

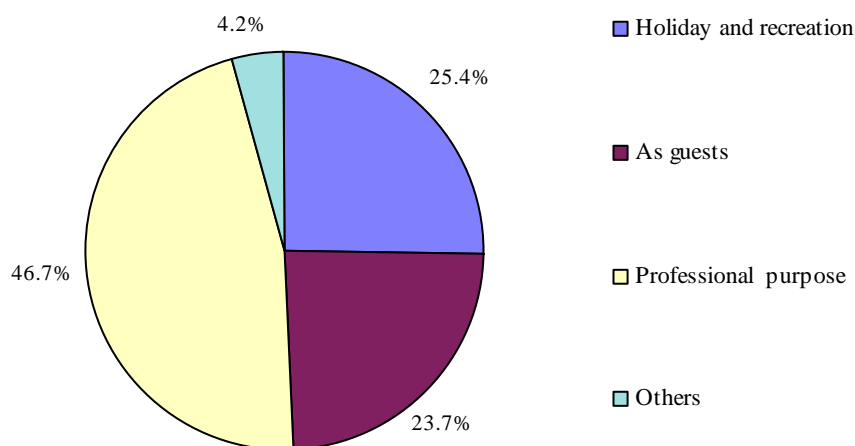


TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN NOVEMBER 2010

In November 2010, the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad was 250.9 thousand, or 15.2% less than the number of the trips in November 2009 (Table 1). As compared to the same month of 2009 an increase in the total number of the trips was registered namely to: Ireland - by 290.9%, Israel - by 95.7%, Denmark - by 46.0%, Canada - by 31.8%, Belgium - by 14.1%, Switzerland - by 11.7%, Poland - by 11.4%, USA - by 10.9% and etc. At the same time a decrease in the number of the trips was observed to: Finland - by 38.9%, Slovakia - by 31.7%, Slovenia - by 27.8%, Turkey - by 23.0%, Japan - by 22.2%, Serbia - by 22.2%, Greece - by 19.4%, Malta - by 17.6%, Netherlands - by 16.8% Austria - by 15.0%, Norway - by 14.6% and etc.

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

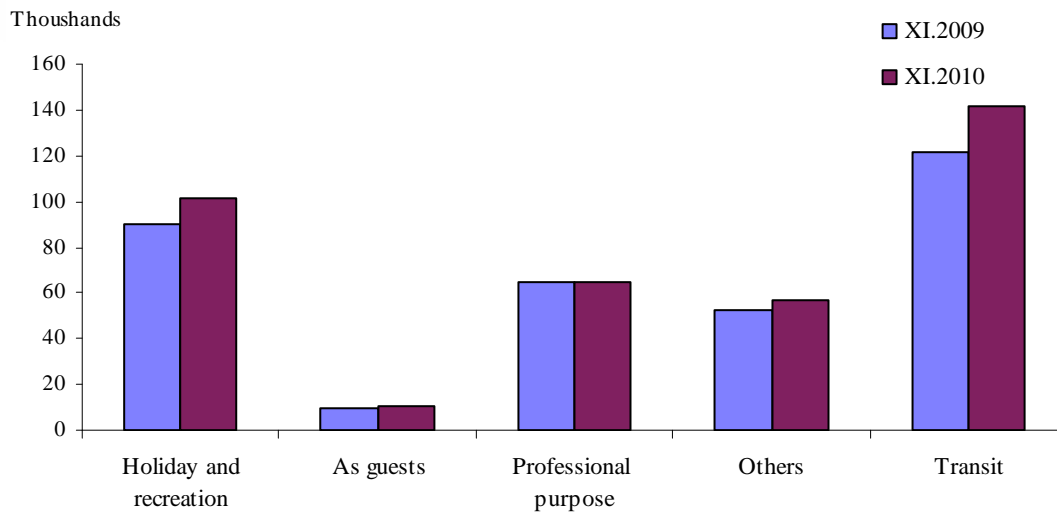
Figure 1. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit in November 2010



In November 2010, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 375.1 thousand or 10.7% more than the number of trips in the corresponding month of 2009 (Table 2). An increase was registered in the number of visitors by all kind of the purposes as the largest growth was in the visits with transit purpose - 16.0%. The visits with holiday and recreation purpose was increased by 12.5%, while visits as guests and with professional purpose - by 12.2 and 0.3% respectively.



