

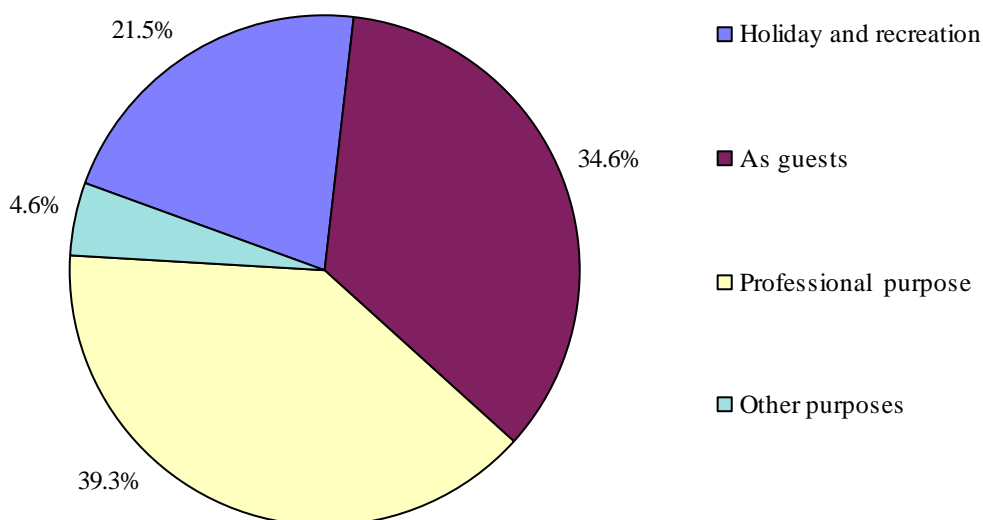


Trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad and arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria in May 2010

In May 2010 the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad was 324.8 thousand, which was 34.1% less than the number of the trips in May 2009 (Annex 1).

As compared to the same month of 2009, an increase in the total number of the trips was registered only to Norway - by 13.5% and to Denmark - by 5.6%. 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 Japan - by 78.6%, Greece - by 57.8%, Slovakia - by 53.8%, Canada - by 53.7%, USA - by 45.4%, Romania - by 44.7%, Ireland - by 41.3%, Israel - by 41.0%, Poland - by 40.1%, Serbia - by 38.8%, Russian Fed. - by 37.2% and Czech Rep. - by 37.1%.

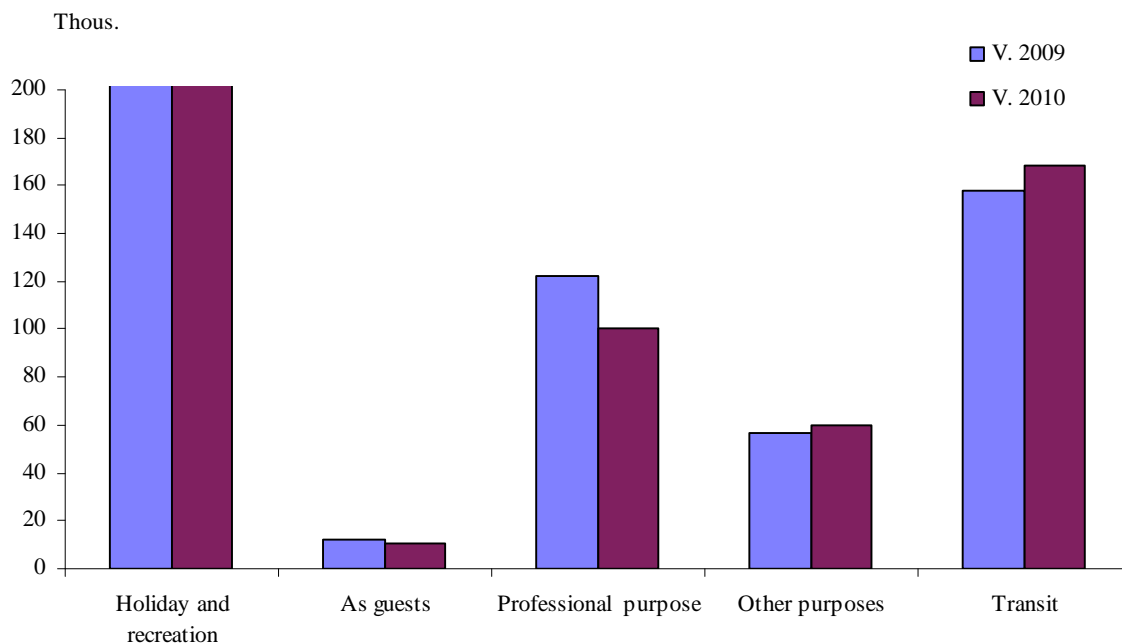
The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the trips with professional purpose - 39.3%, followed up by visits as guests - 34.6%, trips with holiday and recreation purpose - 21.5%, and other purposes - 4.6%.



