



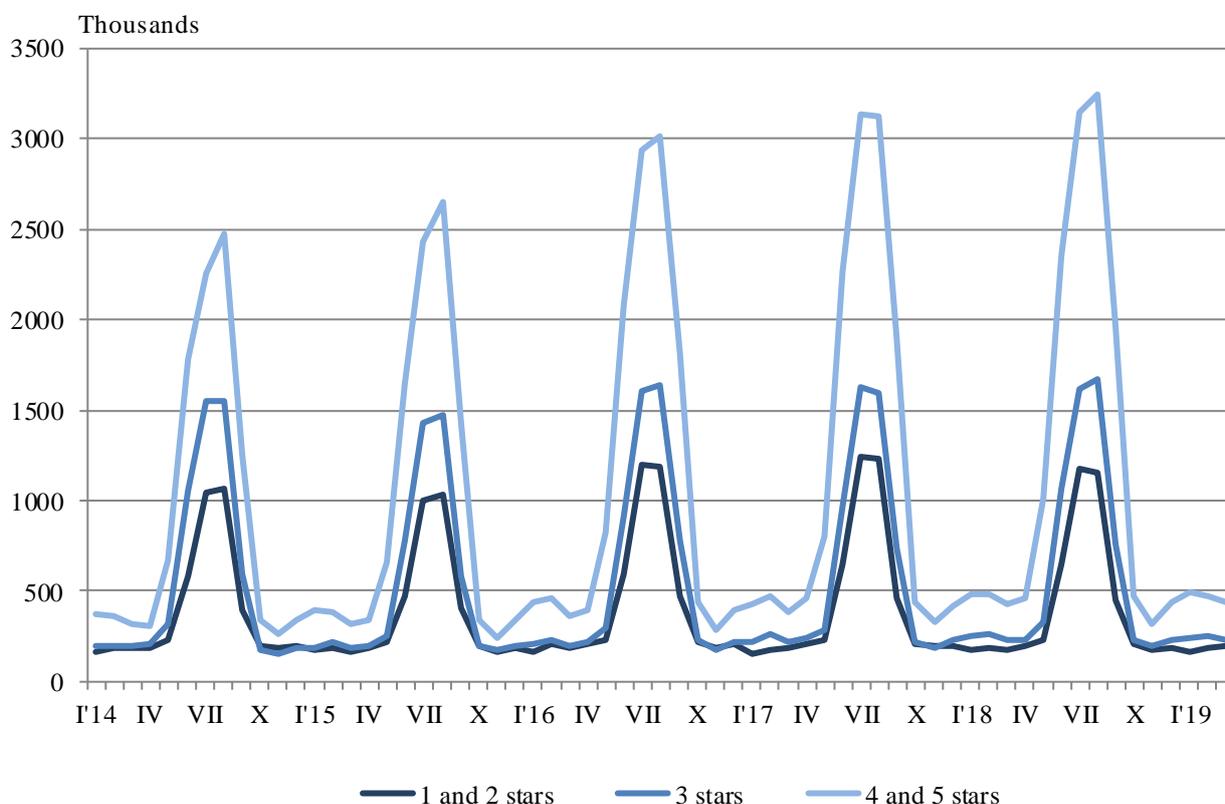
## ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS IN MARCH 2019

In March 2019, 1 964 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 57.4 thousand and the bed-places were 116.3 thousand. In comparison with March 2018, the total number of accommodation establishments (functioned during the period) increased by 1.1%, and the bed-places in them - by 1.2%.

The total number of the nights spent in all accommodation establishments registered in March 2019 was 873.8 thousand, or by 4.9% more in comparison with the same month of the previous year, as the greatest increase (by 11.4%) was observed in 1 and 2 stars accommodation establishments.

In March 2019, 73.1% of all nights spent by foreign citizens and 37.0% of all nights spent by Bulgarians were realized in 4 and 5 stars hotels. In 3 stars accommodation establishments were spent 18.4% of all nights by foreigners and 31.6% of all nights by Bulgarian residents, while in the rest of accommodation establishments (with 1 and 2 stars) they were 8.5% and 31.4% respectively.

