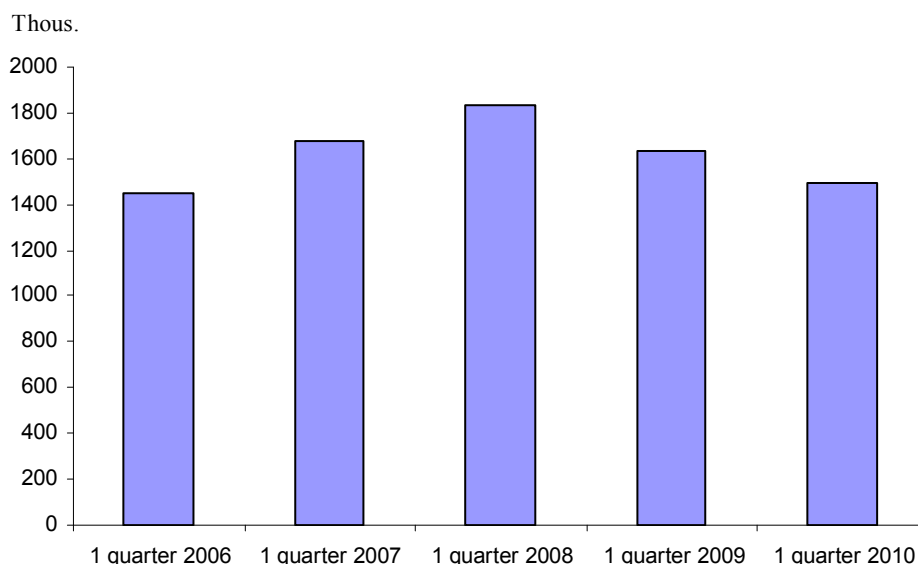




ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2010

In the first quarter of 2010, 2 003 accommodation establishments - hotels, motels, camping sites, mountain chalets and other establishments for short-term accommodation with more than 10 bed places were functioned in the country (Annex 1). The number of rooms in them was 53.8, while the number of the bed-places - 117.6 thousand. In comparison with the same period of 2009 the total number of accommodation establishments has increased by 30 (1.5%) and these of the rooms and the bed-places by 871 (1.6%) and by 3565 (3.1%) respectively. In the first quarter of 2010, the total number of the nights spent in all accommodation establishments fell by 130 thousand (8.0%) to 1 494.9 thousand compared to same period in 2009



Nights spent in accommodation establishments in first quarter during the period 2006 - 2010

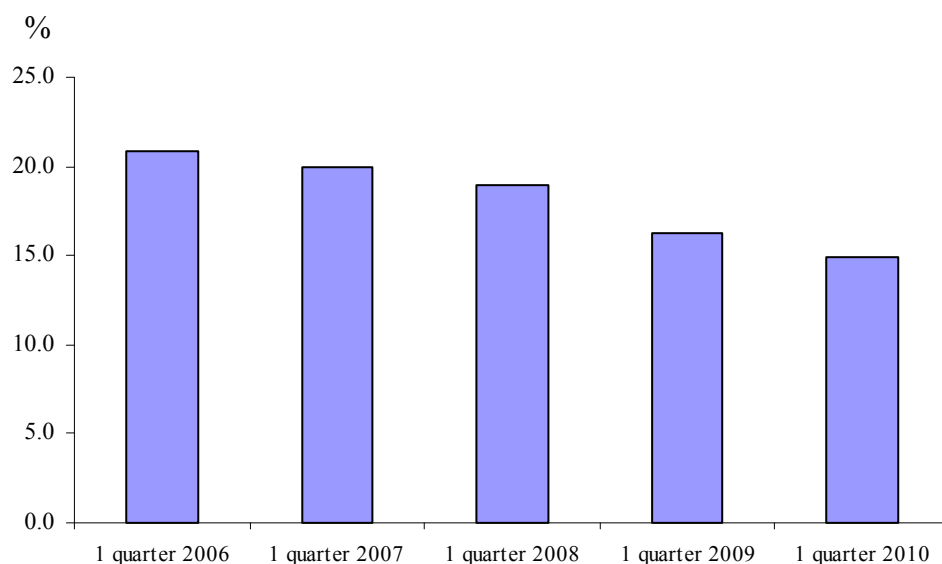
In the first quarter of 2010, the number of nights spent by Bulgarian citizens in accommodation establishments decreased by 170 thousand (17.5%) to 804.4 thousand compared to the first quarter of 2009.

The number of the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments increased by 6.2% versus the first quarter of 2009. More nights were spent by the residents of the following countries: Portugal - by 108.0%, Serbia - by 45.6%, Romania - by 39.7%, Spain - by 37.1%, Russian Fed. - by 35.5%, Turkey - by 29.8%, Rep. of Korea - by 29.6%, Greece - by 24.5%, Israel - by 18.3%, etc. A decrease in the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments was observed for the Iceland - by 88.0%, Brazil - by 53.4%, Slovakia - by 49.6%, Malta - by 41.1%, USA - by 39.1%, Croatia - by 38.1%, Ireland - by 33.9%, Lithuania - by 28.2%, Latvia - by 23.3%, Netherland - by 23.2%, Australia. - by 22.7%, Slovenia - by 18.1%, etc.

