

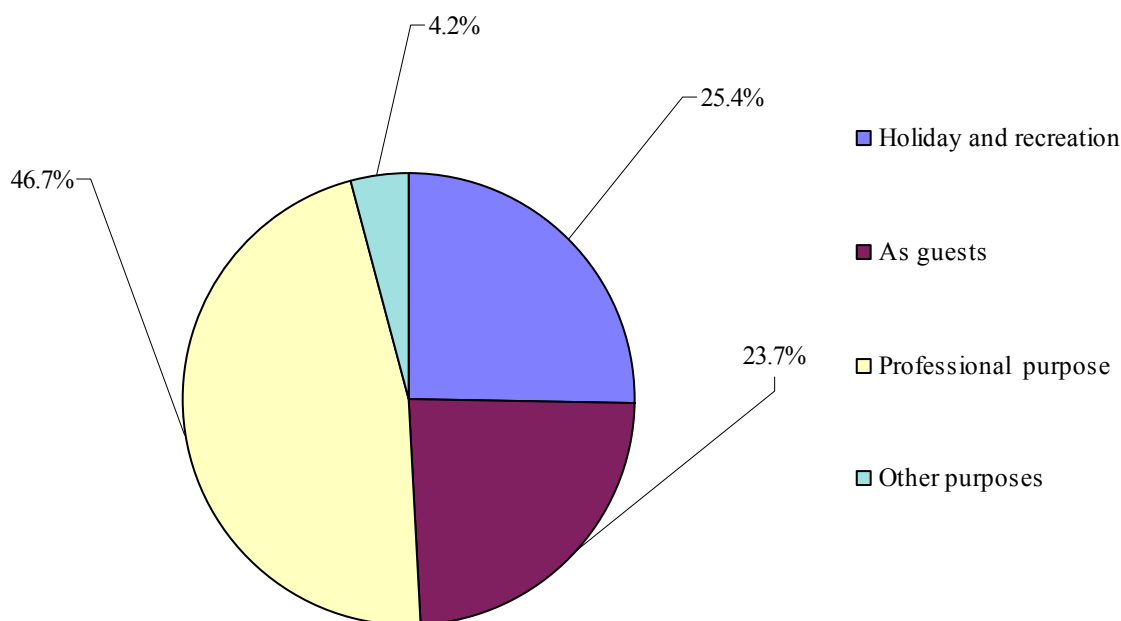


## **Trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad and arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria in October 2009**

The number of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad was 361.9 thousand in October 2009, which was 19.8% less than the number of the trips in October 2008 (Annex 1).

As compared to the same month of 2008 an increase in the total number of the trips was registered, namely to: Portugal - by 98.5%, Norway - by 26.8% and Macedonia - by 6.2%. At the same time, a decrease was registered in the number of the trips for all other observed countries. The highest decline was observed in the trips to Japan - by 72.7%, Slovenia - by 59.8%, Finland - by 56.6%, Malta - by 54.7%, France - by 45.6%, Slovakia - by 45.5%, followed by USA - by 44.1%, Austria - by 41.2%, Sweden - by 40.8%, Ukraine - by 40.1%, Greece - by 39.6%, Czech Republic - by 36.9%, Israel - by 31.8%, Canada - by 31.8% Cyprus - 30.9%.

The highest share of the trips of the Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the trips with professional purpose - 46.7%, followed by the trips with holiday and recreation purpose - 25.4%, visits as guests - 23.7% and other purposes - 4.2%.



### **Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad by purpose of visit in October 2009**

In October 2009, the number of the arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 454.2 thousand or 2.6% less than the number of the trips in the same month of 2008 (Annex 2).

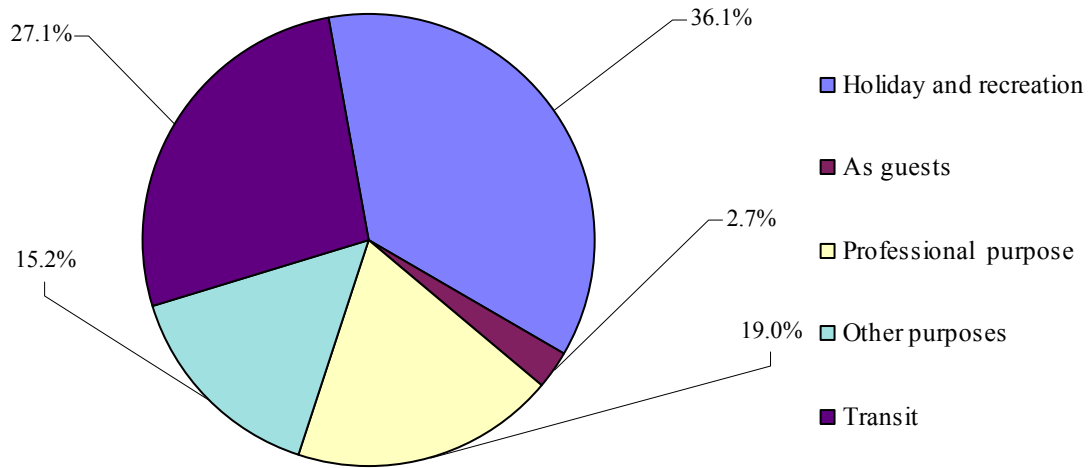
In respect to EU Member States less visits were observed for the citizens of Malta - by 40.4%, Ireland - by 34.3% and Cyprus - by 14.6%. At the same time, a significant increase of the arrivals was registered from Poland - by 27.9%, Spain - by 11.5%, France - by 11.0%, Italy - by 10.6% and Czech Republic - by 10.3%.