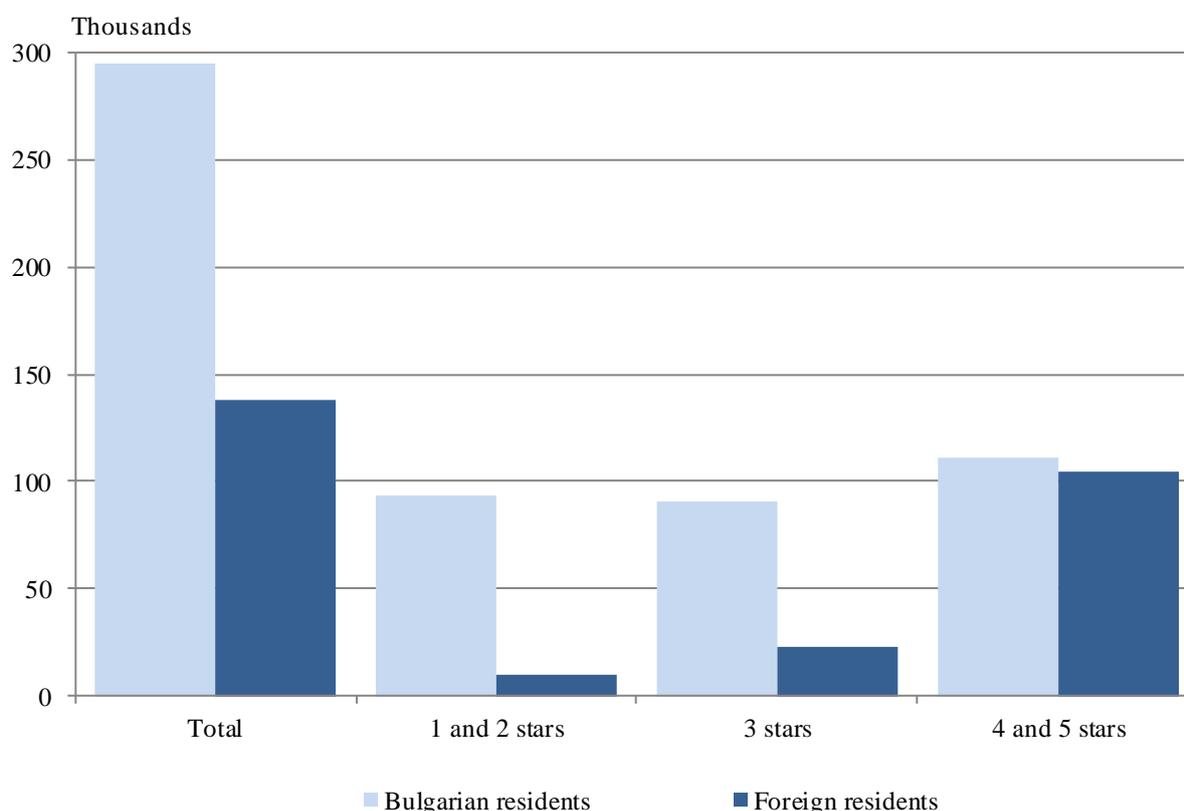
**Figure 1. The nights spent in accommodation establishments by categories and months**





In March 2019, the number of arrivals in all accommodation establishments increased by 8.1% compared to the same month of 2018 and reached 432.7 thousand, as an increase was registered for both foreigners and Bulgarians by 9.2% and by 7.5% respectively. Bulgarians spent the nights in accommodation establishments in March 2019 were 294.8 thousand and spent 1.8 nights on the average. The arrivals of foreigners were 137.9 thousand, and had on average 2.4 nights, as 76.0% of them spent nights in hotels with 4 and 5 stars.

