

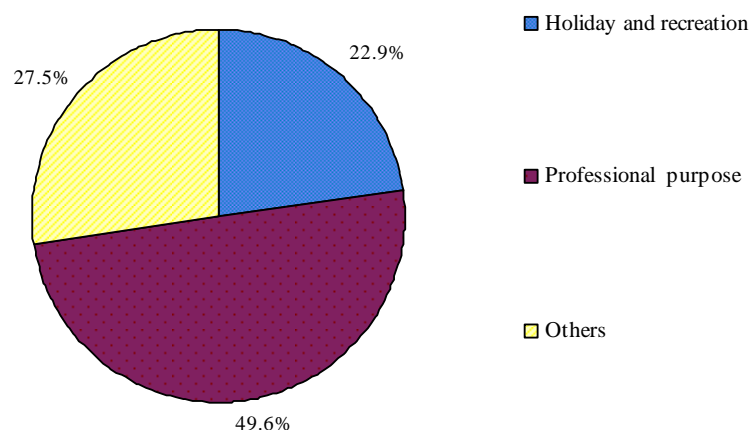


TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN NOVEMBER 2011

In November 2011 the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad was 253.8 thousand, which was 1.1% more than the number of the trips in November 2010 (Table 1). An increase in the total number of the trips was registered namely to: Luxembourg - by 9.1%, Slovenia - by 6.8%, Finland - by 4.5%, Cyprus - by 4.5%, Germany - by 4.3, Spain - by 4.2%, Hungary - by 3.3%, Greece - by 3.2%, and etc. At the same time a decrease was observed to: Canada - by 29.5%, USA - by 29.0%, Portugal - by 28.7%, Lithuania - by 15.8%, Switzerland - by 15.5%, Russian Federation - by 14.7%, and etc.

The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had those with professional purpose - 49.6%, followed by other purposes (as guest, education, visiting cultural and sport events etc.) - 27.5% and with holiday and recreation - 22.9%.

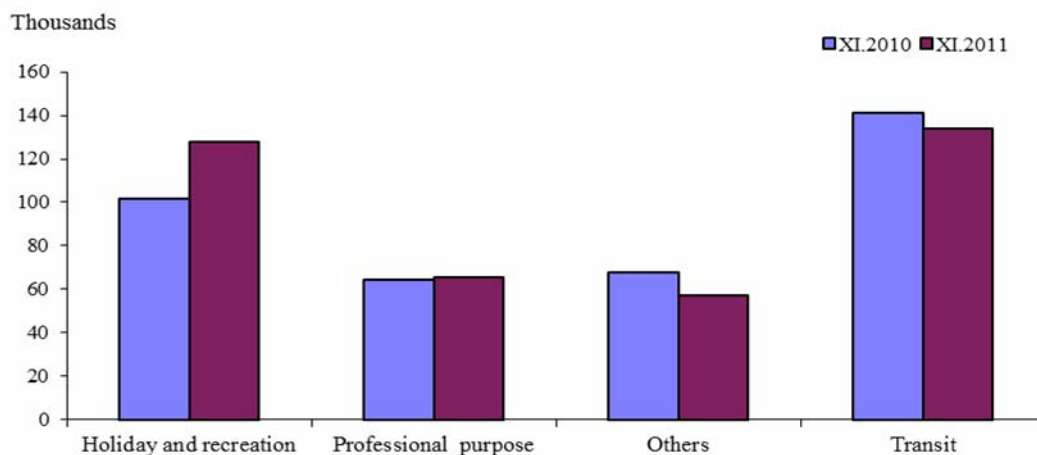
Figure 1. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit in November 2011



In November 2011, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 384.0 thousand or 2.4% more than the number of the trips in the corresponding month of 2010 (Table 2). The largest increase was registered in the number of visitors with holiday and recreation purpose - by 6.2%.



