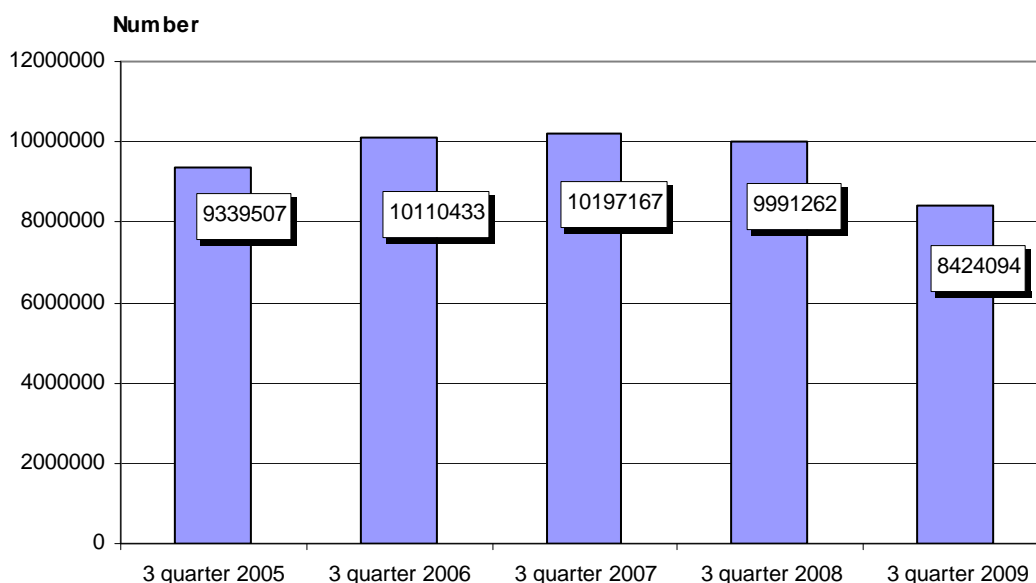




## ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2009

In the third quarter of 2009, there were 3 303 accommodation establishments - hotels, motels, camping sites, mountain chalets and other establishments for short-term accommodation with more than 10 bed places (Annex 1, 2). The number of rooms in them was 115.6 thousand, while the number of the bed-places - 261.0 thousand. The total number of the accommodation establishments increased by 340 (11.5%) as compared to the same period of 2008. The highest increase was seen in other establishments for short-term accommodation - 259 (20.6%), followed by hotels - 76 (4.8%).

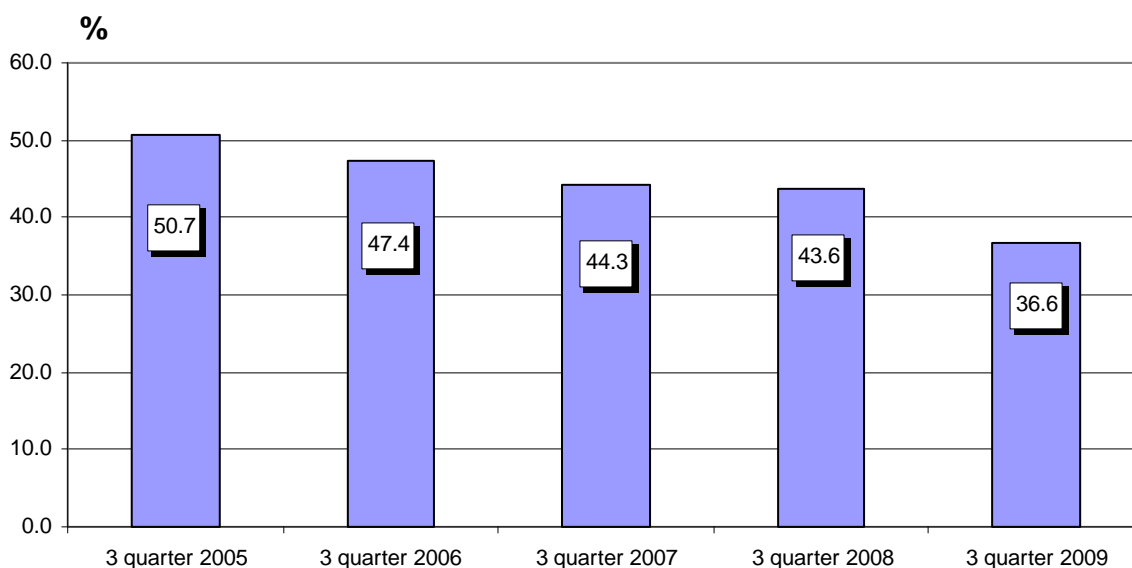
The total number of the nights spent in the third quarter of 2009 in all accommodation establishments fell by 1 567.2 thousand (15.7%) as compared to the same period of 2008 to 8 424 thousand.



