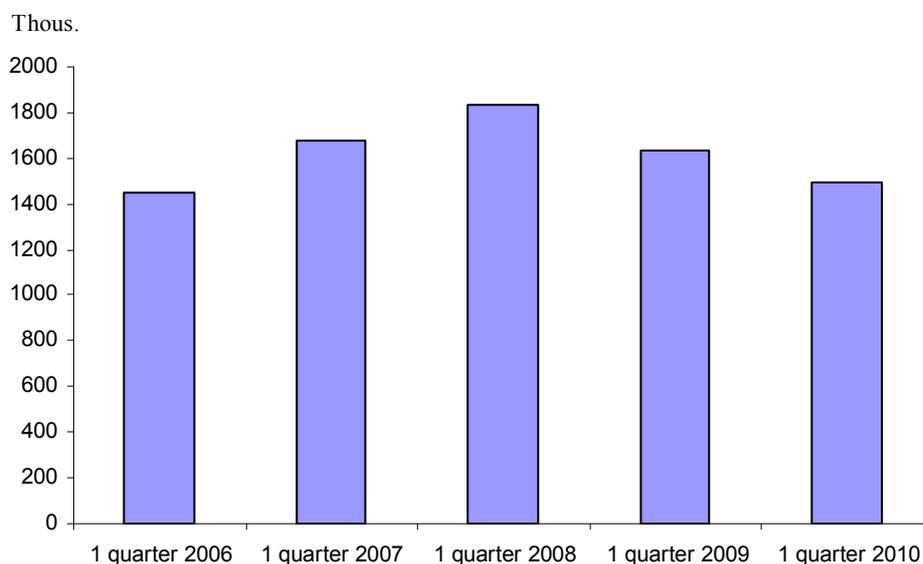




## ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2010

In the first quarter of 2010, 2 003 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 1). The number of rooms in them was 53.8, while the number of the bed-places - 117.6 thousand. In comparison with the same period of 2009 the total number of accommodation establishments has increased by 30 (1.5%) and these of the rooms and the bed-places by 871 (1.6%) and by 3565 (3.1%) respectively. In the first quarter of 2010, the total number of the nights spent in all accommodation establishments fell by 130 thousand (8.0%) to 1 494.9 thousand compared to same period in 2009



### *Nights spent in accommodation establishments in first quarter during the period 2006 - 2010*

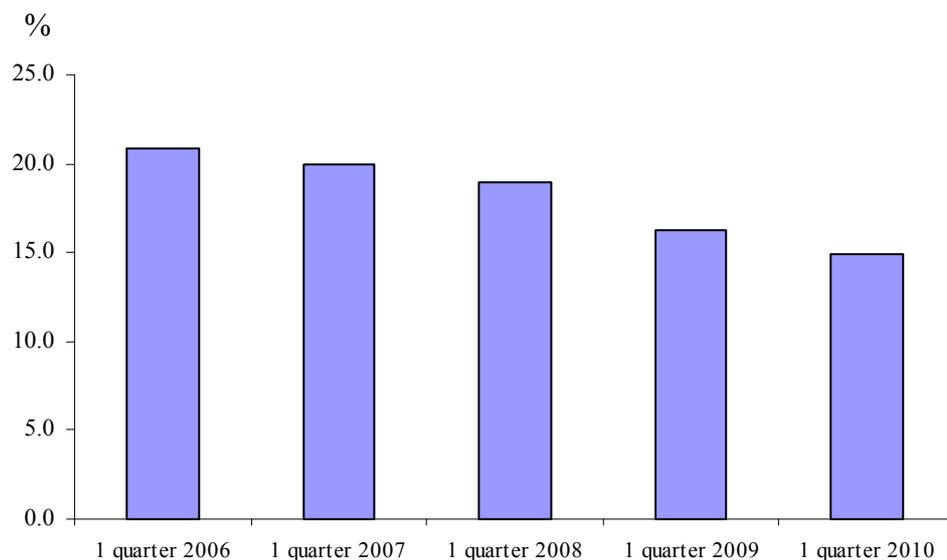
In the first quarter of 2010, the number of nights spent by Bulgarian citizens in accommodation establishments decreased by 170 thousand (17.5%) to 804.4 thousand compared to the first quarter of 2009.

