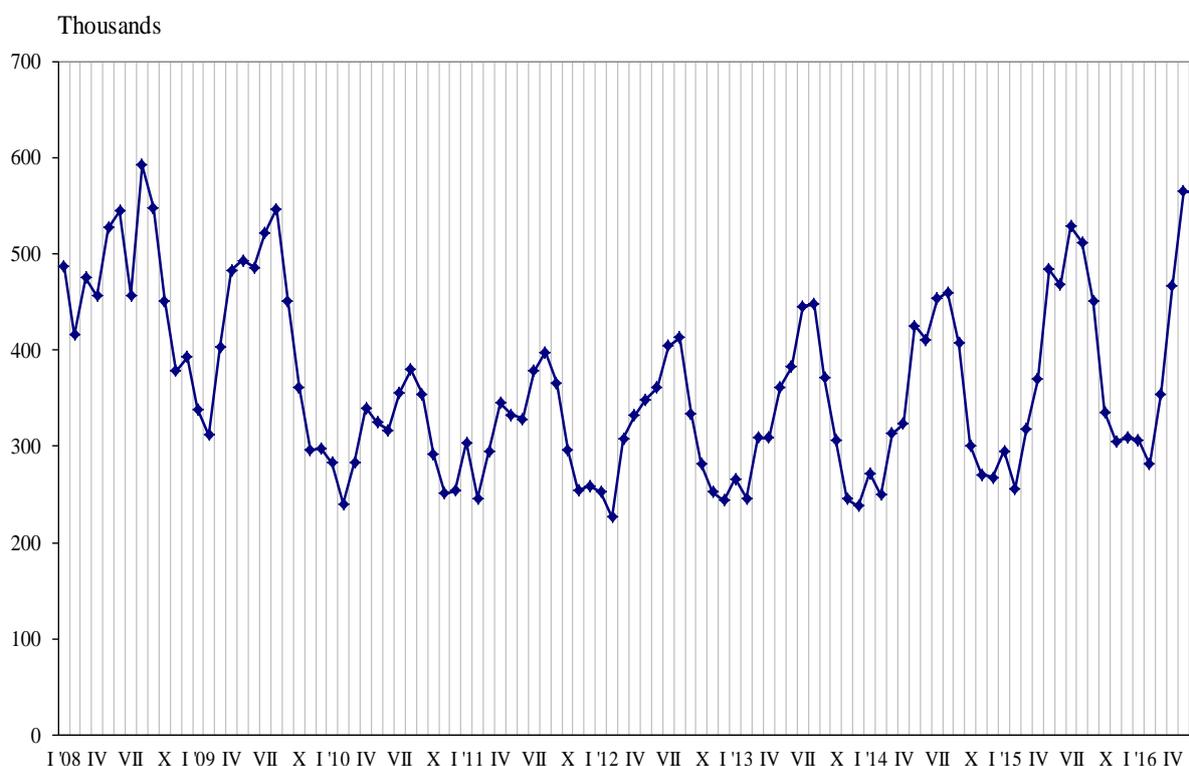




TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN JUNE 2016

In June 2016, **the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad** was 565.2 thousand (Annex, Table 1) or by 20.7% above the registered in June 2015 (Figure 1). In comparison with the same month of the previous year an increase was observed in the total number of the trips of Bulgarians to: Austria - by 99.2%, Germany - by 50.8%, Romania - by 23.3%, Greece - by 22.0%, Serbia - by 17.6%, Spain - by 13.2%, Italy - by 3.6%, and etc. At the same time decreased the number of the trips of Bulgarians to: Russian Federation - by 6.3%, Turkey - by 2.0%, France - by 1.6%, and etc.

