

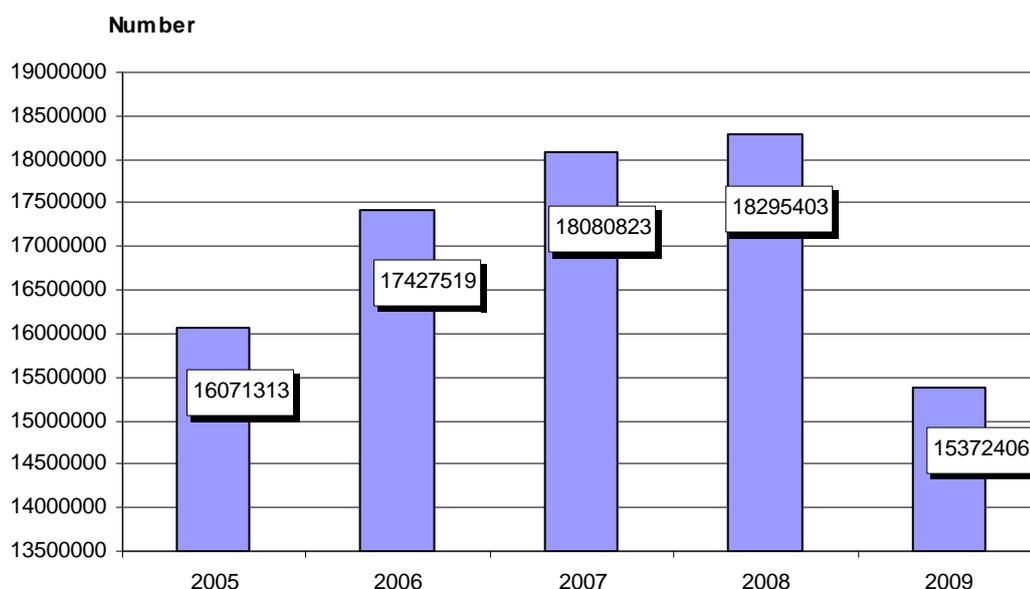


ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS IN 2009

In 2009, there were 3 533 accommodation establishments - hotels, motels, camping sites, mountain chalets and other establishments for short-term accommodation with more than 10 bed places (Annex 1, 2). The number of rooms in them was 126.1 thousand, while the number of the bed-places - 287.4 thousand. The total number of the accommodation establishments during the last year increased by 316 (9.8%) as compared to 2008. At the same time, the number of the rooms and bed-places rose by 4652 (3.8%) and by 10837 (3.9%) respectively.

The highest increase was seen in other establishments for short-term accommodation - 177 (12.4%), followed by hotels - 138 (8.4%).

The total number of the nights spent in 2009 in all accommodation establishments fell by 2923.0 thousand (16.0%) as compared to 2008, to 15 372.4 thousand.



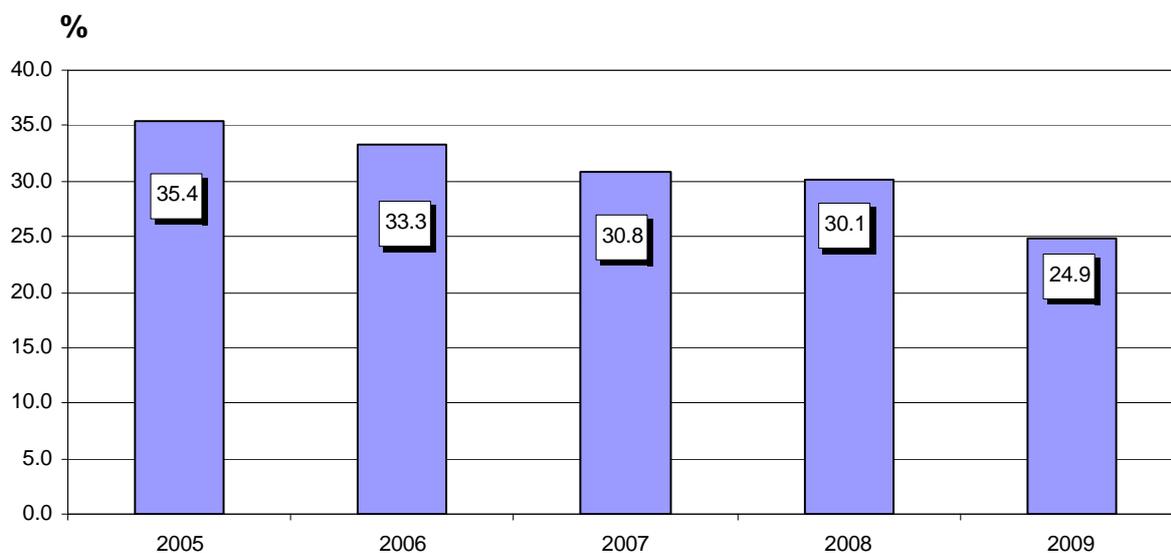
Nights spent in the accommodation establishments

In 2009, the number of nights spent by Bulgarian citizens in accommodation establishments decreased by 593.3 thousand (9.1%) compared to 2008, to 5 900.1 thousand. The number of the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments has decreased by 19.7% in 2009 as compared to the previous year. An increase in nights spent by the residents of the following countries were reported: Lithuania - by 36.1%, Israel - by 19.5%, Romania - by 17.4%, People's Rep. of China - by 15.3%, Slovenia - by 9.2%, Croatia - by 7.6%, Poland - by 6.4%, Spain - by 5.4%. A decrease in the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments was observed for the citizens from Brazil - by 54.4%, Rep. of Korea - by 52.2%, Ireland - by 51.6%, South Africa - by 49.2%, Australia - by 42.4%, Belgium- by 41.4%, Switzerland - by 40.8%, Sweden - by 38.5%, Denmark - by 35.0%, Estonia - by 33.7%, Finland - by 31.2%, Cyprus - by 29.9%, Japan - by 29.7%, United Kingdom - by

28.5%, etc.

