



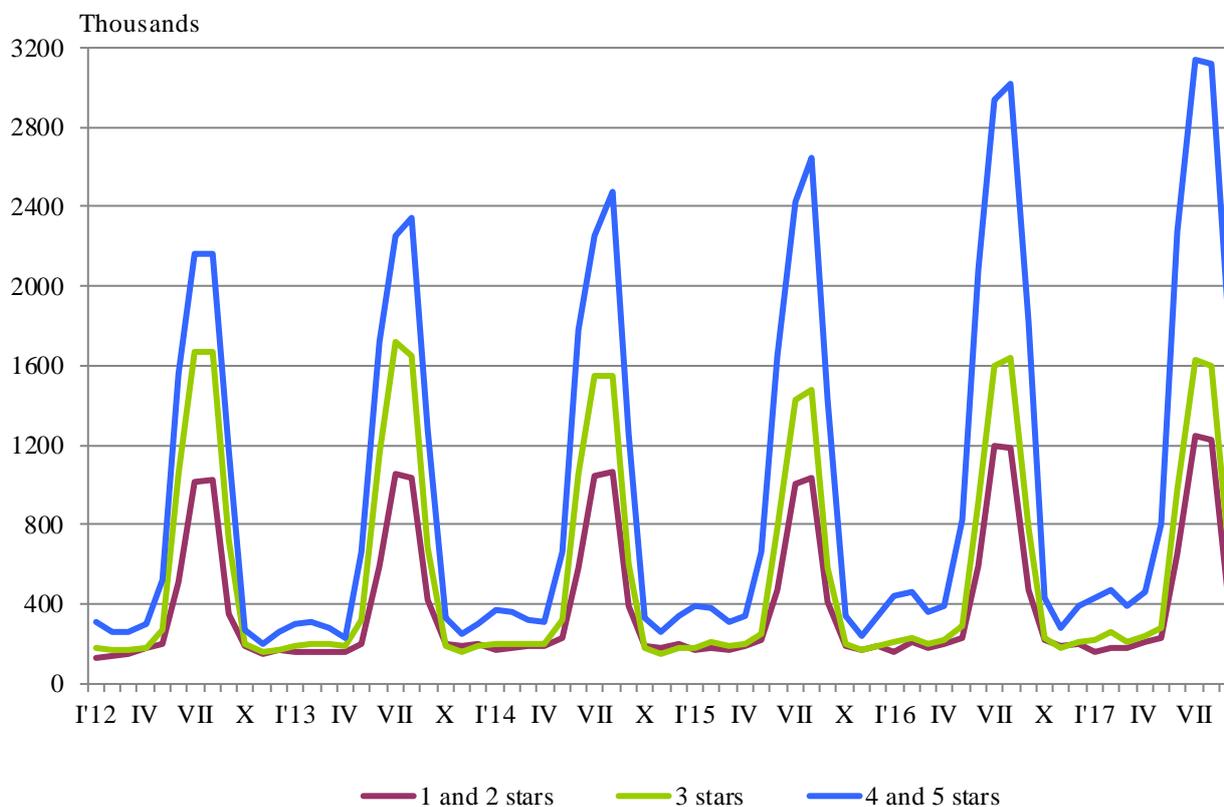
ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2017

In September 2017, 2 729 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, Table 1). The total number of the rooms in them was 128.0 thousand and the bed-places were 285.5 thousand. In comparison with September 2016, the total number of accommodation establishments (functioned during the period) increased by 0.1%, and the bed-places in them - by 2.6%.

The total number of the nights spent in all accommodation establishments registered in September 2017 was 3 089.3 thousand, or by 0.5% more in comparison with the same month of the previous year, as the greatest increase (by 3.9%) was observed in 4 and 5 stars accommodation establishments.

In September 2017, 72.7% of all nights spent by foreign citizens and 33.1% of all nights spent by Bulgarians were realized in 4 and 5 stars hotels. In 3 stars accommodation establishments were spent 21.8% of all nights by foreigners and 28.9% of all nights by Bulgarian residents, while in the rest of accommodation establishments (with 1 and 2 stars) they were 5.5% and 38.0% respectively.

