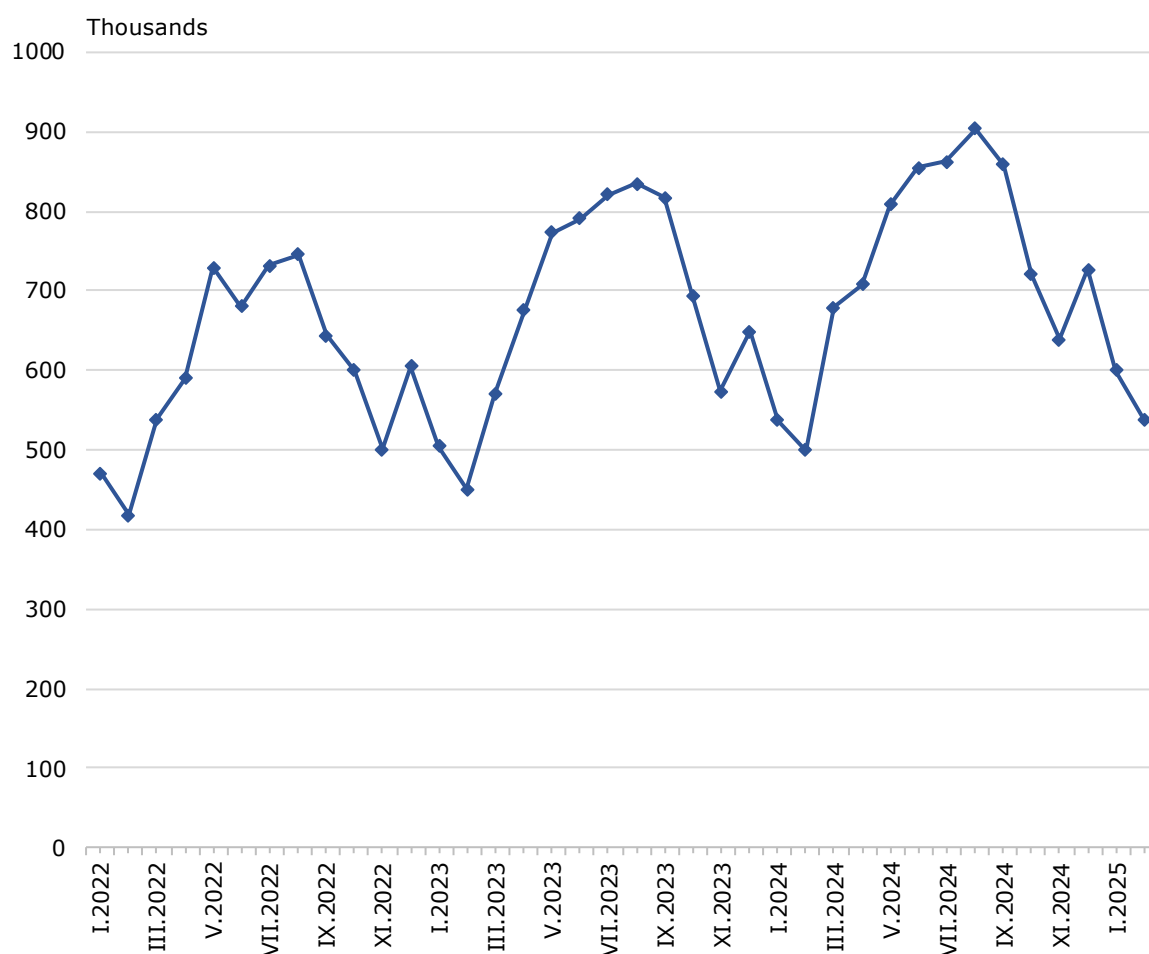




## TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN FEBRUARY 2025

In February 2025, **the number of trips of Bulgarian residents abroad** was 538.2 thousand (Annex, Table 1), or 7.8% above the registered in February 2024 (Figure 1). An increase in the trips with all observed purposes was registered.

