

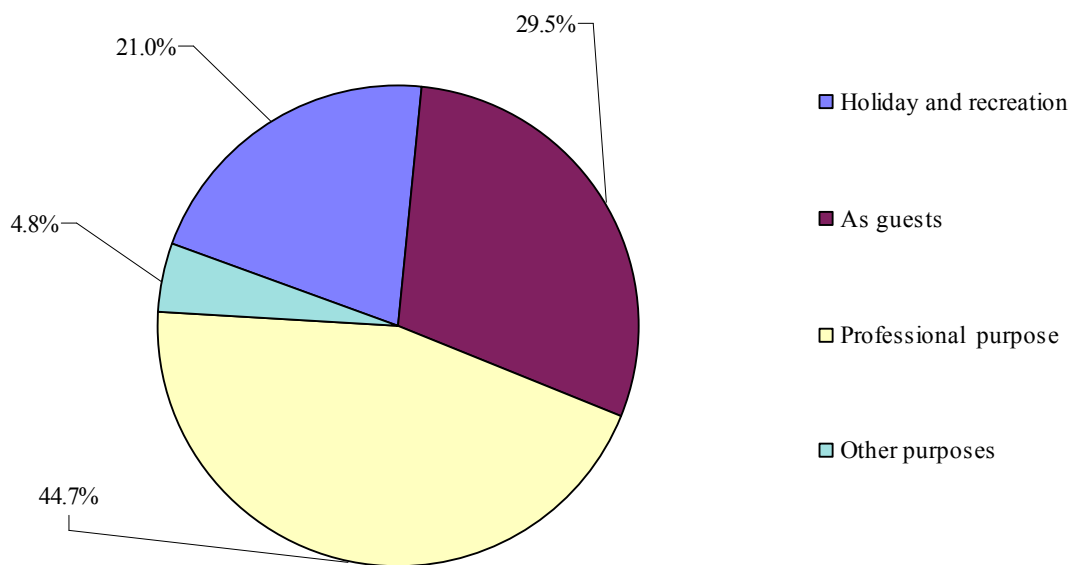


## **Trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad and arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria in March 2010**

In March 2010 the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad was 283.8 thousand, which was 29.7% less than the number of the trips in March 2009 (Annex 1).

As compared to the same month of 2009 an increase in the total number of the trips was registered only to Portugal - by 138.4% and Denmark - by 8.6%. 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 Ireland - by 92.0%, Israel - by 74.8%, Japan - by 63.6%, Belgium - by 56.8%, Canada - by 55.6%, Slovakia - by 55.5%, Russian Fed. - by 55.3%, Malta - by 54.9%, United Kingdom - by 53.7%, USA - by 53.3%, Austria - by 50.8% and Norway - by 50.0%.

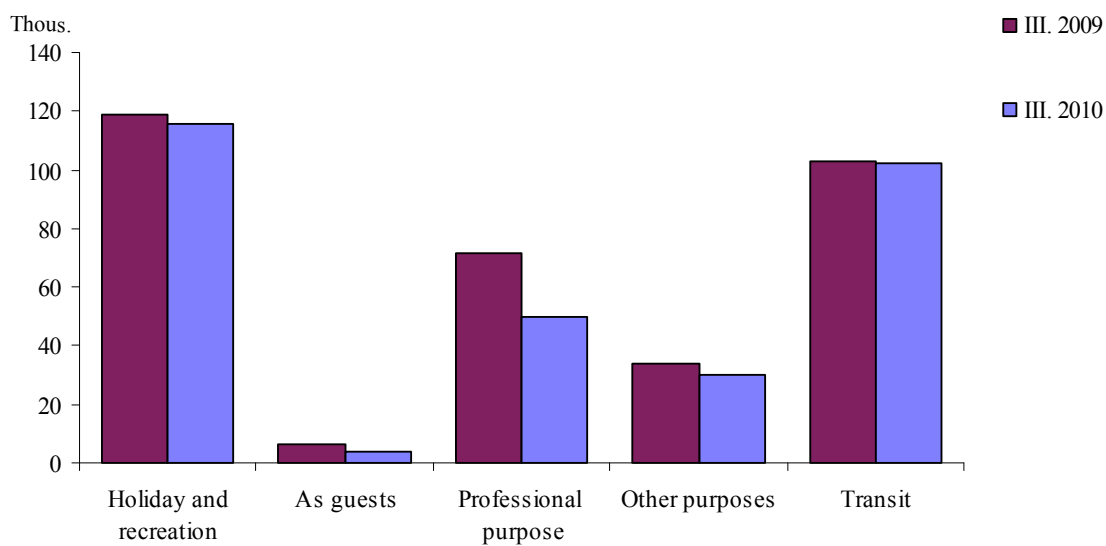
The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the trips with professional purpose - 44.7%, followed up by visits as guests - 29.5%, trips with holiday and recreation purpose - 21.0%, and other purposes - 4.8%.



