



Over two million Bulgarians celebrate on December 6

On December 6, people in Bulgaria celebrate their name day as well as fishermen, sailors, bank employees and dealers. The day was chosen for the official day of our sea city of Bourgas.



The National Statistical Institute commemorates the celebration by presenting updated statistical information that will help you to understand how much more people named after Nikolay and its derivatives you can meet with and as well as to appreciate how important is the role of fish, banks and trade in your life.

St. Nicholas Day is celebrated by

- **Over 200 000 people who celebrate their name day, of which 2/3 are male**

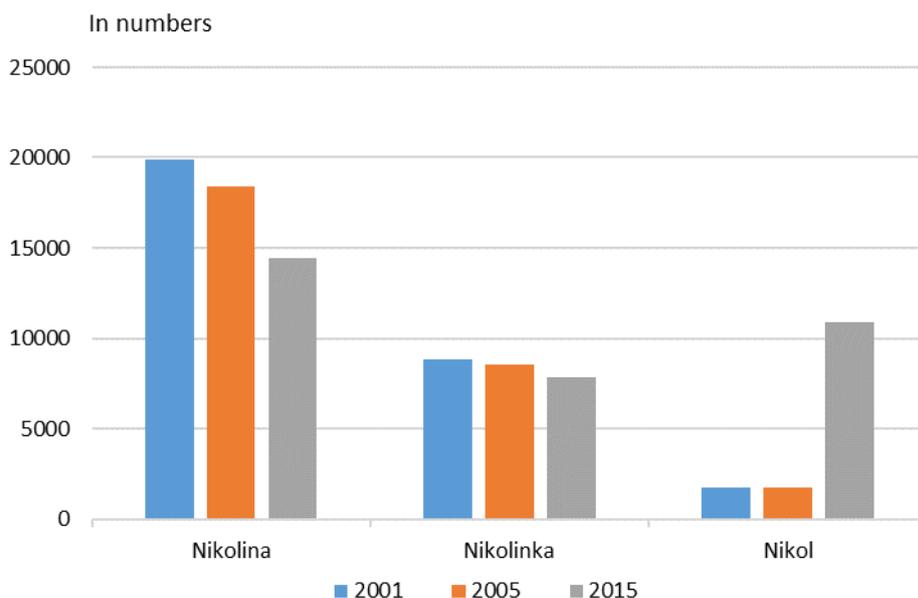


At the end of 2015 the name Nikolay was given to 93 878 men, which ranks it fourth among the most common male names in Bulgaria, and the name Nikola - 38 255 men. In newborns in 2015 the name Nikolay is preferred for 706 boys and Nikola - for 701.

The name Nikolina was given to 14 454 women, its derivative - Nikolinka - 7 855, Nikol - 10 205 women. Over the past 15 years the name Nikol is gaining in popularity and in 2015 it was ranked third among the most common female names in newborn girls (811).



Women named Nikolina, Nikolinka and Nikol in 2001, 2005 and 2015



On 06.12.2015, were born 106 children, 51 boys and 55 girls. Of these 16 boys and 18 girls have a double celebration - birthday and name day.

Nkololay - 8
Nkola - 8

Nkol - 15
Nkoleta - 3



On December 6, also celebrate their name day people in another 12 EU member states - Greece, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Finland, France, Croatia, the Czech Republic and Sweden.



• **About 33 000 bank employees, of which women constitute 73%**



The beginning of the organized banking system in Bulgaria was set in 1879 when the Bulgarian National Bank was officially established. At the same time was created Bulgarian Agricultural Bank - the first commercial bank in the country.

In 1992, the Association of Commercial Banks and the Bulgarian National Bank restored the tradition for orthodox holiday Nikulden to be celebrated as a Day of banks and bankers.

In 2015 in the Republic of Bulgaria were operating 29 banks - the Bulgarian National Bank and 28 commercial banks.

The production value¹ of commercial banks in 2015 was worth 4 318.1 million BGN.

Training of qualified personnel for the banking system offers 17 higher schools in Bulgaria. During the academic year 2015/2016 in the detailed field² 'Finance, banking and insurance' were trained a total of 12 259 students, as 7 717 of them were female. In 2015, a higher education diploma in this field have received 4 481 persons, of them - 3 052 female.

¹ The value of Interest receivable and similar income minus Interest payable and similar charges plus Commissions receivable plus Income from shares and other variable-yield securities plus Net profit or net loss on financial operations plus other operating income.

² According to ISCED-F 2013 classification.



