

IRISH TOLLING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION (ITIA) NATIONAL REPORT

Network Length

Tolled Motorway Length throughout Ireland is 146 km, the length of Non-Tolled Motorway Network in 2008 is 455 km. Please note that 330 km of dual carriageway was redesigned motorway in 2008.

The projected growth in Motorway Network for 2009 is 97km. The length of the National Road Network in 2008 is 5420 km, this includes motorway lengths above but excludes non-national roads (regional and local road network). The projected growth in National Roads Network for 2009 is 1 percent.

Openings in 2009

The projected growth in Motorway Network for 2009 is 40 km tolled and 97 km untolled.

Investments

In 2008 €1.6 billion invested in national roads programme, the amount allocated for 2009 is €1.5 billion. A PP contract for the provision of three motorway services is planned to be awarded in 2009.

There are 447 km of road under construction as at 31st December 2008 and a further 97 km is to commence operation in 2009.

Financing

Financing is State funded along with private investment in PPP schemes.

Traffic

GDP – 2.4 percent (2008 data estimated)

Tolls

The average tariff per kilometre in 2008 for light vehicles is €0.0164 per km* and for heavy loads of 4 axles and more is €0.049 per km*

** The above per km tariffs refers to an intercity calculation.*

The toll fares for the various schemes are regulated by bye-laws and the bye-laws provide for increases in line with the consumer price index (cost of living) as measured in the 12 months to August of each year with the toll rounded to the nearest 10 cent. Toll increases are effective as and from 1st January of each year.

Revenues

€153 million : Revenue received in 2008

The increasing percentage is 15 per cent. The increase represents the impact of increased tolls in line with inflation and traffic growth.

Safety

	In Number for one billion kilometres travelled in 2008	Variation in % in 2007/2008
Personal Injury Rate	N/A in requested format	
Accident Rate	N/A in requested format	
Rate of Dead	7.9 road deaths per 100,000 of population	-21% 279 road fatalities in 2008 338 road fatalities in 2007

2008 was the safest year on Irelands roads since records began.

While 279 people tragically lost their lives on Irish roads in 2008, it is the lowest recorded number of road deaths in this country. The earliest recorded figure for road deaths is 1959 when 306 people were killed in road collisions.

Despite the fact that there are now over eight times the number of licensed vehicles and licence holders in the state compared to 1959 road deaths are 10% lower.

The figures are also in stark contrast to the worst year for road deaths ever recorded when 640 people were killed in collisions in 1972.

Source: Road Safety Authority Press Release

Long Term Forecasts and Tendancies

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The M50 West-Link toll facility which first commenced operations in 1990 and which consisted of 7 + 7 lane toll plaza handling in the region of 90,000 vehicles per day was converted to free flow toll facility in August 2008. Payment options provided for are through a DSRC tag account or a licence plate number video account. For motorists who choose not to have an account, payment can be made either online, through a dedicated call centre or through various retail outlets.

Services are provided off-line in towns or villages bypassed by the major inter-urban routes. In tandem with the development of the motorway network the National Roads Authority has launched a policy initiative at developing on-line services areas.

Key Statistics

Country: Ireland	2008
Network Length:	5420 km (of which 600km is motorway)
2 x 2 lanes	750 km (2 x 2)
2 x 3 lanes	30 km (2 x 3)
2 x 4 lanes	0 km (2 x 4)
No. of km in construction	447 km
Forecasts of opening motorways section	137 km
Annual Toll Revenue	€153 million*
Permanent Staff	
Average Daily Traffic (LV)	167,000
Average Daily Traffic (HV)	17,000

Average Daily Traffic (LV + HV)	184,000
Total number of accidents	28,417 of which: 22,399 material damage 5,044 minor 653 serious injury 321 Fatal (2006 figures)
No. of personal injury accidents	
No. of dead	279 (2008)
Km travelled (10 ⁶ x km)	n/a
No. of toll plazas	6 (including M50 barrier-free tolling)
No. of lanes	64 lanes
No. of teletoll equipped lanes	64
No. of teletoll subscribers	220,000
No. of rest areas (with station services)	0
No. of rest areas	0
No. of restaurants	0
No. of hotels	0

* Annual Toll Revenue subject to confirmation