



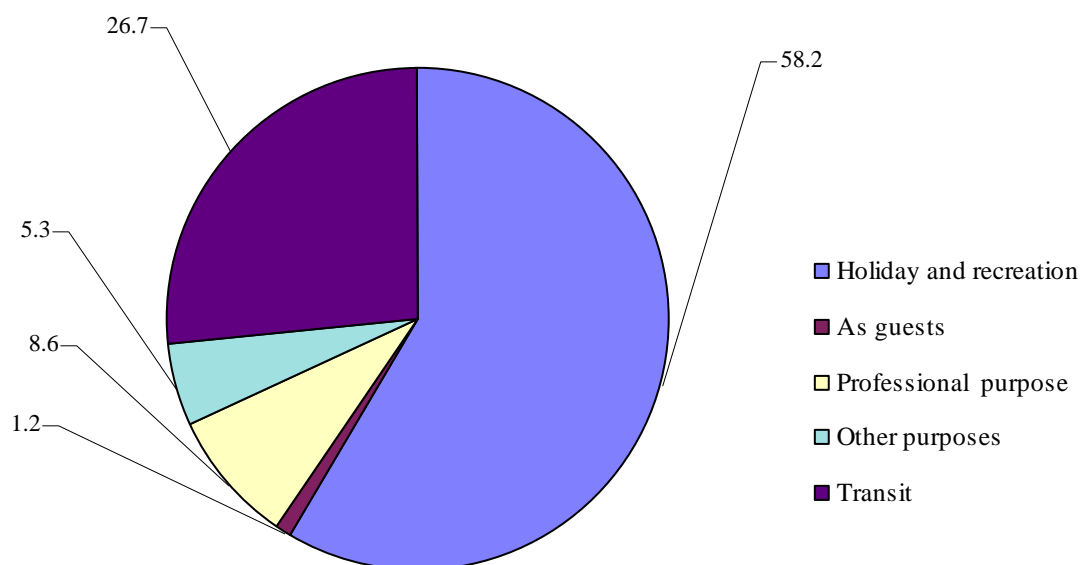
Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria and trips of Bulgarian residents travelling abroad in July 2009

In July 2009, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 1 471.2 thousand or 5.8% less than the number of trips in the same month of 2008 (Annex 1).

In respect to EU Member States less visits were observed for citizens of Sweden - by 41.8%, Romania - by 33.6%, Slovakia - by 28.1%, Finland - by 16.1% and Belgium - by 12.9%. At the same time a significant increase of arrivals was registered from Spain - by 49.2%, Greece - by 41.9%, Italy - by 40.4%, France - by 26.9%, Cyprus - by 25.4%, Germany- by 25.3% and other countries.

The highest drop in the group of "Other European countries"¹ was observed from Norway - by 37.8%, Serbia - by 33.6% and Turkey - by 30.8%. An increase of the number of visits of citizens from Israel - by 26.4%, Russian Federation and Ukraine was registered (11.6% and 7.1% respectively).

In July 2009, arrivals with holiday and recreation purpose composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners' visits to Bulgaria - 58.2%, followed by transit purpose - 26.7%, professional purpose - 8.6%, other purposes - 5.3%, and visits as guests - 1.2%.



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

The number of arrivals of visitors with holiday and recreation purpose in July 2009 was 856.7 thousand, as the largest number of tourists was from Germany - 154.7 thousand, Romania - 79.2 thousand, Russian Federation - 65.1 thousand, Poland - 62.9 thousand and the United Kingdom - 59.4 thousand. The number of Turkish citizens was 102.6 thousand and it presented the highest number of arrivals with transit purpose, followed by the citizens of Romania - 78.5 thousand, Germany - 39.4 thousand, Austria - 20.9 thousand and other countries.

