



ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JULY - SEPTEMBER 2011

In the third quarter of 2011, 3 450 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 (Table 1). The number of rooms in them was 116.3, while the number of the bed-places - 259.3 thousand. In comparison with the same period of 2010 the total number of accommodation establishments increased by 3.0%, while the rooms and the bed-places in them decreased by 2.1 and 2.8% respectively.

In the third quarter of 2011, the total number of the nights spent in the accommodation establishments was 11 155.8 thousand and rose by 1 769.5 thousand (18.9%) compared to the same period of 2010.

Figure 1. Nights spent in accommodation establishments in the third quarter during the 2007 - 2011 period



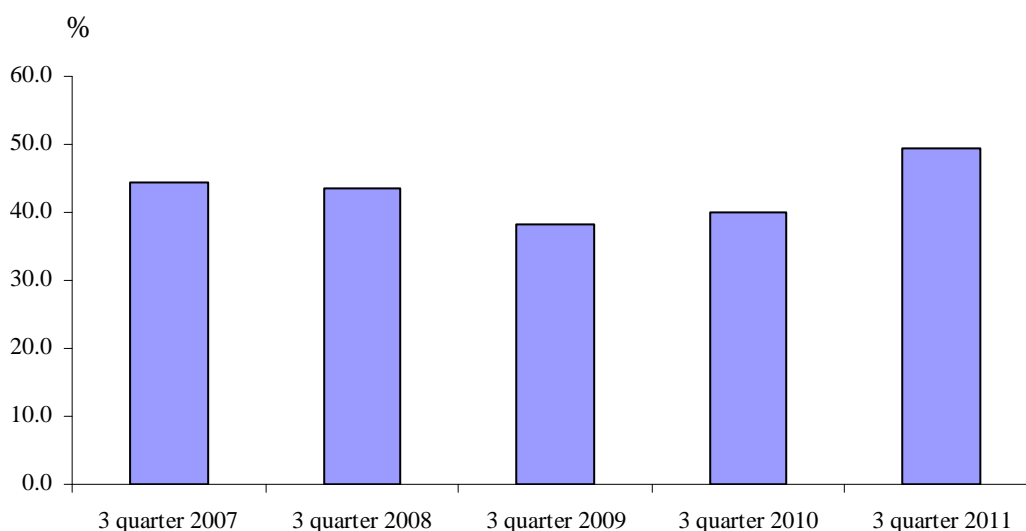
In the third quarter of 2011, the number of nights spent by Bulgarian citizens in accommodation establishments was 2 972.6 thousand and increased by 361.4 thousand (13.8%) compared to the same quarter of 2010. The number of the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments increased by 20.8%. More nights were spent by the residents of the following countries: China - by 111.7%, Lithuania - by 84.1%, Latvia - by 82.0%, Ukraine - by 74.2%, Malta - by 73.0%, Luxembourg - by 71.3%, South Africa - by 68.0%, Slovakia - by 60.5%, Hungary - by 59.9%, Australia - by 54.3%, FYROM - by 40.9%, Romania - by 39.4%, Czech Republic - by 38.2%, Ireland - by 35.8%, etc. A decrease in the nights spent in accommodation establishments by foreigners was observed from Brazil - by 80.4%, Portugal - by 24.5%, Estonia - by 20.1%, Japan - by 17.5%, Spain - by 16.2%, etc.



In the third quarter of 2011, the total number of arrivals in accommodation establishments increased by 341.6 thousand (18.5%) and was 2 193.2 thousand. The relative share of arrivals of Bulgarian citizens was 41.2% of all arrivals. The number of foreign arrivals in accommodation establishments increased by 208.0 thousand (19.2%) compared to the same period of the previous year. The greatest share has citizens from Germany (17.4%). Almost all foreigners (98.4%) prefer to spend the night in hotels and the rest 1.6% - in other accommodation establishments.

The total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in the third quarter of 2011 was 49.5% which was 9.6 percentage points above the registered in the same period of 2010.

Figure 2. Total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in the third quarter during the period 2007 - 2011



The total revenues from nights spent in the accommodation establishments increased by 15.2% in the third quarter of 2011 compared to the third quarter of 2010, reaching to 413.7 million leva. The revenues from nights spent by foreigner and by Bulgarian citizens increased by 14.0 and 20.0% respectively.



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

Table 1

Activity of accommodation establishments for the period July - September 2011¹

Districts	Accommodation establishments - number	Bed-places - number	Available bed-nights ² - number	Nights spent - number		Arrivals in accommodation establishments - number		Revenues from nights spent - leva (BGN)	
				Total	Of which: by foreigners	Total	Of which: foreigners	Total	Of which: by foreigners
Total	3450	259341	22521746	11155764	8183124	2193242	1290490	413710762	327666535
Blagoevgrad	136	10097	917109	146990	42192	65332	19808	6265682	2431242
Burgas	1122	95833	7948837	5341418	4309750	742519	549854	193492031	165334442
Varna	446	55404	4970692	2984617	2461337	514711	383253	126333919	110577347
Veliko Tarnovo	103	5113	470378	80566	18300	50805	12224	2758905	981508
Vidin	43	982	90264	16413	4422	10861	2535	601322	156594
Vratsa	32	1071	98532	14082	1608	7192	699	430949	71767
Gabrovo	60	3011	276651	56072	6919	28022	3847	1565035	273897
Dobrich	99	23309	1941940	1256475	937461	191978	123141	26721128	20966911
Kardzhali	25	843	77556	12317	2779	8762	1779	400423	104329
Kyustendil	40	2414	222088	47398	5370	23678	2781	1078994	239131
Lovech	63	3468	319019	65505	3830	31601	2160	1835340	181949
Montana	32	1580	145360	24243	1454	10087	920	969184	89017
Pazardzhik	69	4344	399468	122285	13771	38994	3556	4633180	810974
Pernik	17	835	76820	5743	818	3629	492	158828	35346
Pleven	13	1027	94484	16125	3631	10532	1603	591482	159527
Plovdiv	234	9068	834002	215509	77501	82804	26552	8280419	3969789
Razgrad	18	499	45908	8664	1407	4018	709	273844	59801
Ruse	64	1705	156860	33810	11048	23200	6820	1551201	579683
Silistra	22	710	65320	10805	2724	7528	1749	455779	139201
Sliven	95	2665	245127	29271	4519	14237	1851	940923	275097
Smolyan	378	11139	907486	133568	16349	52033	4539	3174629	498785
Sofia	46	4686	420805	87405	10879	31008	3999	2527236	321991
Sofia cap.	116	11873	1091860	306892	216820	180340	121775	22706790	18022619
Stara Zagora	36	3421	314732	76616	11845	23635	5113	3797703	662115
Targovishte	25	864	79488	10509	2202	5293	744	255361	50086
Haskovo	43	1526	140392	24034	6861	13731	3913	1054680	408716
Shumen	34	1055	97060	14337	4194	9348	3009	436148	152220
Yambol	39	799	73508	14095	3133	7364	1065	419647	112451

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.