



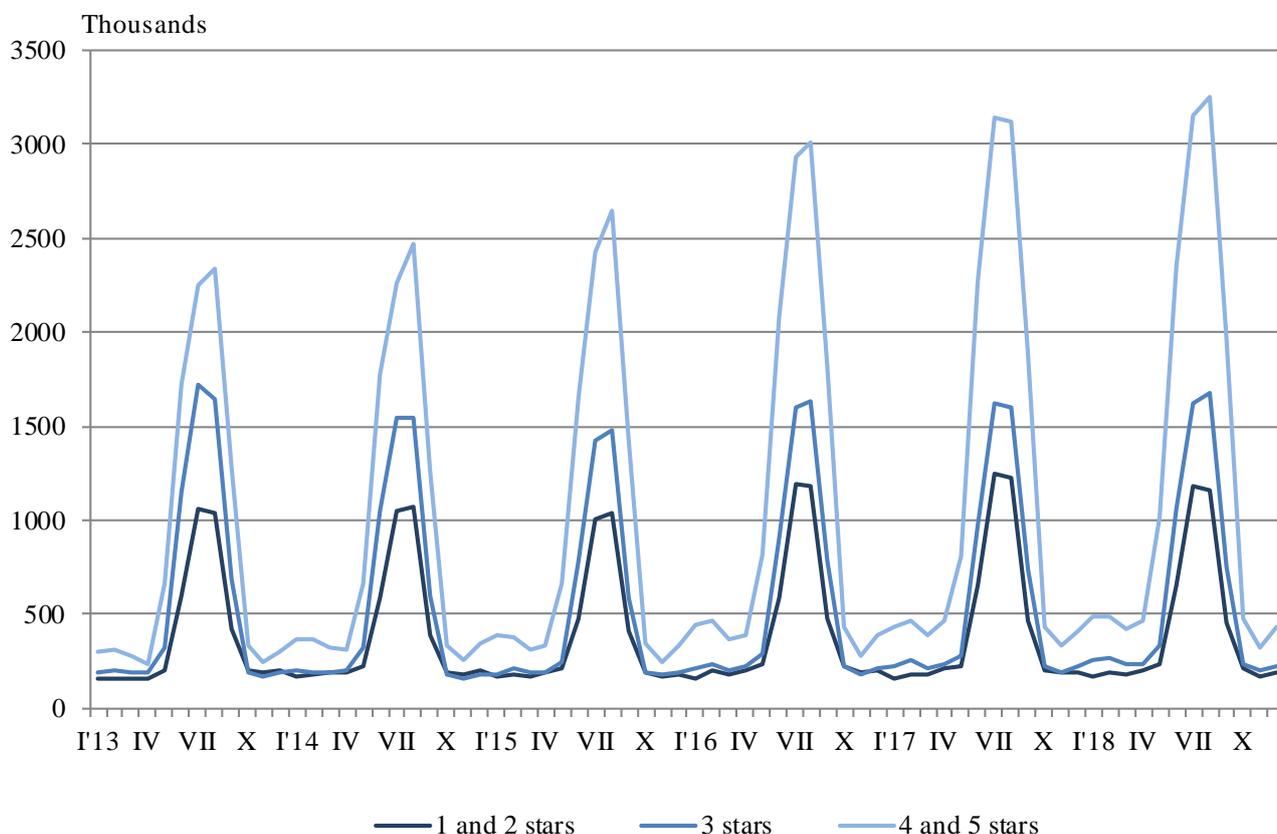
## ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS IN DECEMBER 2018

In December 2018, 1 997 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 (Annex, Table 1). The total number of the rooms in them was 59.0 thousand and the bed-places were 119.9 thousand. In comparison with December 2017, the total number of accommodation establishments (functioned during the period) increased by 2.6% and the bed-places in them - by 2.8%.

The total number of the nights spent in all accommodation establishments registered in December 2018 was 844.2 thousand, or by 1.3% more in comparison with the same month of the previous year, as the greatest increase (by 5.2%) was observed in 4 and 5 stars accommodation establishments.

In December 2018, 74.3% of all nights spent by foreign citizens and 40.3% of all nights spent by Bulgarians were realized in 4 and 5 stars hotels. In 3 stars accommodation establishments were spent 18.4% of all nights by foreigners and 30.3% of all nights by Bulgarian residents, while in the rest of accommodation establishments (with 1 and 2 stars) they were 7.3% and 29.4% respectively.

