

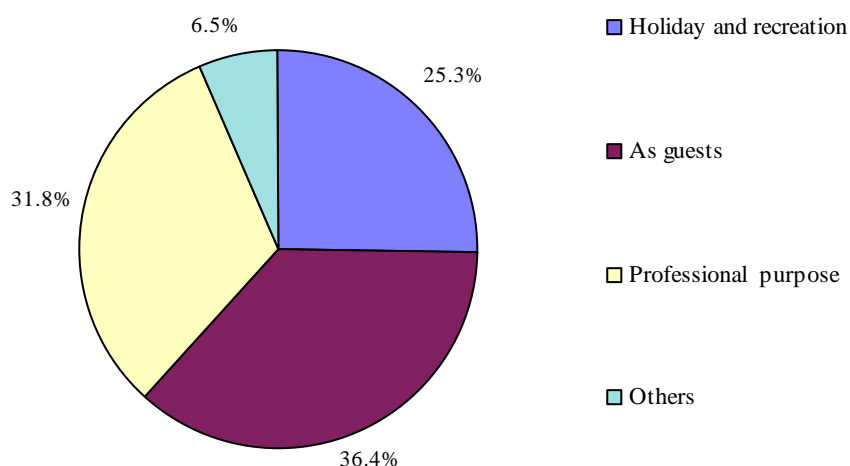


## TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN SEPTEMBER 2010

In September 2010, the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad was 354.8 thousand, or 21.4% less than the number of the trips in September 2009 (Table 1). An increase in the total number of the trips was registered only to Turkey - by 7.4%. 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 Slovakia - by 55.6%, Japan - by 55.6%, Switzerland - by 51.0%, Portugal - by 43.9%, Israel - by 43.7%, Italy - by 39.6%, United Kingdom - by 38.9%, Spain - by 37.8%, Greece - by 37.6%, France - by 37.1%, Czech Republic - by 36.0% and Poland - by 35.6%.

The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the visits as guests - 36.4%, followed up by trips with professional purpose - 31.8%, holiday and recreation - 25.3%, and others - 6.5%.

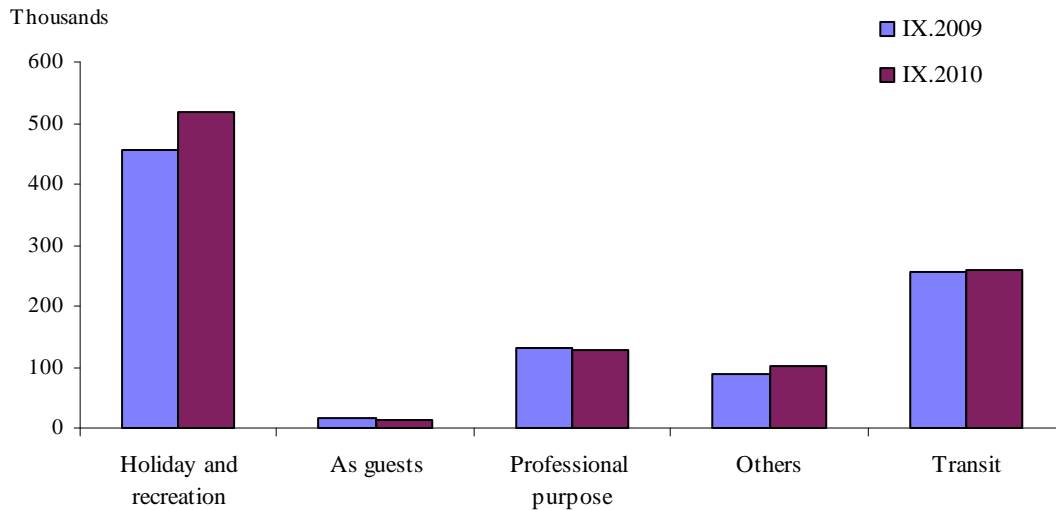
**Figure 1. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit in September 2010**



In September 2010, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 1 018.5 thousand or 8.1% 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 13.1 % was registered. The visits with other purposes and visitors passing transit were increased by 15.2% and 2.1% respectively. At the same time, a decrease was recorded in visits with professional purpose by 0.3% and visits as guests - by 26.3%.



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

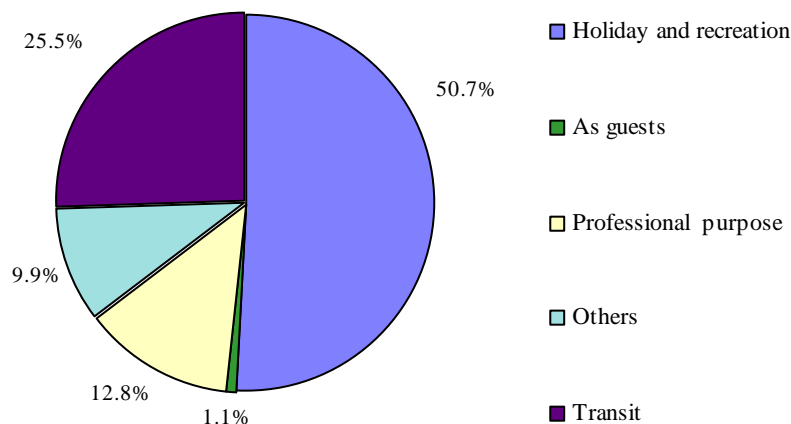


The arrivals of visitors from EU Member States rose by 2.3%, while the highest growth was observed in the number of visits from Portugal and Cyprus - 27.9% and 20.3% respectively. A decrease was registered in the visits from Sweden - by 22.5%, France - by 19.4%, Italy - by 13.1%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group 'Other European countries'<sup>1</sup> were increased by 25.4%. The largest growth was observed in the number of arrivals of citizens from FYROM - by 59.2%, Serbia - by 47.0% and Russian Federation - by 44.6%.