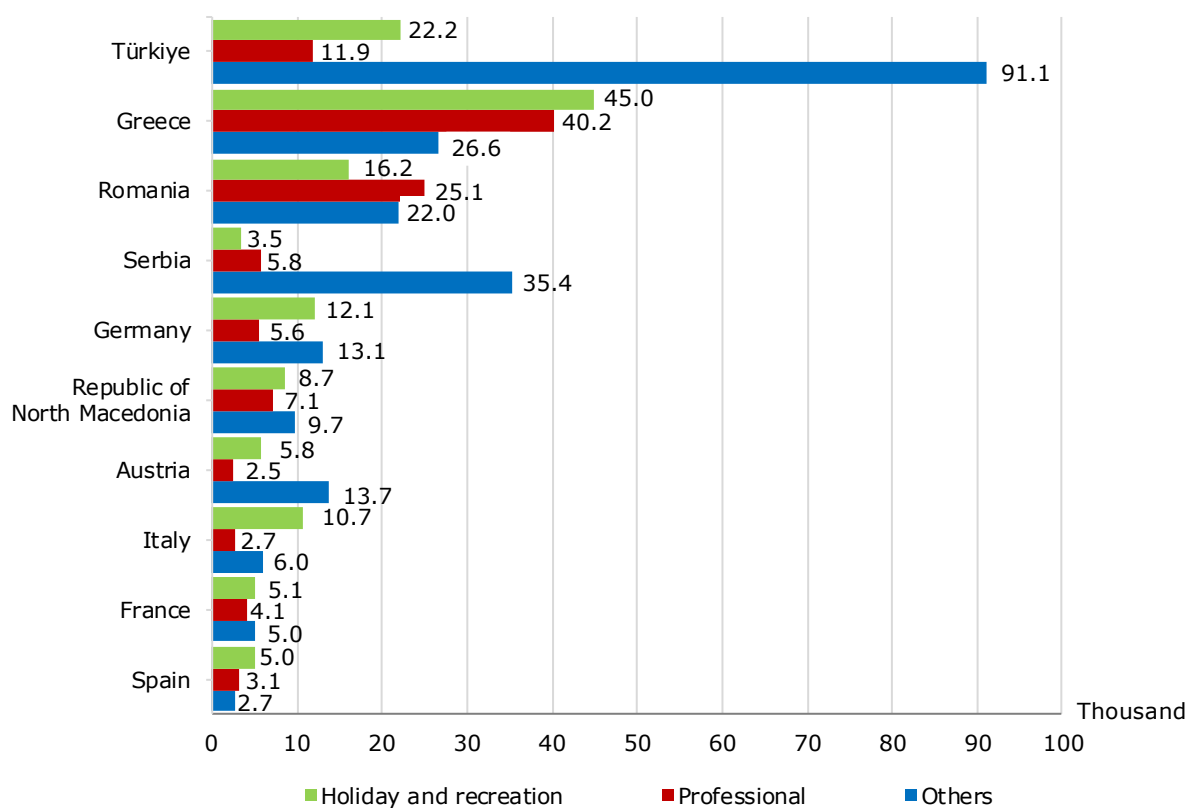
**Figure 1. Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by months**



Most trips of Bulgarian residents were made to: Türkiye - 125.2 thousand, Greece - 111.8 thousand, Romania - 63.3 thousand, Serbia - 44.7 thousand, Germany - 30.8 thousand, Republic of North Macedonia - 25.5 thousand, Austria - 22.0 thousand, Italy - 19.4 thousand, France - 14.2 thousand, Spain - 10.8 thousand (Figure 2).

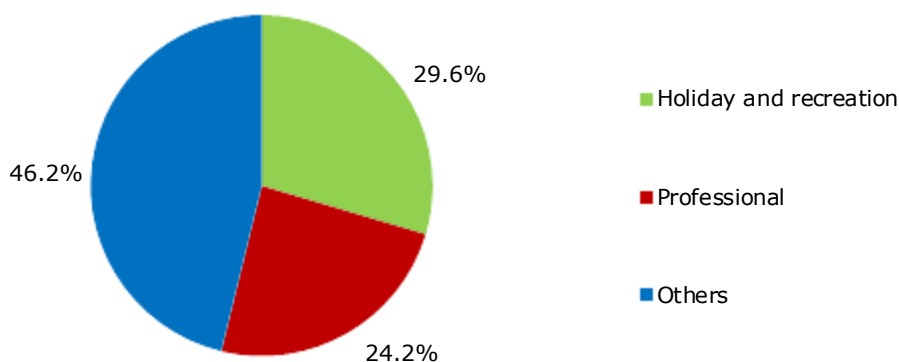
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**Figure 2. Most visited countries by Bulgarian citizens, by purpose of travel, in February 2025**



The trips with other purposes formed the greatest share of the total number of trips of Bulgarian residents abroad - 46.2%, followed by those with holiday and recreation purposes - 29.6%, and with professional purposes - 24.2% (Figure 3).