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

In May 2010, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 593.0 thousand or 6.2 more than the number of trips in the same month of 2009 (Annex 2).

In comparison with May 2009, an increase was registered in the number of visitors with holiday and recreation purpose - by 21.5%. The visitors passing transit and with other purposes increased by 6.6% and by 5.4% respectively. At the same time, a decrease was recorded in visits with professional purpose by 18.2% and visits as guests - by 12.7%.

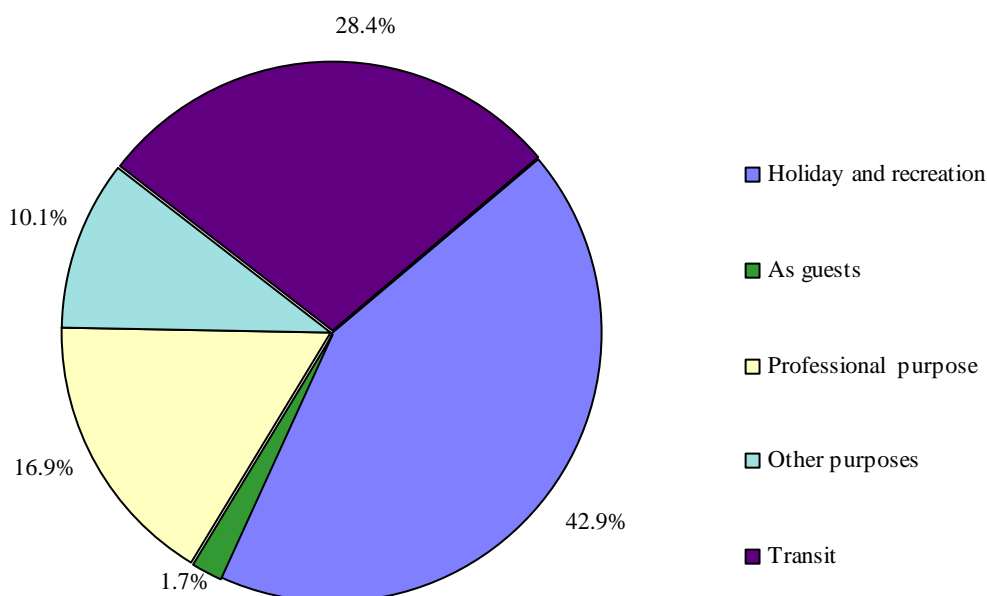


Number of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit

The arrivals of visitors from EU Member States fell by 1.2%, while the highest growth was registered in the number of visits from Romania and Austria - 22.4% and 16.6% respectively. At the same time a decrease was registered in the visits from Sweden - by 39.5%, Finland - by 36.3%, Malta - by 27.8%, Denmark - by 26.9%, Belgium - by 26.0%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group "Other European countries"^[1] increased by 23.2%. The largest growth was observed in the number of arrivals of citizens from Russian Federation - by 65.8%, Serbia - by 51.4% and FYROM - by 30.7%.

In May 2010, arrivals with holiday and recreation purpose composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners' visited Bulgaria - 42.9%, followed up transit purpose - 28.4%, professional purpose - 16.9%, other purposes - 10.1% and visits as guests - 1.7%.



