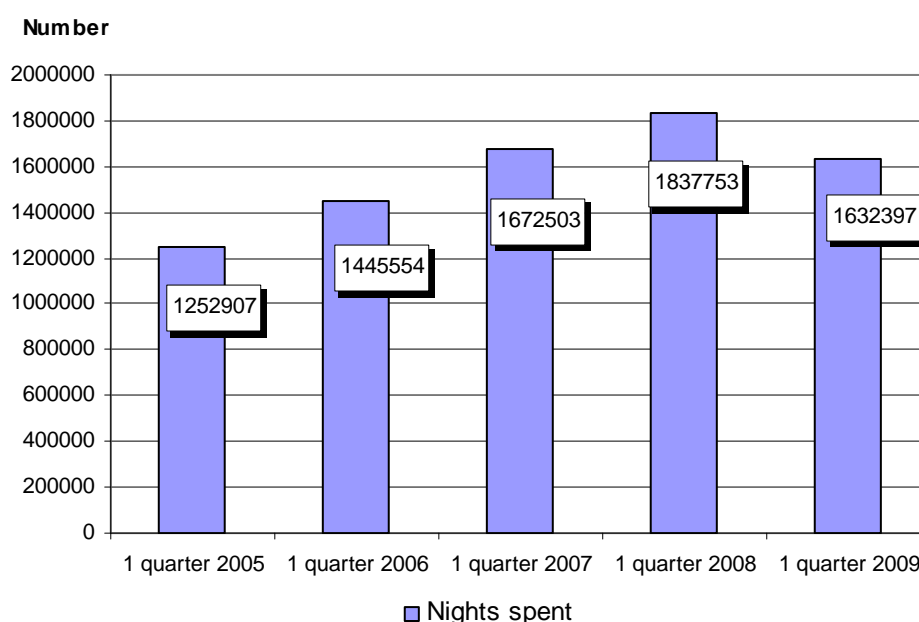




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1 957 accommodation establishments – hotels, motels, camping sites, mountain chalets and other establishments for short-term accommodation with more than 10 bed places functioned in the country in the first quarter of 2009 (Annex 1). The number of rooms in them was 53.1 thousand and that of the bed-places - 114.3 thousand. In comparison with the same period of 2008 the total number of the accommodation establishments has increased by 262 (15.3%), the greatest share of which are in the group “Other establishments for short-term accommodation” – 134 (24.6%), followed by hotels – 120 (11.5%).

The number of the nights spent in all accommodation establishments fell by 205 thousand (11.2%) in the first quarter of 2009 compared to same period in 2008 and rose to 1 632 thousand.



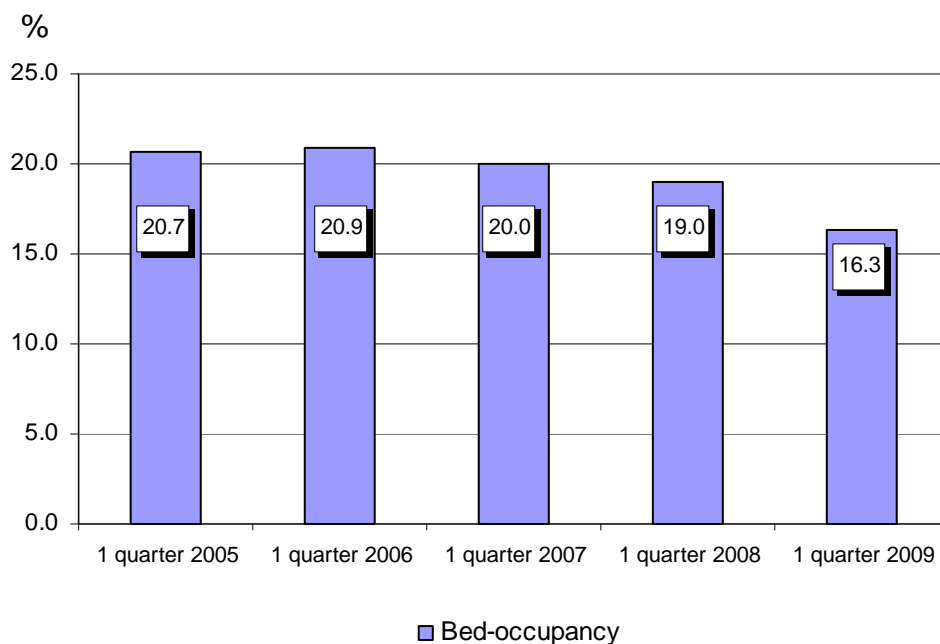
Nights spent in accommodation establishments in first quarter during the period 2005 - 2009

In the first quarter of 2009 the number of nights spent of Bulgarian citizens in accommodation establishments decreased by 52 thousand (5.6%) compared to the first quarter of 2008 and reached to 982 thousand.