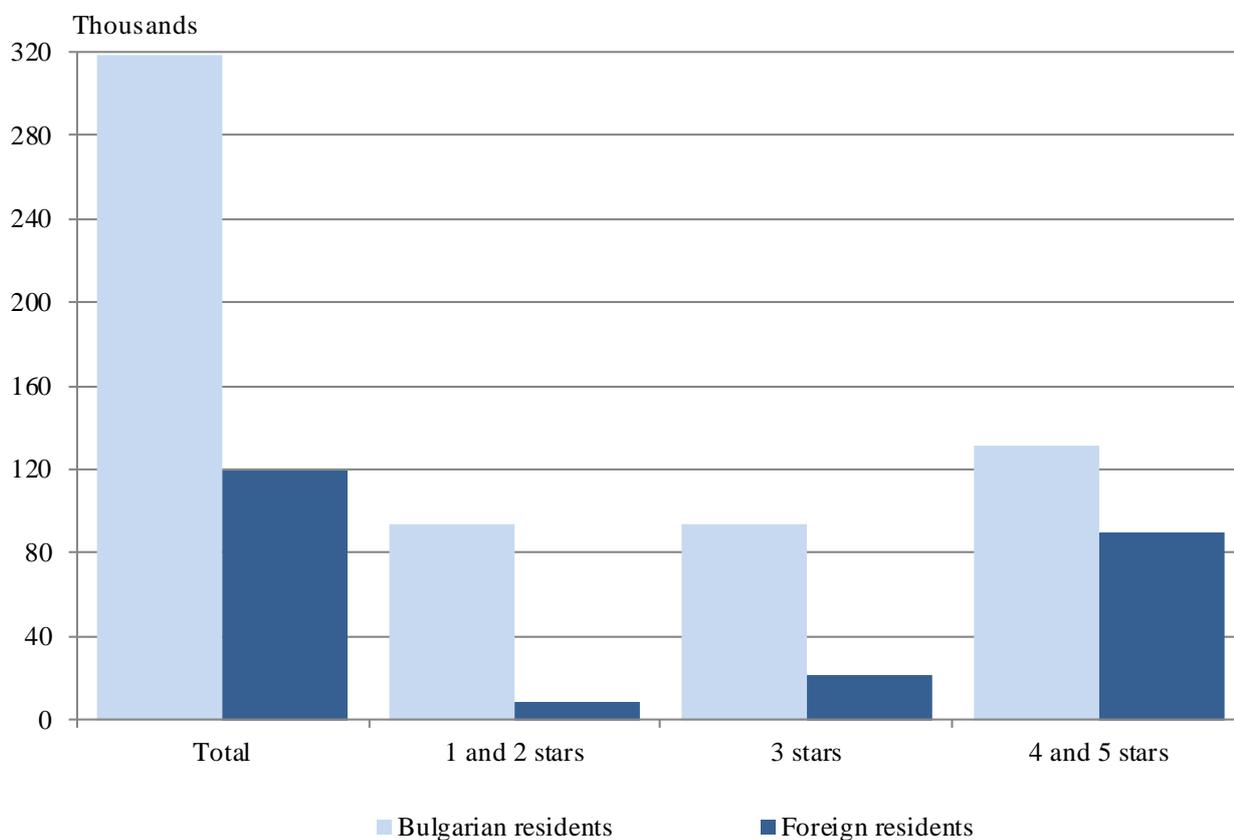
**Figure 1. The nights spent in accommodation establishments by categories and months**





In December 2018, the number of arrivals in all accommodation establishments increased by 1.6% compared to the same month of 2017 and reached 437.3 thousand, as an increase was registered for both foreigners and Bulgarians by 2.2% and by 1.4% respectively. Bulgarians spent the nights in accommodation establishments in December 2018 were 318.1 thousand and spent 1.8 nights on the average. The arrivals of foreigners were 119.2 thousand, and had on average 2.3 nights, as 75.1% of them spent nights in hotels with 4 and 5 stars.