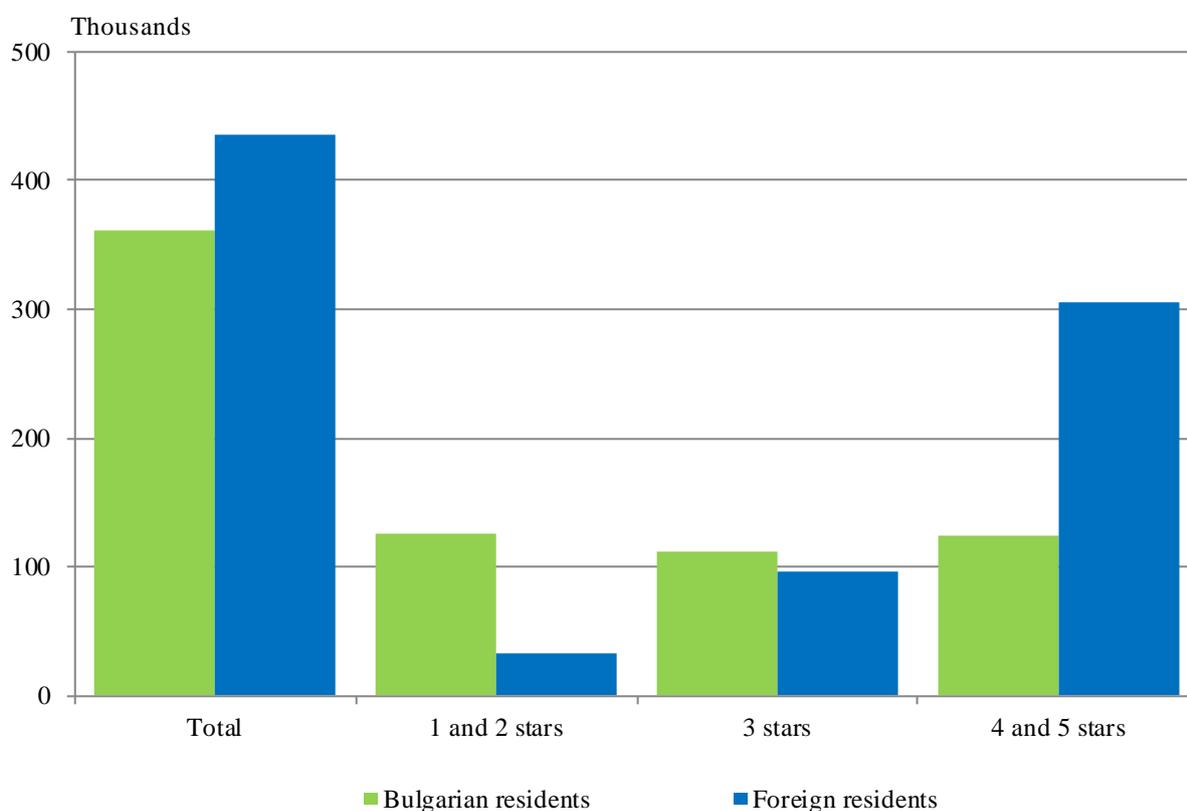
Figure 1. The nights spent in accommodation establishments by categories and months





In September 2017, the number of arrivals in all accommodation establishments increased by 1.8% compared to the same month of 2016 and reached 797.6 thousand, as an increase by 4.9% for foreigners and decrease by 1.8% for Bulgarians was registered. Bulgarians spent the nights in accommodation establishments in September 2017 were 361.4 thousand and spent 2.5 nights on the average. The arrivals of foreigners were 436.2 thousand, as 70.2% of them spent nights in hotels with 4 and 5 stars. On the average 5.2 nights were spent by foreigners.

