



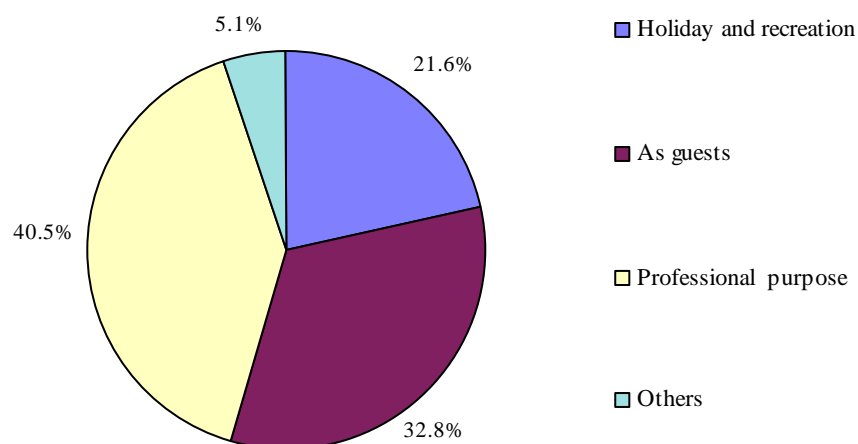
## TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS IN ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN JUNE 2010

In June 2010 the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad was 316.9 thousand, which was 34.8% less than the number of the trips in June 2009 (Table 1).

As compared to the corresponding month of 2009, an increase in the total number of the trips was registered only to Denmark - by 4.3%, but 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 86.7%, Israel - by 57.8%, Greece - by 57.7%, Slovakia - by 54.8%, Czech Rep. - by 53.6%, Malta - by 48.8%, Canada - by 46.9%, Romania - by 46.3%, USA - by 44.0%, Austria - by 42.1%, Finland - by 41.8% and Hungary - by 38.3%.

The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the trips with professional purpose - 40.5%, followed up by visits as guests - 32.8%, trips with holiday and recreation - 21.6%, and others - 5.1%.

**Figure 1. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit in June 2010**

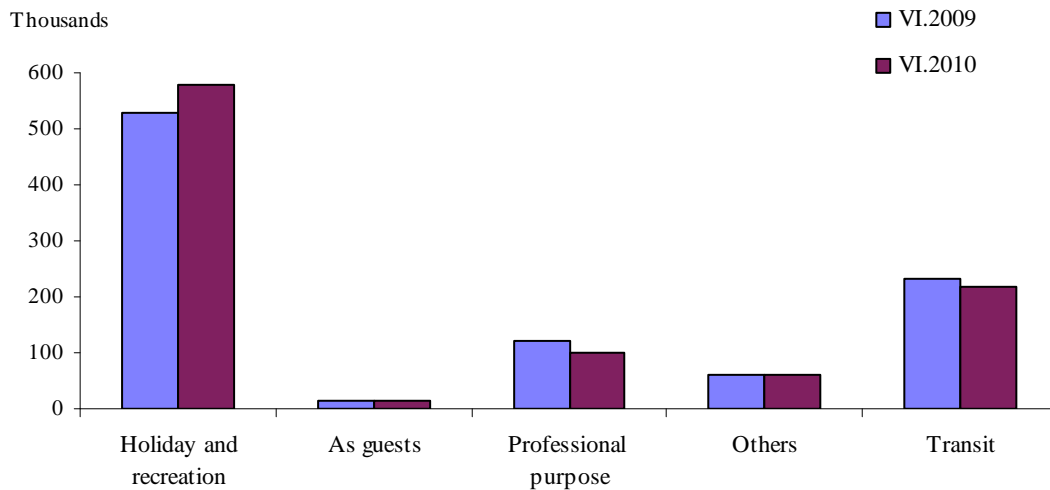


In June 2010, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 970.2 thousand or 1.4% more than the number of trips in the corresponding month of 2009 (Table 2).