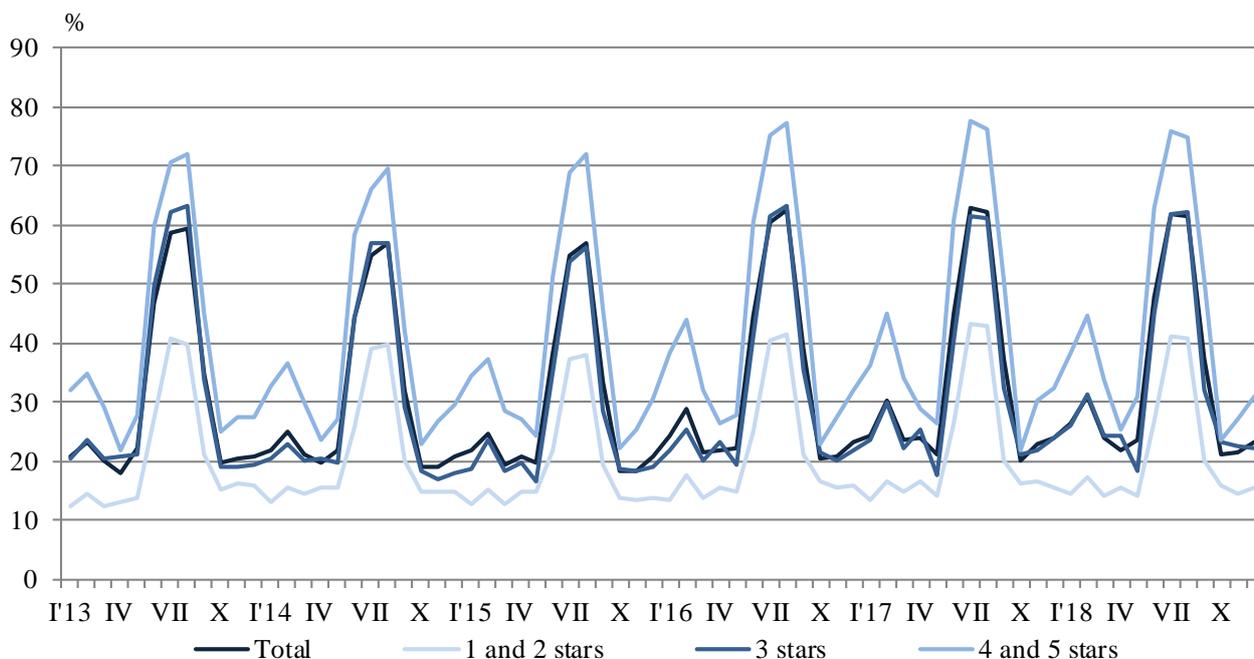
**Figure 2. Arrivals in accommodation establishments by categories in December 2018**



In December 2018, the total occupancy of the bed-places in accommodation establishments was 23.4%, as decreased by 0.7 percentage points compared to December 2017. The highest was occupancy of the bed-places in 4 and 5 stars accommodation establishments - 31.1%, followed by 3 stars accommodation establishments - 22.2%, and with 1 and 2 stars - 15.5%.