In the first quarter of 2010, the total number of arrivals in accommodation establishments decreased by 54.9 thousand (7.7%) to 655.2 thousand. The relative share of arrivals of

Bulgarian citizens was 53.8% of all arrivals. The number of arrivals of foreigners in accommodation establishments increased by 21.9 thousand (10.7%) compared to the same period of the previous year. The greatest share was the arrivals of residents from United Kingdom (22.9%). Almost all foreigners (99.1%) prefer to spend the night in hotels, while only 0.9% of them have spent the night in the other accommodation establishments.

The total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in the first quarter of 2010 was 14.9% which was 1.4 percentage points below the registered in the same period of the previous year.



Total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in first quarter during the period 2006 - 2010

The total revenues from nights spent in the accommodation establishments were less by 6.3% in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009, reaching to 73.8 million leva, while the revenues from nights spent by foreigners increased by 8.5% to 40.6 million leva.

Methodological notes

In the statistical survey of **accommodation establishments** were included all categorized hotels, mountain chalets, camping sites, and other type of accommodation establishments with more than 10 bed-places in use during the reporting period. Up to 2006 accommodation establishments with more than 30 bed-places were observed.

Private flats, holiday settlements, bungalows and other establishments for short-time accommodation added since 2003 in indicator "other accommodation establishments". Private rooms and rest houses are added since 2006.

Annex 1

ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2010¹

| Districts | Accommodation establishments | Bed-places | Available bed-nights ² | Nights spent | | Arrivals in accommodation establishments | | Revenues from nights spent-levs (BGN) | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | | Total | Of which: by foreigners | Total | Of which: by foreigners | Total | Of which: by foreigners |
| For the country | 2003 | 117623 | 10044716 | 1494862 | 690413 | 655218 | 225618 | 73806147 | 40637958 |
| Blagoevgrad | 167 | 14419 | 1276774 | 298146 | 204313 | 100192 | 58472 | 13169898 | 8309560 |
| Burgas | 58 | 6240 | 494726 | 55887 | 13250 | 23227 | 5208 | 2340870 | 798126 |
| Varna | 148 | 14341 | 1036632 | 95364 | 42275 | 38971 | 10060 | 4496890 | 2266249 |
| Veliko Tarnovo | 86 | 4794 | 431460 | 30706 | 2732 | 19121 | 1680 | 1179389 | 152529 |
| Vidin | 33 | 876 | 78840 | 8874 | 2662 | 5396 | 871 | 351631 | 100455 |
| Vratsa | 27 | 973 | 87570 | 8160 | 1023 | 4044 | 412 | 261703 | 60415 |
| Gabrovo | 86 | 3819 | 343710 | 19209 | 2223 | 11727 | 877 | 682098 | 127512 |
| Dobrich | 26 | 2093 | 160526 | 11554 | 2514 | 5845 | 865 | 444578 | 104354 |
| Kardzhali | 20 | 731 | 64980 | 6278 | 1119 | 3932 | 602 | 259954 | 55552 |
| Kyustendil | 34 | 1919 | 172710 | 17716 | 1386 | 8515 | 718 | 646277 | 122715 |
| Lovech | 61 | 3579 | 318873 | 26479 | 1599 | 14934 | 736 | 742829 | 75287 |
| Montana | 30 | 1300 | 114750 | 6730 | 778 | 3840 | 418 | 204844 | 44687 |
| Pazardzhik | 87 | 5008 | 450720 | 49163 | 3800 | 24474 | 1300 | 2379117 | 282135 |
| Pernik | 23 | 982 | 88380 | 6377 | 1866 | 2797 | 526 | 135979 | 41235 |
| Pleven | 13 | 1161 | 104490 | 15371 | 3039 | 9641 | 1121 | 584628 | 187203 |
| Plovdiv | 222 | 10041 | 795654 | 113805 | 23116 | 62343 | 10044 | 4788197 | 1776643 |
| Razgrad | 19 | 531 | 47790 | 3849 | 678 | 2543 | 304 | 156384 | 35480 |
| Ruse | 61 | 1780 | 160200 | 24565 | 4805 | 17085 | 3034 | 1075816 | 260858 |
| Silistra | 17 | 592 | 53280 | 5344 | 1389 | 3695 | 611 | 242326 | 85832 |
| Sliven | 90 | 2539 | 228510 | 11638 | 1566 | 8419 | 815 | 534088 | 110156 |
| Smolyan | 357 | 12385 | 1102370 | 144332 | 48661 | 45999 | 9365 | 5997603 | 2481518 |
| Sofia | 57 | 6327 | 538425 | 195136 | 141579 | 50829 | 25766 | 5241113 | 3328173 |
| Sofia Cap. | 118 | 12982 | 1157775 | 246401 | 151600 | 143729 | 83334 | 23938943 | 18147380 |
| Stara Zagora | 37 | 3551 | 319590 | 48204 | 18842 | 17984 | 3338 | 2111949 | 1054517 |
| Targovishte | 21 | 684 | 61560 | 7063 | 1191 | 3666 | 340 | 182202 | 32851 |
| Haskovo | 45 | 1859 | 166411 | 20391 | 5823 | 12103 | 3296 | 982600 | 356893 |
| Shumen | 34 | 1340 | 119700 | 6526 | 1745 | 4575 | 682 | 266956 | 81910 |
| Yambol | 26 | 777 | 68310 | 11594 | 4839 | 5592 | 823 | 407285 | 157733 |

¹In use.

²The data for the "Available Bed Capacity" item are obtained through accumulation of the number of bed-places for each of the days of the reference period, when they are put into utilization, irrespective of whether they are occupied or not.