

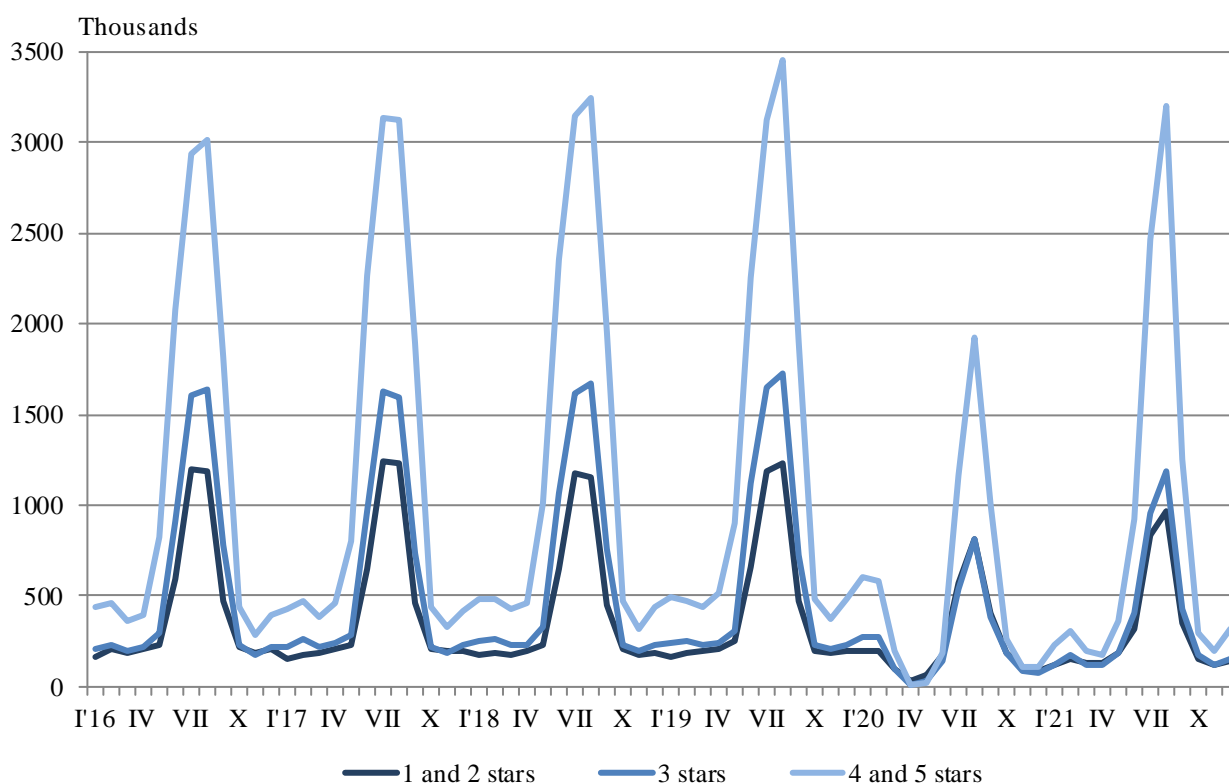
ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS IN DECEMBER 2021

In December 2021, during the continuing epidemic situation, 1 806 accommodation establishments - hotels, motels, camping sites, mountain chalets and other establishments for short-term accommodation with more than 10 bed-places, functioned in the country (Annex, Table 1). The total number of rooms in them was 52.8 thousand and the bed-places were 107.3 thousand. In comparison with December 2020, the total number of accommodation establishments (functioned during the period) increased by 17.4%, and the bed-places in them - by 16.7%.

The total number of nights spent in all accommodation establishments registered in December 2021 was 616.1 thousand, or by 127.3% more in comparison with the same month of the previous year. The nights spent by Bulgarian residents were 460.6 thousand and by foreigners - 155.5 thousand.