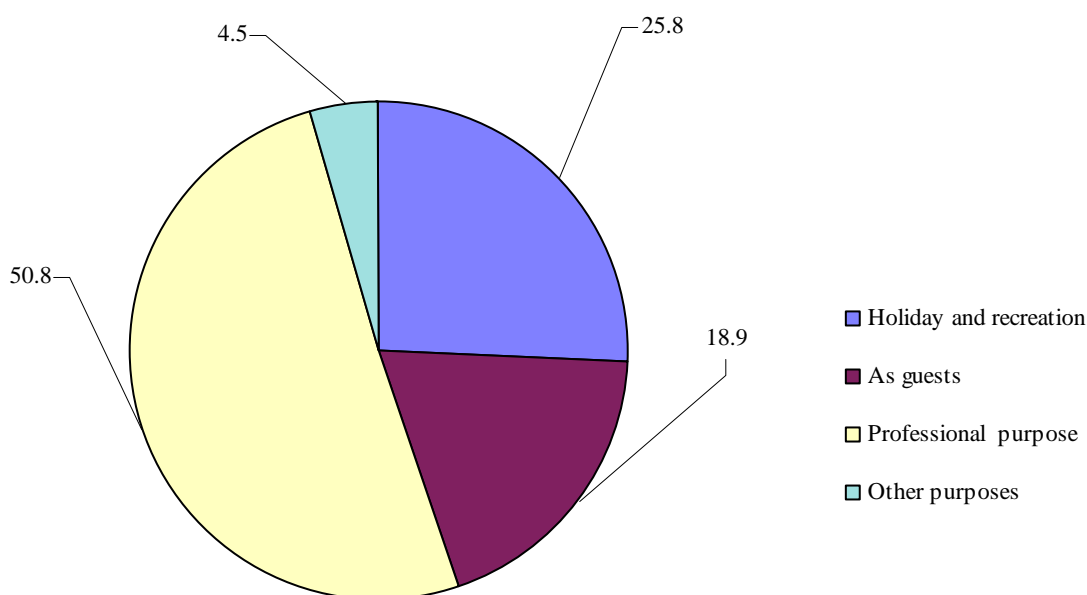
The number of the trips of Bulgarian residents travelling abroad was 522.5 thousand in July

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

2009, which was 14.2% more than the number of the trips in July 2008 (Annex 2).

As compared to the same month of 2008 an increase in the total number of the trips was registered, namely to: Greece - by 63.0%, Portugal - by 28.5%, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - by 26.2%, Turkey- by 7.5% and Romania - by 7.0%. At the same time a decrease was registered in the number of the trips for almost all countries. The highest decline was observed in the trips to Japan - by 76.1%, Slovenia - by 51.7%, Czech Republic - by 47.4%, Finland - by 42.6%, Malta - by 42.4%, followed by Austria - by 32.9%, Cyprus - by 32.2%, USA - by 29.5%, Ukraine - by 28.6%, Hungary - by 27.8%, Denmark - by 27.5%, France - by 26.1%.and other countries.

The greatest share of the trips of the Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the trips with professional purpose - 50.8%, followed by trips with holiday and recreation purpose - 25.8%, visits as guests - 18.9% and other purposes - 4.5%.



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

In July 2009, the Bulgarian residents made 135.0 thousand trips with holiday and recreation purpose mostly to neighboring countries: to Greece - 51.4 thousand, Serbia - 19.8 thousand, Romania - 16.2 thousand and Turkey - 14.5 thousand.

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.

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

(Number)