### *Nights spent in the accommodation establishments in the third quarter in the period 2005 - 2009*

In the third quarter of 2009 the number of nights spent by Bulgarian citizens in accommodation establishments decreased by 146.9 thousand (5.5%) compared to the corresponding quarter of 2008 to 2 504.8 thousand. The number of the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments has decreased by 19.4% in the third quarter of 2009 as compared to the same quarter of the previous year. An increase in nights spent by the residents of the following countries were reported: Malta - by 578.8%, Croatia - by 58.9%, Israel - by 49.7%, Brazil - by 37.2%, USA - by 37.0%, Lithuania - by 23.7%, Romania - by 20.6%, Spain - by 15.7%, Italia - by 7.5%, etc. A decrease in the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments was observed for the citizens from Ireland - by 55.3%, Switzerland - by 48.6%, Sweden - by 39.6%, Serbia - by 36.0%, Belgium- by 34.5%, Denmark - by 33.7%, Japan - by 33.7%, Hungary - by 32.9%, Finland - by 32.7%, United

Kingdom - by 31.5%, Ukraine - by 30.5%, Cyprus - by 28.8%, Norway - by 28.8%, etc. The total number of arrivals in accommodation establishments decreased by 216.1 thousand (10.9%) in the third quarter of 2009 to 1 769.2 thousand, of which Bulgarian residents were 43.8%. The number of arrivals of foreigners in the accommodation establishments decreased by 133.8 thousand (11.9%) compared to the same period of the previous year. Almost all foreigners (99.1%), preferred to spend the nights in hotels, while only 0.9% of them spent the night in the other accommodation establishments (camping sites, mountain chalets and other establishments for short-time accommodation). In the third quarter of 2009 the total occupation of the bed-places in the accommodation establishments was 36.6% which as 7.0 percentage points below the registered in the same period of the previous year.



***Total occupation of the bed-places in the accommodation establishments in the third quarter in the period 2005 - 2009***

The total revenue from nights spent in the accommodation establishments were less by 17.5% in third quarter of 2009 compared to the same quarter of the 2008 and reached 318.9 million levs, as the revenue from nights spent by foreigners decreased by 19.8% to 247.1 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.

Since 2003 in the indicator “**other accommodation establishments**” is included the private flats, holiday settlements, bungalows and other establishments for short-time accommodation added. Private rooms and rest houses are added since 2006.

ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2009 <sup>1</sup>

Districts	Accommodation establishments	Bed-places	Available bed-nights <sup>2</sup>	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
<b>For the country</b>	<b>3303</b>	<b>261036</b>	<b>22991640</b>	<b>8424094</b>	<b>5919245</b>	<b>1769197</b>	<b>993925</b>	<b>318863707</b>	<b>247074858</b>
Blagoevgrad	166	13503	1209910	136642	35997	63892	18054	5852612	1565661
Burgas	1062	94433	8130679	3838244	2969480	539416	377713	139839287	119872030
Varna	483	56410	5061407	2569986	2055786	481752	353469	103324522	87473063
Veliko Tamovo	82	4804	427044	53332	11370	31610	7636	1816148	586923
Vidin	33	733	67436	14303	5517	8521	1632	579236	227106
Vratsa	27	955	87676	14314	2170	6454	928	381459	80203
Gabrovo	64	3501	312165	46745	9156	23743	4369	1408586	321392
Dobrich	113	21172	1678020	619922	463668	99322	63081	14146578	10820753
Karddzhal	22	799	73508	11991	1842	7135	1077	407855	75615
Kyustendil	34	2266	208472	40469	3394	22065	1998	971748	143355
Lovech	66	3759	345828	55821	4097	27661	2140	1501043	205276
Montana	26	1335	122820	17743	1358	6404	714	453468	65127
Pazardzhik	79	4743	435421	118536	9715	36687	2975	4555445	509935
Pernik	20	936	86112	8789	1914	3899	389	169855	53918
Pleven	13	1161	106812	17898	3782	11962	1753	691467	201696
Plovdiv	216	8686	799044	186962	64665	75426	25440	6982147	3618847
Razgrad	18	831	75156	6413	1737	4355	1025	222722	52034
Ruse	49	1871	171012	34721	10647	23555	6327	1416202	470058
Silistra	22	694	63848	9800	3159	5967	1359	408486	155671
Sliven	80	2208	203136	21999	2773	11881	1250	839558	225349
Smolyan	317	10233	939302	101527	11518	37685	3143	2783470	489542
Sofia	37	4756	437552	63302	9565	23063	3034	2031337	387219
Sofia Cap.	119	12772	1169588	280627	182533	157635	98953	22785720	17141777
Stara Zagora	39	4048	372416	89503	26716	29925	7122	2884254	1304029
Targovishte	19	613	56396	8042	2464	4240	658	224519	60611
Haskovo	33	1680	154552	25773	6790	13422	3687	1064832	422900
Shumen	32	1317	121164	9959	3564	7068	2721	389083	129088
Yambol	32	817	75164	20731	13868	4452	1278	732068	415680

<sup>1</sup>In use.<sup>2</sup>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.

**ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS BY QUARTERS IN 2009<sup>1</sup>**

Indicators	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter
Accommodation establishments - number	1975	3015	3303
Bed-places - number	118646	249024	261036
Available bed capacity <sup>2</sup> - number	10015301	17752317	22991640
Nights spent - total - number	1632397	3814067	8424094
- Of which: by foreigners - number	650293	2396487	5919245
Arrivals in accommodation establishments - total - number	712826	1156172	1769197
- of which: foreigners - number	203724	528519	993925
Revenues from nights spent - total - levs	78811336	155557526	318863707
- of which: by foreigners - levs	37449654	103431260	247074858

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