Figure 1. Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by months

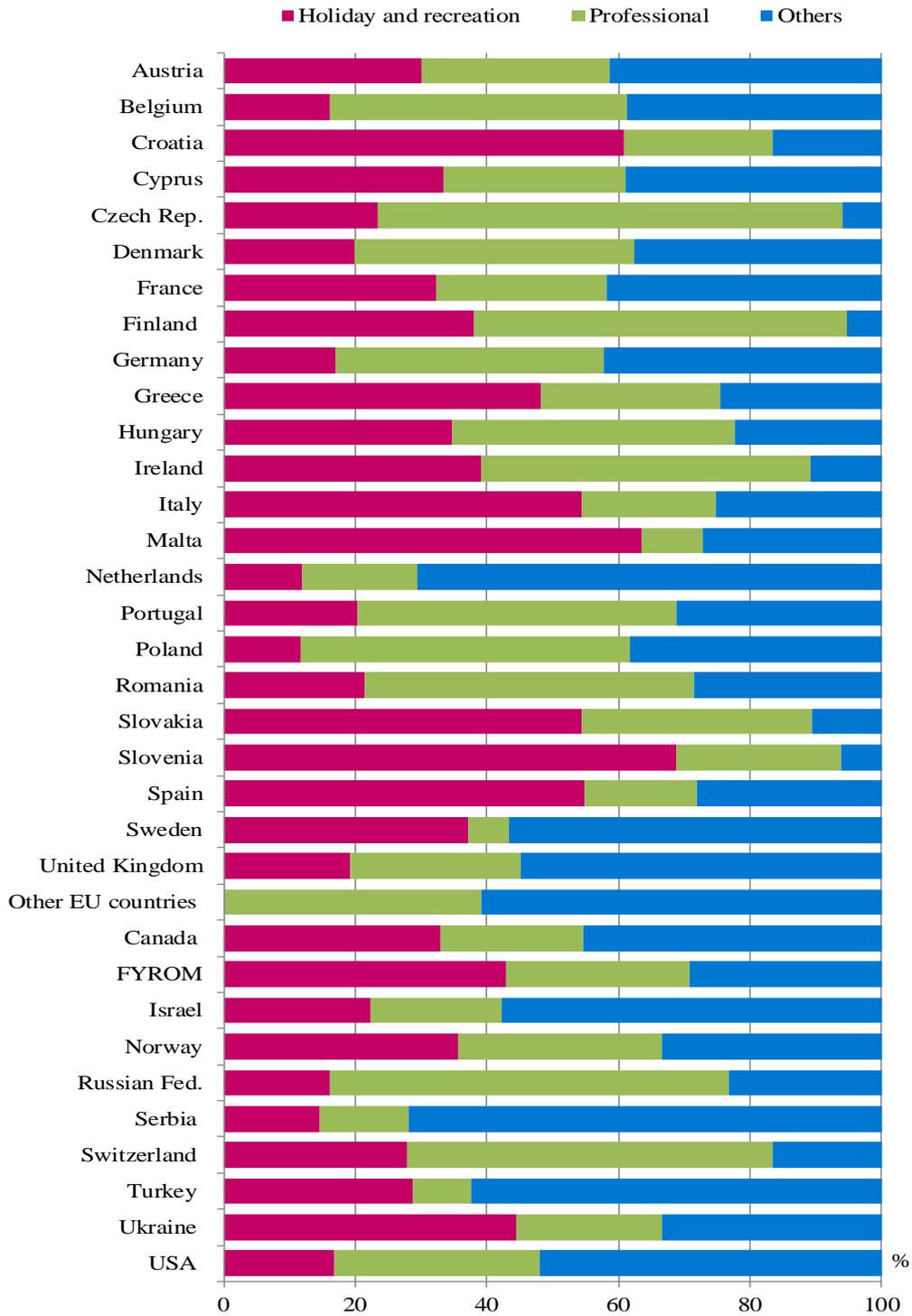


The trips with other purposes (as a guest, education and visit the cultural and sport events) in June 2016 composed the greatest share of the total number of trips of Bulgarian residents abroad - 41.8%, followed by the trips with holiday and recreation purpose - 32.6%, and with professional purpose - 25.6%. In comparison with June 2015 an increase was registered in the trips by all observed purposes: with professional purpose - by 36.9%, with holiday and recreation purpose - by 18.0%, and with other purposes - by 14.4%.

In June 2016, the trips with other purposes formed 71.9% of all trips to Serbia and 62.3% to Turkey. The trips with professional purpose to Czech Republic were 70.6%, as these to Spain and Italy with holiday and recreation purpose were 54.8% and 54.4% respectively of all trips of Bulgarian residents to these countries (Figure 2).



