



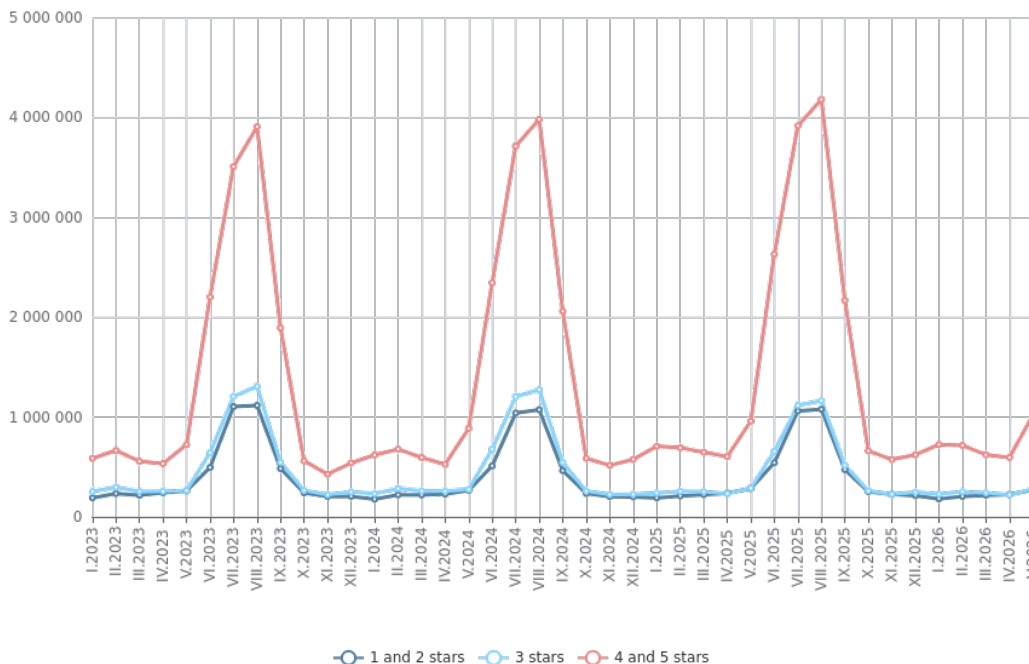
ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS - MAY 2026

In May 2026, 2 648 accommodation establishments - hotels, motels, camping sites, mountain chalets and other establishments for short-term accommodation, with 10 or more bed-places, functioned in the country (Annex, Table 1), with 109.1 thousand rooms and 243.9 thousand bed-places in them. In comparison with the same month of the previous year, the number of accommodation establishments decreased by 0.4%, and the bed-places in them increased by 2.9%.

The total number of nights spent was 1 570.8 thousand, or 2.5% more in comparison to a year earlier. The nights spent by Bulgarian residents were 799.3 thousand and by non-residents - 771.5 thousand.

In 4 and 5-star accommodation establishments were realized 81.5% of the total number of nights spent by non-residents and 49.0% - by Bulgarian residents. In those with 3 stars were spent 11.3% of the nights by non-residents and 24.1% - by Bulgarian residents, while in those with 1 and 2 stars they were 7.2% and 26.9%, respectively (Figure 1).

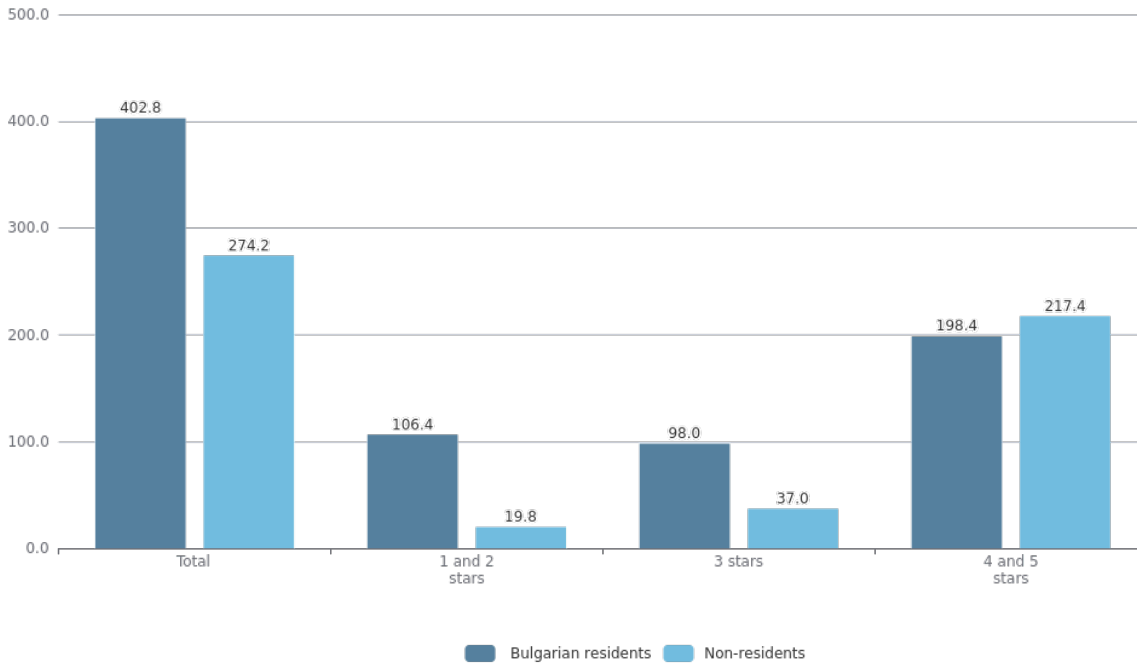
Figure 1. Nights spent in accommodation establishments by categories and by months



