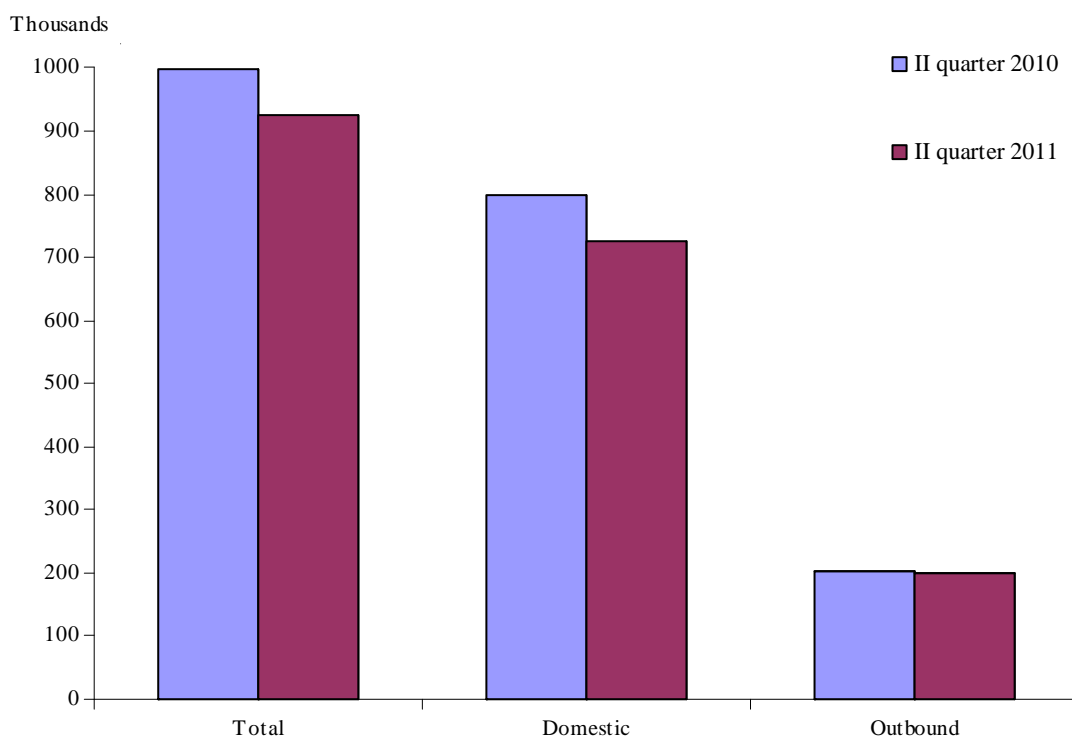




TOURIST TRIPS AND TOURISM-RELATED EXPENDITURE OF THE POPULATION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2011

By preliminary data, 1 010.7 thousand Bulgarian residents¹ travelled to the country or abroad in the second quarter of 2011. The total number of the persons travelled with private purpose decreased by 7.4% in comparison with the same period of 2010. A decrease was registered in the number of the Bulgarian residents travelled in the country - by 8.9%, as well as in the number of persons travelled abroad - by 1.4 % (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Persons travelled of 15 years of age and over with private purpose



Persons of 15 years of age and over indicated that they had travelled abroad or in the country for holiday, recreation and visits relatives' purposes - 43.4 and 30.3% respectively. The relative share of the persons travelled abroad for recreation and holiday was 62.9% and the rate of person travelled in the country with the same purpose was 38.1% (Table 1).

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



1. Persons travelled of 15 years of age and over with tourist purpose by reasons in the second quarter of 2011

Destination of trips	Total	Reasons for trip				
		Private				Professional
		Holiday and recreation	Visit relatives	Education	Others	
Number						
Total	1010730	438826	306372	12843	168002	84687
In the country	790111	300051	269496	12843	143958	63763
Abroad	220619	138775	36876	-	24044	20924
Structure - %						
Total	100.0	43.4	30.3	1.3	16.6	8.4
In the country	100.0	38.1	34.1	1.6	18.1	8.1
Abroad	100.0	62.9	16.7	-	10.9	9.5

The travelled residents aged 15-34 were the highest part (44.5%) of the total number of the residents travelled in the second quarter of 2011. The highest was the share of Bulgarians age group 15-34 years old travelling with private purpose - 44.8%, while travelled residents with professional purpose were age group 25-44 years - 56.2%. The lowest was the percentage of persons of 65 and over years old - 7.3% from the total persons travelled (Table 2).

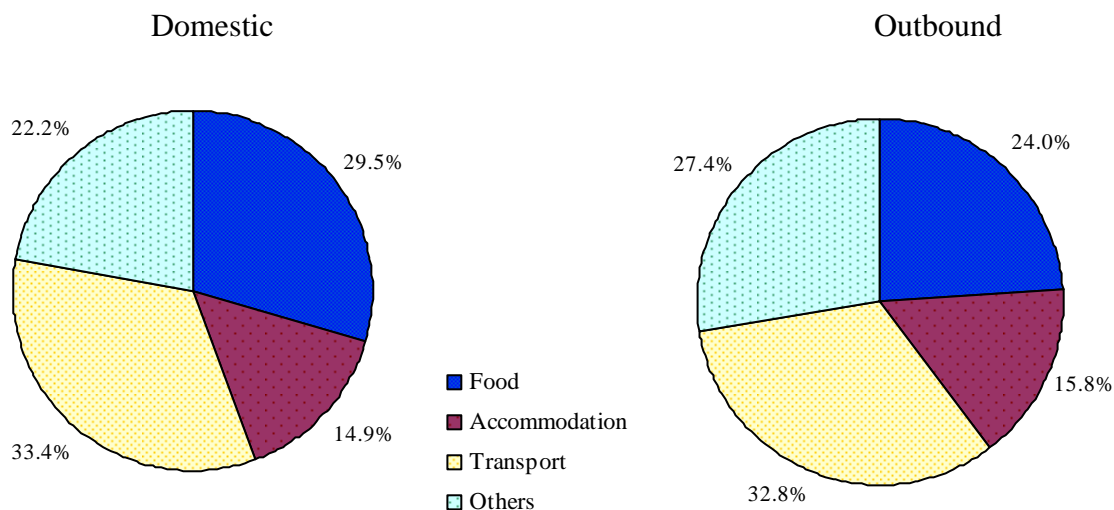
2. Persons travelled of 15 years of age and over with tourist purpose by type of trip in the second quarter of 2011

Age (Years)	Total	Private	Professional
Number			
Total	1010730	926043	84687
15-24	198096	187439	10657
25-34	251856	227325	24531
35-44	191863	168865	22998
45-54	174236	157206	17030
55-64	120953	112285	8668
65 and over	73726	72923	803
Structure - %			
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
15-24	19.6	20.3	12.6
25-34	24.9	24.5	29.0
35-44	19.0	18.2	27.2
45-54	17.2	17.0	20.1
55-64	12.0	12.1	10.2
65 and over	7.3	7.9	0.9



In the second quarter of 2011 the structure of tourist trips' expenditure by type showed that expenditure on transport were the highest share from the total expenditure on domestic trips - 33.4% and 32.8% from total expenditure on outbound trips.

Figure 2. Structure of the expenditure by type for domestic and outbound tourist trips in the second quarter 2011



In the second quarter of 2011 a person of 15 years and over spent 168.9 BGN for its private domestic trip on the average and 652.7 BGN for outbound trip. At the same time a person of 15 years and over spent on the average 270.9 BGN for its professional domestic trip and 1 152.2 BGN for professional outbound trip.



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 3 000 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 2009.