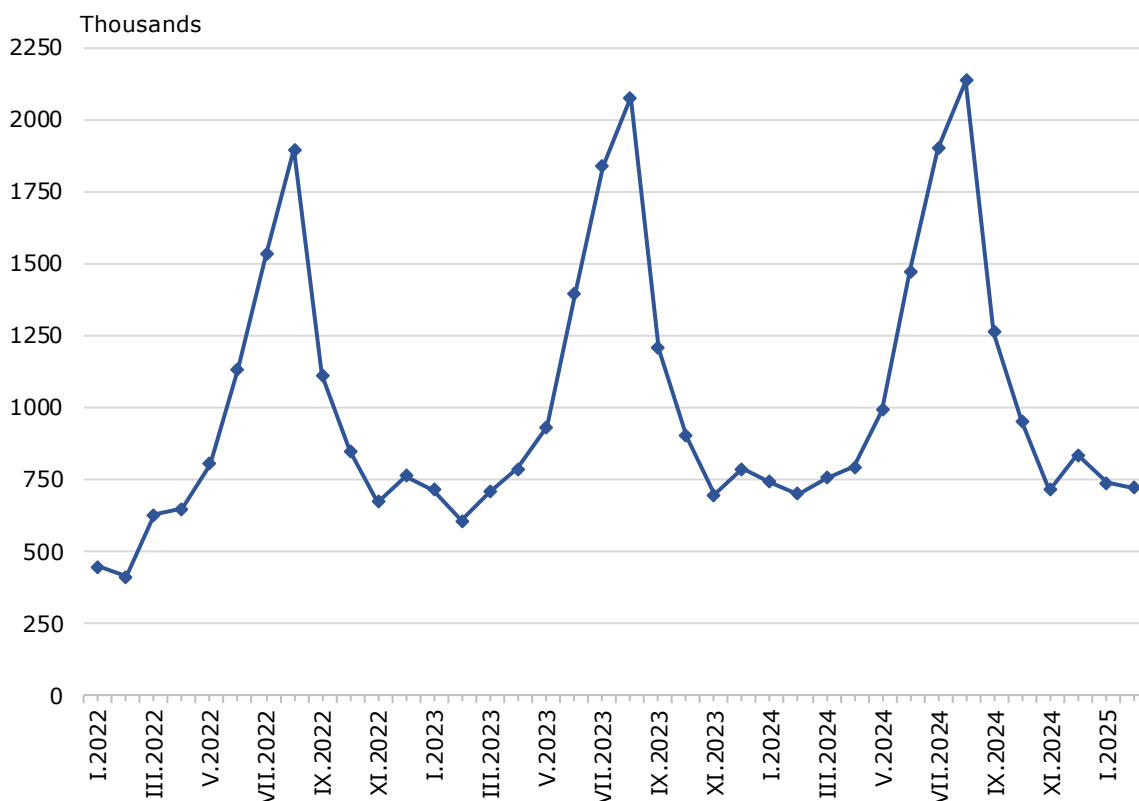
**Figure 3. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit in February 2025**



## TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN FEBRUARY 2025

In February 2025, **the number of visits of non-residents to Bulgaria** was 720.6 thousand (Annex, Table 2), or 3.1% more in comparison with the same month of the previous year (Figure 4). An increase in the trips with all observed purposes was registered. Transit passes through the country were 29.6% (213.3 thousand) of all visits of non-residents to Bulgaria.

**Figure 4. Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria by months**



The share of visits of EU citizens was 53.6% of the total number of non-residents' visits to Bulgaria and reached 386.1 thousand, the largest being by visitors from Romania - 44.3%, and Greece - 25.6%.