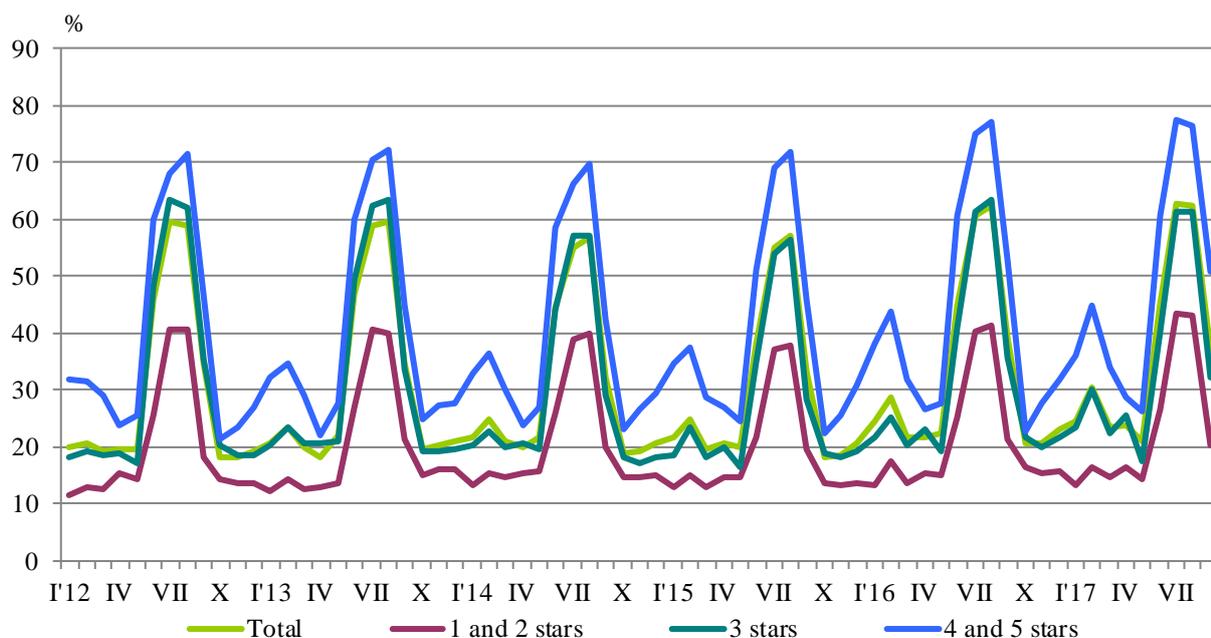
Figure 2. Arrivals in accommodation establishments by categories in September 2017



In September 2017, the total occupancy of the bed-places in accommodation establishments was 37.3%, as compared to September 2016 decreased by 1.9 percentage points. The highest was occupancy of the bed-places in 4 and 5 stars accommodation establishments - 50.8%, followed by 3 stars accommodation establishments - 32.4%, and with 1 and 2 stars - 20.3%.