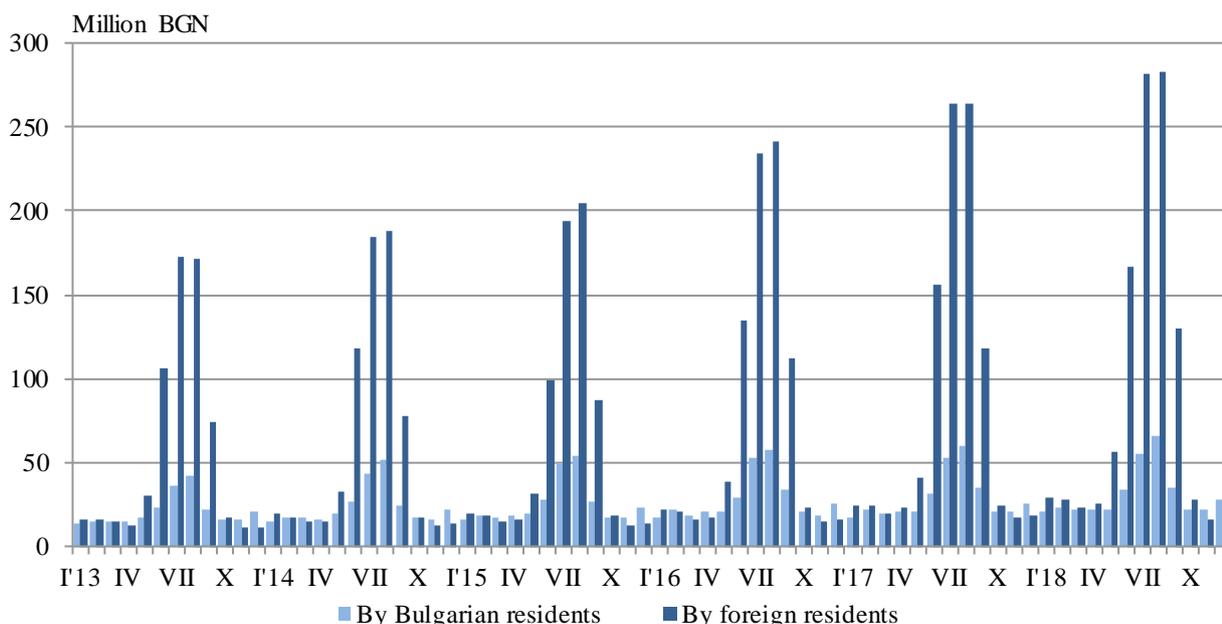


**Figure 3. The occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments by categories and months**



The total revenues from nights spent in December 2018 reached 48.4 million BGN or by 9.3% more compared to December 2017. An increase in revenues from both foreigners by 11.7% and Bulgarians by 7.6% was registered.

**Figure 4. The revenues from nights spent in accommodation establishments by months**





## Methodological notes

Since 2012 the statistical survey on **accommodation establishments** has been carried out monthly in compliance with the Regulation 692/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning European statistics on tourism and the Regulation 1051/2011 of the Commission implementing Regulation 692/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning European statistics on tourism, as regards the structure of the quality reports and the transmission of the data.

All categorized hotels, camping sites and other types of accommodation establishments with more than 10 bed-places in use during the reporting period were included in the observation.

The indicator **other accommodation establishments** include the holiday settlements, hostels, guests houses, bungalows, rest houses, mountain chalets, private rooms and flats and other establishments for short accommodation.

**Available Bed Capacity** is the maximum number of bed-places on offer for each day of the reference month.

In the **revenues from nights spent** in accommodation establishments are included the sums paid by the guests, without the extra services.



Annex

Table 1

Activity of accommodation establishments in December 2018<sup>1</sup>

Districts	Establishments - in numbers	Bed- places - in numbers	Available bed-nights - in numbers	Nights spent - in numbers		Arrivals in accommodation establishments - in numbers		Revenues from nights spent - Thousand BGN	
				Total	Of which: By foreigners	Total	Of which: Foreigners	Total	Of which: By foreigners
<b>Total</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>119882</b>	<b>3610490</b>	<b>844155</b>	<b>272837</b>	<b>437372</b>	<b>119231</b>	<b>48385</b>	<b>20321</b>
Blagoevgrad	219	16596	492084	158818	80707	68012	27696	9467	5163
Burgas	77	5284	148405	23561	4601	13865	1945	1483	395
Varna	151	14794	453434	56191	23193	27746	8643	3495	1816
Veliko Tarnovo	109	4552	140172	23791	2839	13628	1692	994	161
Vidin	25	822	23754	3046	522	1997	326	110	20
Vratsa	24	857	25982	5620	678	2543	238	132	24
Gabrovo	62	3227	93833	16141	905	8749	359	623	58
Dobrich	48	5139	151239	14455	5458	8550	2965	1029	400
Kardzhali	32	1035	32085	4907	923	3318	545	208	43
Kyustendil	73	2964	90964	15189	853	8801	504	564	..
Lovech	69	3518	106449	18868	758	9811	264	744	32
Montana	24	1214	37474	4177	324	2179	134	149	15
Pazardzhik	55	4430	132485	49577	2013	23169	739	2793	136
Pernik	10	451	13981	2410	320	1602	153	76	..
Pleven	24	1251	34232	5383	907	3536	393	232	65
Plovdiv	192	9434	290519	73054	11282	42250	5028	3705	672
Razgrad	13	616	19096	4508	1137	2184	520	185	69
Ruse	46	1922	58012	11113	2735	6959	1607	556	163
Silistra	12	553	17073	1726	289	1162	188	76	14
Sliven	53	1834	56017	5807	503	3577	281	226	32
Smolyan	290	11881	354509	82514	10295	33023	2886	3876	648
Sofia	92	7568	227034	75987	22519	41054	9718	4311	1547
Sofia (stolitsa)	124	12238	379039	141384	89768	84657	47843	11326	8233
Stara Zagora	50	3550	104604	22070	2666	10158	960	965	187
Targovishte	16	610	18772	3000	684	2071	285	161	42
Haskovo	31	1403	43493	12578	4158	7430	2201	571	232
Shumen	55	1450	44950	5926	1211	4189	969	222	39
Yambol	21	689	20799	2354	589	1152	149	106	37

<sup>1</sup> In use.

“..” Confidential data.