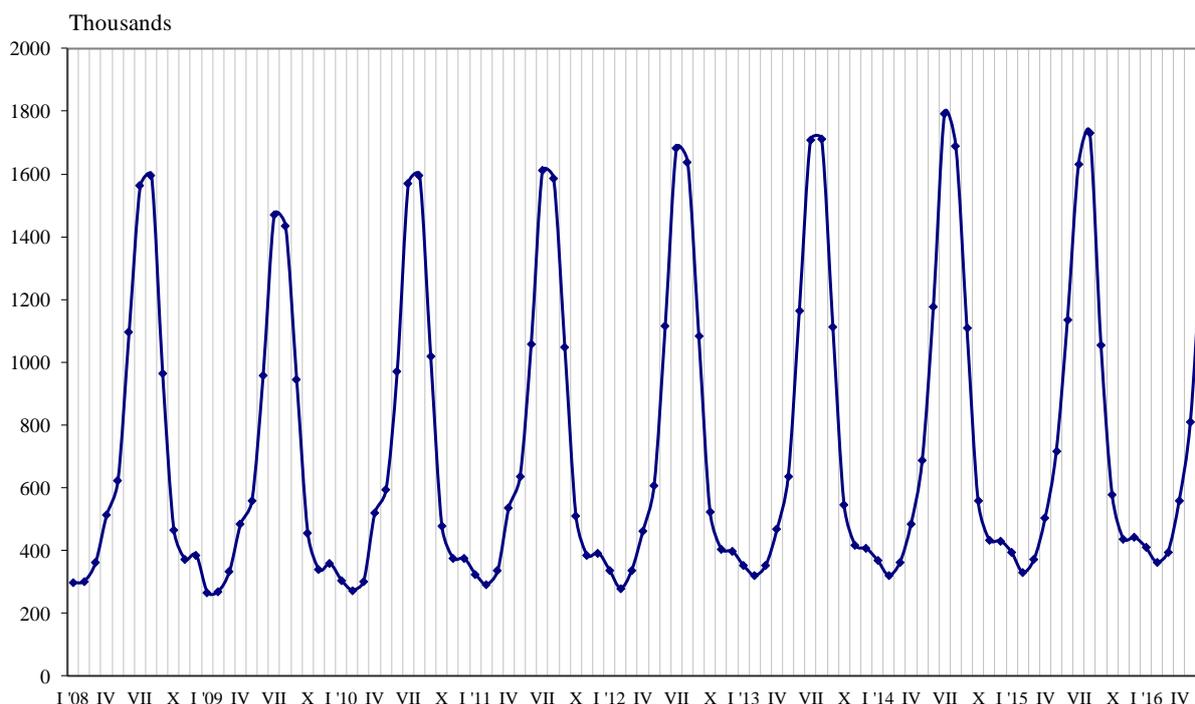
Figure 2. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit and country of destination in June 2016





In June 2016, **the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria** was 1 355.0 thousand (Annex, Table 2) or by 19.5% above the level of June 2015 (Figure 3). An increase was registered in the trips with professional purpose - by 61.4%, and with holiday and recreation purpose - by 24.6%, while the trips with other purposes remained approximately the same level of the previous year.

Figure 3. Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria by months



The share of visits of EU citizens was 61.4% of the total number of foreigners' visits to Bulgaria in June 2016 or by 27.5% more in comparison with the same month of the previous year. An increase was registered in the visits of the citizens of Poland - by 140.7%, Czech Republic - by 70.2%, Italy - by 36.2%, Germany - by 33.4%, Romania - by 30.45, the United Kingdom - by 21.8%, France - by 21.0%, and etc. At the same time decreased the visits from Hungary - by 1.6%, Croatia - by 0.4%, Greece - by 0.3%, and etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group 'Other European countries'¹ increased by 11.5%, as the highest growth was observed in the visits of citizens of Ukraine - by 21.9%.