The number of the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments in 2009 has decreased by 19% versus the first quarter of 2008. More nights were spent by the residents of the following countries: Iceland – 10 times, Slovakia - an increase of 72.1%, Romania - an increase of 48.3%, People’s Republic of China - an increase of 20.7%, Hungary –an increase of 19.8%, Luxembourg – an increase of 18.3%, Slovenia – an increase of 14.1%, etc. A decrease in the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments is observed for the Estonia – by 73.1%, Malta – by 72.2%, Belgium – by 68.0%, Latvia – by 56.7%, Ireland – by 50.9%, Lithuania – by 39.9%, Turkey – by 39.2%, Spain – by 33.3%, Norway – by 28.6%, Cyprus – by 27.2%, Russian. Fed. – by 25.6%, United Kingdom – by 23.6%, etc.

In the first quarter of 2009 the number of arrivals in accommodation establishments has decreased by 85 thousand (10.6%) and reached 713 thousand, of which Bulgarian residents was 71.4%. The number arrivals of foreigners in accommodation establishments has decreased by 48 thousand (18.9%). The greatest share was the arrivals of residents from United Kingdom (25.9%). Almost all foreigners (99.4%), prefer to spend the night in hotels, while only 0.6% of them have spent the night in the other accommodation establishments (camping sites, mountain chalets and other establishments for short-time accommodation).

The total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in the first quarter decreased by 2.7 points over the same period the previous year and reached 16.3%.



Total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in first quarter during the period 2005 - 2009

In the first quarter of 2009 the total revenues from nights spent in accommodation establishments decreased by 11.1% compared with the first quarter of the previous year and reached to 79 million levs, as revenues from nights spent by foreigners decreased by 24.7% to 37.5 million levs.

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.

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Districts	Accommodation establishments	Bed-places	Available bed-nights ²	Nights spent		Arrivals in accommodation establishments		Revenues from nights spent-levs	
				Total	Of which: by foreigners	Total	Of which: foreigners	Total	Of which: by foreigners
For the country	1975	114299	10016561	1632397	650293	712826	203724	78811336	37449654
Blagoevgrad	162	13282	1184442	252764	151406	84903	40914	12523190	7299031
Burgas	50	4888	383880	72562	13551	29100	5450	2915209	854487
Varna	248	17697	1452687	122261	39698	51711	11453	5408900	1994523
Veliko Tarnovo	83	4665	407790	39543	3717	23708	2384	1593529	200962
Vidin	32	734	66060	8989	1564	5884	490	305479	76897
Vratsa	24	913	82170	10891	1535	5666	594	407303	88268
Gabrovo	64	3407	306630	26517	2519	13522	886	927859	177726
Dobrich	25	1973	165986	20283	5045	7640	1292	712994	237998
Karddzhal	17	730	65700	6490	948	4076	618	220241	49948
Kyustendil	30	2133	191970	26747	1295	12352	689	738046	95148
Lovech	68	3822	340650	41287	2095	22328	892	1385986	116024
Montana	26	1209	103869	8761	692	4938	319	228083	26432
Pazardzhik	79	4719	423594	71225	4922	33004	1709	3188867	271391
Pernik	20	932	83850	7699	2306	2490	484	201990	79629
Pleven	13	1002	90180	15670	2793	10270	1209	745047	131663
Plovdiv	222	8831	792690	131588	28619	73602	11233	5704010	1656414
Razgrad	19	765	68850	4124	739	2630	356	181285	36256
Ruse	47	1738	156420	27760	6120	19451	3022	1257950	343601
Silistra	20	642	57780	6065	1726	4141	705	285715	97040
Sliven	77	2162	194580	15591	2286	9580	885	700663	183175
Smolyan	317	11385	1020298	154783	63346	48612	11425	6992224	3846702
Sofia	40	5468	489240	191894	132008	47561	25114	4037827	1823126
Sofia Cap.	119	12618	1128579	260514	147583	143379	72421	23426086	16153744
Stara Zagora	42	4107	368096	65274	22272	25343	4050	2915776	1043030
Targovishte	19	613	49410	7104	2463	3867	520	203154	74117
Haskovo	33	1670	149100	17695	4700	12071	3049	866643	308087
Shumen	36	1455	125550	9332	1628	6226	909	389887	72460
Yambol	43	739	66510	8984	2717	4771	652	347393	111775

¹ In use.² The 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.