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

Country of destination	Total	Purpose of visit				(Number)
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	V 2010 to V 2009 %
Total	324861	69949	112222	127700	14990	-34.1
EU	146509	36298	14633	91851	3727	-49.1
of which :						
Austria	4641	1426	324	2740	151	-34.8
Belgium	1997	530	237	1133	97	-32.1
United Kingdom	7256	1234	1158	4051	813	-35.5
Germany	12829	3574	1054	7744	457	-29.8
Greece	73173	13292	6697	52114	1070	-57.8
Denmark	244	52	24	124	44	5.6
Ireland	230	34	109	10	77	-41.3
Spain	5537	1732	259	3346	200	-24.1
Italy	6080	2136	160	3649	135	-23.1
Cyprus	1059	306	89	613	51	-29.1
Malta	95	52	4	33	6	-5.9
Netherlands	1730	520	130	995	85	-35.1
Poland	1155	424	59	666	6	-40.1
Portugal	151	70	0	81	0	-15.2
Romania	23571	9015	3744	10539	273	-44.7
Slovakia	110	18	0	89	3	-53.8
Slovenia	253	114	3	136	0	-17.0
Hungary	1572	387	239	815	131	-35.5
Finland	37	6	0	26	5	-26.0
France	2956	877	140	1883	56	-27.5
Czech Rep.	1525	425	190	865	45	-37.1
Sweden	195	57	10	109	19	-23.2
Other European countries	174372	32758	97397	33692	10525	-12.2
Norway	285	56	96	56	77	13.5
FYROM	25973	3957	11281	5954	4781	-24.8
Russian Fed.	850	157	49	496	148	-37.2
Serbia	23303	11355	1113	10220	615	-38.8
Turkey	123299	17022	84827	16576	4874	-0.2
Ukraine	662	211	31	390	30	-18.8
Other countries	1000	58	12	472	458	-44.3
Israel	497	35	8	359	95	-41.0
Canada	69	5	1	5	58	-53.7
USA	431	18	3	105	305	-45.4
Japan	3	0	0	3	0	-78.6
Rest of the world	2980	835	180	1685	280	-41.7

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

(Number)

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit					V 2010 to V 2009 %
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Profesional	Others	Transit	
Total	593058	254264	10349	100176	60032	168237	6.2
EU	397807	183996	5082	86208	33787	88734	1.2
of which :							
Austria	8765	3099	136	2858	260	2412	16.6
Belgium	3692	1422	12	1484	151	623	-26.0
United Kingdom	24641	15118	241	4820	697	3765	-17.3
Germany	47395	27590	688	8885	2325	7907	-13.5
Greece	91297	44341	951	25611	12670	7724	8.5
Denmark	2877	1628	24	436	357	432	-26.9
Ireland	2279	947	67	671	35	559	-19.8
Spain	3464	1401	112	1120	156	675	13.5
Italy	9980	3731	165	3730	426	1928	-1.9
Cyprus	1932	697	63	489	268	415	3.4
Malta	491	236	0	177	27	51	-27.8
Netherlands	6401	2393	115	1560	338	1995	-22.4
Poland	10079	3100	568	2664	1479	2268	-9.1
Portugal	849	578	1	251	8	11	9.7
Romania	143537	62651	650	20122	11988	48126	22.4
Slovakia	4210	543	448	1533	417	1269	-5.0
Slovenia	1389	409	4	697	48	231	-10.2
Hungary	6990	2267	137	2483	543	1560	-17.3
Finland	4032	875	46	493	144	2474	-36.3
France	11349	5866	408	3376	246	1453	-22.7
Czech Rep.	4314	2374	143	1094	431	272	-15.9
Sweden	5156	1933	59	1106	543	1515	-39.5
Other European countries	152717	50384	4356	9150	21357	67470	23.2
Norway	947	440	5	387	6	109	-13.9
FYROM	32987	18303	1525	427	5177	7555	30.7
Russian Fed.	18580	12487	1040	2026	2223	804	65.8
Serbia	23419	14025	172	482	1759	6981	51.4
Turkey	66072	2571	1467	5042	9379	47613	6.3
Ukraine	10712	2558	147	786	2813	4408	21.5
Other countries	16162	13694	417	1460	304	287	-10.0
Israel	7471	6905	47	405	77	37	-20.1
Canada	1420	1177	69	83	22	69	22.0
USA	5827	4361	296	802	196	172	-6.8
Japan	1444	1251	5	170	9	9	20.3
Rest of the world	26372	6190	494	3358	4584	11746	13.9