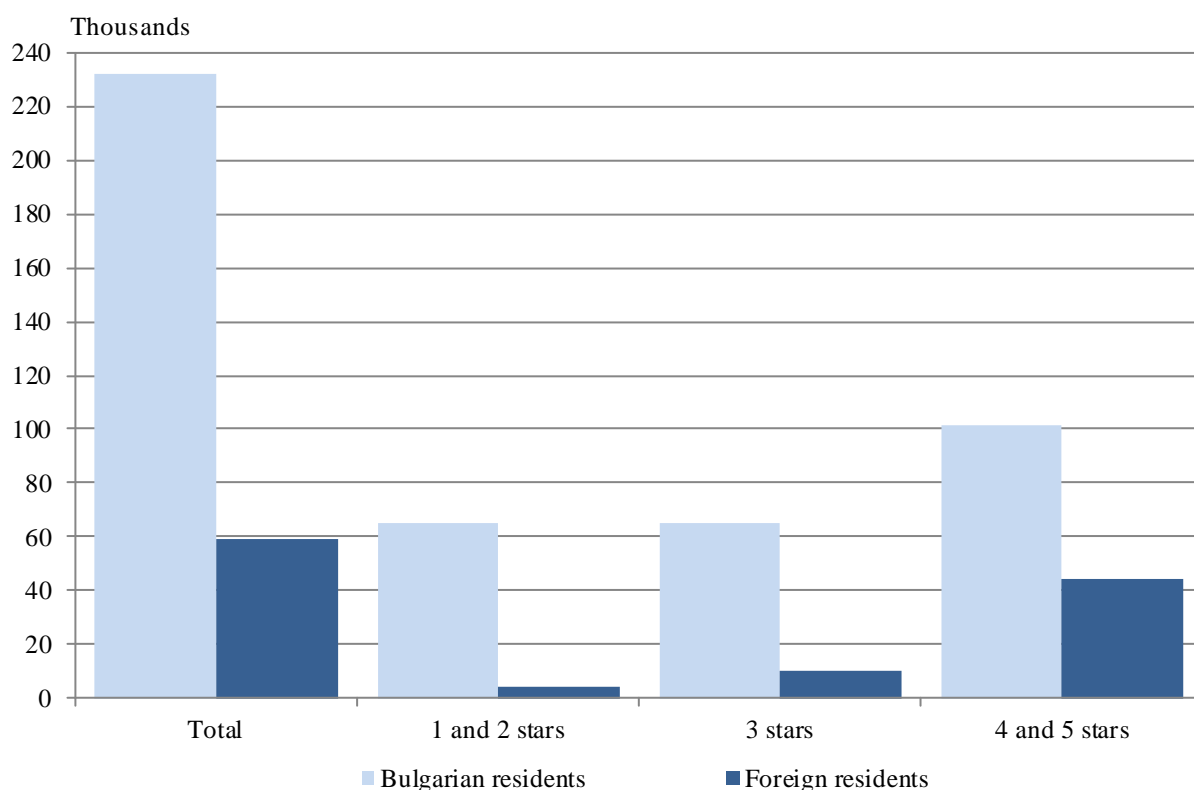
In December 2021, 75.4% of all nights spent by foreign citizens and 43.0% of all nights spent by Bulgarians were realized in 4 and 5 stars hotels. In 3 stars accommodation establishments were spent 17.0% of all nights by foreigners and 28.1% of all nights by Bulgarian residents, while in the rest of the accommodation establishments (with 1 and 2 stars) they were 7.6% and 28.9% respectively.

Figure 1. Nights spent in accommodation establishments by categories and months



In December 2021, the number of arrivals in all accommodation establishments increased by 131.7% compared to the same month of 2020, and reached 290.7 thousand. Bulgarians spent nights in accommodation establishments in December 2021 were 231.9 thousand and spent 2.0 nights on average. The arrivals of foreigners were 58.8 thousand, and had 2.6 nights on average, as 75.0% of them spent nights in hotels with 4 and 5 stars.

Figure 2. Arrivals in accommodation establishments by categories in December 2021



In December 2021, the total occupancy of the bed-places in accommodation establishments was 19.3% and increased by 9.4 percentage points compared to December 2020. The highest occupancy of the bed-places was in 4 and 5 stars accommodation establishments - 25.4%, followed by 3 stars accommodation establishments - 18.2%, and with 1 and 2 stars - 13.2%.



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 are included in the observation.

The indicator **other accommodation establishments** includes the holiday settlements, hostels, guest 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 December 2021¹

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	1806	107290	3198832	616099	155495	290673	58783	40786	12712
Blagoevgrad	159	13518	409510	97715	37162	41554	12424	8125	3201
Burgas	76	4844	148063	25326	3582	11336	1473	1748	303
Varna	118	8770	271870	32295	11308	16403	3614	1932	737
Veliko Tarnovo	89	3792	117549	19314	1112	10193	622	767	74
Vidin	21	719	22289	1883	114	1197	67	92	5
Vratsa	25	903	27993	4752	394	2085	154	178	22
Gabrovo	48	2509	75722	8862	357	4929	166	411	20
Dobrich	35	3921	103036	8830	1290	4599	599	768	124
Kardzhali	53	1627	50425	6767	1196	3856	440	264	54
Kyustendil	71	2923	90591	11806	..	7016	..	559	..
Lovech	55	2993	89664	16140	740	7827	145	969	23
Montana	17	865	26815	4192	91	1941	54	161	4
Pazardzhik	45	3949	117621	36051	1210	16601	384	2517	90
Pernik	8	355	11005	1314	..	685	..	50	..
Pleven	21	1153	35743	4611	1159	2261	309	225	66
Plovdiv	206	10600	327039	63693	6545	34033	3179	3903	440
Razgrad	15	623	19313	3772	906	1624	300	178	58
Ruse	52	2132	64597	8075	1656	4541	789	381	83
Silistra	23	755	23335	1813	192	1005	81	77	9
Sliven	45	1591	48473	5674	842	3333	263	297	63
Smolyan	239	11136	266845	62815	6409	23814	1540	3653	505
Sofia	85	7159	220137	53726	18411	21391	4355	4017	1679
Sofia (stolitsa)	112	12348	382788	96994	53407	51122	24685	7440	4703
Stara Zagora	59	3961	120501	20122	1872	8205	505	1063	88
Targovishte	10	455	14091	1784	371	1197	171	100	25
Haskovo	33	1612	49430	10473	3524	4706	1766	590	236
Shumen	68	1437	44547	4458	692	2313	266	206	41
Yambol	18	640	19840	2842	416	906	95	115	23

¹ In use.

‘..’ - confidential data.