



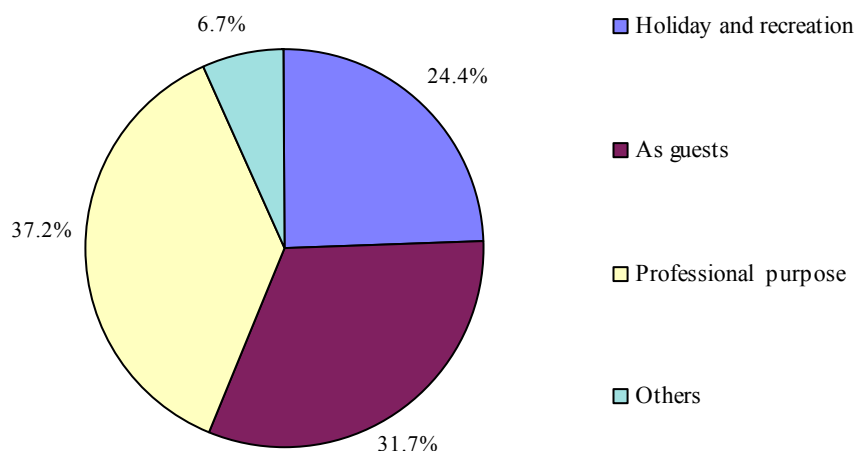
TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN JULY 2010

In July 2010 the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad was 355.9 thousand, or 31.9% less than the number of the trips in July 2009 (Table 1).

As compared to the corresponding month of 2009, an increase in the total number of the trips was registered only to Norway - by 20.7% and Turkey - by 9.5%. At the same time a decrease in the number of the trips to all other surveyed countries was observed. The highest decline was registered in the trips to Japan - by 63.6%, Slovakia - by 63.0%, Greece - by 60.6%, Malta - by 51.0%, Romania - by 47.7%, Israel - by 47.4%, Ireland - by 37.4%, France - by 37.2%, Sweden - by 37.1%, Hungary - by 32.0%, Italy - by 31.2% and Russian Federation - by 30.7%.

The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the trips with professional purpose - 37.2%, followed up by visits as guests - 31.7%, holiday and recreation - 24.4%, and others - 6.7%.

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

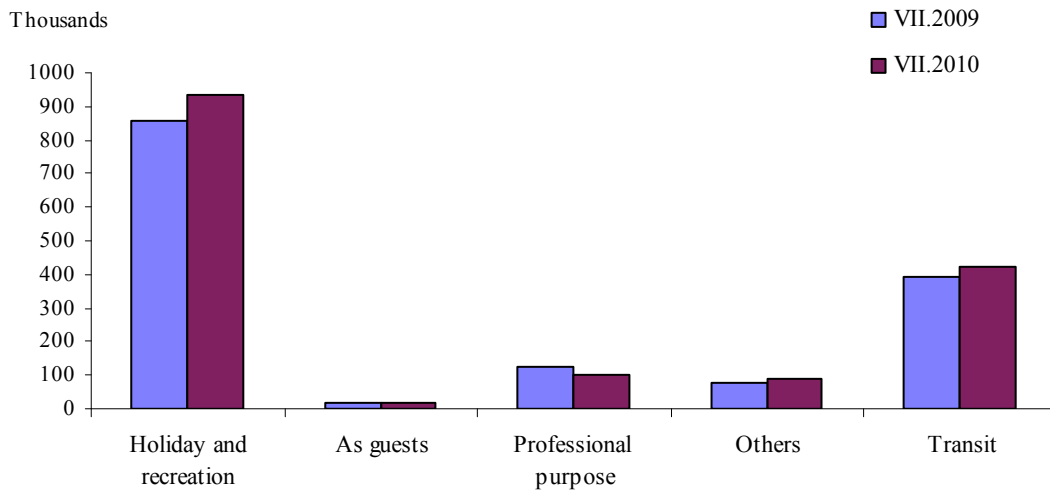


In July 2010, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 1 568.9 thousand or 6.9% more than the number of trips in the corresponding month of 2009 (Table 2).

In comparison with July 2009, an increase in the number of visitors with purpose holiday and recreation by 9.2% was registered. The visits with other purposes and visitors passing transit increased by 11.6 and 8.3% respectively. At the same time, a decrease was recorded in visits with professional purpose by 17.8% and visits as guests - by 1.8%.



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

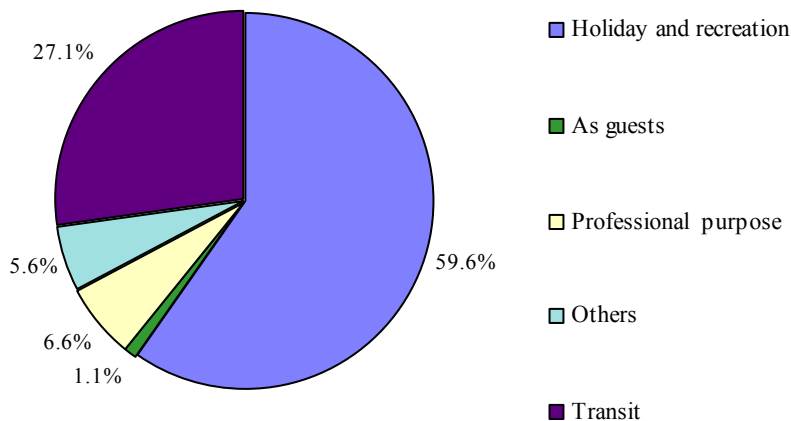


The arrivals of visitors from EU Member States fell by 1.9%, while the highest drop was observed in the number of visits from Ireland and Sweden - 39.1 and 28.9% respectively. An increase was registered in the visits from Spain - by 4.2%, Malta - by 4.2%, Rumania - by 3.2%, Cyprus - by 3.1%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries”^{1[1]} increased by 31.4%. The largest growth was observed in the number of arrivals of citizens from Russian Federation - by 35.1%, Turkey - by 34.7% and FYROM - by 34.2%.

