



TOURIST TRIPS AND TOURISM-RELATED EXPENDITURES OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS IN 2008

By final data, 1 329 thousand Bulgarian residents¹ travelled to the country and abroad in 2008. They made 13 417 thousand tourist trips all together, of which 11 437 thousand private trips and 1 980 thousand professional trips.

Tourist trips of the Bulgarian residents of 15 years of age and over in 2008

Table 1

Destination of trip	Total	Tourist trips by type	
		Private	Professional
Total	13417317	11436846	1980471
In the country	12172332	10393865	1778467
Abroad	1244985	1042981	202004

The data showed that in 2008 the highest part of domestic and outbound trips was held by the employed people - 68.3% and 71.5% respectively. Second place for domestic and outbound travelers were taken by the students -12.7% and 11.6% respectively.

Persons travelled of 15 years of age and over with tourist purpose by economic activity in 2008

Table 2

Destination of trip	Total	Economic activity of the persons				
		Employed	Unemployed	Retired	Students	Other
NUMBER						
Total	1328546	913676	80177	153394	166494	14805
In the country	1114531	760676	65899	134087	141679	12190
Abroad	214015	153000	14278	19307	24815	2615
STRUCTURE - %						
Total	100.0	68.8	6.0	11.5	12.5	1.1
In the country	100.0	68.3	5.9	12.0	12.7	1.1
Abroad	100.0	71.5	6.7	9.0	11.6	1.2

The travelled residents aged 15-24 were the highest part of the total number of the residents travelled with private purpose in 2008. The age group 35-54 years old was the highest share (57.2%) of the total persons travelled with professional purpose.

¹ The objects of the survey are the residents of 15 years age and over.

**Persons travelled of 15 years of age and over with
tourist purpose by type of trip in 2008**

Table 3

Age (Years)	Total	Private	Professional
NUMBER			
Total	1328546	1186286	142260
15-24	258535	250734	7801
25-34	325547	283156	42391
35-44	278146	236858	41288
45-54	216420	181870	34550
55-64	150053	136771	13282
65 and over	99845	96897	2948
STRUCTURE - %			
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
15-24	19.5	21.1	5.5
25-34	24.5	23.9	29.8
35-44	20.9	20.0	29.0
45-54	16.3	15.3	24.3
55-64	11.3	11.5	9.3
65 and over	7.5	8.2	2.1

In 2008 the structure of tourist trips' expenditures by type showed that expenditures on food were the highest percentage from the total expenditures on domestic trips - 43.1%, while the expenditures on transport were the highest percentage from total expenditures on outbound trips - 30.0% (fig. 2).

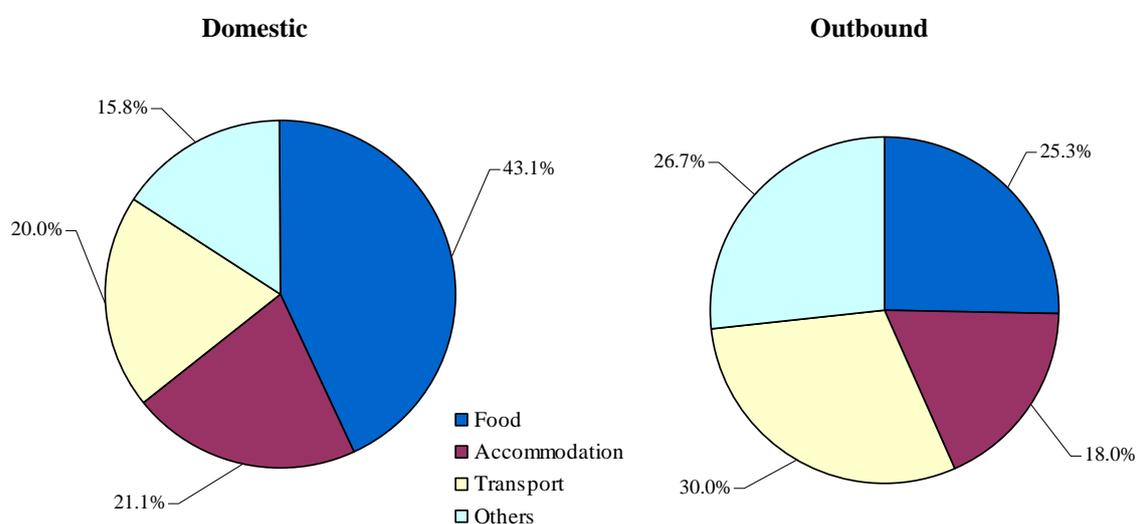


Fig. 2: Structure of the expenditures by type for domestic and outbound tourist trips in 2008

In 2008 a person of 15 years and over spent 134 BGN for its private domestic trip on the average and 505 BGN for outbound trips. At the same time a person of 15 years and over spent on the average 150 BGN for its professional domestic trip and 940 BGN for professional outbound trips.

METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The applied to the statistical survey on tourist trips and tourism-related expenditures of residents' definitions are in full compliance with the requirements of the Directive 95/57 EC concerning data collection in the field of tourism.

Tourist trip is every private or professional trip outside the place of the resident for no more than one year. The tourist trips are divided in private and business trips in accordance with the motives of the trips.

The private trips cover holiday, excursion, visit culture and sport events, medical treatment, education, religion activities, visit relatives and friends and other trips.

The professional trips include business trip, participation in conference, congress and seminars, conclude bargains and others.

The objects of the survey are the residents of 15 years age and over. All persons of 15 years age and over, members of the selected households are interviewed.

The Statistical survey on tourist trips and tourism-related expenditures of residents is a representative and it is conducted on the basis of households' sample in the country. The sample size is 12 000 households.

The current demographic data on total population aged 15 and over by place of residence (urban/rural), sex and age groups are used for survey results' estimations at the end of 2008.