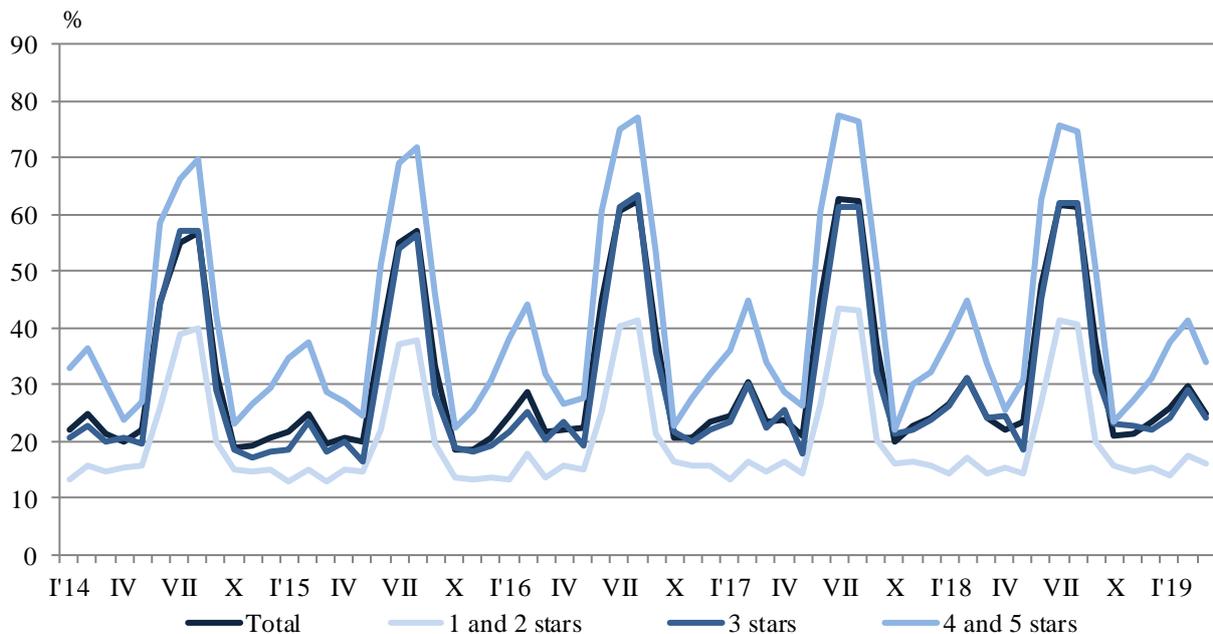
**Figure 2. Arrivals in accommodation establishments by categories in March 2019**



In March 2019, the total occupancy of the bed-places in accommodation establishments was 24.9%, as increased by 0.8 percentage points compared to March 2018. The highest was occupancy of the bed-places in 4 and 5 stars accommodation establishments - 33.9%, followed by 3 stars accommodation establishments - 24.0%, and with 1 and 2 stars - 16.1%.

