-day trip?

Please mark (X) in one box only under each trip.

Personal

1. Holiday/leisure/recreation

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☐

2. Visiting friends/relatives

☐
☐
☐
☐
☐

3. Other personal (including education & training, work/looking for work, sporting events, health & medical care, religious, shopping)

☐
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Professional

4. Business & professional

(including conference/seminar)

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Question 16 How much was spent on each same-day trip (€)?

	Example trip	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4
1. Transport costs	, 5 5	,	,	,	,
	+	+	+	+	+
2. Food & drink costs	, 7 9	,	,	,	,
	+	+	+	+	+
3. All other costs (include expenditure on goods and services, excursions)	, 1 2 8	,	,	,	,
	=	=	=	=	=
Total expenditure (sum of 1 to 3)	, 2 6 2	,	,	,	,

Continue to Q17 on the next page →

Annual Trips

Please include **all overnight trips for personal purposes** e.g. holidays, visiting friends or relatives, sporting or religious events, medical visits, shopping trips, that any member of the household returned from **during 2020**. These trips can be **both domestic (within the Republic of Ireland) and foreign (outside the Republic of Ireland and including Northern Ireland)**. Exclude trips for business or professional purposes and all weekly or more frequent trips that are part of your normal routine.

Question 17 During 2020, did any member of the household return from at least one domestic trip for personal purposes, involving at least one overnight stay?

Please mark (X) in the appropriate boxes for each member of the household.

Use more than one box if necessary for each person.

Person code

		Example	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Domestic personal trip with at least one overnight stay	Yes	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	No	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
If YES, tick if Short trip (1-3 nights) and/or Long trip (4 or more nights)	(1-3 nights)	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	(4 or more nights)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Question 18 During 2020, did any member of the household return from at least one foreign trip for personal purposes, involving at least one overnight stay?

Please mark (X) in the appropriate boxes for each member of the household.

Use more than one box if necessary for each person.

Person code

		Example	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Foreign personal trip with at least one overnight stay	Yes	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	No	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
If YES, tick if Short trip (1-3 nights) and/or Long trip (4 or more nights)	(1-3 nights)	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
	(4 or more nights)	☒	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Question 19 How many minutes did it take you to complete the form?

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We really appreciate the time you took to participate in this important survey.

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