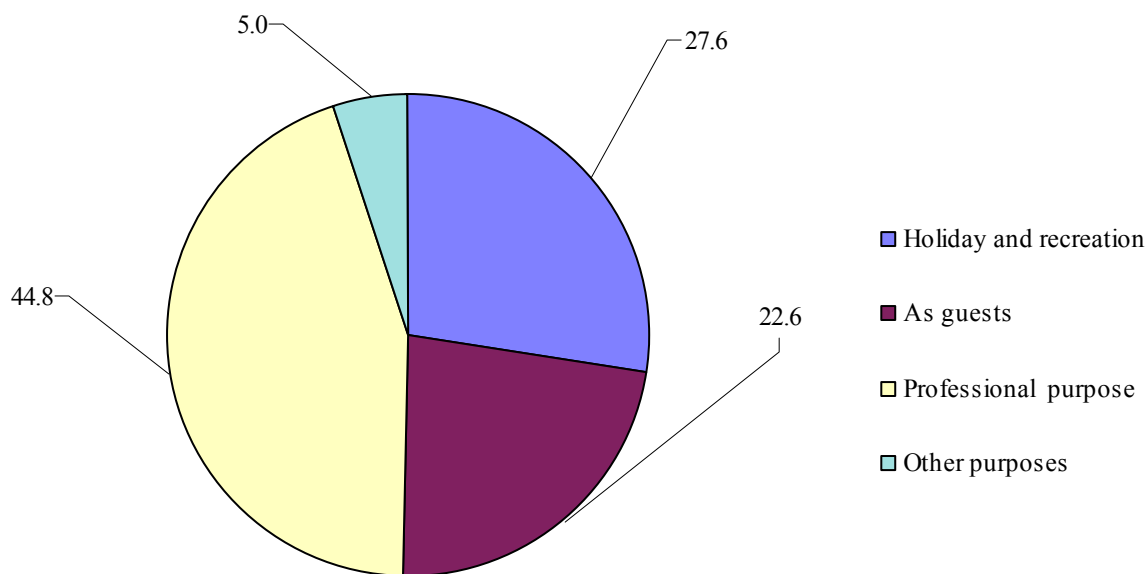


Trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad and arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria in September 2009

The number of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad was 451.5 thousand in September 2009, which was 17.6% less than the number of the trips in September 2008 (Annex 1).

As compared to the same month of 2008 an increase in the total number of the trips was registered, namely to: Portugal - by 25.6%, Macedonia - by 15.7%, Turkey - by 15.1% and Serbia - by 2.5%. At the same time, a decrease was registered in the number of the trips for all other observed countries. The highest decline was observed in the trips to Japan - by 76.9%, Malta - by 71.6%, Sweden - by 56.1%, Slovenia - by 56.1%, Slovakia - by 54.9%, Czech Republic - by 54.6%, followed by Austria - by 49.5%, Israel - by 44.3%, Spain - by 43.1%, Finland - by 42.3%, Italy - by 40.8%, France - by 38.5%, Denmark - by 37.4%, Germany - by 33.9% Belgium - 32.9%.

The highest share of the trips of the Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the trips with professional purpose - 44.8%, followed by trips with holiday and recreation purpose - 27.6%, visits as guests - 22.6% and other purposes - 5.0%.



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

In September 2009, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 944.7 thousand or 1.9% less than the number of trips in the same month of 2008 (Annex 2).

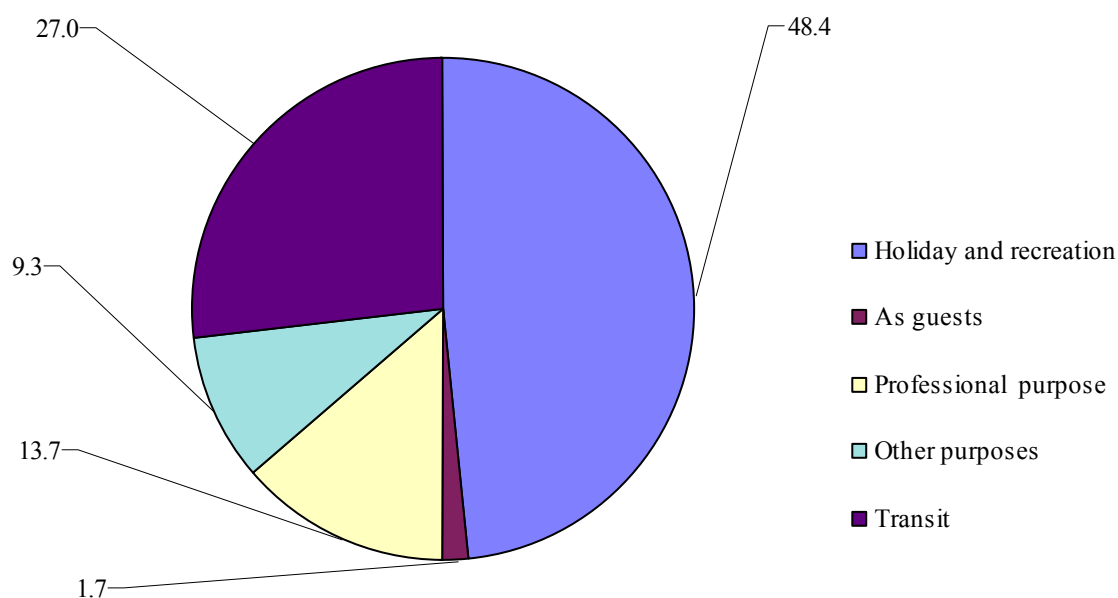
In respect to EU Member States less visits were observed from citizens of Malta - by 80.5%, Cyprus - by 67.6%, Portugal - by 52.9%, Sweden - by 49.3% and Romania - by 41.6%. At the same time, a significant increase of arrivals was registered from France - by 87.1%, Austria - by 85.9%, Spain - by 78.9%, Czech Republic - by 78.2%, Italy - by 74.6%, Slovakia - by 64.2%.