### **Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad by purpose of visit in March 2010**

In March 2010, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 301.7 thousand or 9.8% less than the number of trips in the same month of 2009 (Annex 2).

A decrease was registered in the number of visitors by all kind of the purposes as the largest decline was in the visits with professional purpose - 30.6%. The visits with holiday and recreation purpose reduced by 3.0%, while those with other purposes and with transit purpose - by 10.8% and by 0.8% respectively.

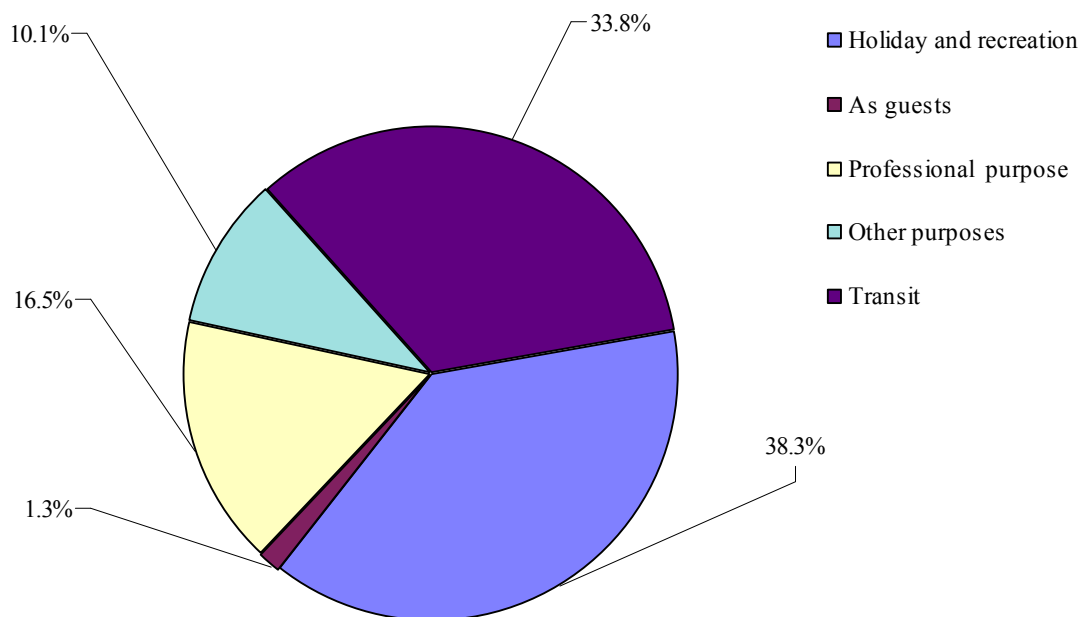


**Number of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit**

The arrivals of visitors from EU Member States fell by 24.0%, while the highest decline was registered in the number of visits from Finland and Portugal - 32.0% and 29.8% respectively. At the same time the smallest decrease was registered in the visits from Cyprus - by 7.2%.

The visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries”<sup>[1]</sup> increased by 15.5%. The largest growth was observed in the number of arrivals of citizens from Ukraine - by 27.6%, Serbia - by 27.1% and FYROM - by 25.7%. At the same time a decrease was registered in the number of visits of citizens from Norway - by 24.3%.

In March 2010, arrivals with holiday and recreation purpose composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners’ visited Bulgaria - 38.3%, followed up by transit purpose - 33.8%, professional purpose - 16.5%, other purposes - 10.1% and visits as guests - 1.3%.



**Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in March 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.

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

Country of destination	Total	Purpose of visit				(Number)
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	III 2010 to III 2009 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>283782</b>	<b>59744</b>	<b>83663</b>	<b>126853</b>	<b>13522</b>	<b>-29.7</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>150388</b>	<b>36535</b>	<b>15711</b>	<b>92977</b>	<b>5165</b>	<b>-38.6</b>
<b>of which :</b>						
Austria	3785	1173	403	1997	212	-50.8
Belgium	1460	482	158	785	35	-56.8
United Kingdom	4539	881	801	2441	416	-53.7
Germany	11133	3492	704	6804	133	-40.5
Greece	85821	15215	10437	56871	3298	-34.9
Denmark	176	55	8	104	9	8.6
Ireland	43	1	2	17	23	-92.0
Spain	4887	1526	315	2907	139	-43.7
Italy	4402	1384	147	2776	95	-46.6
Cyprus	1115	188	134	735	58	-32.6
Malta	60	7	9	43	1	-54.9
Netherlands	1475	453	119	859	44	-40.0
Poland	1542	703	80	748	11	-40.0
Portugal	205	97	2	105	1	138.4
Romania	24852	9442	1955	12972	483	-38.3
Slovakia	89	26	-	62	1	-55.5
Slovenia	229	80	1	147	1	-9.5
Hungary	1072	218	224	495	135	-45.4
Finland	24	10	-	12	2	-22.6
France	2078	692	122	1214	50	-44.9
Czech Rep.	1224	381	85	742	16	-48.6
Sweden	111	26	4	79	2	-29.3
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>130040</b>	<b>22525</b>	<b>67795</b>	<b>31834</b>	<b>7886</b>	<b>-14.8</b>
Norway	36	9	1	24	2	-50.0
FYROM	21538	3270	7194	6554	4520	-7.7
Russian Fed.	673	98	54	412	109	-55.3
Serbia	20712	8661	713	10688	650	-29.7
Turkey	86427	10268	59805	13776	2578	-11.1
Ukraine	654	219	28	380	27	-29.5
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>-65.1</b>
Israel	136	17	9	74	36	-74.8
Canada	40	3	-	3	34	-55.6
USA	170	13	15	17	125	-53.3
Japan	4	2	-	1	1	-63.6
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>3004</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>1947</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>-40.6</b>

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

(Number)

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit					III 2010 to III 2009 %
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Profesional	Others	Transit	
<b>Total</b>	<b>301724</b>	<b>115597</b>	<b>3959</b>	<b>49856</b>	<b>30329</b>	<b>101984</b>	<b>-9.8</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>158475</b>	<b>73267</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>39663</b>	<b>6893</b>	<b>38173</b>	<b>-24.0</b>
<b>of which :</b>							
Austria	3665	1391	19	1291	38	926	-26.7
Belgium	2457	690	-	324	7	1436	-18.6
United Kingdom	11482	7442	64	1557	78	2341	-22.9
Germany	9201	4507	38	2401	156	2099	-27.0
Greece	53636	24761	76	11870	1444	15485	-25.6
Denmark	759	448	-	260	8	43	-28.6
Ireland	3132	1217	-	836	79	1000	-27.2
Spain	2126	644	-	965	31	486	-28.3
Italy	5915	2390	67	1985	16	1457	-26.6
Cyprus	1031	241	22	260	420	88	-7.2
Malta	944	385	-	193	-	366	-21.5
Netherlands	1827	1176	22	327	47	255	-27.8
Poland	3664	1620	45	957	820	222	-11.2
Portugal	247	114	-	130	-	3	-29.8
Romania	43389	20801	52	11772	2590	8174	-23.0
Slovakia	2712	448	-	554	253	1457	-12.4
Slovenia	659	346	-	220	44	49	-20.9
Hungary	3582	1706	5	677	387	807	-13.3
Finland	412	77	-	324	11	-	-32.0
France	3191	1052	31	1250	32	826	-28.4
Czech Rep.	2772	1203	38	966	289	276	-20.8
Sweden	497	241	-	238	9	9	-29.2
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>118284</b>	<b>33879</b>	<b>3025</b>	<b>7013</b>	<b>19576</b>	<b>54791</b>	<b>15.5</b>
Norway	159	116	-	30	-	13	-24.3
FYROM	28995	16769	1519	548	4745	5414	25.7
Russian Fed.	7702	3985	328	1052	1896	441	9.9
Serbia	19093	10878	272	416	1544	5983	27.1
Turkey	55127	1342	817	4429	8892	39647	7.2
Ukraine	7208	789	89	538	2499	3293	27.6
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>7275</b>	<b>5563</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>1153</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>5.1</b>
Israel	3651	3131	18	373	109	20	0.3
Canada	451	305	23	67	27	29	18.4
USA	2617	1717	107	601	125	67	-11.9
Japan	556	410	8	112	13	13	-17.4
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>17690</b>	<b>2888</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>3586</b>	<b>8891</b>	<b>10.7</b>