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

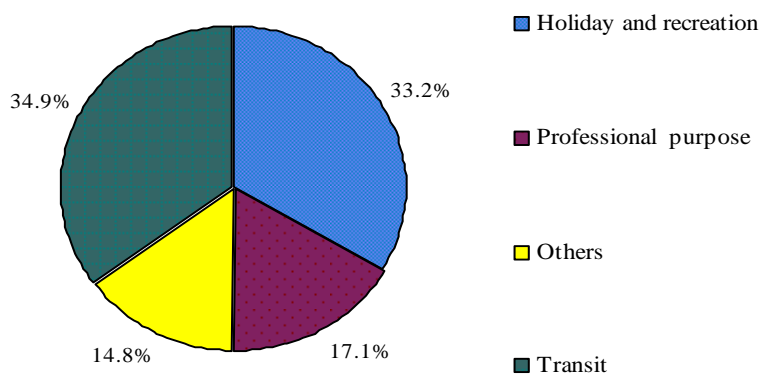


In November 2011, the arrivals of visitors from EU Member States rose by 1.4% in comparison with the same month of 2010. The highest growth in the number of visits was observed from France and Italy - by 10.3 and 10.0% respectively. A decrease in the visits was registered from Lithuania - by 10.4%, Slovenia - by 5.5%, Malta - by 5.0%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries”¹ were increased by 1.3%. The largest growth in the number of arrivals of citizens was observed from Switzerland - by 18.0%, Ukraine - by 13.6%, and Russian Federation - by 9.8%.

In November 2011, the visitors passing transit composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners visited Bulgaria - 34.9%, followed by the arrivals with holiday and recreation purpose - 33.2%, professional purpose - 17.1% and others - 14.8%.

Figure 3. Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in November 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 prpose of visit and by country of destination in November 2011

Country of destination	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number			Change in % compared to November 2010
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others	
Total	253789	58125	125878	69786	1.1
EU	129949	33803	81046	15100	1.8
of which:					
Austria	4089	1691	1953	445	2.3
Belgium	2380	706	1348	326	1.2
United Kingdom	6211	1197	2921	2093	2.5
Germany	13205	3810	7966	1429	4.3
Greece	57816	10557	40135	7124	3.2
Spain	6301	2677	3158	466	4.2
Italy	5798	2355	3178	265	2.5
Poland	1344	461	671	212	-1.4
Romania	24706	7825	15367	1514	-1.5
Hungary	1436	359	710	367	3.3
France	1718	526	969	223	-11.0
Czech Rep.	1552	688	704	160	1.5
Sweden	95	24	61	10	-9.5
Other European countries	120709	23111	43622	53976	0.9
Norway	33	11	8	14	-5.7
FYROM	19086	2635	9919	6532	-3.8
Russian Fed.	856	193	526	137	-14.7
Serbia	22407	9857	11294	1256	2.9
Turkey	76861	10008	21019	45834	2.0
Ukraine	657	130	436	91	2.0
Switzerland	809	277	420	112	-15.5
Others	3131	1211	1210	710	-14.3



Table 2

**Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria
by purpose of visit and by country of origin in November 2011**

Country of origin	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number				Change in % compared to November 2010
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others	Transit	
Total	384026	127644	65496	57026	133 860	2.4
EU	212704	67735	48663	35256	61050	1.4
of which:						
Austria	5409	1568	2425	471	945	3.1
Belgium	1737	252	1005	130	350	3.9
United Kingdom	7563	4647	2161	164	591	4.5
Germany	12323	4094	5335	1307	1587	0.8
Greece	63377	21653	10082	15482	16160	0.8
Spain	2931	789	1344	609	189	-1.6
Italy	5341	1271	2044	481	1545	10.0
Poland	4661	1583	1390	607	1081	8.1
Romania	88774	26933	14974	14220	32647	0.4
Hungary	2793	496	1140	415	742	9.4
France	3931	1151	1255	205	1320	10.3
Czech Rep.	2598	389	1523	238	448	0.7
Sweden	934	406	363	26	139	6.0
Other European countries	138357	48803	12450	17107	59997	1.3
Norway	569	405	118	33	13	2.7
FYROM	36459	27320	2741	2185	4213	3.9
Russian Fed.	8578	2847	2370	2529	832	9.8
Serbia	25860	15455	1256	1403	7746	4.8
Turkey	56159	1373	5056	8959	40771	-4.8
Ukraine	9322	985	575	1923	5839	13.6
Switzerland	1410	418	334	75	583	18.0
Others	32965	11106	4383	4663	12813	14.4