

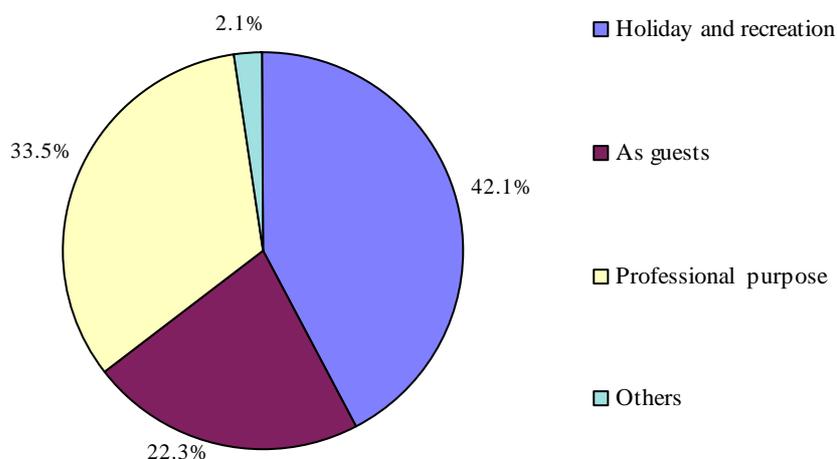


TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN JANUARY 2011

In January 2011, the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad was 303.8 thousand, or 7.5% more than the number of the trips in January 2010 (Table 1). As compared to the same month of 2010 an increase in the total number of the trips was registered namely to: Russian Federation - by 141.0%, Greece - by 39.6%, Czech Republic - by 30.7%, Ukraine - by 23.9%, Romania - by 21.6%, Italy - by 18.1%, Spain - by 16.7%, France - by 12.6% and etc. At the same time a decrease in the number of the trips was observed to: Sweden - by 26.8%, United Kingdom - by 26.4%, Serbia - by 25.6%, Turkey - by 21.9% etc.

The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the holiday and recreation purpose - 42.1%, followed up by trips with professional purpose - 33.5%, visits as guests - 22.3%, and others - 2.1%.

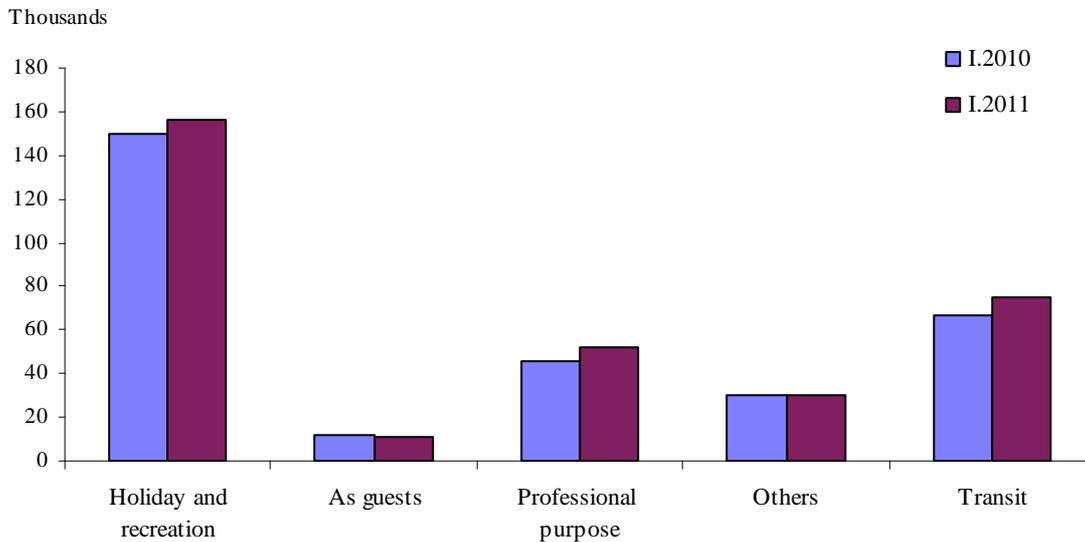
Figure 1. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit in January 2011



In January 2011, the number of the arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 324.3 thousand or 6.4% more than the number of the trips in the corresponding month of 2010 (Table 2). An increase in the number of visitors with professional purpose by 15.6% was registered. The visitors passing transit and with the holiday and recreation purpose were increased by 11.2 and 4.3% respectively. At the same time, a decrease was recorded in visits with other purposes by 1.6% and visits as guests - by 10.3%.