- **About half a million employees in the trade sector**



In 2015 economically active are 140 566 enterprises¹ in the sector ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’, in which turnover is 104 389.8 million BGN and 496 109 persons are worked.

SMEs² are 124 125, which represents 88.3% of all trade enterprises in the country and in the SMEs are working 89.2% of all employees in the sector.

¹ The enterprises submitted their annual reports for 2015 at the National Statistical Institute.

² SMEs - with less than 250 employees.



• Bourgas - the best city in 2015 in the category ‘Successfully implemented EU projects’¹

As of 31.12.2015 the population of the town of Bourgas is 203 017 persons. Male population is 97 027 and female - 105 990, or to 1 000 males correspond 1 092 females.



In 2015 in the city were born 1 892 children, as boys (949) were 6 more than girls. The number of deaths is 2 288. The natural growth is minus 396 persons. The migration growth during the year is also negative - 3 242 persons have been settled in the city and 4 289 have emigrated. Marriages are 828 and divorces are 374.

In 2015, in the town of Bourgas 59 accommodation establishments - hotels, motels, camping sites, mountain chalets and other establishments for short-term accommodation with more than 10 bed-places are functioned. The total number of rooms in them is 1 883 and the bed-places are 3 592. The total number of nights spent is 337 thousand. The spent nights by Bulgarian citizens are 225.2 thousand. The arrivals in accommodation establishments in the city are 135.7 thousand, as Bulgarian citizens are 97.3 thousand, or 71.7% of the total number, while arrivals of foreigners are 38.4 thousand. The total revenues from nights spent amount to 15.9 million BGN, as 53% are revenues from Bulgarian citizens.

7 interesting facts about the output, trade and consumption of fish in Bulgaria

- 10 416 tons of fish and fish products were produced in 2015 (7 448 tons in 2005).
- 928 persons are employed² in fisheries in 2015 (659 in 2005).
- Imports of fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates amounted to 139.7 million BGN in 2015 (30.7 million BGN in 2005).
- Exports of fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates were worth of 49.2 million BGN (15.3 million BGN in 2005).

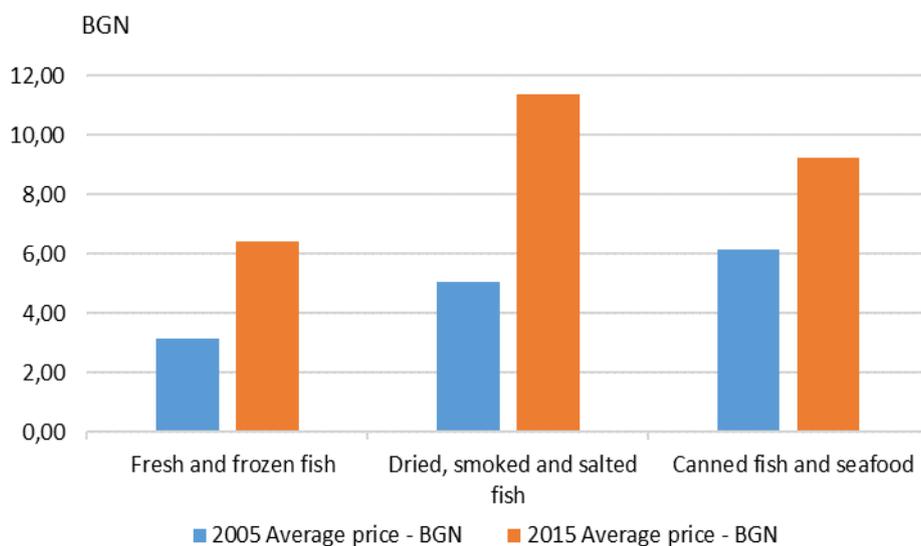
¹ According to the ranking of the Darik radio and ‘24 hours’ newspaper.

² Number of persons employed - All persons employed working in a given enterprise on full or part-time, including seasonal workers, home workers, working owners, employees under contract for management and control, employees in civil contracts that do not work with another employer and unpaid family workers. It does not include those absent for an unlimited time, as well as those provided under contract by other companies.



- 462 are economically active stores for fish and fishery products as of 31.12.2015 (444 as of 31.12.2005).
- 5.2 kg is the household consumption of fish and fish products average per capita (4.2 kg in 2005).
- 6.42 BGN is the average price of fresh and frozen fish per kg (3.15 BGN per kg in 2005).

Average prices of purchased by households quantities of fish and canned fish



More information and data can be found in IS INFOSTAT - <https://infostat.nsi.bg/infostat/pages/external/login.jsf>, and on the NSI website - www.nsi.bg.