

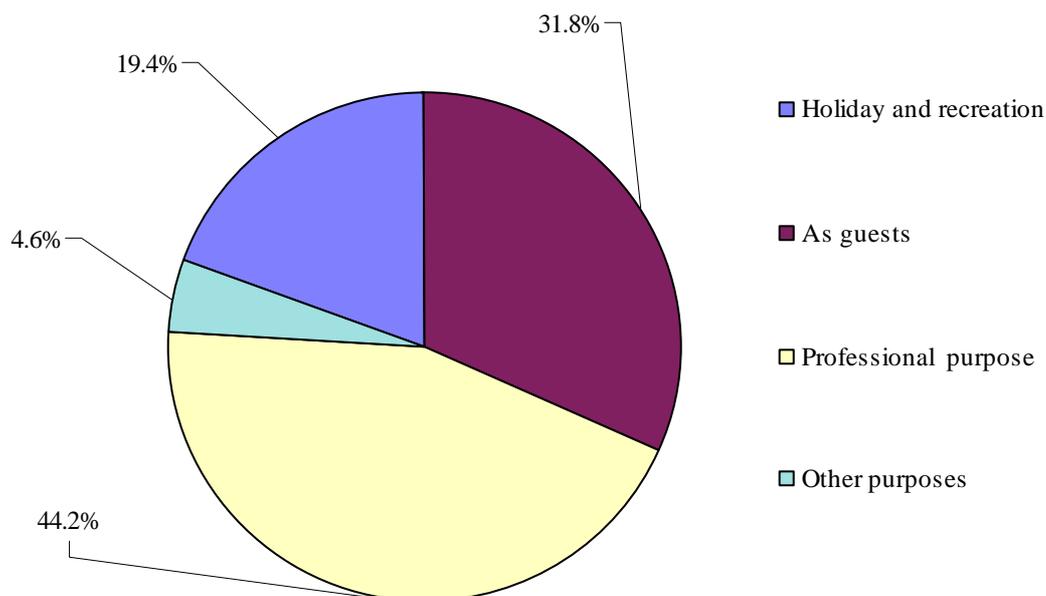


Trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad and arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria in April 2010

In April 2010 the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad was 340.2 thousand, which was 29.5% less than the number of the trips in April 2009 (Annex 1).

As compared to the same month of 2009, an increase in the total number of the trips was registered only to Denmark - by 84.2%, Israel - by 15.6%, Japan - by 14.3%, Turkey - by 7.0% and Netherland - by 4.1%. At the same time, a decrease was registered in the number of the trips to the all other surveyed countries. The highest decline was observed in the trips to Ireland - by 96.6%, Finland - by 75.0%, Greece - by 55.4%, Malta - by 50.0%, Hungary - by 43.7%, Romania - by 42.4%, Poland - by 40.2%, Serbia - by 38.0%, Slovakia - by 32.1%, France - by 31.2%, Russian Fed. - by 31.0% and Czech Rep. - by 30.4%.

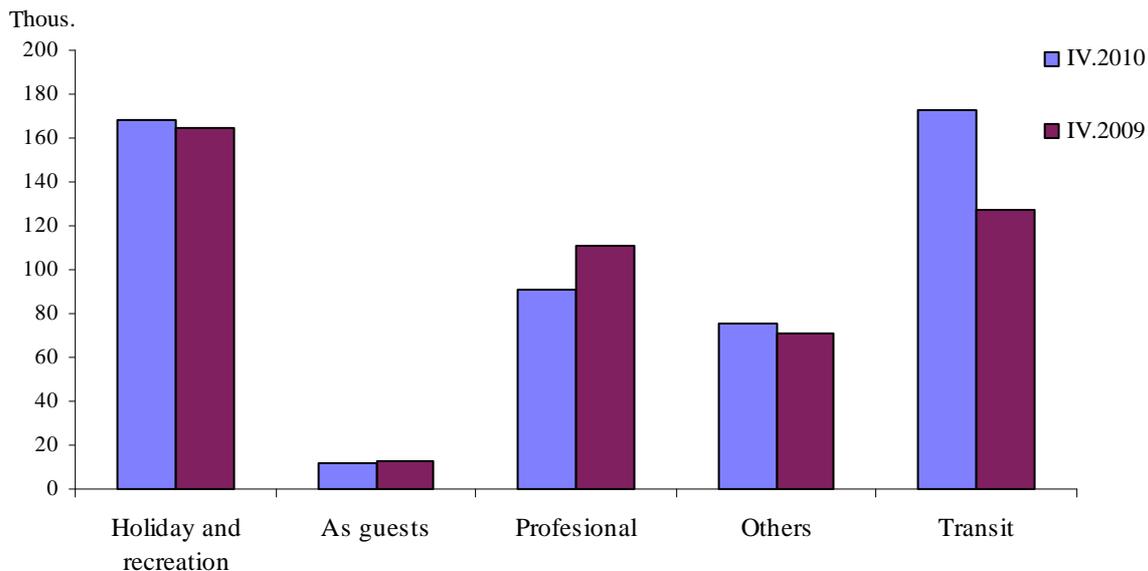
The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the trips with professional purpose - 44.2%, followed up by visits as guests - 31.8%, trips with holiday and recreation purpose - 19.4%, and other purposes - 4.6%.



Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad by purpose of visit in April 2010

In April 2010, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 519.9 thousand or 7.0% more than the number of trips in the same month of 2009 (Annex 2).

In comparison with April 2009, an increase was registered in the number of visitors passing transit - by 36.0%. The visits with holiday and recreation purpose and with other purposes increased by 2.1% and by 7.5% respectively. At the same time, a decrease was recorded in visits with professional purpose by 18.2% and visits as guests - by 2.1%.

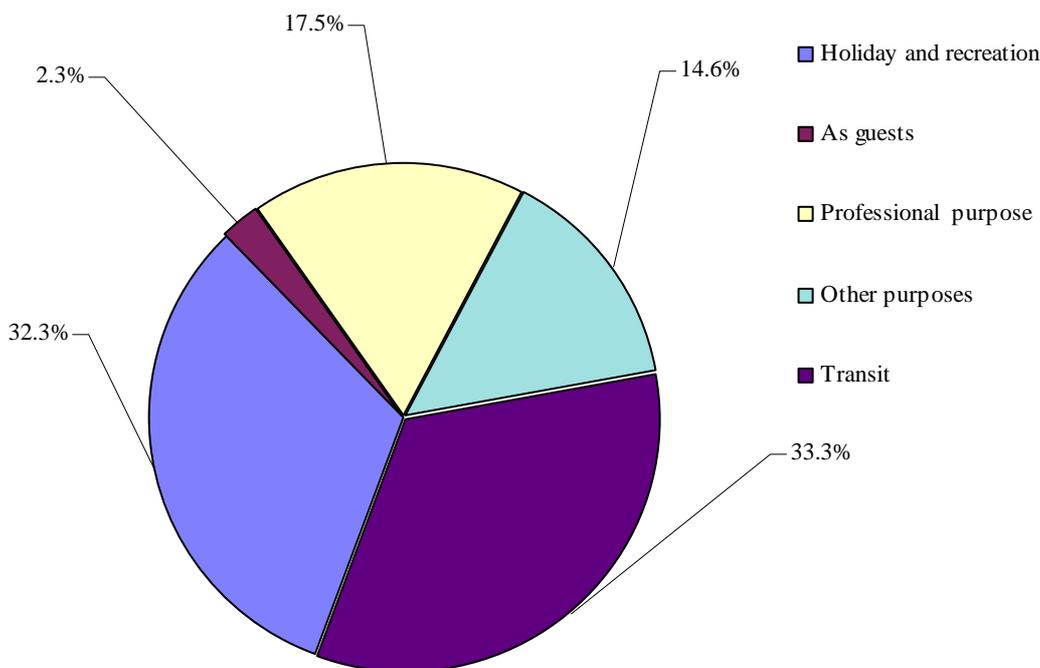


Number of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit

The arrivals of visitors from EU Member States fell by 2.8%, while the highest growth was registered in the number of visits from Slovakia and Italy - 37.4% and 37.1% respectively. At the same time a decrease was registered in the visits from Romania - by 12.0%.

The visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries”^[1] increased by 20.9%. The largest growth was observed in the number of arrivals of citizens from Russian Fed. - by 44.4%, Serbia - by 32.2% and Norway - by 28.4%.

In April 2010, arrivals with transit purpose composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners’ visited Bulgaria - 33.3%, followed up by holiday and recreation purpose - 32.3%, professional purpose - 17.5%, other purposes - 14.6% and visits as guests - 2.3%.



Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in April 2010

Methodological notes

Statistical data on the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad and visits by foreigners in Bulgaria are obtained on the basis of monthly information received from the Ministry of Interior and sample survey of the National Statistical Institute among Bulgarian and foreign citizens passing the border check points.

Data on the number of the trips of the citizens of the European Union are estimated on the basis of the information obtained from the Ministry of Interior and the airport authorities. Data on the number of citizens of “third countries” are obtained directly from the Ministry of Interior.

