

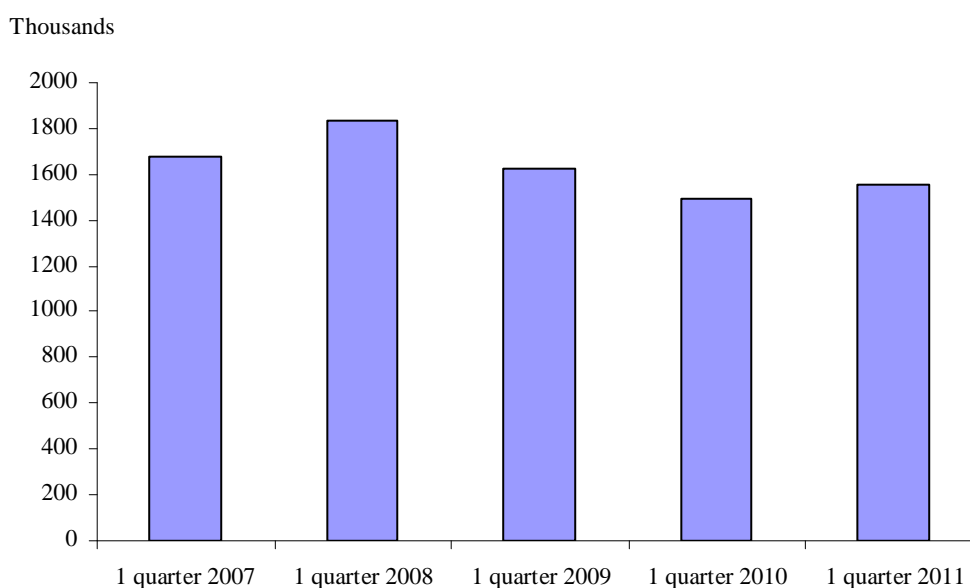


ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY - MARCH 2011

In the first quarter of 2011, 2 041 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 (Table 1). The number of rooms in them was 51.1, while the number of the bed-places - 108.7 thousand. In comparison with the same period of 2010 the total number of accommodation establishments increased by 1.9% while the rooms and the bed-places in them decreased by 5.1% and by 6.8% respectively.

In the first quarter of 2011, the total number of the nights spent in the accommodation establishments was 1 558.6 thousand and rose by 63.7 thousand (4.3%) compared to same period of 2010.

Figure 1. Nights spent in accommodation establishments first quarter during the 2007 - 2011 period



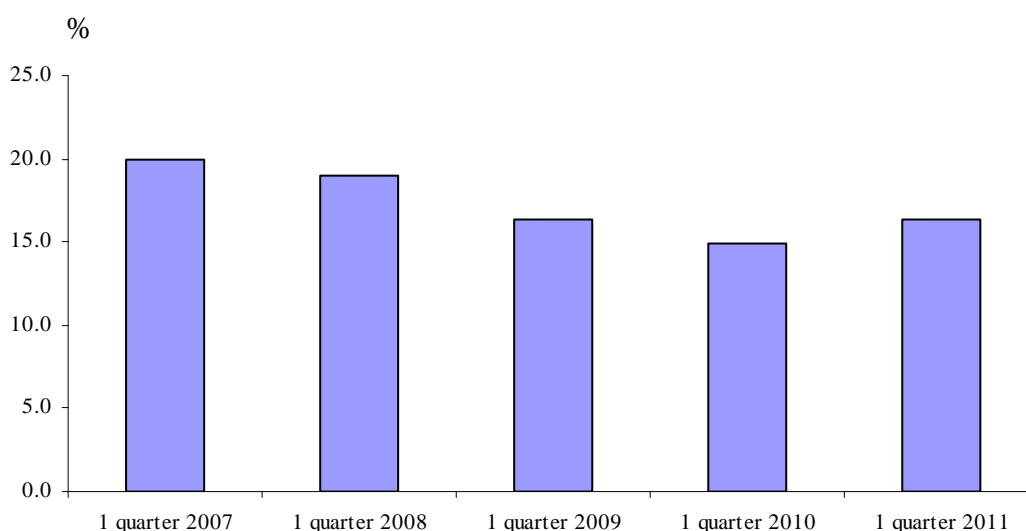
In the first quarter of 2011, the number of nights spent by Bulgarian citizens in accommodation establishments was 881.5 thousand and increased by 77.0 thousand (9.6%) compared to the same quarter of 2010. At the same time the number of the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments decreased by 1.9%. More nights were spent by the residents of the following countries: Iceland - by 313.4%, Republic of Korea - by 145.6%, Switzerland - by 140.9%, Ukraine - by 52.6%, Croatia - by 52.6%, Turkey - by 37.9%, People's Rep. of China - by 22.9%, FYROM - by 21.4%, Australia - by 18.4%, etc. A decrease in the nights spent in accommodation establishments by foreigners was observed from Portugal - by 52.3%, Denmark - by 43.0%, Hungary - by 38.6%, Belgium - by 38.0%, South Africa - by 33.5%, Austria - by 32.2%, Luxembourg - by 31.0%, Slovakia - by 23.9%, Spain - by 23.9%, Japan - by 19.8%, Germany - by 19.0%, Malta - by 16.1%, etc.