In September 2010, arrivals with purpose holiday and recreation composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners visited to Bulgaria - 50.7%, followed by transit trips - 25.5%, professional purpose - 12.8%, others - 9.9% and visits as guests - 1.1%.

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



<sup>1</sup> The group 'Other European countries' includes 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 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Country of destination	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number				IX.2010 as % to IX.2009
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	
<b>Total</b>	<b>354770</b>	<b>89754</b>	<b>129290</b>	<b>112719</b>	<b>23007</b>	<b>-21.4</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>155306</b>	<b>50065</b>	<b>21583</b>	<b>76740</b>	<b>6918</b>	<b>-36.6</b>
of which:						
Austria	4143	1588	256	2059	240	-35.0
Belgium	2327	750	304	989	284	-25.9
United Kingdom	6470	1622	983	2479	1386	-38.9
Germany	14055	4009	1025	7777	1244	-35.4
Greece	74422	21303	15108	36879	1132	-37.6
Denmark	292	43	39	142	68	-25.9
Ireland	242	10	68	14	150	-5.5
Spain	7840	3472	445	3125	798	-37.8
Italy	5698	2708	224	2464	302	-39.6
Cyprus	1318	342	151	754	71	-29.3
Malta	83	51	7	25	-	-28.4
Netherlands	1748	640	86	902	120	-34.4
Poland	1717	634	117	893	73	-35.6
Portugal	217	85	6	120	6	-43.9
Romania	27660	10503	2147	14486	524	-35.5
Slovakia	103	20	1	74	8	-55.6
Slovenia	233	84	-	146	3	-30.7
Hungary	1637	319	295	831	192	-29.0
Finland	68	10	6	39	13	-27.7
France	2946	1036	191	1603	116	-37.1
Czech Rep.	1778	770	99	773	136	-36.0
Sweden	184	49	16	88	31	-20.7
Switzerland	195032	38905	107493	34145	14489	-2.4
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>-29.8</b>
Norway	28299	3153	14151	6055	4940	-9.1
FYROM	1283	173	125	660	325	-33.7
Russian Fed.	27802	14511	1665	11112	514	-25.8
Serbia	135786	20559	91404	15332	8491	7.4
Turkey	973	207	73	628	65	-7.5
Ukraine	684	276	25	327	56	-51.0
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>1645</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>1186</b>	<b>-36.8</b>
Israel	489	24	17	272	176	-43.7
Canada	297	8	3	11	275	-31.4
USA	855	35	8	78	734	-33.8
Japan	4	-	-	3	1	-55.6
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>2787</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>1470</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>-30.7</b>



**Table 2**

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

Country of origin	Total number	Purpose of visit - number					IX.2010 as % to IX.2009
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	Transit	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1018592</b>	<b>516485</b>	<b>11560</b>	<b>129209</b>	<b>101020</b>	<b>260318</b>	<b>8.1</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>730064</b>	<b>379327</b>	<b>5379</b>	<b>117058</b>	<b>69134</b>	<b>159166</b>	<b>2.3</b>
of which:							
Austria	30904	11957	301	5821	853	11972	14.2
Belgium	13062	8367	137	2907	269	1382	1.2
United Kingdom	38622	25231	297	6745	5128	1221	-5.6
Germany	163560	104376	688	20152	4896	33448	-5.9
Greece	95008	37521	1379	23877	23025	9206	18.8
Denmark	7921	5754	32	1891	218	26	6.0
Ireland	2101	1589	9	243	5	255	6.2
Spain	9775	5200	204	2089	793	1489	4.3
Italy	17917	7337	238	4821	1861	3660	-13.1
Cyprus	716	345	15	217	16	123	20.3
Malta	179	41	2	29	12	95	-4.8
Netherlands	20983	10315	174	3011	895	6588	5.8
Poland	49292	38427	113	2544	3345	4863	18.3
Portugal	670	447	7	104	25	87	27.9
Romania	169372	49974	1130	27107	21647	69514	7.5
Slovakia	9508	4118	5	547	1063	3775	6.5
Slovenia	2572	1307	2	586	55	622	11.8
Hungary	19860	12394	80	3206	1175	3005	3.6
Finland	7196	6121	31	261	32	751	-7.6
France	33860	21357	287	5120	3337	3759	-19.4
Czech Rep.	26151	19658	103	3275	314	2801	1.7
Sweden	6436	4555	125	1450	42	264	-22.5
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>216330</b>	<b>91010</b>	<b>5278</b>	<b>8218</b>	<b>24743</b>	<b>87081</b>	<b>25.4</b>
Norway	10391	9535	13	47	128	668	13.5
FYROM	40363	26103	1281	433	5565	6981	59.2
Russian Fed.	33457	26224	1076	1988	2631	1538	44.6
Serbia	27895	14952	248	427	2054	10214	47.0
Turkey	77943	2159	2352	4145	9996	59291	2.5
Ukraine	19497	7924	193	926	3907	6547	42.3
Switzerland	6784	4113	115	252	462	1842	8.8
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>33788</b>	<b>31167</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>1298</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>32.5</b>
Israel	23682	23118	51	346	97	70	63.1
Canada	1808	1581	55	79	36	57	-0.9
USA	7467	5815	235	731	532	154	-9.4
Japan	831	653	9	142	13	14	-9.6
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>38410</b>	<b>14981</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>2635</b>	<b>6465</b>	<b>13776</b>	<b>26.6</b>