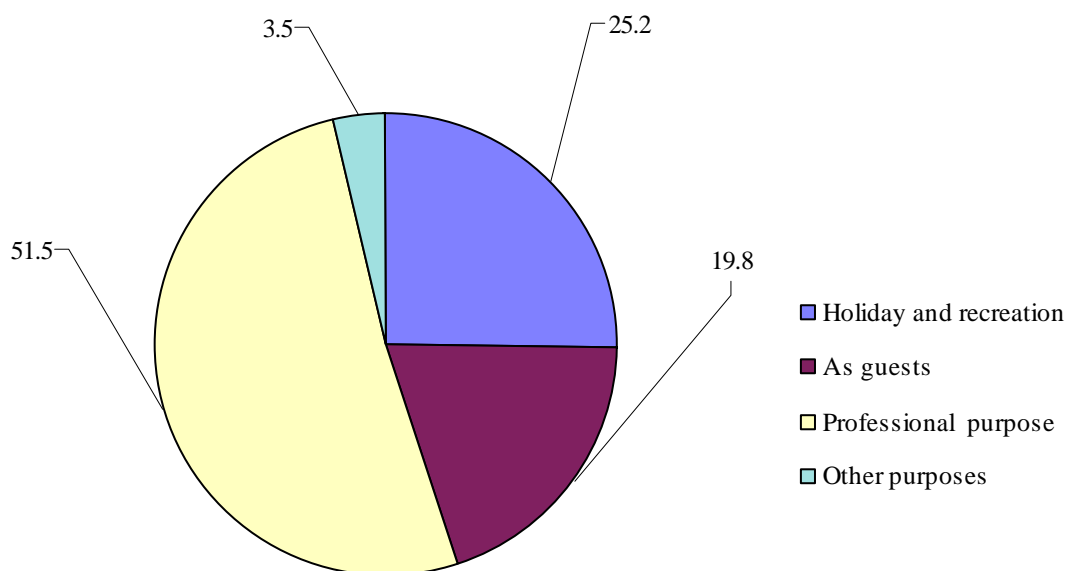




Trips of Bulgarian residents travelling abroad and arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria in June 2009

The number of the trips of Bulgarian residents travelling abroad was 485 892 in June 2009, which was 10.8% less than the number of the trips in June 2008 (Annex 1). A decrease was registered in the number of the trips for almost all countries. The highest decline was observed in the trips to Denmark - by 49.3%, Czech Republic – by 48.5%, Malta - by 48.0%, USA - by 43.5%, followed by Italy - by 42.3%, Cyprus - by 40.9%, France - by 39.3%, Austria - by 38.2%, United Kingdom - by 36.4%, the Netherlands - by 35.8%, Belgium - by 35.6%, Ukraine - by 35.6%, Sweden - by 33.7% and other countries. As compared to the same month of 2008 an increase in the total number of the trips was registered, namely to: Portugal - by 169.8%, Turkey - by 6.2% and Greece - by 5.7%. The greatest share of the trips of the Bulgarian residents travelling abroad had trips with professional purpose - 51.5%, followed by trips with holiday and recreation purpose - 25.2%, visits as guests - 19.8% and other purposes - 3.5%.



Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents travelling abroad by purpose of visit in June 2009 - %

The number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 957 271 in June 2009, or 12.7% less than the number of trips in the same month of 2008 (Annex 2).

