

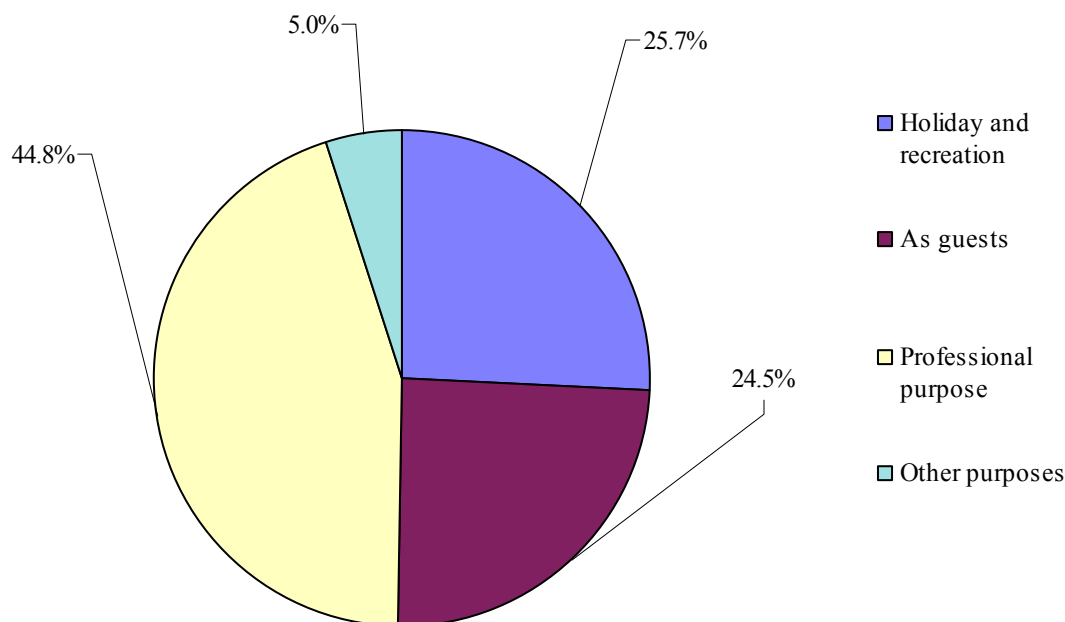


Trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad and arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria in January 2010

In January 2010 the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad was 282.7 thousand, which was 16.5% less than the number of the trips in January 2009 (Annex 1).

As compared to the same month of 2009 an increase in the total number of the trips was registered, namely to: Finland - by 50.0%, Portugal - by 36.5%, FYROM - by 5.5% and Turkey - by 3.0%. At the same time, a decrease was registered in the number of the trips to the all other surveyed countries. The highest decline was observed in the trips to Japan - by 95.8%, Ireland - by 91.9%, Slovakia - by 76.5%, Poland - by 51.0%, Hungary - by 48.0%, Cyprus - by 47.9%, Malta - by 47.2%, Austria - by 45.7%, USA - by 45.6%, followed up by United Kingdom - by 45.4%, Canada - by 44.2%, Belgium - by 44.1%, Ukraine - by 43.0%, Czech Rep. - by 42.7%, France - by 38.6%, Italy - by 37.7%, Spain - by 36.9%.

The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the trips with professional purpose - 44.8%, followed up by the trips with holiday and recreation purpose - 25.7%, visits as guests - 24.5%, and other purposes - 5.0%.



Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad by purpose of visit in January 2010

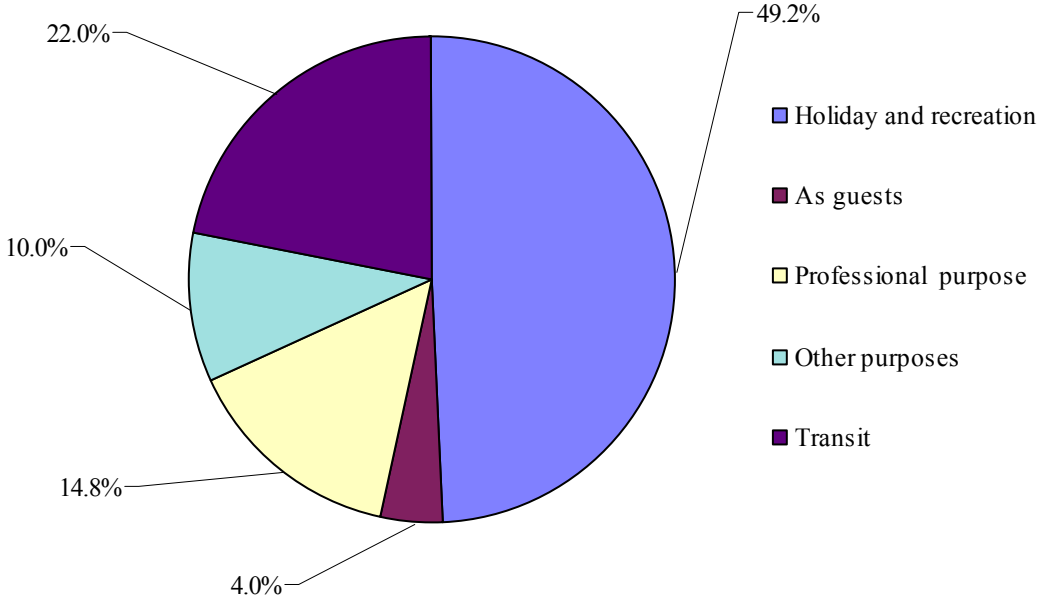
In January 2010, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 304.8 thousand or 14.3% more than the number of trips in the same month of 2008 (Annex 2).

