

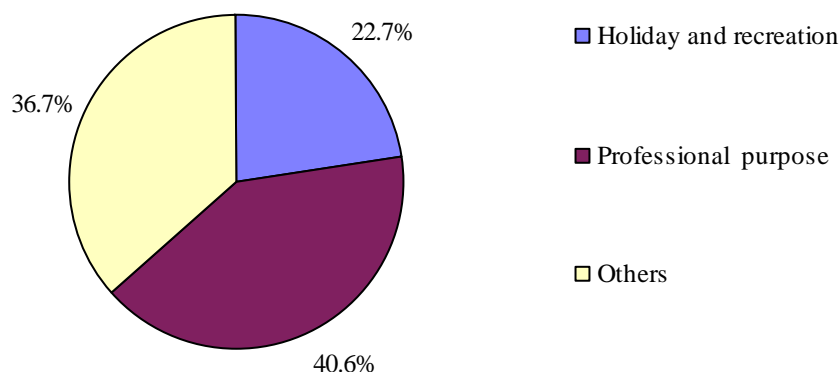


TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN MAY 2011

In May 2011, the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad was 333.2 thousand or 2.6% more than the number of the trips in May 2010 (Table 1). An increase in the total number of the trips was registered namely to: Romania - by 22.0%, FYROM - by 21.4%, United Kingdom - by 18.4%, Hungary - by 16.7%, Israel - by 13.3%, Czech. Republic - by 13.2%, Malta - by 12.6%, France - by 9.9%, Russian Federation - by 8.9%, Sweden - by 8.7%, Luxembourg - by 8.7%, Portugal - by 7.9%, Austria - by 6.0% and etc. At the same time a decrease in the number of the trips was observed to: Canada - by 78.3%, Norway - by 24.6%, Slovenia - by 23.3%, Lithuania - by 19.7%, Denmark - by 16.0%, Slovakia - by 10.0%, Italy - by 9.2%, Cyprus - by 6.8%, and etc.

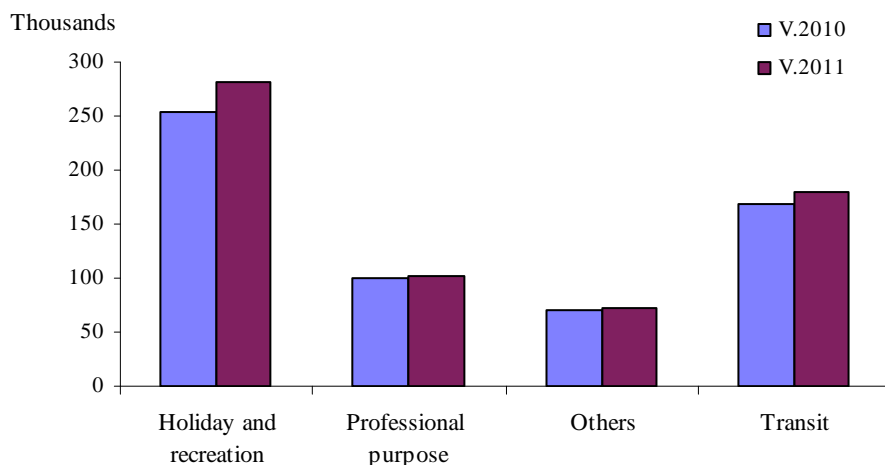
The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had those with professional purpose - 40.6%, followed up by others - 36.7% and with holiday and recreation purpose - 22.7%.

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



In May 2011, the number of the arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 635.3 thousand or 7.1% more than the number of the trips in the corresponding month of 2010 (Table 2). A largest increase was registered in the number of visitors with holiday and recreation purpose and in the visitors passing transit by 10.8 and 6.7% respectively.