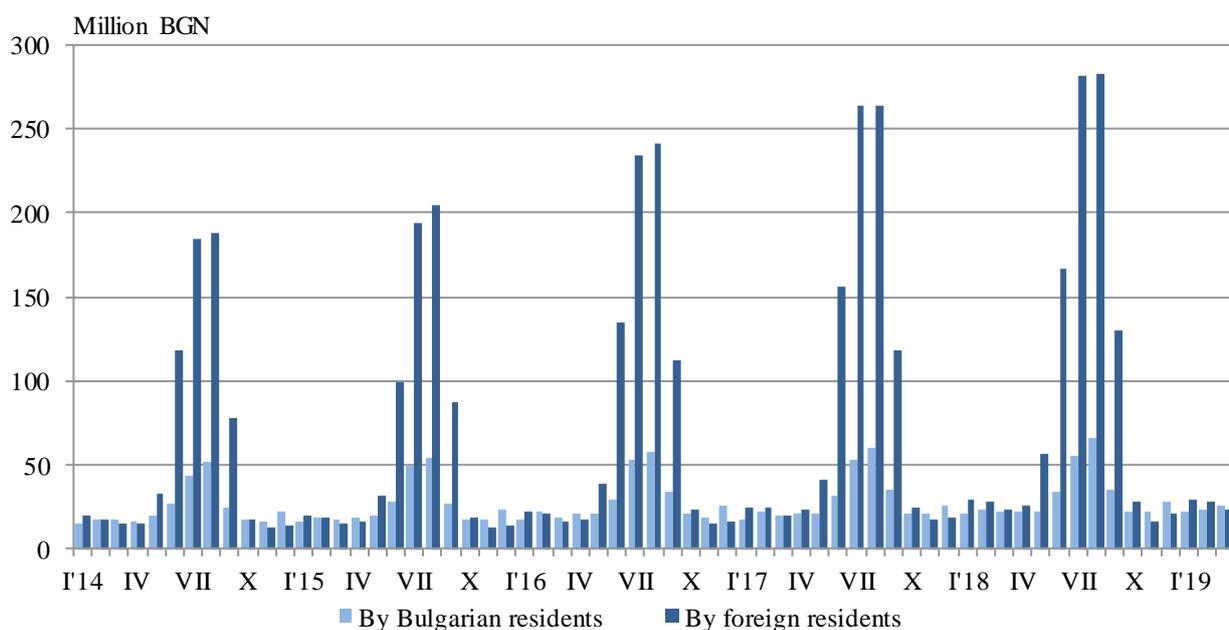


**Figure 3. The occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments by categories and months**



The total revenues from nights spent in March 2019 reached 48.7 million BGN or by 8.3% more compared to March 2018. An increase in revenues from both Bulgarians by 13.0% and foreigners by 3.7% was registered.

**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 March 2019<sup>1</sup>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>116257</b>	<b>3511558</b>	<b>873808</b>	<b>329518</b>	<b>432686</b>	<b>137895</b>	<b>48682</b>	<b>23577</b>
Blagoevgrad	211	16560	490476	140876	77745	57015	24269	7601	4406
Burgas	73	4845	139948	25979	6063	13373	2281	1346	444
Varna	146	12875	398351	58743	18369	28905	7183	3154	1296
Veliko Tarnovo	110	4668	140301	26494	4016	15356	2224	1056	199
Vidin	26	831	24844	4669	974	2822	482	172	39
Vratsa	25	863	26148	6627	831	3084	325	198	37
Gabrovo	59	3252	93946	14526	1311	8007	500	492	77
Dobrich	47	4426	136721	13059	3733	7145	1766	710	199
Kardzhali	29	962	29822	4931	1101	3144	587	209	56
Kyustendil	74	2762	85622	12652	..	7658	..	450	..
Lovech	63	3360	98138	19400	2059	9225	649	703	95
Montana	22	1084	33524	4046	436	2499	147	153	22
Pazardzhik	53	4202	125097	46721	3013	22079	909	2481	194
Pernik	10	424	13144	2279	..	1451	..	71	..
Pleven	22	1179	36549	6592	1228	3688	513	277	91
Plovdiv	196	9509	288275	75960	14528	42522	6969	3803	891
Razgrad	14	564	17484	3800	760	2049	333	150	42
Ruse	50	2021	59471	16818	5673	9559	2533	925	367
Silistra	24	754	23374	3123	292	2346	194	133	16
Sliven	47	1786	55339	5872	831	3841	426	240	48
Smolyan	266	11731	353440	81093	17878	30447	3658	3899	1090
Sofia	98	7500	224679	84178	41124	40149	17726	4095	2300
Sofia (stolitsa)	122	12179	377276	156592	109933	89756	58900	13620	10763
Stara Zagora	48	3521	104988	26972	4507	12048	1180	1386	285
Targovishte	16	617	19113	3644	1343	1855	319	172	68
Haskovo	34	1539	47650	16458	8312	6770	2428	740	395
Shumen	59	1570	48670	8274	1457	4278	397	300	56
Yambol	20	673	19168	3430	639	1615	212	146	35

<sup>1</sup> In use.

‘..’ Confidential data.