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## 2017 off to a strong start CSO confirms +8.3% growth to over 564,000 overseas visitors in January

Today's figures from the Central Statistics Office (CSO) confirm a strong start to the year for overseas visitors to Ireland, with 564,200 arrivals, an increase of +8.3% when compared with January 2016.

Source: CSO	January 2017 vs January 2016
Total Overseas Visitors	+8.3%
Great Britain	+1.1%
Mainland Europe	+6.9%
North America	+30.7%
Australia & Developing Markets	+21.3%

Welcoming the figures published today, Niall Gibbons, CEO of Tourism Ireland, said: ***"Today's figures represent a very positive start to 2017, as we roll out our promotional programme around the world. Our focus now is on the year ahead. Our aim is to grow overseas tourism revenue in 2017 by +4.5%, to €5.7 billion, for the island of Ireland. Our promotions will receive a tremendous boost next month, with our Global Greening initiative for St Patrick's Day set to be even bigger and better than ever before."***

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