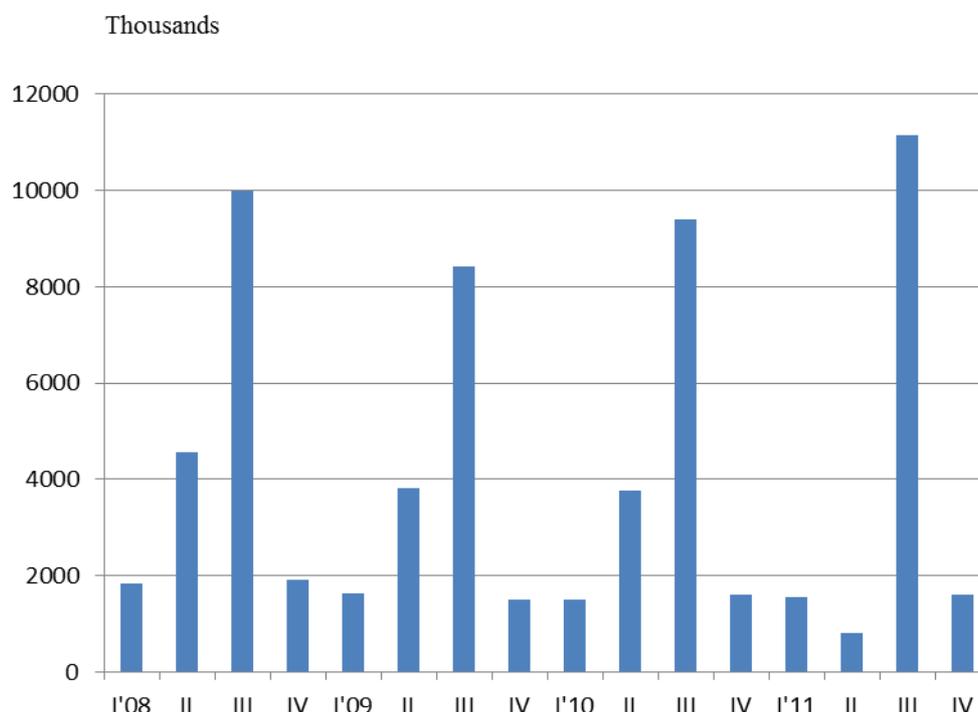




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In the fourth quarter of 2011 the total number of nights spent in all accommodation establishments amount to 1 617.0 thousand as preserving the level from the same period of 2010 is observed.

Figure 1. Nights spent in accommodation establishments by quarters



The number of nights spent by Bulgarian citizens in accommodation establishments was 1 085.7 thousand or by 8.5% more compared to the same quarter of 2010. The number of the nights spent in accommodation establishments by foreigners decreased by 13.8%. More significant decrease was observed in the number of nights spent by the citizens from Russia - by 45.1%, Greece - by 24.4%, Germany - by 19.1% and Turkey - by 16.4%. More nights had spent the citizens from Ukraine - by 50.6%, Romania - by 17.6% and Italy - by 17.5%.

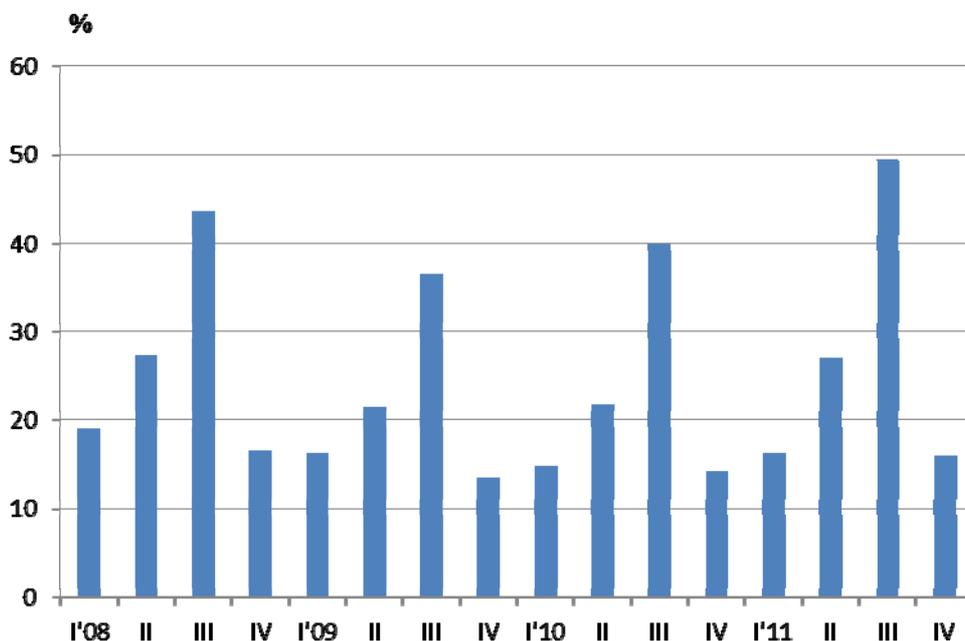
The total number of arrivals in accommodation establishments increased by 6.1% and reached 815.8 thousand compared to the same quarter of 2010. The relative share of arrivals of Bulgarian citizens was 71.9% of all arrivals. By 2.5 thousand (1.1%) increased the foreigner arrivals in accommodation establishments, as the greatest share had citizens from Greece and Germany - 16.3 and 8.8% respectively.