The number of arrivals^[1] increased by 2.8% compared to the same month in 2025, and reached 677.0 thousand, as an increase by 9.3% for non-residents and a decrease by 1.3% for Bulgarian residents was reported. The Bulgarian residents were 402.8 thousand and spent 2.0 nights on average. The arrivals of non-residents were 274.2 thousand and had 2.8 nights on average, as 79.3% of them spent nights in accommodation establishments with 4 and 5 stars (Figure 2).

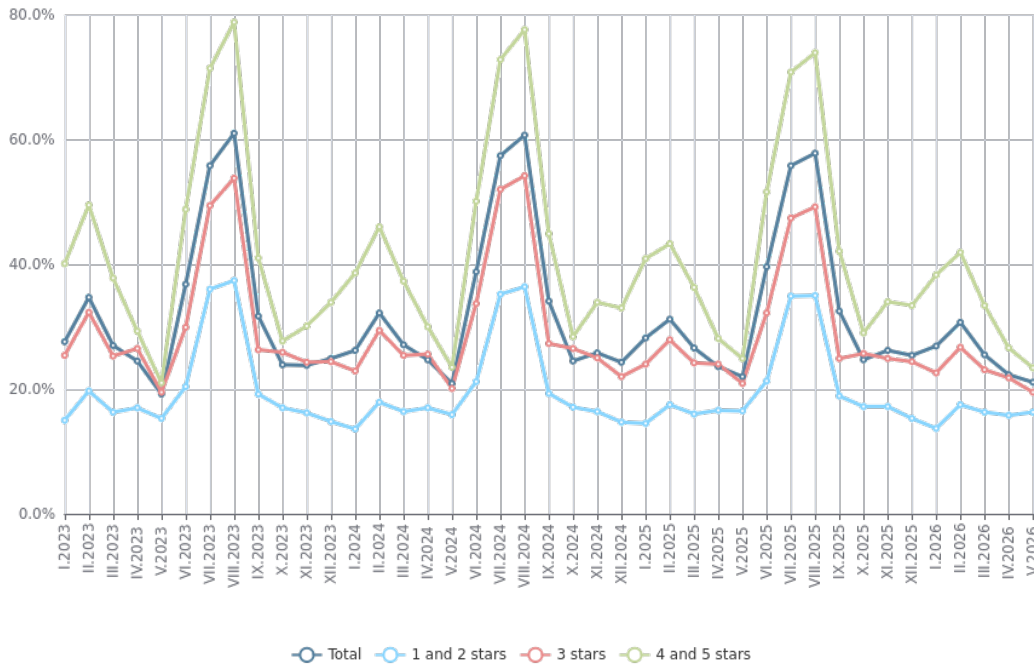
[1] According to instructions from Eurostat, the refugees from Ukraine are not included in the survey.

