

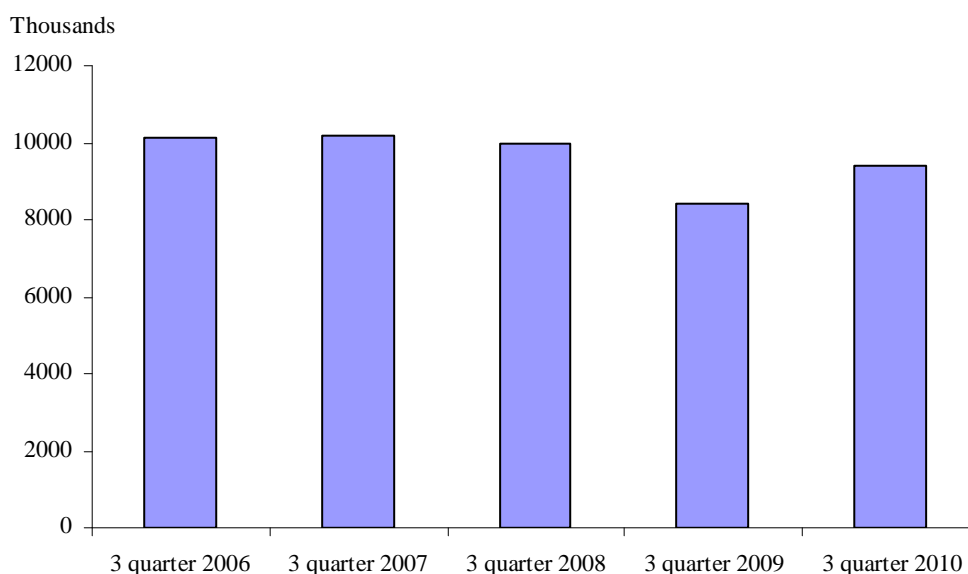


ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JULY - SEPTEMBER 2010

In the third quarter of 2010, 3 349 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 (Table 1). The number of rooms in them was 118.7, while the number of the bed-places - 266.9 thousand. In comparison with the same period of 2009 the total number of accommodation establishments increased by 46 (1.4%) and these of the rooms and the bed-places by 3 141 (2.7%) and by 5 873 (2.2%) respectively.

The total number of the nights spent in all accommodation establishments in the third quarter of 2010 is 9 386.3 thousand, rose by 962.2 thousand (11.4%) compared to same period of 2009.

**Figure 1. Nights spent in accommodation establishments in third quarter during
the 2006 - 2010 period**



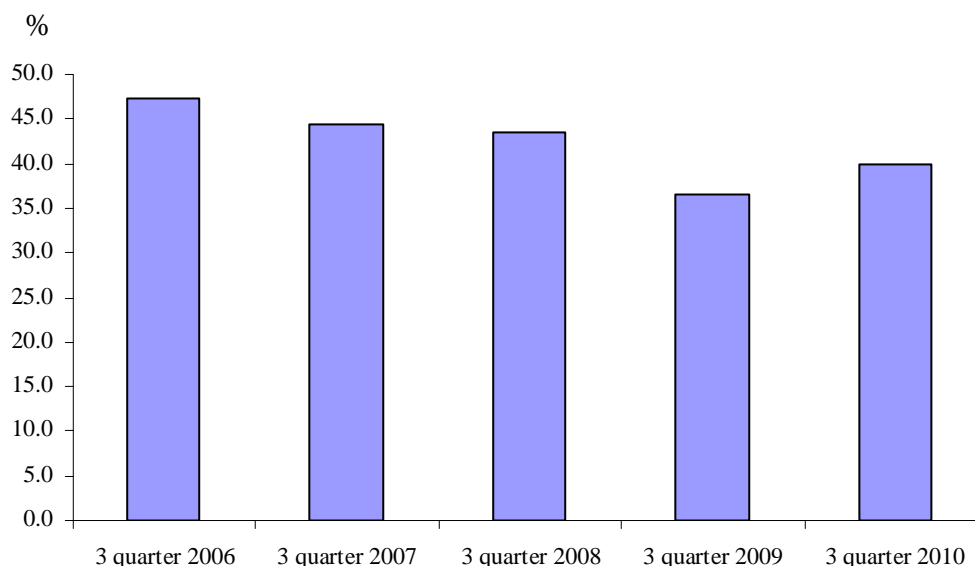
In the third quarter of 2010, the number of nights spent by Bulgarian citizens in accommodation establishments is 2 611.2 thousand - increased by 106.4 thousand (4.2%) compared to the same quarter of 2009. The number of the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments increased by 14.5% compared to the third quarter of 2009. More nights were spent by the residents of the following countries: Rep. of Korea - by 276.7%, Ukraine - by 69.1%, Russian Fed. - by 40.0%, Poland - by 39.7%, Serbia - by 39.0%, Slovenia - by 35.0%, Israel - by 25.0%, Canada - by 23.6%, Austria - by 20.7%, etc. A decrease in the nights spent in accommodation establishments by foreigners was observed from Malta - by 94.4%, Luxembourg - by 47.1%, South Africa - by 33.4%, Cyprus - by 32.1%, USA - by 30.9%, Iceland - by 30.4%, Latvia - by 29.4%, Turkey - by 26.1%, France - by 26.1%, Lithuania - by 23.9%, Croatia - by 22.1%, Sweden - by 19.8%, etc.