The number of the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments increased by 6.2% versus the first quarter of 2009. More nights were spent by the residents of the following countries: Portugal - by 108.0%, Serbia - by 45.6%, Romania - by 39.7%, Spain - by 37.1%, Russian Fed. - by 35.5%, Turkey - by 29.8%, Rep. of Korea - by 29.6%, Greece - by 24.5%, Israel - by 18.3%, etc. A decrease in the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments was observed for the Iceland - by 88.0%, Brazil - by 53.4%, Slovakia - by 49.6%, Malta - by 41.1%, USA - by 39.1%, Croatia - by 38.1%, Ireland - by 33.9%, Lithuania - by 28.2%, Latvia - by 23.3%, Netherland - by 23.2%, Australia. - by 22.7%, Slovenia - by 18.1%, etc.

In the first quarter of 2010, the total number of arrivals in accommodation establishments decreased by 54.9 thousand (7.7%) to 655.2 thousand. The relative share of arrivals of

Bulgarian citizens was 53.8% of all arrivals. The number of arrivals of foreigners in accommodation establishments increased by 21.9 thousand (10.7%) compared to the same period of the previous year. The greatest share was the arrivals of residents from United Kingdom (22.9%). Almost all foreigners (99.1%) prefer to spend the night in hotels, while only 0.9% of them have spent the night in the other accommodation establishments.

The total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in the first quarter of 2010 was 14.9% which was 1.4 percentage points below the registered in the same period of the previous year.



***Total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in first quarter during the period 2006 - 2010***

The total revenues from nights spent in the accommodation establishments were less by 6.3% in the first quarter of 2010 compared to the first quarter of 2009, reaching to 73.8 million levs, while the revenues from nights spent by foreigners increased by 8.5% to 40.6 million levs.

**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.

## Annex 1

### ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2010<sup>1</sup>

Districts	Accommodation establishments	Bed-places	Available bed-nights <sup>2</sup>	Nights spent		Arrivals in accommodation establishments		Revenues from nights spent-levs (BGN)	
				Total	Of which: by foreigners	Total	Of which: foreigners	Total	Of which: by foreigners
<b>For the country</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>117623</b>	<b>10044716</b>	<b>1494862</b>	<b>690413</b>	<b>655218</b>	<b>225618</b>	<b>73806147</b>	<b>40637958</b>
Blagoevgrad	167	14419	1276774	298146	204313	100192	58472	13169898	8309560
Burgas	58	6240	494726	55887	13250	23227	5208	2340870	798126
Varna	148	14341	1036632	95364	42275	38971	10060	4496890	2266249
Veliko Tarnovo	86	4794	431460	30706	2732	19121	1680	1179389	152529
Vidin	33	876	78840	8874	2662	5396	871	351631	100455
Vratsa	27	973	87570	8160	1023	4044	412	261703	60415
Gabrovo	86	3819	343710	19209	2223	11727	877	682098	127512
Dobrich	26	2093	160526	11554	2514	5845	865	444578	104354
Kardzhali	20	731	64980	6278	1119	3932	602	259954	55552
Kyustendil	34	1919	172710	17716	1386	8515	718	646277	122715
Lovech	61	3579	318873	26479	1599	14934	736	742829	75287
Montana	30	1300	114750	6730	778	3840	418	204844	44687
Pazardzhik	87	5008	450720	49163	3800	24474	1300	2379117	282135
Pernik	23	982	88380	6377	1866	2797	526	135979	41235
Pleven	13	1161	104490	15371	3039	9641	1121	584628	187203
Plovdiv	222	10041	795654	113805	23116	62343	10044	4788197	1776643
Razgrad	19	531	47790	3849	678	2543	304	156384	35480
Ruse	61	1780	160200	24565	4805	17085	3034	1075816	260858
Silistra	17	592	53280	5344	1389	3695	611	242326	85832
Sliven	90	2539	228510	11638	1566	8419	815	534088	110156
Smolyan	357	12385	1102370	144332	48661	45999	9365	5997603	2481518
Sofia	57	6327	538425	195136	141579	50829	25766	5241113	3328173
Sofia Cap.	118	12982	1157775	246401	151600	143729	83334	23938943	18147380
Stara Zagora	37	3551	319590	48204	18842	17984	3338	2111949	1054517
Targovishte	21	684	61560	7063	1191	3666	340	182202	32851
Haskovo	45	1859	166411	20391	5823	12103	3296	982600	356893
Shumen	34	1340	119700	6526	1745	4575	682	266956	81910
Yambol	26	777	68310	11594	4839	5592	823	407285	157733

<sup>1</sup>In use.

<sup>2</sup>The 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.