In the group “Other European countries”¹ the highest drop was observed in the number of visits of citizens from Serbia - by 30.4%, Russian Federation - by 22.4%, Turkey - by 18.2%.

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

At the same time, the increase in the number of visits of citizens from Norway was seen - by 30.6% and from Ukraine - by 2.3%.

In September 2009, arrivals with holiday and recreation purpose composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners' visits to Bulgaria - 48.4%, followed by transit purpose - 27.0%, professional purpose - 13.7%, other purposes - 9.3% and visits as guests - 1.7%.



Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in September 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 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Country of destination	Total	Purpose of visit				(Number)
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	IX 2009 to IX 2008 %
Total	451544	124645	101984	202132	22783	-17.6
EU	245149	77183	16909	142901	8156	-31.6
of which :						
Austria	6378	2494	423	3142	319	-49.5
Belgium	3142	966	318	1666	192	-32.9
United Kingdom	10583	2196	1142	5550	1695	-32.3
Germany	21755	6804	1573	11927	1451	-33.9
Greece	119208	32116	7665	77796	1631	-32.8
Denmark	394	108	83	116	87	-37.4
Spain	12611	5331	912	5459	909	-43.1
Italy	9429	3810	515	4676	428	-40.8
Cyprus	1864	410	162	1112	180	-28.1
Malta	116	52	-	63	1	-71.6
Netherlands	2663	1151	235	1156	121	-32.8
Poland	2666	1337	175	1100	54	-12.0
Portugal	387	283	6	87	11	25.6
Romania	42885	16503	2841	23308	233	-8.2
Slovakia	232	44	6	176	6	-54.9
Slovenia	336	139	37	157	3	-56.1
Hungary	2305	550	252	1312	191	-27.7
Finland	94	4	8	70	12	-42.3
France	4686	1703	280	2418	285	-38.5
Czech Rep.	2780	1054	200	1383	143	-54.6
Sweden	232	35	18	127	52	-56.1
Other European countries	198373	45572	84705	55829	12267	11.5
Norway	292	54	61	71	106	-18.7
FYROM	31145	6910	7871	12308	4056	15.7
Russian Fed.	1935	264	177	1177	317	-32.6
Serbia	37479	18203	2040	16369	867	2.5
Turkey	126470	20004	74398	25236	6832	15.1
Ukraine	1052	137	158	668	89	-25.9
Other countries	2601	117	80	647	1757	-31.4
Israel	868	57	31	548	232	-44.3
Canada	433	17	9	18	389	-26.5
USA	1291	42	38	76	1135	-19.6
Japan	9	1	2	5	1	-76.9
Rest of the world	5421	1773	290	2755	603	-31.2

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

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit					(Number)
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Profesional	Others	Transit	IX 2009 to IX 2008 %
Total	944688	456797	15690	129577	87699	254925	-1.9
EU	713893	373026	8396	116103	56244	160124	2.0
of which :							
Austria	27051	8398	246	4646	2116	11645	85.9
Belgium	12913	7490	194	3450	8	1771	58.9
United Kingdom	40927	30833	139	7921	150	1884	-9.4
Germany	173801	109585	788	20017	5047	38364	34.6
Greece	79984	37166	3649	11023	17522	10624	22.1
Denmark	7471	4743	125	2156	433	14	-1.3
Spain	9376	4994	292	2046	273	1771	78.9
Italy	20610	7263	178	4061	4976	4132	74.6
Cyprus	595	205	1	98	49	242	-67.6
Malta	188	124	-	52	-	12	-80.5
Netherlands	19827	9374	199	3019	311	6924	48.8
Poland	41678	25943	105	5401	5507	4722	44.9
Portugal	524	250	-	145	54	75	-52.9
Romania	157627	48496	902	27126	13387	67716	-41.6
Slovakia	8929	3927	1	474	1576	2951	64.2
Slovenia	2301	1180	90	390	51	590	45.6
Hungary	19178	7832	178	5991	1636	3541	20.6
Finland	7789	7218	131	107	326	7	13.8
France	42011	27895	768	9667	1910	1771	87.1
Czech Rep.	25721	18542	88	5536	375	1180	78.2
Sweden	8307	6900	294	1094	7	12	-49.3
Other European countries	166338	44471	6338	8874	24609	82046	-16.0
Norway	9154	8193	94	862	2	3	30.6
FYROM	25358	5414	3450	1009	7032	8453	-8.3
Russian Fed.	23132	17870	796	1472	2031	963	-22.4
Serbia	18981	6874	166	475	2059	9407	-30.4
Turkey	76012	1976	1649	4337	10081	57969	-18.2
Ukraine	13701	4144	183	719	3404	5251	2.3
Other countries	25505	23162	357	1250	462	274	-10.2
Israel	14522	13922	47	393	133	27	-8.3
Canada	1824	1587	54	79	57	47	-12.1
USA	8240	6980	232	593	261	174	-14.3
Japan	919	673	24	185	11	26	6.5
Rest of the world	38952	16138	599	3350	6384	12481	4.7