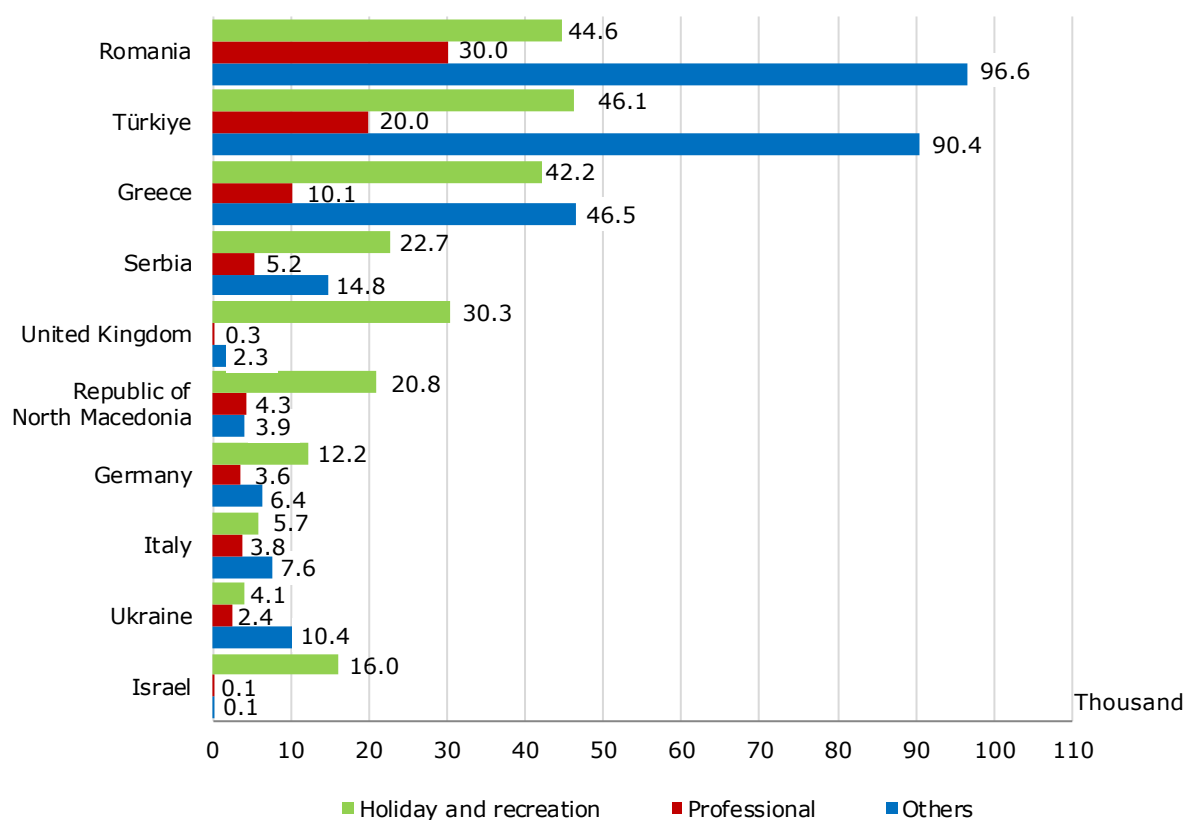
The visits of non-residents in the group 'Other European countries'<sup>1</sup> were 283.6 thousand, or 39.4% of all visits to Bulgaria. The highest registered number of visits was from Türkiye - 156.5 thousand, or 55.2% in this group.

Most visits to Bulgaria were from: Romania - 171.2 thousand, Türkiye - 156.5 thousand, Greece - 98.8 thousand, Serbia - 42.7 thousand, the United Kingdom - 32.9 thousand, Republic of North Macedonia - 29.0 thousand, Germany - 22.2 thousand, Italy - 17.1 thousand, Ukraine - 16.9 thousand, Israel - 16.2 thousand (Figure 5).

<sup>1</sup> Group 'Other European countries' includes countries in Europe outside the EU.

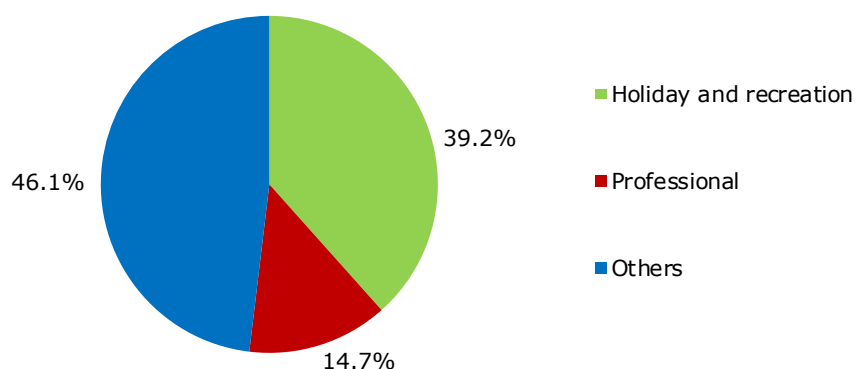
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**Figure 5. Countries with the highest total number of visits to Bulgaria,  
by purpose of travel, in February 2025**



The predominant share of the visits was with other purposes - 46.1%, followed by trips with holiday and recreation purposes - 39.2%, and with professional purposes - 14.7% (Figure 6).

**Figure 6. Structure of visits of non-residents to Bulgaria by purpose  
in February 2025**



### **Methodological notes**

The definitions recommended by the World Tourist Organization and the Methodological manual for tourism by Eurostat are applied by the National Statistical Institute.