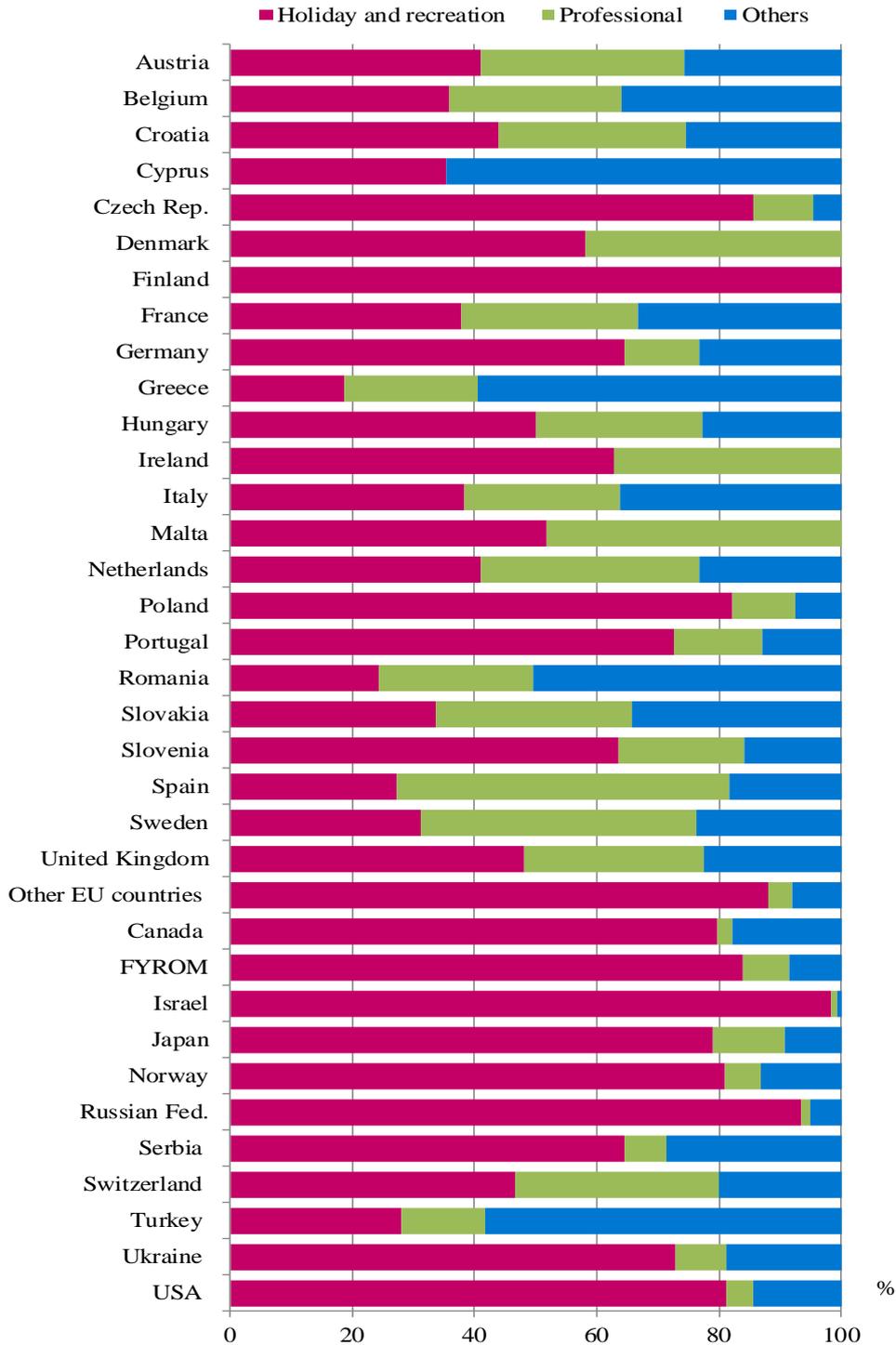
In June 2016, the predominant share of the visits with holiday and recreation purpose was 52.1%, followed by trips with other purposes (including as guest and passing transit) - 32.1%, and with professional purpose - 15.8%.

The visits with holiday and recreation purpose formed 98.4% of the arrivals from Israel and 93.5% - from Russian Federation. The visits with professional purpose were 54.5% of the arrivals from Spain and 45.0% - from Sweden, as with other purposes were 59.4% of all arrivals from Greece and 58.2% - from Turkey (Figure 4).

¹Group 'Other European countries' includes countries in Europe outside EU.