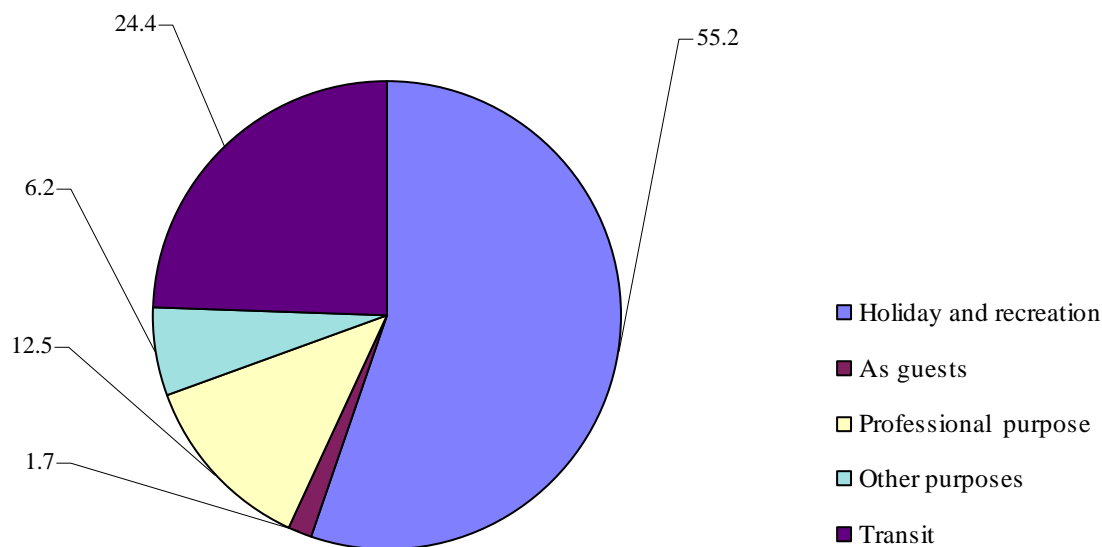
In respect to EU Member States less visits were observed for citizens of Slovakia - by 38.7%, Hungary - by 30.3%, Romania - by 29.2%, Denmark - by 27.0%, Finland - by 25.5% and Sweden - by 23.5%. A significant increase of arrivals was registered from Cyprus - by 22.2%, Slovenia - by 21.2%, France - by 20.6%, Belgium - by 18.8%, Austria - by 13.4%, Poland - by 13.1% and other countries.

The highest drop in the group of “Other European countries”¹ was observed from Japan - by 39.7%, Norway - by 37.6% and Serbia - by 34.9%, while an increase of the number of visits

¹ Group of “Other European countries” include countries in Europe outside EU.

of citizens from Ukraine and Russian Federation was registered (8.6% and 2.9% respectively).

In June 2009, arrivals with holiday and recreation purpose composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners' visits to Bulgaria (55.2%), followed by transit purpose - 24.4%, professional purpose - 12.5%, other purposes - 6.2%, and visits as guests - 1.7%.



Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in June 2009 - %

Methodological notes

Statistical data on the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad and visits by foreigners in Bulgaria are obtained on the basis of monthly information received from the Ministry of Interior and sample survey of the National Statistical Institute among Bulgarian and foreign citizens passing the border check points.

Data on the number of the trips of the citizens of the European Union are estimated on the basis of the information obtained from the Ministry of Interior and the airport authorities. Data on the number of citizens of "third countries" are obtained directly from the Ministry of Interior.

Data on the purposes of the trips are developed on the basis of the NSI's regular monthly sample survey of passing Bulgarian and foreign citizens on the border check points.

**TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND BY
COUNTRY OF DESTINATION IN JUNE 2009**

Country of destination	Total	Purpose of visit				VI 2009 to VI 2008 %
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	
Total	485892	122250	96262	250312	17068	-10.8
EU	300587	80216	23392	189635	7344	-12.0
of which :						
Austria	6998	2192	402	4221	183	-38.2
Belgium	2874	824	258	1668	124	-35.6
United Kingdom	9832	2072	1093	5925	742	-36.4
Germany	20403	5310	1476	12754	863	-33.7
Greece	184883	41927	15341	123750	3865	5.7
Denmark	399	91	110	155	43	-49.3
Spain	8759	3233	639	4592	295	-26.8
Italy	7880	3044	340	4364	132	-42.3
Cyprus	1719	513	261	774	171	-40.9
Malta	207	67	15	125	0	-48.0
Netherlands	2689	986	215	1403	85	-35.8
Poland	2213	768	145	1279	21	-22.6
Portugal	340	255	25	58	2	169.8
Romania	40747	16065	2342	22025	315	-18.1
Slovakia	325	37	3	272	13	-14.5
Slovenia	234	67	10	155	2	-60.2
Hungary	2150	523	200	1263	164	-33.0
Finland	146	25	17	83	21	-31.1
France	4048	1029	211	2681	127	-39.3
Czech Rep.	2991	995	180	1744	72	-48.5
Sweden	352	118	33	154	47	-33.7
Other European countries	178820	40759	72438	57381	8242	-7.0
Norway	393	48	132	125	88	-27.0
The former Yugoslav Rep. of Macedonia	29117	6683	7533	11446	3455	-5.1
Russian Fed.	2059	265	126	1422	246	-31.6
Serbia	33785	17661	1157	14124	843	-33.1
Turkey	112294	15866	63393	29530	3505	6.2
Ukraine	1172	236	97	734	105	-35.6
Other countries	2327	217	142	860	1108	-34.4
Israel	1109	145	59	697	208	-25.3
Canada	224	8	30	14	172	-29.8
USA	964	62	53	141	708	-43.5
Japan	30	2	0	8	20	-16.7
Rest of the world	4158	1058	290	2436	374	-40.8

**ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND
BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN JUNE 2009**

(Number)

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit					VI 2009 to VI 2008 %
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Profesional	Others	Transit	
Total	957271	528186	16031	120070	59166	233818	-12.7
EU	657396	388212	7569	102273	31835	127507	-12.6
of which :							
Austria	12101	6205	96	3055	1377	1368	13.4
Belgium	11736	4007	117	3993	220	3399	18.8
United Kingdom	43745	23188	848	7453	1348	10908	-16.9
Germany	123661	88007	1089	20919	2777	10869	5.7
Greece	70776	48361	1490	14711	3724	2490	8.9
Denmark	14115	7972	19	1413	135	4576	-27.0
Spain	3724	1972	119	1603	18	12	9.2
Italy	10373	5033	841	3063	528	908	15.8
Cyprus	3399	1617	85	1213	202	282	22.2
Malta	1273	695	3	35	15	525	-7.8
Netherlands	11456	5212	156	3836	272	1980	12.3
Poland	41507	30178	283	6142	2179	2725	13.1
Portugal	860	408	39	303	104	6	8.6
Romania	184690	89211	1895	17066	13695	62823	-29.2
Slovakia	14058	7814	22	141	1336	4745	-38.7
Slovenia	2590	1153	7	963	140	327	21.2
Hungary	19752	6546	22	5156	1048	6980	-30.3
Finland	11024	8992	15	508	105	1404	-25.5
France	20829	12926	168	5644	1019	1072	20.6
Czech Rep.	24052	17893	185	2829	982	2163	-17.1
Sweden	15219	8488	31	808	11	5881	-23.5
Other European countries	231280	94453	7244	12562	22399	94622	-16.6
Norway	12360	6042	13	908	1273	4124	-37.6
The former Yugoslav Rep.of Macedonia	25925	6321	3159	1105	6016	9324	0.5
Russian Fed.	67542	57827	2235	4732	1805	943	2.9
Serbia	20848	9302	139	441	1769	9197	-34.9
Turkey	83498	2670	1425	4006	7957	67440	-27.1
Ukraine	21107	12291	273	1370	3579	3594	8.6
Other countries	23693	21008	575	1436	342	332	-18.6
Israel	13758	13020	35	530	129	44	-20.3
Canada	1808	1426	136	114	39	93	0.0
USA	6994	5640	402	613	159	180	-14.4
Japan	1133	922	2	179	15	15	-39.7
Rest of the world	44902	24513	643	3799	4590	11357	20.8