In the third quarter of 2010, the total number of arrivals in accommodation establishments increased by 82.4 thousand (4.7%) and is 1 851.6 thousand. The relative share of arrivals of Bulgarian citizens was 41.5% of all arrivals. The number of foreigner arrivals in accommodation establishments increased by 88.6 thousand (8.9%) compared to the same period of the previous year. The greatest share has citizens from Germany 17.2%. Almost all foreigners (99.0%) prefer to spend the night in hotels and the rest 1.0% - in other accommodation establishments.

The total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in the third quarter of 2010 was 39.9% which was 3.3 percentage points above the registered in the same period of 2009.

Figure 2. Total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in third quarter during the period 2006 - 2010



The total revenues from nights spent in the accommodation establishments increased by 12.6% in the third quarter of 2010 compared to the third quarter of 2009, reaching to 359.1 million leva, the revenues from nights spent by foreigners increased by 16.3% - 287.4 million leva.



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.

Table 1

ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JULY - SEPTEMBER 2010¹

Districts	Accommodation establishments - number	Bed-places - number	Available bed-nights ² - number	Nights spent - number		Arrivals in accommodation establishments - number		Revenues from nights spent - Levs (BGN)	
				Total	Of which: by foreigners	Total	Of which: foreigners	Total	Of which: by foreigners
Total	3349	266909	23497998	9386280	6775069	1851616	1082500	359095498	287384512
Blagoevgrad									
Burgas	148	12881	1184996	139606	42840	67736	20687	5025793	1783528
Varna	983	95194	8139103	4540391	3594327	630642	467998	172611800	148625932
Veliko Tarnovo	478	58552	5218335	2696833	2189217	441857	326456	116198010	100461820
Vidin	94	5143	473156	56551	15362	36956	10281	2131700	774821
Vratsa	33	868	79856	13338	4891	7611	1846	577844	233456
Gabrovo	30	1022	94024	11829	1785	6106	731	316302	66202
Dobrich	89	3912	356836	40468	6252	20564	4187	1160745	293077
Karddzhal	98	21448	1787047	774662	564316	124625	74674	14424297	10688812
Kyustendil	20	778	71576	11959	3118	7194	1521	427464	123822
Lovech	36	2237	205714	42125	4002	21457	2471	943605	173708
Montana	62	3625	333256	53757	3263	27858	2236	1383091	141010
Pazardzhik	30	1285	118220	17750	1507	6762	839	414000	76139
Pernik	87	5066	466072	113902	10053	37586	2898	3705946	591235
Pleven	22	986	90712	6910	1754	2819	417	123135	35305
Plovdiv	13	1161	106792	18860	4148	11164	1764	630569	197242
Razgrad	227	9116	831198	192620	61139	79780	23879	6240084	2842351
Ruse	18	529	48668	5069	1243	3375	549	185347	55333
Silistra	68	1813	166520	31547	10254	21316	6094	1286008	488515
Sliven	23	728	66976	9202	2334	6121	1245	358164	114058
Smolyan	91	2670	245569	24897	3545	11418	1705	821223	258462
Sofia	360	11381	988052	95567	9247	38354	3617	2465885	435366
Sofia cap.	58	5838	525397	92428	19388	32632	5182	2524131	604991
Stara Zagora	116	12432	1141715	266912	188964	154258	107559	21156597	16494174
Targovishte	32	3491	321172	77006	17001	23215	5017	2029066	1096307
Haskovo	21	672	61732	6752	828	3997	493	200385	25675
Shumen	48	1977	181854	25086	7107	14577	4186	1058674	427844
Yambol	32	1305	119972	10555	4269	7884	3030	365686	167558
	32	799	73478	9698	2915	3752	938	329947	107769

¹In use.

²The 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.