In July 2010, arrivals with purpose holiday and recreation composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners’ visited Bulgaria - 59.6%, followed by transit trips - 27.1%, professional purpose - 6.6%, others - 5.6% and visits as guests - 1.1%.

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



¹ 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 JULY 2010

Country of destination	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number				VII.2010 as % to VII.2009
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	
Total	355917	86932	112784	132503	23698	-31.9
EU	159726	46071	17096	90819	5740	-32.0
of which:						
Austria	4128	1361	218	2340	209	-30.6
Belgium	2715	891	374	1223	227	-12.6
United Kingdom	7317	1753	1198	3382	984	-25.9
Germany	15503	4487	1222	8890	904	-25.8
Greece	81052	19400	9839	49978	1835	-60.6
Denmark	457	94	50	245	68	-25.3
Ireland	154	44	36	14	60	-37.4
Spain	7660	2723	576	3974	387	-27.6
Italy	6021	2274	294	3321	132	-31.2
Cyprus	1239	422	151	633	33	-24.6
Malta	102	41	8	47	6	-51.0
Netherlands	2352	860	179	1162	151	-11.6
Poland	1686	589	194	847	56	-26.8
Portugal	194	119	1	70	4	-21.8
Romania	22424	8830	2276	11057	261	-47.7
Slovakia	136	45	2	87	2	-63.0
Slovenia	235	80	2	150	3	-5.6
Hungary	1456	385	209	712	150	-32.0
Finland	88	19	12	35	22	-9.3
France	2574	815	125	1545	89	-37.2
Czech Rep.	1716	687	86	851	92	-26.9
Sweden	270	90	31	100	49	-37.1
Other European countries	190256	39719	95293	39150	16094	0.7
Norway	438	35	192	99	112	20.7
FYROM	28963	3441	13529	6625	5368	-5.2
Russian Fed.	1566	278	195	795	298	-30.7
Serbia	30324	16644	1289	11681	710	-19.7
Turkey	127838	19095	79945	19359	9439	9.5
Ukraine	1127	226	143	591	167	-15.3
Other countries	1807	100	49	453	1205	-36.2
Israel	616	46	26	389	155	-47.4
Canada	271	12	3	18	238	-28.5
USA	916	42	20	45	809	-27.9
Japan	4	-	-	1	3	-63.6
Rest of the world	4128	1042	346	2081	659	-10.2



Table 2

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

Country of origin	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number					VII.2010 as % to VII.2009
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	Transit	
Total	1568897	935583	17677	103776	87269	424592	6.9
EU	1045963	664886	6872	86467	59234	228504	-1.9
of which:							
Austria	41853	16456	162	5383	237	19615	-10.6
Belgium	25050	13857	120	2763	1301	7009	1.9
United Kingdom	66307	54324	501	5310	4521	1651	-4.9
Germany	220585	166348	1841	10950	4389	37057	1.6
Greece	92869	38546	1402	22693	20310	9918	2.0
Denmark	42927	38188	28	1512	649	2550	1.5
Ireland	6821	4578	8	42	6	2187	-39.1
Spain	8443	5164	81	1575	626	997	4.2
Italy	15149	6518	324	4582	1659	2066	-3.2
Cyprus	3634	2378	61	1157	4	34	3.1
Malta	740	729	1	8	2	-	4.2
Netherlands	48604	27087	224	1707	1681	17905	-9.0
Poland	83615	67948	157	2418	1737	11355	2.0
Portugal	2387	1884	6	489	7	1	-5.1
Romania	193876	83062	1542	16260	15122	77890	3.2
Slovakia	35181	19041	48	995	500	14597	-5.0
Slovenia	4494	3142	4	652	49	647	-3.8
Hungary	32594	23040	51	2097	907	6499	-10.8
Finland	12515	10930	7	289	2	1287	-26.0
France	43698	27986	153	3710	3141	8708	2.6
Czech Rep.	46647	37004	122	1547	2228	5746	-2.2
Sweden	12603	11803	21	85	37	657	-28.9
Other European countries	405611	188041	9086	13240	20768	174476	31.4
Norway	17068	16860	12	45	118	33	-8.1
FYROM	42106	25771	1361	458	4629	9887	34.2
Russian Fed.	101392	87909	3510	5441	2672	1860	35.1
Serbia	42720	26340	327	276	1851	13926	31.8
Turkey	162750	3696	3515	4782	7681	143076	34.7
Ukraine	39575	27465	361	2238	3817	5694	30.1
Other countries	40347	64383	635	1218	258	420	20.3
Israel	27920	27370	61	378	67	44	32.4
Canada	2446	2070	122	79	34	141	22.4
USA	8962	7573	437	576	151	225	-8.0
Japan	1019	27370	15	185	6	10	43.1
Rest of the world	76976	18273	1084	2851	7009	21192	27.8