Figure 2. Number of the arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit

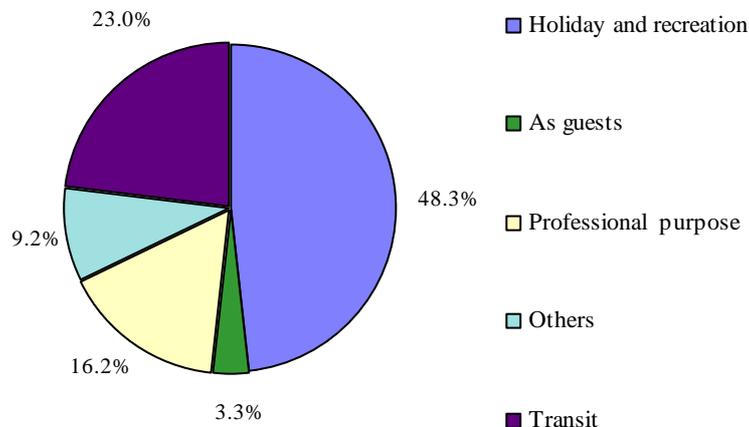


The arrivals of visitors from EU Member States decreased by 2.2%, while the highest drop was observed in the number of visits from Czech Rep. and Spain - 43.1 and 22.6% respectively. An increase was registered in the visits from France - by 45.4%, Germany - by 44.9%, Sweden - by 32.9%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries”¹ were increased by 14.7%. The largest growth was observed in the number of the arrivals of citizens from Serbia - by 30.1%, FYROM - by 29.9% and Ukraine - by 21.8%.

In January 2011, arrivals by purpose holiday and recreation composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners visited to Bulgaria - 48.3%, followed by visitors passing transit - 23.0%, professional purpose - 16.2%, other purposes - 9.2%, and visits as guests - 3.3%.

Figure 3. Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in January 2011



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



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.



Table 1

TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION IN JANUARY 2011

Country of destination	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number			I.2011 as % to I.2010	
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional		Others
Total	303760	127865	67671	101924	6300	7.5
EU						
of which:	194954	101348	10865	77742	4999	23.2
Austria	5045	2346	234	2253	212	3.8
Belgium	2510	859	293	1335	23	-7.1
United Kingdom	5402	1442	830	2565	565	-26.4
Germany	17078	6010	740	10022	306	1.2
Greece	108362	69539	5561	30577	2685	39.6
Spain	7977	3274	469	3929	305	16.7
Italy	8369	3086	274	4744	265	18.1
Poland	1643	805	129	699	10	4.4
Romania	26485	9673	1859	14619	334	21.6
Hungary	1108	325	117	647	19	-0.3
France	3249	1007	74	2087	81	12.6
Czech Rep.	3022	1094	47	1840	41	30.7
Sweden	101	31	5	65	-	-26.8
Other European countries	102773	25836	55862	20813	262	-15.7
Norway	79	20	2	54	3	3.9
FYROM	23547	3727	11170	8614	36	9.6
Russian Fed.	1817	1012	49	595	161	141.0
Serbia	19459	13595	1562	4293	9	-25.6
Turkey	56020	6956	42955	6098	11	-21.9
Ukraine	747	132	65	547	3	23.9
Switzerland	1104	394	59	612	39	9.4
Others	6033	681	944	3369	1039	134.6



Table 2

**ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA
BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN JANUARY 2011**

Country of origin	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number					I.2011 as % to I.2010
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	Transit	
Total	324262	156576	10684	52434	30003	74565	6.4
EU	156360	82870	7271	43746	6761	15712	-2.2
of which:							
Austria	5658	1433	221	3449	99	456	25.3
Belgium	2721	828	117	620	-	1156	22.4
United Kingdom	14923	8567	1076	3842	279	1159	-4.9
Germany	11323	3866	1109	4438	257	1653	44.9
Greece	77502	46533	2026	21064	1598	6281	1.6
Spain	1471	354	171	709	92	145	-22.6
Italy	6049	2337	842	2070	83	717	-17.2
Poland	3457	1602	194	674	431	556	-18.1
Romania	19101	10175	725	3221	3096	1884	1.9
Hungary	1627	527	77	856	44	123	-22.4
France	4775	2857	171	947	376	424	45.4
Czech Rep.	1335	845	89	276	125	-	-43.1
Sweden	856	409	68	210	82	87	32.9
Other European countries	140647	63055	2772	6448	19012	49360	13.7
Norway	235	43	19	156	17	-	13.5
FYROM	40000	30358	458	222	4333	4629	29.9
Russian Fed.	14439	9274	528	1933	2172	532	7.0
Serbia	23960	16713	367	167	1561	5152	30.1
Turkey	52299	2619	1259	3465	8729	36227	0.8
Ukraine	9351	3782	121	430	2200	2818	21.8
Switzerland	363	266	20	75	-	2	-35.3
Others	27255	10651	641	2240	4230	9493	23.7