

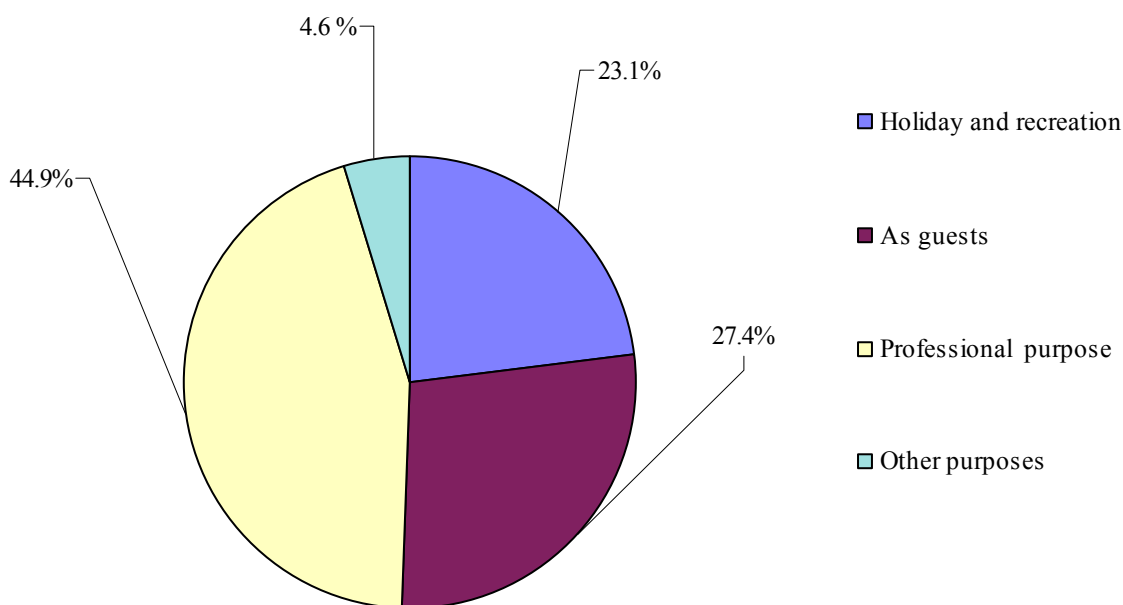


Trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad and arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria in November 2009

In November 2009 the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad was 295.7 thousand, which was 21.8% less than the number of the trips in November 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 45.7% and Turkey - by 14.9. 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 Ireland - by 96.2%, Japan - by 78.0%, Israel - by 62.9%, Sweden - by 55.5%, Denmark - by 49.0%, France - by 48.5%, followed by Hungary - by 48.2%, Russian Fed. - by 47.4%, Austria - by 47.4%, Belgium - by 44.9%, Slovakia - by 40.6%, Greece - by 39.9%, Ukraine - by 39.1%, Germany - by 36.9%, Italy - by 36.0%, Czech Republic - by 35.9%.

The highest share of the trips of the Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the trips with professional purpose - 44.9%, followed by visits as guests - 27.4%, trips with holiday and recreation purpose - 23.1% and other purposes - 4.6%.



Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad by purpose of visit in November 2009

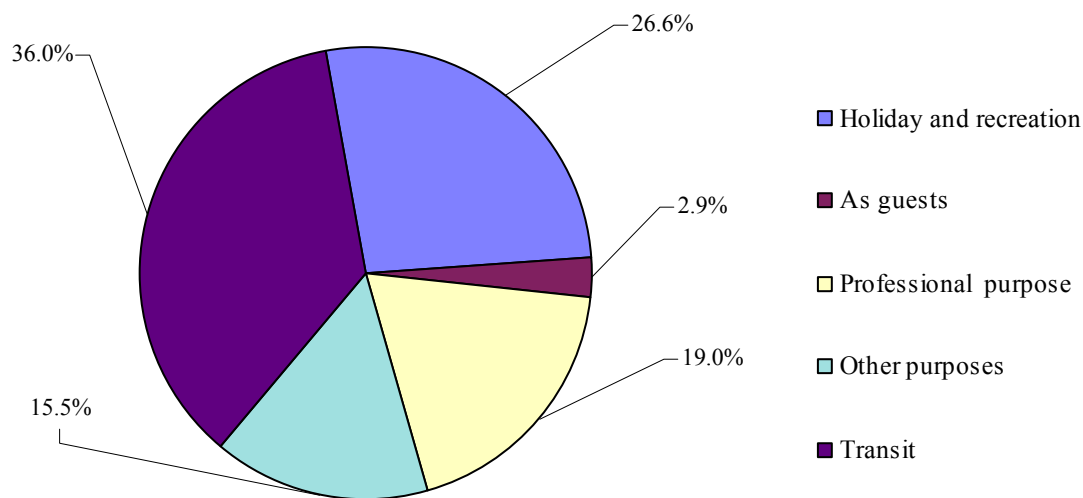
In November 2009, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 338.8 thousand or 8.9% less than the number of trips in the same month of 2008 (Annex 2).

In respect to EU Member States less visits were observed for citizens of Ireland - by 34.6%, Italy - by 25.1%, Sweden - by 19.5%, Finland - by 17.6% and Romania - by 16.9%. At the same time, a significant increase of the arrivals was registered from Spain - by 10.1%, Poland by - 9.3%, Slovenia - by 8.5%, Czech Republic - by 7.2%.