Figure 2. Arrivals in accommodation establishments by categories in May 2026



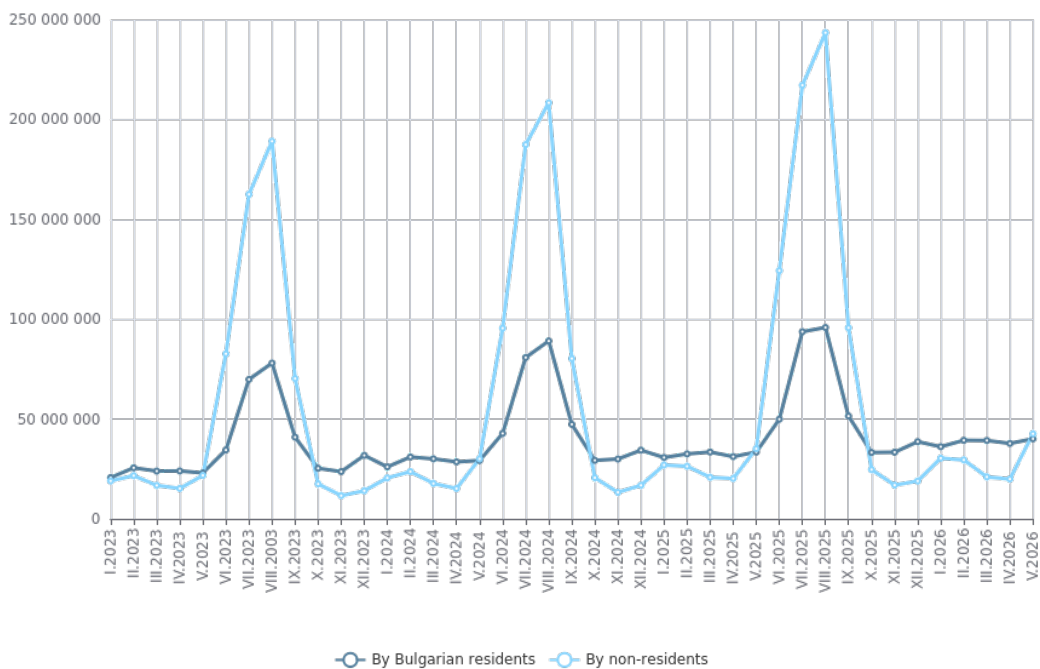
The total occupancy of the bed-places was 21.1% and it decreased by 0.9 percentage points compared to a year earlier. The highest occupancy of the bed-places was in 4 and 5-star accommodation establishments - 23.4%, followed by those with 3 stars - 19.5%, and with 1 and 2 stars - 16.3% (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments by categories and by months



The total revenues from nights spent increased by 20.6%, compared to the same month of the previous year, and reached 82.7 million EUR, as 42.6 million EUR were from non-residents and 40.1 million EUR - from Bulgarian residents (Figure 4).

Figure 4. 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 10 or more bed-places in use during the reporting period are included in the observation.

The indicator **other accommodation establishments** includes holiday settlements, hostels, guest 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, offered for each day of the reference month.

The **revenues from nights spent** in accommodation establishments include the sums paid by the guests, without the extra services.

Activity of accommodation establishments in May 2026									
Districts	Establishments[1]- 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 EUR	
				Total	Of which: By non- residents	Total	Of which: Non- residents	Total	Of which: By non- residents
Total	2 648	243 866	7 453 541	1 570 764	771 425	676 990	274 214	82 725	42 626
Blagoevgrad	176	14 828	459 668	94 667	15 062	45 263	6 858	6 916	1 056
Burgas	253	70 468	2 074 730	326 319	241 592	96 309	59 109	15 251	10 312
Varna	224	46 184	1 422 406	230 650	171 867	84 092	54 580	12 957	10 007
Veliko Tarnovo	167	5 673	175 863	38 642	10 595	23 807	7 492	1 478	499
Vidin	29	974	33 294	8 375	1 614	5 589	872	360	72
Vratsa	40	1 454	45 074	10 424	1 118	5 545	458	314	40
Gabrovo	66	3 206	99 386	15 380	1 208	8 520	618	545	55
Dobrich	94	14 434	447 454	85 646	64 057	26 470	16 780	5 197	4 021
Kardzhali	75	2 211	68 541	11 224	1 001	8 024	623	481	44
Kyustendil	74	2 624	83 204	15 369	2 118	9 732	1 181	820	110
Lovech	124	4 529	140 129	21 345	960	11 393	526	1 092	46
Montana	36	1 571	48 701	10 166	1 113	5 219	600	364	41
Pazardzhik	127	8 263	260 555	77 004	4 468	33 075	1 507	3 800	262
Pernik	9	467	14 477	4 202	646	2 407	321	160	32
Pleven	29	1 808	56 048	16 411	3 514	9 115	1 387	537	123
Plovdiv	244	13 272	415 214	128 950	33 602	67 437	18 951	5 746	1 546
Razgrad	19	726	22 506	4 598	875	2 458	359	175	42
Ruse	62	2 442	75 695	21 234	5 614	12 436	3 253	851	286
Silistra	28	837	25 947	4 521	472	2 821	281	180	24
Sliven	48	1 584	49 104	8 552	1 957	5 193	810	364	106
Smolyan	186	7 982	247 346	39 398	1 864	18 440	1 044	1 542	86
Sofia	86	7 091	219 821	43 110	11 715	19 124	4 114	2 068	563
Sofia (stolitsa)	179	17 615	546 065	239 752	170 013	120 187	77 974	15 635	11 914
Stara Zagora	73	6 377	197 687	67 725	6 223	26 086	2 444	3 759	320
Targovishte	13	529	16 399	3 062	506	2 092	291	135	27
Haskovo	99	4 444	137 764	31 852	15 963	19 420	10 926	1 540	923
Shumen	71	1 597	49 507	9 563	1 173	5 149	606	354	43
Yambol	17	676	20 956	2 623	515	1 587	249	104	26
[1] In use.									