In comparison with June 2009, an increase was registered in the number of visitors with purpose holiday and recreation by 9.2% and with others – by 3.4%, a decrease was recorded in visits with professional purpose by 17.3%, visits as guests - by 8.9% and the visitors passing transit - by 6.7%.



**Figure 2. Number of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit**

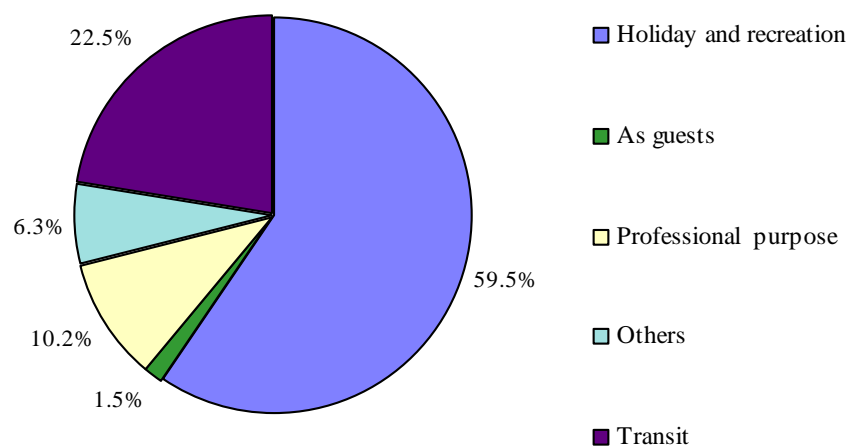


The arrivals of visitors from EU Member States fell by 3.1%, while the highest drop was registered in the number of visits from Slovakia and Denmark - 66.2 and 56.1% respectively. An increase was registered in the visits from Greece - by 116.3%, Spain - by 47.3%, Italy - by 28.2%, Austria - by 10.1%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries” <sup>1[1]</sup> increased by 19.5%. The largest growth was observed in the number of arrivals of citizens from FYROM - by 27.2%, Ukraine - by 24.9% and Russian Federation - by 24.5%.

In June 2010, arrivals with purpose holiday and recreation composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners’ visited Bulgaria - 59.5%, followed by transit purpose - 22.5%, professional purpose - 10.2%, others - 10.2% and visits as guests - 1.5%.

**Figure 3. Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in June 2010**



<sup>1</sup> Group of “Other European countries” include countries in Europe outside EU.