In respect to EU Member States more visits were made from citizens of Greece - by 13.0% Finland - by 7.8%, Romania - by 7.4%, United Kingdom - by 6.1%, Sweden - by 4.9% and France - by 4.8%. At the same time, a decrease of arrivals was registered from Slovakia - by 18.6%, Hungary - by 14.3.0% and Austria - by 14.2%.

In the group "Other European countries"¹ the highest increase was observed in the number of visits of citizens from Serbia - by 33.8%, Russian Fed. - by 32.0% and FYROM - by 28.4%.

¹ Group of "Other European countries" include countries in Europe outside EU.

In January 2010, arrivals with holiday and recreation purpose composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners' visited Bulgaria - 49.2%, followed by transit purpose - 22.0%, professional purpose - 14.8%, other purposes - 10.0% and visits as guests - 4.0%.



Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in January 2010

Methodological notes

Statistical data on the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad and visits by foreigners in Bulgaria are obtained on the basis of monthly information received from the Ministry of Interior and sample survey of the National Statistical Institute among Bulgarian and foreign citizens passing the border check points.

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

Data on the purposes of the trips are developed on the basis of the NSI’s regular monthly sample survey of passing Bulgarian and foreign citizens on the border check points.

Annex 1

TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION IN JANUARY 2010

Country of destination	Total	Purpose of visit				(Number)
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	I 2010 to I 2009 %
Total	282695	72754	69204	126641	14096	-16.5
EU	158280	47922	9909	94950	5499	-25.2
of which :						
Austria	4862	2114	225	2275	248	-45.7
Belgium	2703	991	151	1489	72	-44.1
United Kingdom	7337	1849	940	3670	878	-45.4
Germany	16875	6696	770	9078	331	-32.7
Greece	77640	15927	5365	53687	2661	-4.6
Denmark	330	116	7	178	29	-34.1
Ireland	33	10	3	5	15	-91.9
Spain	6837	2579	255	3682	321	-36.9
Italy	7085	3019	232	3540	294	-37.7
Cyprus	1088	221	86	753	28	-47.9
Malta	76	16	3	56	1	-47.2
Netherlands	2880	1205	178	1405	92	-34.6
Poland	1574	760	116	678	20	-51.0
Portugal	217	115	3	97	2	36.5
Romania	21780	9670	1284	10590	236	-33.5
Slovakia	97	19	11	61	6	-76.5
Slovenia	296	108	15	168	5	-23.1
Hungary	1111	234	136	652	89	-48.0
Finland	57	8	5	40	4	50.0
France	2885	1166	72	1552	95	-38.6
Czech Rep.	2312	1040	48	1163	61	-42.7
Sweden	138	45	2	84	7	-32.7
Other European countries	120834	24086	59108	29773	7867	-0.8
Norway	76	17	1	47	11	-20.8
FYROM	21491	3132	9726	3979	4654	5.5
Russian Fed.	754	146	47	410	151	-34.5
Serbia	26159	13470	1140	10885	664	-11.2
Turkey	71751	7200	48140	14041	2370	3.0
Ukraine	603	121	54	411	17	-43.0
Other countries	667	39	23	139	466	-44.3
Israel	228	16	12	100	100	-30.7
Canada	77	1	3	4	69	-44.2
USA	359	21	8	34	296	-45.6
Japan	3	1	-	1	1	-95.8
Rest of the world	2914	707	164	1779	264	-23.5

**ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA
BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN JANUARY 2010**

(Number)

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit					I 2010 to I 2009 %
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Profesional	Others	Transit	
Total	304876	150056	11916	45361	30486	67057	14.3
EU	159807	96509	7809	37234	6333	11922	6.8
of which :							
Austria	4515	1639	185	2086	104	501	-14.2
Belgium	2223	1492	218	302	39	172	3.3
United Kingdom	15689	11525	1099	1631	208	1226	6.1
Germany	7812	3351	1080	2073	284	1024	-3.0
Greece	76283	48845	2030	18254	1811	5343	13.4
Denmark	952	668	20	178	17	69	3.0
Ureland	2771	1633	21	958	26	133	4.7
Spain	1901	1063	138	500	35	165	1.9
Italy	7307	3960	893	1755	134	565	4.2
Cyprus	2050	566	149	480	476	379	4.6
Malta	809	708	6	76	3	16	3.2
Netherlands	2224	1385	164	453	62	160	2.1
Poland	4220	1429	298	1489	572	432	-5.4
Portugal	295	122	54	112	6	1	1.7
Romania	18752	12435	902	3449	1443	523	7.4
Slovakia	1185	396	32	382	252	123	-18.6
Slovenia	670	290	11	109	83	177	3.4
Hungary	2096	854	37	778	283	144	-14.3
Finland	528	198	25	151	26	128	7.8
France	3284	1674	178	891	93	448	4.8
Czech Rep.	2348	1321	196	499	247	85	-4.5
Sweden	644	312	42	202	19	69	4.9
Other European countries	122469	45023	3680	5570	20283	47913	24.9
Norway	207	123	8	66	9	1	5.6
FYROM	30790	17499	2077	371	4969	5874	28.4
Russian Fed.	13497	9642	361	864	2214	416	32.0
Serbia	18412	13107	194	218	1370	3523	33.8
Turkey	51885	2007	939	3754	9201	35984	20.2
Ukraine	7678	2645	101	297	2520	2115	11.1
Other countries	5112	3432	88	1178	322	92	14.8
Israel	2449	1845	15	486	96	7	28.5
Canada	394	283	9	67	21	14	11.9
USA	1975	1130	61	524	195	65	5.1
Japan	294	174	3	101	10	6	-6.4
Rest of the world	17488	5092	339	1379	3548	7130	21.3