The total number of arrivals in accommodation establishments decreased by 634.3 thousand (12.6%) in 2009, to 4 391.0 thousand, of which Bulgarian residents were 55.6%. The number of arrivals of foreigners in the accommodation establishments decreased by 278.2 thousand (12.5%) compared to the previous year. Almost all foreigners (99.1%), preferred to spend the nights in hotels, while only 0.9% of them spent the night in the other accommodation establishments (camping sites, mountain chalets and other establishments for short-time accommodation).

In 2009, the total occupation of the bed-places in the accommodation establishments was 24.9% which is 5.2 percentage points below the registered in the same period of the previous year.



Total occupation of the bed-places in the accommodation

The total revenues from nights spent in the accommodation establishments were less by 15.5% in 2009 compared to 2008 to 626.5 million leva, as the revenues from nights spent by foreigners decreased by 18.8% to 422.9 million leva.

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.

Since 2003 in the indicator “**other accommodation establishments**” is included the private flats, holiday settlements, bungalows and other establishments for short-time accommodation added. Private rooms and rest houses are added since 2006.

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Districts	Accommodation establishments	Bed-places	Available bed-nights ²	Nights spent		Arrivals in		Revenues from nights spent	
				Total	Of which: by foreigners	Total	Of which: foreigners	Total	Of which: by foreigners
For the country	3533	287423	61800845	15372406	9472345	4390975	1948000	626492217	422891929
Blagoevgrad	200	15407	4853103	671656	268896	291524	101454	30724236	13650938
Burgas	1101	106683	14434261	5242098	3999348	811302	537112	188036612	155242898
Varna	507	59434	12085100	3879451	2993694	843972	561164	157724150	127431198
Veliko Tarnovo	86	4883	1665540	189660	29598	114124	20318	7092272	1622002
Vidin	38	758	266702	48492	16846	28967	4257	1865087	753155
Vratsa	27	1869	341205	54674	9154	25745	3187	1781309	432481
Gabrovo	64	3551	1255347	166229	26310	84644	9972	5292849	1037094
Dobrich	121	21990	2960717	923374	691687	163825	99054	24415089	18219339
Kardzhali	22	799	285425	40353	6299	25438	3626	1458136	277454
Kyustendil	34	2271	782986	114160	8221	57753	4635	3072047	460819
Lovech	73	4023	1346640	179083	11425	99654	5761	5824304	617956
Montana	26	1355	472610	55243	4565	23632	2364	1354534	205189
Pazardzhik	79	5223	1719722	344087	24270	134608	8412	14520998	1337784
Pernik	21	961	339978	33452	9102	12951	1754	752112	295459
Pleven	13	1161	406725	73459	13579	47684	5873	2938933	825928
Plovdiv	229	9154	3148124	609839	160092	297111	71011	24075902	9216582
Razgrad	20	831	264063	23228	4244	14961	2117	852621	172911
Ruse	50	1903	660778	130607	31031	90930	18187	5674041	1624842
Silistra	22	702	239951	33015	8244	21349	3694	1578472	482244
Sliven	82	2477	818464	82700	12009	47235	4450	3295965	957433
Smolyan	342	12671	3860415	414612	91446	156361	19979	14770118	5123820
Sofia	67	6823	1877309	373456	179403	130238	41869	10090429	3701225
Sofia Cap.	124	13482	4657229	1139249	695967	637690	369326	98246121	70984404
Stara Zagora	43	4270	1452398	316097	92010	111185	21774	11999186	4669752
Targovishte	19	614	218077	31842	9229	17258	2194	903151	264846
Haskovo	34	1730	607252	90856	23752	52741	13523	4032985	1504050
Shumen	40	1554	493535	41904	9763	29220	6540	1625250	394193
Yambol	49	844	287189	69530	42161	18873	4393	2495308	1385933

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ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS BY QUARTERS IN 2009¹

Indicators	1 st quarter	2 nd quarter	3 rd quarter	4 th quarter
Accommodation establishments - number	1975	3015	3303	2053
Bed-places - number	118646	249024	261036	151413
Available bed capacity ² - number	10015301	17752317	22991640	11060529
Nights spent - total - number	1632397	3814067	8424094	1509260
- Of which: by foreigners - number	650293	2396487	5919245	506325
Arrivals in accommodation establishments - total - number	712826	1156172	1769197	755445
- of which: foreigners - number	203724	528519	993925	221835
Revenues from nights spent - total - levs	78811336	155557526	318863707	73281363
- of which: by foreigners - levs	37449654	103431260	247074858	34936293

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