### **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.



**Table 1**

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

| Country of destination          | Total - number | Purpose of visit - number |               |               |              | VI.2010 as % to VI.2009 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------|
|                                 |                | Holiday and recreation    | As guests     | Professional  | Others       |                         |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>316878</b>  | <b>68572</b>              | <b>103765</b> | <b>128256</b> | <b>16285</b> | <b>-34.8</b>            |
| <b>EU</b>                       | <b>150212</b>  | <b>37647</b>              | <b>16729</b>  | <b>91369</b>  | <b>4467</b>  | <b>-50.0</b>            |
| <b>of which:</b>                |                |                           |               |               |              |                         |
| Austria                         | 4053           | 1326                      | 268           | 2316          | 143          | -42.1                   |
| Belgium                         | 1912           | 425                       | 250           | 1135          | 102          | -33.5                   |
| United Kingdom                  | 6722           | 1337                      | 1050          | 3517          | 818          | -31.6                   |
| Germany                         | 14043          | 3375                      | 1150          | 8732          | 786          | -31.2                   |
| Greece                          | 78271          | 15609                     | 9740          | 51319         | 1603         | -57.7                   |
| Denmark                         | 416            | 85                        | 71            | 218           | 42           | 4.3                     |
| Ireland                         | 181            | 50                        | 41            | 29            | 61           | -5.7                    |
| Spain                           | 6055           | 2117                      | 592           | 3114          | 232          | -30.9                   |
| Italy                           | 5596           | 2112                      | 263           | 3106          | 115          | -29.0                   |
| Cyprus                          | 1246           | 365                       | 222           | 600           | 59           | -27.5                   |
| Malta                           | 106            | 32                        | 15            | 59            | -            | -48.8                   |
| Netherlands                     | 1893           | 558                       | 163           | 1129          | 43           | -29.6                   |
| Poland                          | 1459           | 518                       | 162           | 735           | 44           | -34.1                   |
| Portugal                        | 265            | 176                       | 4             | 83            | 2            | -22.1                   |
| Romania                         | 21879          | 7794                      | 2246          | 11732         | 107          | -46.3                   |
| Slovakia                        | 147            | 28                        | 1             | 113           | 5            | -54.8                   |
| Slovenia                        | 180            | 42                        | 4             | 132           | 2            | -23.1                   |
| Hungary                         | 1327           | 311                       | 211           | 678           | 127          | -38.3                   |
| Finland                         | 85             | 7                         | 6             | 62            | 10           | -41.8                   |
| France                          | 2589           | 793                       | 131           | 1596          | 69           | -36.0                   |
| Czech Rep.                      | 1387           | 534                       | 81            | 726           | 46           | -53.6                   |
| Sweden                          | 219            | 38                        | 53            | 90            | 38           | -37.8                   |
| <b>Other European countries</b> | <b>162126</b>  | <b>29954</b>              | <b>86775</b>  | <b>34496</b>  | <b>10901</b> | <b>-9.3</b>             |
| Norway                          | 332            | 69                        | 80            | 96            | 87           | -15.5                   |
| FYROM                           | 25863          | 3830                      | 11686         | 5716          | 4631         | -11.2                   |
| Russian Fed.                    | 1355           | 329                       | 136           | 695           | 195          | -34.2                   |
| Serbia                          | 24526          | 12557                     | 1066          | 10273         | 630          | -27.4                   |
| Turkey                          | 109200         | 13017                     | 73672         | 17220         | 5291         | -2.8                    |
| Ukraine                         | 850            | 152                       | 135           | 496           | 67           | -27.5                   |
| <b>Other countries</b>          | <b>1131</b>    | <b>69</b>                 | <b>45</b>     | <b>355</b>    | <b>662</b>   | <b>-51.4</b>            |
| Israel                          | 468            | 31                        | 22            | 289           | 126          | -57.8                   |
| Canada                          | 119            | 4                         | 4             | 10            | 101          | -46.9                   |
| USA                             | 540            | 33                        | 19            | 53            | 435          | -44.0                   |
| Japan                           | 4              | 1                         | -             | 3             | -            | -86.7                   |
| <b>Rest of the world</b>        | <b>3409</b>    | <b>902</b>                | <b>216</b>    | <b>2036</b>   | <b>255</b>   | <b>-18.0</b>            |