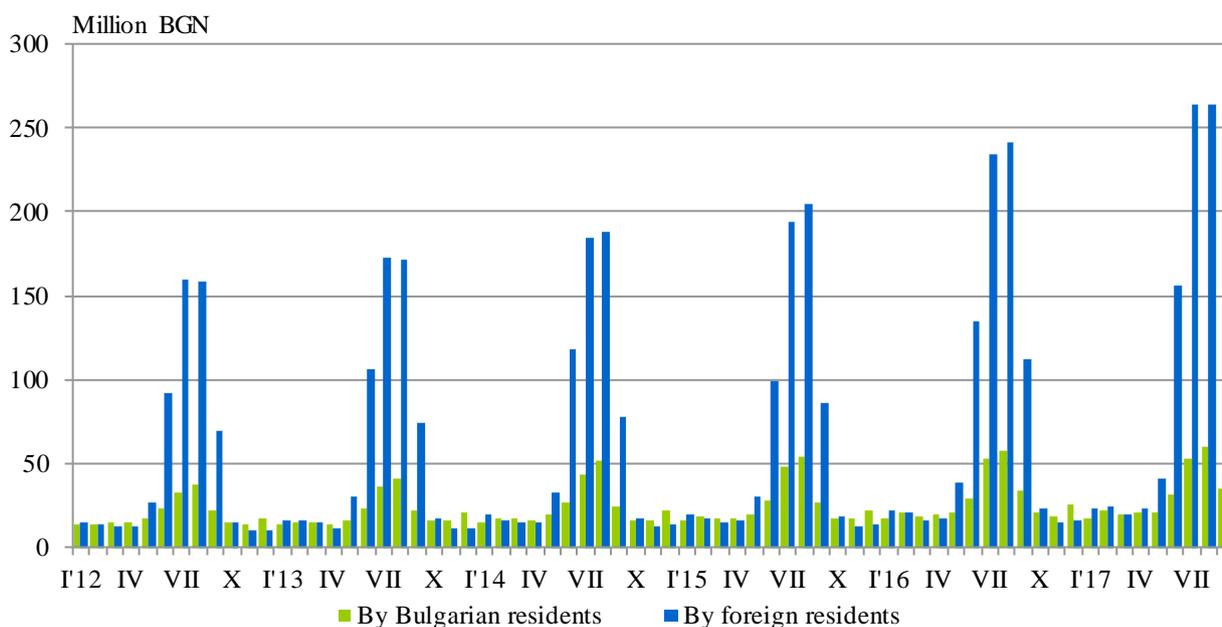


Figure 3. The occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments by categories and months



The total revenues from nights spent in September 2017 reached 152.6 million BGN or by 4.5% more compared to September 2016. An increase was registered in the revenues from both foreign citizens and Bulgarians - by 5.6% and by 1.0% respectively.

Figure 4. The 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 more than 10 bed-places in use during the reporting period were included in the observation.

The indicator **other accommodation establishments** include the holiday settlements, hostels, guests 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 on offer for each day of the reference month.

In the **revenues from nights spent** in accommodation establishments are included the sums paid by the guests, without the extra services.



Annex

Table 1

Activity of accommodation establishments in September 2017¹

Districts	Establishments - 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 BGN	
				Total	Of which: By foreigners	Total	Of which: Foreigners	Total	Of which: By foreigners
Total	2729	285492	8280116	3089259	2191531	797630	436242	152577	117942
Blagoevgrad	207	13686	384187	88187	24139	43721	10481	4043	1315
Burgas	555	109352	3133581	1330997	1085675	222460	160655	62931	54081
Varna	347	61336	1799466	772789	653391	149151	109866	40798	36213
Veliko Tarnovo	108	4846	144600	31861	9671	20170	7242	1261	495
Vidin	27	810	23410	5528	1474	3970	1020	200	61
Vratsa	24	857	25241	8800	2807	3677	692	257	106
Gabrovo	62	3394	94939	19676	2693	10496	1350	617	134
Dobrich	142	25462	740377	258907	196268	57124	36163	13572	10372
Kardzhali	32	959	27545	7315	1519	4899	928	263	68
Kyustendil	72	2989	89670	16277	2463	9479	1446	546	121
Lovech	74	3886	108166	23186	1473	10874	848	901	66
Montana	26	1179	34860	7886	440	2769	258	218	21
Pazardzhik	58	4509	132891	54545	6932	19734	1581	2450	381
Pernik	13	484	14520	2663	435	1190	273	76	27
Pleven	24	1225	33757	7044	1472	4037	723	291	91
Plovdiv	182	9255	275521	98727	39530	46154	15727	4184	1905
Razgrad	15	660	19800	3526	530	2345	321	123	24
Ruse	40	1717	50010	13231	5072	7819	2695	656	300
Silistra	11	487	14286	2763	580	1787	363	102	24
Sliven	54	1916	55622	6973	894	4591	471	284	57
Smolyan	254	9292	274691	46403	4859	21426	1679	1439	183
Sofia	99	7461	217181	42438	6599	20902	2871	1586	286
Sofia (stolitsa)	122	11798	353940	177929	129660	102234	72295	13516	10934
Stara Zagora	53	3580	103214	34628	6316	12024	2765	1272	364
Targovishte	17	684	20520	2897	655	1767	276	127	36
Haskovo	32	1382	40860	13232	3728	6725	2144	469	172
Shumen	55	1531	45930	7401	1154	4471	755	264	51
Yambol	24	755	21331	3450	1102	1634	354	131	54

¹ In use.