In accordance with these definitions, **an international tourist** is any person who travels to a country other than his/her permanent residence for less than a year and whose main purpose is not doing any activity for payment in the place visited.

**The purposes of visiting** a country are the following:

- Excursion and holiday;
- Professional purposes (business trips, participation in conferences, congresses, concluding deals, etc.);
- Other (as a guest, education and visiting cultural and sports events, etc.) purposes.

Statistical data on the trips of Bulgarian residents travelling abroad and visits by non-residents to Bulgaria are obtained on the basis of monthly information received from the Ministry of Interior and a sample survey of the National Statistical Institute among residents and non-residents passing through border checkpoints.

Data on the number of 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 from 'third countries' are obtained directly from the Ministry of Interior.

Data on the purposes of the trips are obtained on the basis of the NSI's regular monthly sample survey of passing residents and non-residents through the border checkpoints.

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**Annex**

**Table 1**

**Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit and  
by country of destination in February 2025**

(Number)

Country of destination	Total	Purpose of visit		
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>538163</b>	<b>159556</b>	<b>129986</b>	<b>248621</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>319488</b>	<b>116026</b>	<b>98054</b>	<b>105408</b>
Austria	22023	5817	2479	13727
Belgium	8848	1770	3760	3318
Croatia	2804	1402	966	436
Cyprus	430	217	213	-
Czechia	6175	2316	1544	2315
Denmark	1603	401	534	668
Finland	488	279	209	-
France	14245	5063	4127	5055
Germany	30799	12103	5581	13115
Greece	111780	44990	40235	26555
Hungary	3615	1314	657	1644
Ireland	648	264	336	48
Italy	19370	10723	2694	5953
Malta	216	106	83	27
Netherlands	6737	1643	2136	2958
Poland	5901	2305	1383	2213
Portugal	1378	728	-	650
Romania	63330	16201	25084	22045
Slovakia	2296	603	1424	269
Slovenia	3514	2003	586	925
Spain	10804	4952	3151	2701
Sweden	1620	722	324	574
Other EU countries	864	104	548	212
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>209399</b>	<b>38189</b>	<b>29034</b>	<b>142176</b>
Norway	509	339	170	-
Republic of North Macedonia	25524	8659	7154	9711
Russian Federation	384	-	277	107
Serbia	44731	3508	5754	35469
Switzerland	2153	593	308	1252
Türkiye	125203	22167	11905	91131
Ukraine	177	-	177	-
United Kingdom	10718	2923	3289	4506
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>458</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>211</b>
Canada	273	143	-	130
Israel	207	62	64	81
USA	492	253	239	-
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>8304</b>	<b>4883</b>	<b>2595</b>	<b>826</b>

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**Table 2**

**Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria by purpose of visit and  
by country of origin in February 2025**

(Number)

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit		
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others
<b>Total</b>	<b>720635</b>	<b>282371</b>	<b>105683</b>	<b>332581</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>386106</b>	<b>127418</b>	<b>66847</b>	<b>191841</b>
Austria	6964	886	1646	4432
Belgium	4262	1795	641	1826
Croatia	2940	1241	229	1470
Cyprus	2752	1376	695	681
Czechia	3467	461	578	2428
Denmark	1546	441	843	262
Finland	532	334	-	198
France	7637	2411	1618	3608
Germany	22184	12168	3557	6459
Greece	98772	42155	10154	46463
Hungary	4302	1430	285	2587
Ireland	5271	1318	3514	439
Italy	17124	5708	3805	7611
Malta	788	686	-	102
Netherlands	5372	1168	956	3248
Poland	15067	3348	4018	7701
Portugal	1387	693	202	492
Romania	171226	44625	30018	96583
Slovakia	1310	655	166	489
Slovenia	1002	362	138	502
Spain	7782	2384	2830	2568
Sweden	2726	651	383	1692
Other EU countries	1693	1122	571	-
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>283616</b>	<b>126204</b>	<b>33658</b>	<b>123754</b>
Norway	660	332	215	113
Republic of North Macedonia	29013	20792	4267	3954
Russian Federation	2635	1177	315	1143
Serbia	42689	22678	5250	14761
Switzerland	2357	805	884	668
Türkiye	156494	46057	20038	90399
Ukraine	16909	4102	2377	10430
United Kingdom	32859	30261	312	2286
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>18234</b>	<b>17525</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>493</b>
Canada	312	243	18	51
Israel	16224	16020	71	133
Japan	217	164	17	36
USA	1481	1098	110	273
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>32679</b>	<b>11224</b>	<b>4962</b>	<b>16493</b>

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