Figure 4. Structure of the arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit and country of origin in June 2016





Methodological notes

The definitions recommended by the World Tourist Organization and the Methodological manual for tourism by Eurostat are applied by the National Statistical Institute.

In accordance with these definitions **an international tourist** is any person who travels to a country other than his/her permanent residence for at least 24 hours but no more than one year and whose main purpose is not doing any activity for payment.

The purposes of visiting a country are the following:

- Excursion, holiday or entertainment (visits to cultural or historical landmarks, sport events and other);
- Visiting friends and relatives;
- Professional purposes (business trips, participation in conferences, congresses, concluding deals, and etc.);
- Other (education, medical treatment, and etc.) purposes.

Statistical data on the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad and visits by foreigners to 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 through 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 from 'third countries' are obtained directly from the Ministry of Interior.

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



Annex

Table 1

**Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purposes of visit
and country of destination in June 2016**

(Number)

Country of destination	Total	Purpose of visit		
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others
Total	565196	183885	144864	236447
EU	310867	108795	104547	97525
Austria	17889	5384	5111	7394
Belgium	7458	1203	3368	2887
Croatia	2046	1245	463	338
Cyprus	922	307	256	359
Czech Republic	7275	1712	5135	428
Denmark	1565	313	663	589
Finland	324	123	184	17
France	13194	4256	3405	5533
Germany	32902	5605	13404	13893
Greece	99031	47752	26924	24355
Hungary	3024	1050	1296	678
Ireland	1912	748	956	208
Italy	18232	9912	3717	4603
Malta	2361	1502	215	644
Netherlands	5009	592	884	3533
Poland	10435	1228	5217	3990
Portugal	1316	269	637	410
Romania	49470	10601	24735	14134
Slovakia	1790	975	625	190
Slovenia	2181	1500	545	136
Spain	17559	9629	3004	4926
Sweden	1098	408	68	622
United Kingdom	12936	2481	3367	7088
Other EU countries	938	-	368	570
Other European countries	235706	68171	34833	132702
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	45365	19442	12661	13262
Norway	1295	463	400	432
Russian Federation	3943	642	2384	917
Serbia	40655	5938	5482	29235
Switzerland	1476	410	819	247
Turkey	141305	40535	12717	88053
Ukraine	1667	741	370	556
Other countries	6362	1332	1661	3369
Canada	910	300	198	412
Israel	2120	475	419	1226
USA	3332	557	1044	1731
Rest of the world	12261	5587	3823	2851



Table 2

**Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria
by purpose of visit and country of origin in June 2016**

(Number)

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit		
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others
Total	1354982	705571	214062	435349
EU	831865	333535	177989	320341
Austria	7470	3071	2490	1909
Belgium	9879	3547	2779	3553
Croatia	3243	1427	995	821
Cyprus	584	207	-	377
Czech Republic	22742	19500	2230	1012
Denmark	6268	3645	2623	-
Finland	6114	6114	-	-
France	13929	5262	4024	4643
Germany	160162	103513	19473	37176
Greece	177909	33445	38796	105668
Hungary	12100	6050	3301	2749
Ireland	3316	2087	1229	-
Italy	14652	5594	3730	5328
Malta	389	201	188	-
Netherlands	9115	3739	3272	2104
Poland	40039	32899	4090	3050
Portugal	729	529	106	94
Romania	271705	65895	68711	137099
Slovakia	5970	2007	1923	2040
Slovenia	2512	1597	515	400
Spain	4257	1161	2322	774
Sweden	5646	1761	2540	1345
United Kingdom	41189	19754	12189	9246
Other EU countries	11946	10530	463	953
Other European countries	382354	266102	27538	88714
The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	37072	31099	2797	3176
Norway	11591	9376	698	1517
Russian Federation	137113	128258	1852	7003
Serbia	40899	26375	2789	11735
Switzerland	5937	2769	1978	1190
Turkey	91426	25734	12507	53185
Ukraine	58316	42491	4917	10908
Other countries	39666	35899	1168	2599
Canada	2532	2021	62	449
Israel	22044	21685	213	146
Japan	3094	2441	368	285
USA	11996	9752	525	1719
Rest of the world	101097	70035	7367	23695