

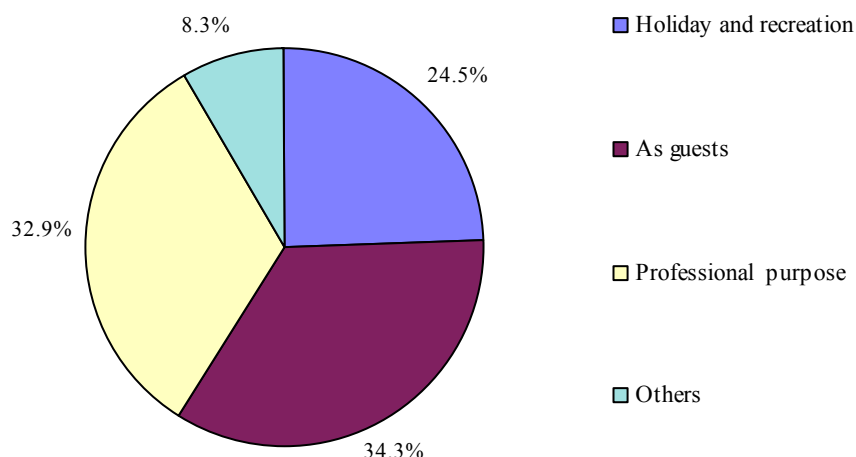


TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS IN ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN AUGUST 2010

In August 2010, the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad was 379.7 thousand, or 30.6% less than the number of the trips in August 2009 (Table 1). An increase in the total number of the trips was registered only to Turkey - by 5.3%, Cyprus - by 3.4% and Portugal - by 0.3%. 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 Greece - by 59.4%, Slovakia - by 48.4%, Romania - by 45.8%, Israel - by 38.4%, Czech Republic - by 34.8%, Ireland - by 32.1%, Russian Federation - by 30.5%, France - by 29.6%, Italy - by 29.0%, Slovenia - by 28.0%, Spain - by 28.0% and Hungary - by 27.1%.

The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the visits as guests - 34.3%, followed up by trips with professional purpose - 32.9%, holiday and recreation - 24.5%, and others - 8.3%.

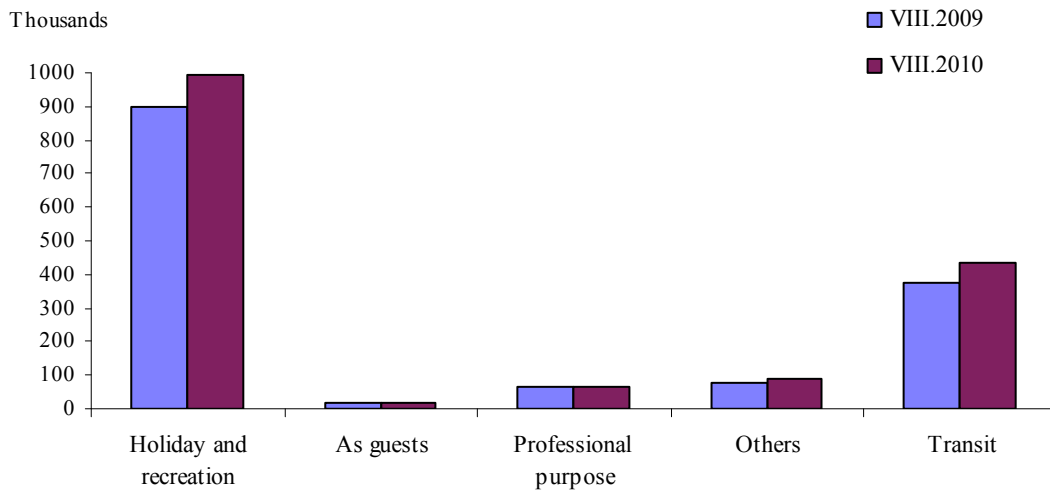
Figure 1. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit in August 2010



In August 2010, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 1 596.8 thousand or 11.3% more than the number of trips in the corresponding month of 2009 (Table 2). An increase in the number of visitors with purpose holiday and recreation by 10.7 % was registered. The visits with other purposes and visitors passing transit were increased by 15.7% and 15.5% respectively. At the same time, a decrease was recorded in visits with professional purpose by 4.1% and visits as guests - by 9.2%.



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

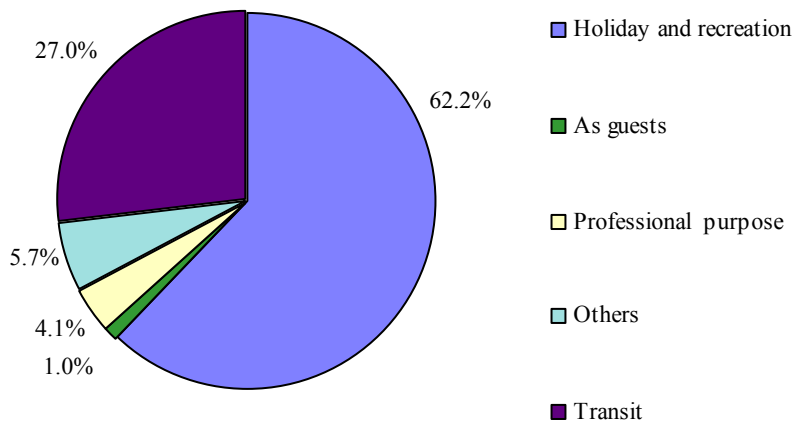


The arrivals of visitors from EU Member States rose by 1.8%, while the highest growth was observed in the number of visits from Malta and Netherlands - by 13.8% and by 11.4% respectively. A decrease was registered in the visits from France - by 8.0%, Poland - by 5.1%, Slovenia - by 2.6%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group "Other European countries"¹ were increased by 47.6%. The largest growth was observed in the number of arrivals of citizens from Turkey - by 74.0%, Ukraine - by 43.3% and Serbia - by 42.1%.