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit					VII 2009 to VII 2008 %
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Profesional	Others	Transit	
Total	1471234	856792	18001	126301	78225	391915	-5.8
EU	1065763	655143	7393	111486	50604	241137	-3.2
of which :							
Austria	46834	16644	150	9044	66	20930	10.4
Belgium	24583	11577	105	3298	1256	8347	-12.9
United Kingdom	69689	59400	489	6532	2672	596	-2.9
Germany	217196	154709	1959	17555	3561	39412	25.3
Greece	91061	36007	1605	31103	15788	6558	41.9
Denmark	42302	35402	25	1979	1319	3577	11.8
Spain	8099	3748	62	2638	862	789	49.2
Italy	15648	6714	780	4788	596	2770	40.4
Cyprus	3525	2133	55	1319	14	4	25.4
Malta	710	707	0	3	0	0	-10.8
Netherlands	53402	29488	219	3894	1319	18482	-8.1
Poland	81977	62998	127	2448	3288	13116	22.4
Portugal	2515	1823	28	660	1	3	-2.9
Romania	187788	79223	1278	15158	13605	78524	-33.6
Slovakia	37016	18755	35	1256	412	16558	-28.1
Slovenia	4672	2433	2	660	44	1533	11.3
Hungary	36547	23728	42	3235	536	9006	-12.6
Finland	16923	15703	6	18	4	1192	-16.1
France	42584	28056	198	3617	3250	7463	26.9
Czech Rep.	47719	34840	169	1915	1852	8943	-10.4
Sweden	17727	17086	25	16	9	591	-41.8
Other European countries	308627	134268	9079	10786	20509	133985	-18.7
Norway	18566	18511	18	9	4	24	-37.8
The former Yugoslav Rep.of							
Macedonia	31380	9664	3457	855	5515	11889	2.2
Russian Fed.	75071	65100	2384	3852	2320	1415	11.6
Serbia	32411	16711	208	666	1797	13029	-33.6
Turkey	120791	3412	2671	4510	7548	102650	-30.8
Ukraine	30408	20870	341	894	3325	4978	7.1
Other countries	33532	31118	529	1058	345	482	11.4
Israel	21083	20562	52	342	91	36	26.4
Canada	1998	1652	82	83	46	135	-8.6
USA	9739	8354	387	507	195	296	-6.4
Japan	712	550	8	126	13	15	-14.8
Rest of the world	63312	36263	1000	2971	6767	16311	24.6

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

(Number)

Country of destination	Total	Purpose of visit				VII 2009 to VII 2008 %
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	
Total	522520	135030	98848	265115	23527	14.2
EU	325725	92354	19879	204828	8664	21.4
of which :						
Austria	5947	2021	458	3196	272	-32.9
Belgium	3105	947	367	1620	171	-10.0
United Kingdom	9870	2112	1363	5426	969	-22.3
Germany	20893	6034	1772	12200	887	-22.4
Greece	205835	51454	9936	140115	4330	63.0
Denmark	612	153	68	320	71	-27.5
Spain	10574	4356	789	4979	450	-20.7
Italy	8750	3398	607	4539	206	-25.6
Cyprus	1643	419	282	852	90	-32.2
Malta	208	90	17	94	7	-42.4
Netherlands	2660	974	245	1319	122	-26.4
Poland	2304	902	227	1119	56	-2.0
Portugal	248	104	50	88	6	28.5
Romania	42846	16263	3048	23122	413	7.0
Slovakia	368	80	11	266	11	-15.4
Slovenia	249	49	11	188	1	-51.7
Hungary	2142	573	164	1233	172	-27.8
Finland	97	5	9	62	21	-42.6
France	4100	1304	231	2424	141	-26.1
Czech Rep.	2348	862	134	1257	95	-47.4
Sweden	429	184	15	182	48	-27.3
Other European countries	188958	41391	78399	56523	12645	5.4
Norway	363	58	76	107	122	-19.2
The former Yugoslav Rep.of Macedonia	30547	6326	7116	13037	4068	26.2
Russian Fed.	2259	285	217	1455	302	-17.5
Serbia	37740	19876	1446	15582	836	-9
Turkey	116718	14561	69358	25560	7239	7.5
Ukraine	1331	285	186	782	78	-28.6
Other countries	2832	98	107	992	1635	-23.9
Israel	1172	56	35	864	217	-19.9
Canada	379	7	17	17	338	-8.2
USA	1270	31	55	106	1078	-29.5
Japan	11	4	0	5	2	-76.1
Rest of the world	5005	1187	463	2772	583	-20.0