In the first quarter of 2011, the total number of arrivals in accommodation establishments increased by 25.0 thousand (3.8%) and was 680.2 thousand. The relative share of arrivals of Bulgarian citizens was 67.3% of all arrivals. The number of foreigner arrivals in accommodation establishments decreased by 3.2 thousand (1.4%) compared to the same period of the previous year. The greatest share has citizens from Greece (17.6%). Almost all foreigners (98.8%) prefer to spend the night in hotels and the rest 1.2% - in other accommodation establishments.

The total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in the first quarter of 2011 was 16.3% which was 1.4 percentage points above the registered in the same period of 2010.

Figure 2. Total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in first quarter during the period 2007 - 2011



The total revenues from nights spent in the accommodation establishments increased by 1.9% in the first quarter of 2011 compared to the first quarter of 2010, reaching to 75.2 million leva, the revenues from nights spent by foreigners decreased by 1.6% - 0.7 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.

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.



Table 1

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Districts	Accommodation establishments - number	Bed-places - number	Available bed-nights ² - number	Nights spent - number		Arrivals in accommodation establishments - number		Revenues from nights spent - leva (BGN)	
				Total	Of which: by foreigners	Total	Of which: by foreigners	Total	Of which: by foreigners
Total	2041	108695	9541745	1558575	677118	680177	222458	75203590	39977483
Blagoevgrad	154	13045	1104186	278535	191294	97193	56444	14013630	9830387
Burgas	48	4678	393760	39946	10091	21792	3988	1764843	509570
Varna	127	13469	1111222	120677	48459	46890	11299	5355772	2427978
Veliko Tarnovo	96	4985	448650	45151	4485	28429	2851	1598560	285613
Vidin	40	907	81590	8215	1657	4703	691	399601	86666
Vratsa	28	1015	91350	10829	1245	4916	505	357187	69753
Gabrovo	60	2842	255780	21105	2452	12410	1022	697875	126528
Dobrich	21	1412	127080	13013	2187	6397	983	501708	100363
Karddzhal	21	792	71280	7770	1343	4302	762	252434	70996
Kyustendil	34	2100	189000	15725	1580	8802	1056	637668	152262
Lovech	58	3241	291690	28178	1892	20174	1126	1032198	80508
Montana	32	1562	139979	9972	1032	6804	538	412964	59914
Pazardzhik	92	5379	481950	69120	6217	31758	1938	2865786	525245
Pernik	18	578	47853	3034	736	1710	428	73347	26034
Pleven	13	1027	92430	16981	2798	8826	1228	651425	174698
Plovdiv	240	9289	821820	119381	25669	60619	11265	5371208	1576632
Razgrad	25	552	49680	7948	845	2928	366	241824	40199
Ruse	107	1624	143710	28632	7026	17724	3926	1139359	385767
Silistra	16	587	52830	6646	1422	4123	694	286266	92851
Sliven	98	2764	248760	15197	1706	8224	812	551383	109296
Smolyan	374	11506	1026480	178661	66588	52435	11792	6948354	2922491
Sofia	53	5671	503009	183958	125900	44278	22221	4674476	3245035
Sofia Cap.	115	12107	1088076	249790	150863	139954	78750	21893589	15986019
Stara Zagora	35	3138	282060	35242	8812	18372	2849	1753392	566358
Targovishte	23	774	69570	7486	1574	3936	517	188937	53332
Haskovo	40	1613	144530	19832	5234	12520	3090	935077	331849
Shumen	35	1257	113130	8433	1899	5672	707	293059	76892
Yambol	38	781	70290	9118	2112	4286	610	311668	64247

¹In use.

²The 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.