Almost all foreigners preferred to spend the nights in the hotels and only 1.7% of them spent nights in other accommodation establishments.

The total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in the fourth quarter of 2011 is 16.1% or by 1.8 percentage points more from registered for the same period of 2010.

Figure 2. Total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments by quarters



In the fourth quarter of 2011, 2 091 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 65.1, while the number of the bed-places - 136.3 thousand. In comparison with the same period of 2010 the total number of accommodation establishments and the bed-places in them decreased by 1.2 and 10.3% respectively. The total revenues from nights spent in the accommodation establishments reached 78.9 million BGN or by 3.3% more compared to the same period of the previous year. An increase by 6.8% in the revenues from nights spent by Bulgarian citizens was registered, while the revenues from nights spent by foreigners decreased by 0.4%.



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.

Table 1

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Districts	Accommodation establishments - number	Bed-places - number	Available bed-nights ² - number	Nights spent - number		Arrivals in accommodation establishments - number		Revenues from nights spent – thousand BGN	
				Total	Of which: by foreigners	Total	Of which: foreigners	Total	Of which: by foreigners
Total	2091	136308	10018104	1617003	531301	815800	229519	78873.2	36744.3
Blagoevgrad	150	12591	1157840	182243	71942	87383	32064	7211.8	3568.4
Burgas	94	19688	719507	96946	41601	35510	11088	5092.4	2866.7
Varna	175	25429	1463047	168387	80901	61305	17878	7385.7	4215.0
Veliko Tarnovo	104	5025	462300	63781	10591	44998	7800	2522.6	638.7
Vidin	42	944	84284	12876	2932	7520	1030	538.7	113.8
Vratsa	30	1039	95588	16621	3176	6786	779	657.3	222.0
Gabrovo	60	2994	272444	40680	2637	23743	1308	1260.8	157.8
Dobrich	33	5723	183729	21488	10399	9513	3029	776.0	341.5
Karddzhal	25	846	77832	10224	1550	7172	1012	310.0	64.9
Kyustendil	36	2136	196512	22473	2807	10639	1418	833.5	199.0
Lovech	55	3135	287684	44793	3430	25555	1109	1619.0	149.3
Montana	32	1560	143520	18695	1192	9740	614	818.0	66.6
Pazardzhik	61	4263	391498	79024	6413	37399	2053	3763.6	448.4
Pernik	13	699	64308	4603	784	2921	428	112.4	25.7
Pleven	12	1008	92716	19145	2712	11480	1226	695.5	152.9
Plovdiv	233	9014	828356	166510	35052	83426	15632	7802.0	2661.2
Razgrad	18	499	45908	10704	1587	4971	709	353.3	66.3
Ruse	65	1769	162748	36298	8676	23801	4696	1661.3	511.8
Silistra	33	710	65320	9778	2177	5989	838	478.9	112.3
Sliven	94	2555	234508	23176	3382	11985	1306	822.3	231.6
Smolyan	379	11216	874036	84733	8783	38824	2918	2853.8	417.0
Sofia	49	4977	434158	65490	14136	30781	6094	1856.1	450.0
Sofia Cap.	114	11582	1044928	291741	188422	176292	104888	24042.2	17545.9
Stara Zagora	33	2712	249504	63497	8804	23223	3226	3022.9	743.0
Targovishte	24	852	78384	10708	1847	5580	699	268.4	45.1
Haskovo	40	1497	137724	23887	5879	14774	3444	1156.7	440.6
Shumen	35	1068	98237	14804	5292	8509	1332	547.1	169.4
Yambol	52	777	71484	13698	4197	5981	901	410.9	119.5

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.