In the group "Other European countries"<sup>1</sup> the highest drop was observed in the number of visits of the citizens from Serbia - by 27.1%, Russian Federation - by 12.6% and Turkey - by 4.2%. At the same time, the increase in the number of visits of the citizens from Norway was

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

seen - by 29.9%.

In October 2009, the arrivals with holiday and recreation purpose composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners' visits to Bulgaria - 36.1%, followed by transit purpose - 27.1%, professional purpose - 19.0%, other purposes - 15.2% and visits as guests - 2.7%.



**Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in October 2009**

### **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 OCTOBER 2009**

Country of destination	Total	Purpose of visit				X 2009 to X 2008 %
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	
<b>Total</b>	<b>361901</b>	<b>91733</b>	<b>85931</b>	<b>169041</b>	<b>15196</b>	<b>-19.8</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>184117</b>	<b>51248</b>	<b>11746</b>	<b>116350</b>	<b>4773</b>	<b>-30.9</b>
<b>of which :</b>						
Austria	5765	2129	285	3195	156	-41.2
Belgium	3391	925	172	2208	86	-16.5
United Kingdom	8740	1298	1082	5742	618	-15.3
Germany	18255	5342	988	11295	630	-30.1
Greece	80818	17800	5481	55543	1994	-39.6
Denmark	263	66	44	118	35	-21.7
Ireland	62	17	15	9	21	-13.9
Spain	8719	2430	593	5309	387	-11.9
Italy	8158	2444	423	5163	128	-23.4
Cyprus	1349	230	152	906	61	-30.9
Malta	121	19	8	91	3	-54.7
Netherlands	2433	874	126	1344	89	-22.9
Poland	1967	944	74	920	29	-14.9
Portugal	262	168	4	85	5	98.5
Romania	36182	14202	1856	19857	267	-11.5
Slovakia	163	44	3	114	2	-45.5
Slovenia	213	82	6	125	0	-59.8
Hungary	2005	492	224	1160	129	-28.0
Finland	33	3	3	22	5	-56.6
France	2783	805	128	1774	76	-45.6
Czech Rep.	2205	885	67	1221	32	-36.9
Sweden	151	35	6	94	16	-40.8
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>171146</b>	<b>38687</b>	<b>73803</b>	<b>49446</b>	<b>9210</b>	<b>-2.1</b>
Norway	279	62	92	43	82	26.8
FYROM	28379	5586	6179	11724	4890	6.2
Russian Fed.	1441	144	96	1070	131	-19.8
Serbia	31417	15452	1149	14007	809	-8.4
Turkey	108700	17131	66175	22166	3228	-1.5
Ukraine	930	312	112	436	70	-40.1
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>1593</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>-37.3</b>
Israel	852	123	39	471	219	-31.8
Canada	161	7	11	14	129	-31.8
USA	571	11	29	40	491	-44.1
Japan	9	2	1	4	2	-72.7
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>5045</b>	<b>1655</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>2716</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>-30.1</b>

**ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA  
BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN OCTOBER 2009**

(Number)

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit					X 2009 to X 2008 %
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Profesional	Others	Transit	
<b>Total</b>	<b>454224</b>	<b>163794</b>	<b>12230</b>	<b>86105</b>	<b>69185</b>	<b>122910</b>	<b>-2.6</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>284570</b>	<b>123156</b>	<b>5787</b>	<b>73074</b>	<b>39584</b>	<b>42963</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>of which :</b>							
Austria	6919	2127	94	4260	157	281	5.8
Belgium	3023	1246	68	633	456	620	1.4
United Kingdom	13288	9585	128	2216	328	1031	5.9
Germany	23388	13996	145	6914	1172	1161	8.5
Greece	77018	38367	2985	9494	18664	7508	-9.0
Denmark	1305	518	39	692	8	48	3.1
Ireland	646	317	3	317	1	8	-34.3
Spain	3408	1075	98	2106	108	21	11.5
Italy	9916	3421	105	5093	122	1175	10.6
Cyprus	1726	788	24	417	287	210	-14.6
Malta	115	15	-	65	9	26	-40.4
Netherlands	3697	1279	7	2016	145	250	7.9
Poland	9464	2685	26	5252	1151	350	27.9
Portugal	611	316	11	275	9	-	5.2
Romania	106821	40170	1921	22246	14593	27891	0.3
Slovakia	2637	1164	29	1046	254	144	7.5
Slovenia	875	174	0	590	66	45	7.2
Hungary	3807	907	8	2183	559	150	4.2
Finland	1613	950	16	633	4	10	-9.6
France	6093	2051	54	2987	172	829	11.0
Czech Rep.	4106	1181	8	2127	700	90	10.3
Sweden	1510	375	6	915	13	201	6.7
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>127538</b>	<b>21260</b>	<b>5784</b>	<b>8339</b>	<b>22436</b>	<b>69719</b>	<b>-7.7</b>
Norway	874	345	21	450	58	-	29.9
FYROM	29707	8136	3851	1175	6522	10023	-3.5
Russian Fed.	6506	2545	392	1104	1944	521	-12.6
Serbia	15508	7360	100	470	1765	5813	-27.1
Turkey	66649	2004	1280	4377	9397	49591	-4.2
Ukraine	8294	870	140	763	2750	3771	-2.3
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>15915</b>	<b>13698</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>1358</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>-16.3</b>
Israel	6431	5810	32	471	96	22	-24.5
Canada	1621	1417	32	93	46	33	-18.2
USA	7139	5906	169	664	237	163	-7.0
Japan	724	565	7	130	8	14	-12.9
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>26201</b>	<b>5680</b>	<b>419</b>	<b>3334</b>	<b>6778</b>	<b>9996</b>	<b>15.8</b>