In August 2010, arrivals with purpose holiday and recreation composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners' visited Bulgaria - 62.2%, followed by transit trips - 27.0%, others - 5.7%, professional purpose - 4.1% and visits as guests - 1.0%.

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

Country of destination	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number				VIII.2010 as % to VIII.2009
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	
Total	379734	92834	130431	124996	31473	-30.6
EU	172477	52461	23745	86975	9296	-48.7
of which:						
Austria	4627	1734	314	2270	309	-21.2
Belgium	3843	1491	327	1572	453	-18.4
United Kingdom	7861	2109	989	3344	1419	-17.0
Germany	16781	4651	1157	9457	1516	-24.2
Greece	83731	20150	16239	44598	2744	-59.4
Denmark	474	122	62	181	109	-22.0
Ireland	197	32	41	28	96	-32.1
Spain	9231	3892	585	4093	661	-28.0
Italy	6270	3039	377	2558	296	-29.0
Cyprus	1621	493	138	858	132	3.4
Malta	138	72	6	54	6	-22.5
Netherlands	2818	1100	231	1262	225	-18.5
Poland	1968	703	159	1009	97	-24.0
Portugal	307	161	2	122	22	0.3
Romania	24788	9867	2587	11846	488	-45.8
Slovakia	182	76	1	97	8	-48.4
Slovenia	239	99	5	127	8	-28.0
Hungary	1692	544	274	679	195	-27.1
Finland	70	13	3	37	17	-19.5
France	3229	1266	130	1601	232	-29.6
Czech Rep.	1960	747	86	935	192	-34.8
Sweden	253	60	17	123	53	-15.9
Other European countries	198955	39096	106290	35233	18336	-0.6
Norway	311	47	53	58	153	-21.1
FYROM	31513	5304	14085	6159	5965	-1.4
Russian Fed.	1762	288	167	783	524	-30.5
Serbia	31075	17302	1798	11251	724	-17.4
Turkey	132956	15886	90053	16188	10829	5.3
Ukraine	1338	269	134	794	141	-3.7
Other countries	3582	159	40	539	2844	-25.9
Israel	732	40	11	404	277	-38.4
Canada	658	21	11	25	601	-16.6
USA	2172	88	17	109	1958	-23.5
Japan	20	10	1	1	8	-9.1
Rest of the world	4720	1118	356	2249	997	-23.1



Table 2

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

Country of origin	Total number	Purpose of visit - number					VIII.2010 as % to VIII.2009
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	Transit	
Total	1596841	993295	15916	64452	91595	431583	11.3
EU	1078455	729140	6503	48843	61157	232812	1.8
of which:							
Austria	46747	22557	270	3624	229	20067	-1.8
Belgium	26780	15784	123	1347	1355	8171	1.0
United Kingdom	48991	38167	624	3589	4722	1889	2.9
Germany	243743	187475	1489	9338	4529	40912	1.1
Greece	109798	65124	1235	11064	21228	11147	2.6
Denmark	16795	12742	29	737	678	2609	7.7
Ireland	6053	4884	8	20	4	1137	-1.9
Spain	13831	9809	183	968	1651	1220	10.7
Italy	20414	11954	392	2234	1720	4114	1.6
Cyprus	3306	2537	163	564	7	35	7.1
Malta	66	58	2	4	2	-	13.8
Netherlands	51151	28899	245	932	1757	19318	11.4
Poland	86551	72493	101	1179	2161	10617	-5.1
Portugal	1919	1410	6	238	7	258	8.3
Romania	192412	88618	1012	7927	15168	79687	7.3
Slovakia	25183	15315	29	485	420	8934	1.6
Slovenia	5674	4352	2	318	40	962	-2.6
Hungary	29963	23381	72	1022	839	4649	-3.8
Finland	11130	9661	28	121	3	1317	7.7
France	45004	30858	257	1909	3071	8909	-8.0
Czech Rep.	75723	67270	101	1054	1419	5879	0.6
Sweden	9663	8593	112	51	35	872	7.9
Other European countries	395008	175305	7841	12192	23054	176616	47.6
Norway	19173	17988	12	22	117	1034	22.4
FYROM	38097	23745	1938	392	5234	6788	28.0
Russian Fed.	87461	75393	2482	4427	3025	2134	29.7
Serbia	39460	23340	193	396	1927	13604	42.1
Turkey	163971	2572	2861	4346	8583	145609	74.0
Ukraine	46846	32267	355	2609	4168	7447	43.3
Other countries	46654	44245	544	1142	392	331	28.0
Israel	35392	34872	47	377	62	34	39.9
Canada	2072	1772	100	69	35	96	1.0
USA	8047	6644	380	565	289	169	-2.6
Japan	1143	957	17	131	6	32	35.6
Rest of the world	76724	44605	1028	2275	6992	21824	8.2