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

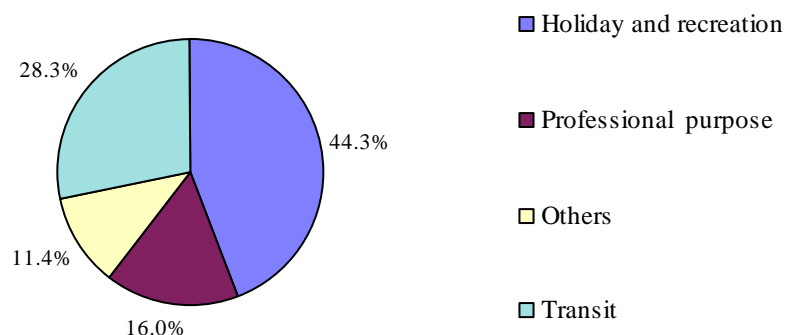


In May 2011, the arrivals of visitors from EU Member States increased by 4.3% in comparison to the same month of 2010. The highest growth in the number of visits was observed from Greece and Romania - 19.7 and 11.1% respectively. A decrease in the visits was registered from Luxembourg - by 35.4%, Finland - by 34.7%, Malta - by 25.1%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries”¹ were increased by 9.1%. The largest growth in the number of the arrivals of citizens was observed from Ukraine - by 37.1%, Serbia - by 36.5% and Russian Federation - by 24.4%.

In May 2011, the arrivals with holiday and recreation purpose composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners visited to Bulgaria - 44.3%, followed the visitors passing transit - 28.3%, professional purpose - 16.0% and others - 11.4%.

Figure 3. Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in May 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 sample survey of passing Bulgarian and foreign citizens on the border check points.



Annex

Table 1

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

Country of destination	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number			V.2011 as % to V.2010
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others	
Total	333199	75652	135228	122319	2.6
EU	154252	40613	96380	17259	5.3
of which:					
Austria	4921	1885	2549	487	6.0
Belgium	2082	628	1181	273	4.3
United Kingdom	8593	1563	5136	1894	18.4
Germany	13138	3824	8106	1208	2.4
Greece	73521	14156	51283	8082	0.5
Spain	5819	1863	3563	393	5.1
Italy	5518	1859	3428	231	-9.2
Poland	1106	382	667	57	-4.2
Romania	28759	11455	14008	3296	22.0
Hungary	1834	427	1117	290	16.7
France	3249	925	2125	199	9.9
Czech Rep.	1726	467	1003	256	13.2
Sweden	212	68	116	28	8.7
Other European countries	175808	34429	36781	104598	0.4
Norway	215	51	44	120	-24.6
FYROM	31534	5110	7248	19176	21.4
Russian Fed.	926	246	547	133	8.9
Serbia	24443	12053	10956	1434	4.9
Turkey	117393	16583	17159	83651	-4.8
Ukraine	647	190	457	0	-2.3
Switzerland	650	196	370	84	-5.5
Others	3139	610	2067	462	-6.3



Table 2

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

Country of origin	Total number	Purpose of visit - number				V.2011 as % to V.2010
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others	Transit	
Total	635332	281724	101909	72196	179503	7.1
EU	415082	194804	87978	39638	92662	4.3
of which:						
Austria	9251	3231	3173	698	2149	5.5
Belgium	3442	1301	1341	207	593	-6.8
United Kingdom	20468	10893	4731	968	3876	-16.9
Germany	38942	20059	7964	3519	7400	-17.8
Greece	109275	56645	26991	13953	11686	19.7
Spain	3616	1979	1039	84	514	4.4
Italy	10590	3880	4154	781	1775	6.1
Poland	9431	3089	2498	1321	2523	6.4
Romania	159506	74047	20577	14973	49909	11.1
Hungary	6718	2032	2507	491	1688	-3.9
France	10086	5110	3359	196	1421	-11.1
Czech Rep.	4064	2190	1099	402	373	-5.8
Sweden	5296	1703	1636	498	1459	2.7
Other European countries	168068	60147	10024	26252	71645	9.1
Norway	805	391	306	5	103	-15.0
FYROM	33472	21233	352	5690	6197	1.5
Russian Fed.	23111	14332	3423	4382	974	24.4
Serbia	31969	19319	281	2489	9880	36.5
Turkey	62814	1761	3838	10509	46706	-4.9
Ukraine	14684	2664	1309	3165	7546	37.1
Switzerland	1213	447	515	12	239	-4.0
Others	52182	26773	3907	6306	15196	26.2