Data on the purposes of the trips are developed on the basis of the NSI’s regular monthly sample survey of passing Bulgarian and foreign citizens on the border check points.

TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION IN APRIL 2010

Country of destination	Total	Purpose of visit				(Number)
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	IV 2010 to IV 2009 %
Total	340242	65881	108232	150408	15721	-29.5
EU	173339	37811	19242	111053	5233	-43.4
of which :						
Austria	7411	1768	528	4924	191	-16.6
Belgium	3400	700	155	2461	84	-18.1
United Kingdom	10574	1611	1112	6876	975	-22.4
Germany	16498	3884	625	11701	288	-26.5
Greece	75674	11957	12378	49268	2071	-55.4
Denmark	374	62	22	280	10	84.2
Ireland	15	3	0	9	3	-96.6
Spain	8802	2006	404	5917	475	-11.7
Italy	10059	2445	374	6918	322	-13.1
Cyprus	2124	306	96	1542	180	-6.1
Malta	174	29	6	138	1	-50.0
Netherlands	2537	528	111	1845	53	4.1
Poland	1451	531	88	819	13	-40.2
Portugal	196	66	42	75	13	-10.1
Romania	25931	10224	2792	12674	241	-42.4
Slovakia	110	19	0	88	3	-32.1
Slovenia	163	50	4	103	6	-28.8
Hungary	1841	288	293	1089	171	-43.7
Finland	7	0	1	6	0	-75.0
France	3680	844	107	2625	104	-31.2
Czech Rep.	2093	461	85	1526	21	-30.4
Sweden	142	26	18	91	7	-15.5
Other European countries	160111	26164	88707	35558	9682	-5.0
Norway	256	97	60	27	72	-15.5
FYROM	26846	4039	10654	7265	4888	-6.4
Russian Fed.	1554	230	64	1097	163	-31.0
Serbia	21042	8549	1254	10595	644	-38.0
Turkey	109746	13129	76601	16176	3840	7.0
Ukraine	667	120	74	398	75	-17.1
Other countries	1472	192	67	731	482	2.2
Israel	1052	179	49	675	149	15.6
Canada	84	5	2	8	69	-13.4
USA	320	6	16	36	262	-23.6
Japan	16	2	0	12	2	14.3
Rest of the world	5320	1714	216	3066	324	-20.6

**ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA
BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN APRIL 2010**

(Number)

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit					IV 2010 to IV 2009 %
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Profesional	Others	Transit	
Total	519877	167856	12069	91035	75814	173103	7.0
EU	351771	119599	7955	79302	49711	95204	2.8
of which :							
Austria	8496	2106	90	3580	397	2323	16.4
Belgium	2269	667	22	1259	118	203	23.2
United Kingdom	13125	6295	110	3637	1035	2048	27.0
Germany	17243	4986	1124	7992	1835	1306	18.6
Greece	90138	36479	1640	22505	20804	8710	18.8
Denmark	1594	360	24	373	114	723	12.6
Ireland	1694	267	4	449	29	945	19.0
Spain	3242	1270	98	1055	151	668	35.8
Italy	9229	2676	831	3325	818	1579	37.1
Cyprus	1569	478	61	449	213	368	26.5
Malta	1069	147	1	111	16	794	18.0
Netherlands	3768	1358	337	898	204	971	21.4
Poland	8373	1192	376	2651	1687	2467	25.0
Portugal	765	396	2	337	14	16	26.0
Romania	167229	54900	2692	20920	20071	68646	-12.0
Slovakia	3437	600	80	1788	401	568	37.4
Slovenia	1207	384	4	576	75	168	23.2
Hungary	4794	1264	96	2317	610	507	23.9
Finland	972	446	12	236	10	268	31.7
France	5011	1364	182	3013	149	303	33.0
Czech Rep.	3059	1108	137	1003	424	387	31.0
Sweden	1305	525	24	449	294	13	1.6
Other European countries	135085	36710	3518	8327	21523	65007	20.9
Norway	710	216	12	461	18	3	28.4
FYROM	31523	17276	1442	539	5010	7256	16.9
Russian Fed.	8930	4137	547	1236	2302	708	44.4
Serbia	21849	12078	227	321	1564	7659	32.2
Turkey	63285	2202	1115	4730	10078	45160	17.3
Ukraine	8788	801	175	1040	2551	4221	16.8
Other countries	9695	7507	194	1094	344	556	-15.0
Israel	4146	3528	30	378	108	102	-25.6
Canada	819	610	44	74	21	70	7.2
USA	4020	2807	113	539	210	351	-11.0
Japan	710	562	7	103	5	33	30.0
Rest of the world	23326	4040	402	2312	4236	12336	13.0