Table 2

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

| Country of origin               | Total - number | Purpose of visit - number |              |              |              |               | VI.2010 as % to VI.2009 |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|
|                                 |                | Holiday and recreation    | As guests    | Professional | Others       | Transit       |                         |
| <b>Total</b>                    | <b>970225</b>  | <b>576954</b>             | <b>14607</b> | <b>99250</b> | <b>61207</b> | <b>218207</b> | <b>1.4</b>              |
| <b>EU</b>                       | <b>636865</b>  | <b>396235</b>             | <b>5661</b>  | <b>80178</b> | <b>35642</b> | <b>119149</b> | <b>-3.1</b>             |
| <b>of which:</b>                |                |                           |              |              |              |               |                         |
| Austria                         | 13321          | 7438                      | 172          | 2711         | 286          | 2714          | 10.1                    |
| Belgium                         | 6705           | 3413                      | 16           | 1408         | 167          | 1701          | -42.9                   |
| United Kingdom                  | 46094          | 36286                     | 323          | 4572         | 677          | 4236          | 5.4                     |
| Germany                         | 86760          | 66221                     | 922          | 8428         | 2292         | 8897          | -29.8                   |
| Greece                          | 153089         | 106426                    | 1274         | 24295        | 12403        | 8691          | 116.3                   |
| Denmark                         | 6194           | 3907                      | 32           | 414          | 355          | 1486          | -56.1                   |
| Ireland                         | 3996           | 3273                      | 21           | 37           | 36           | 629           | -55.1                   |
| Spain                           | 5484           | 3363                      | 150          | 1062         | 150          | 759           | 47.3                    |
| Italy                           | 13303          | 6955                      | 221          | 3538         | 420          | 2169          | 28.2                    |
| Cyprus                          | 2903           | 1673                      | 84           | 464          | 215          | 467           | -14.6                   |
| Malta                           | 910            | 566                       | -            | 168          | 19           | 157           | -28.4                   |
| Netherlands                     | 9963           | 5744                      | 154          | 1480         | 340          | 2245          | -13.0                   |
| Poland                          | 24872          | 17441                     | 761          | 2527         | 1591         | 2552          | -40.1                   |
| Portugal                        | 746            | 487                       | 2            | 238          | 7            | 12            | -13.2                   |
| Romania                         | 193784         | 90374                     | 871          | 19088        | 13904        | 69547         | 4.9                     |
| Slovakia                        | 4746           | 2303                      | 80           | 454          | 481          | 1428          | -66.2                   |
| Slovenia                        | 1961           | 982                       | 5            | 661          | 53           | 260           | -24.3                   |
| Hungary                         | 11384          | 5441                      | 84           | 2355         | 749          | 2755          | -42.4                   |
| Finland                         | 6548           | 3100                      | 52           | 468          | 144          | 2784          | -40.6                   |
| France                          | 19302          | 14079                     | 147          | 3203         | 238          | 1635          | -7.3                    |
| Czech Rep.                      | 10678          | 7698                      | 192          | 1038         | 444          | 1306          | -55.6                   |
| Sweden                          | 8965           | 5640                      | 39           | 1049         | 532          | 1705          | -41.1                   |
| <b>Other European countries</b> | <b>251108</b>  | <b>126959</b>             | <b>7447</b>  | <b>13256</b> | <b>20188</b> | <b>83258</b>  | <b>19.5</b>             |
| Norway                          | 4564           | 4056                      | 10           | 367          | 8            | 123           | -63.1                   |
| FYROM                           | 32968          | 17741                     | 1774         | 450          | 5100         | 7903          | 27.2                    |
| Russian Fed.                    | 84081          | 71628                     | 3240         | 5689         | 2349         | 1175          | 24.5                    |
| Serbia                          | 25377          | 14046                     | 247          | 255          | 1812         | 9017          | 21.7                    |
| Turkey                          | 77756          | 2736                      | 1933         | 4574         | 7938         | 60575         | -6.9                    |
| Ukraine                         | 26362          | 16752                     | 243          | 1921         | 2981         | 4465          | 24.9                    |
| <b>Other countries</b>          | <b>26590</b>   | <b>23748</b>              | <b>800</b>   | <b>1361</b>  | <b>366</b>   | <b>315</b>    | <b>12.2</b>             |
| Israel                          | 13439          | 12804                     | 104          | 413          | 88           | 30            | -2.3                    |
| Canada                          | 2209           | 1829                      | 158          | 113          | 40           | 69            | 22.2                    |
| USA                             | 9110           | 7499                      | 529          | 656          | 229          | 197           | 30.3                    |
| Japan                           | 1832           | 1616                      | 9            | 179          | 9            | 19            | 61.7                    |
| <b>Rest of the world</b>        | <b>55662</b>   | <b>30012</b>              | <b>699</b>   | <b>4455</b>  | <b>5011</b>  | <b>15485</b>  | <b>24.0</b>             |