In the group "Other European countries"¹ the highest drop was observed in the number of visits of citizens from Serbia - by 22.5%, FYROM - by 17.9% and Norway - by 13.5%. At the same time, the increase in the number of visits of citizens from Ukraine was seen - by 6.2%

¹ Group of "Other European countries" include countries in Europe outside EU.

In November 2009, arrivals with transit purpose composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners' visited Bulgaria - 36.0%, followed by holiday and recreation purpose - 26.6%, professional purpose - 19.0%, other purposes - 15.5% and visits as guests - 2.9%.



Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in November 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 NOVEMBER 2009

Country of destination	Total	Purpose of visit			XI 2009 to XI 2008 %	
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional		Others
Total	295728	68432	80739	132809	13748	-21.8
EU	141851	39221	10507	88361	3762	-38.3
of which :						
Austria	4705	1538	353	2625	189	-47.4
Belgium	2060	563	195	1258	44	-44.9
United Kingdom	6390	1076	842	4085	387	-33.1
Germany	12907	3820	476	8436	175	-36.9
Greece	69513	16216	5581	45516	2200	-39.9
Denmark	126	45	11	65	5	-49.0
Ireland	11	2	-	8	1	-96.2
Spain	6122	1835	295	3781	211	-26.5
Italy	5620	1543	179	3761	137	-36.0
Cyprus	948	190	89	618	51	-35.2
Malta	102	32	7	58	5	-28.7
Netherlands	2027	656	87	1224	60	-24.6
Poland	1223	599	83	517	24	-35.5
Portugal	188	124	12	51	1	45.7
Romania	24341	9442	1911	12860	128	-35.3
Slovakia	167	65	2	100	-	-40.6
Slovenia	205	27	74	100	4	-34.7
Hungary	1332	271	155	836	70	-48.2
Finland	36	14	3	15	4	-26.5
France	1993	554	101	1290	48	-48.5
Czech Rep.	1652	582	48	1005	17	-35.9
Sweden	106	25	1	79	1	-55.5
Other European countries	150025	28222	70033	42440	9330	6.0
Norway	41	6	2	24	9	-22.6
FYROM	22676	3074	7342	8407	3853	-3.4
Russian Fed.	921	128	47	644	102	-47.4
Serbia	27979	13348	1455	12405	771	-7.5
Turkey	97823	11573	61150	20536	4564	14.9
Ukraine	585	93	37	424	31	-39.1
Other countries	754	87	31	262	374	-49.0
Israel	302	55	13	192	42	-62.9
Canada	85	5	4	11	65	-26.7
USA	358	25	14	52	267	-29.2
Japan	9	2	-	7	-	-78.0
Rest of the world	3098	902	168	1746	282	-39.9

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

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit					XI 2009 to XI 2008 %
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	Transit	
Total	338 760	90 099	9 678	64 403	52 676	121 904	-8.9
EU	207 575	68 913	4 635	54 191	27 205	52 631	-10.5
of which :							
Austria	5 153	2 028	93	1 821	243	968	6.3
Belgium	1 630	321	67	748	10	484	2.1
United Kingdom	6 679	2 382	147	2 106	157	1 887	-10.9
Germany	11 311	3 237	150	5 218	781	1 925	3.1
Greece	68 506	24 313	2 684	16 540	12 012	12 957	-7.9
Denmark	954	49	3	765	16	121	1.4
Ireland	820	32	2	222	115	449	-34.6
Spain	3 256	827	85	1 034	915	395	10.1
Italy	5 137	1 605	101	1 498	214	1 719	-25.1
Cyprus	1 738	210	23	198	216	1 091	-16.8
Malta	152	65	5	82	-	-	1.3
Netherlands	2 577	554	10	771	163	1 079	-2.7
Poland	4 215	1 396	27	1 098	726	968	9.3
Portugal	283	95	1	12	10	165	-1.0
Romania	80 871	28 858	1 090	17 816	9 836	23 271	-16.9
Slovakia	2 028	67	32	1 090	310	529	1.9
Slovenia	782	111	21	411	166	73	8.5
Hungary	2 892	141	10	928	340	1 473	-1.7
Finland	408	23	-	109	217	59	-17.6
France	3 498	1 071	49	593	322	1 463	3.6
Czech Rep.	2 732	1 100	11	360	282	979	7.2
Sweden	714	222	19	438	15	20	-19.5
Other European countries	107 163	15 267	4 561	6 312	21 143	59 880	-7.9
Norway	485	99	-	224	15	147	-13.5
FYROM	23 144	5 048	2 785	743	5 893	8 675	-17.9
Russian Fed.	5 499	2 044	239	896	1 774	546	4.3
Serbia	13 292	5 605	186	387	1 834	5 280	-22.5
Turkey	58 159	2 041	1 257	3 531	9 327	42 003	-1.5
Ukraine	6 584	430	94	531	2 300	3 229	6.2
Other countries	5 049	3 232	127	1 304	259	127	-23.7
Israel	1 565	955	15	472	108	15	-44.6
Canada	437	306	21	63	16	31	-14.0
USA	2 459	1 569	88	611	129	62	-10.9
Japan	588	402	3	158	6	19	12.6
Rest of the world	18 973	2 687	355	2 596	4 069	9 266	10.4