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

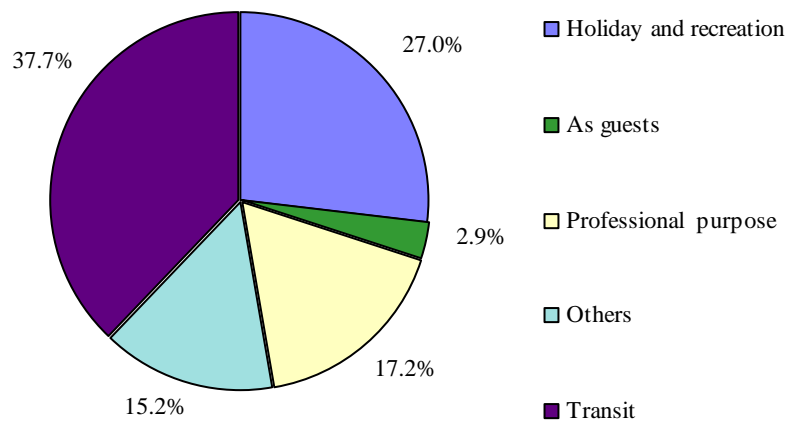


The arrivals of visitors from EU Member States rose by 1.1%, while the highest growth was observed in the number of visits from Sweden and Slovakia - 23.4 and 19.1% respectively. A decrease was registered in the visits from Ireland - by 60.4%, Malta - by 33.6%, Cyprus - by 21.6%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries”¹ were increased by 26.4%. The largest growth was observed in the number of arrivals of citizens from Serbia - by 85.6%, FYROM - by 51.7% and Russian Federation - by 42.0%.

In November 2010, arrivals by transit trips composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners visited to Bulgaria - 37.7%, followed by purpose holiday and recreation - 27.0%, professional purpose - 17.2%, others - 15.2% and visits as guests - 2.9%.

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

Country of destination	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number				XI.2010 as % to XI.2009
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	
Total	250910	63593	59550	117254	10513	-15.2
EU	127649	35529	8142	80668	3310	-10.0
of which:						
Austria	3997	1476	198	2215	108	-15.0
Belgium	2351	641	119	1531	60	14.1
United Kingdom	6060	900	750	3981	429	-5.2
Germany	12656	3704	685	7831	436	-1.9
Greece	56032	12341	3800	38509	1382	-19.4
Denmark	184	46	31	82	25	46.0
Ireland	43	12	10	6	15	290.9
Spain	6045	1685	411	3681	268	-1.3
Italy	5655	1694	293	3580	88	0.6
Cyprus	934	159	105	628	42	-1.5
Malta	84	13	6	63	2	-17.6
Netherlands	1687	606	87	932	62	-16.8
Poland	1363	654	51	638	20	11.4
Portugal	181	116	3	59	3	-3.7
Romania	25085	9846	1287	13767	185	3.1
Slovakia	114	31	2	79	2	-31.7
Slovenia	148	57	4	87	0	-27.8
Hungary	1390	341	155	804	90	4.4
Finland	22	2	2	15	3	-38.9
France	1930	558	89	1230	53	-3.2
Czech Rep.	1529	614	46	847	22	-7.4
Sweden	105	24	4	65	12	-0.9
Other European countries	119607	27045	51196	34962	6404	-20.7
Norway	35	5	2	20	8	-14.6
FYROM	19830	3904	4319	8190	3417	-12.6
Russian Fed.	1003	103	67	742	91	8.9
Serbia	21781	10713	797	9711	560	-22.2
Turkey	75357	11877	45878	15368	2234	-23.0
Ukraine	644	216	78	302	48	10.1
Switzerland	957	227	55	629	46	11.7
Other countries	1107	99	56	368	584	46.8
Israel	591	85	27	327	152	95.7
Canada	112	5	8	10	89	31.8
USA	397	8	20	28	341	10.9
Japan	7	1	1	3	2	-22.2
Rest of the world	2547	920	156	1256	215	13.7


Table 2
ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA
BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN NOVEMBER 2010

Country of origin	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number					XI.2010 as % to XI.2009
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	Transit	
Total	375145	101359	10863	64624	56896	141403	10.7
EU	209779	69096	3951	52580	24605	59547	1.1
of which:							
Austria	5246	1606	87	2244	330	979	1.8
Belgium	1672	276	12	920	100	364	2.6
United Kingdom	7240	4153	81	2246	155	605	8.4
Germany	12229	3965	120	5242	1031	1871	8.1
Greece	62851	23196	2195	13393	11160	12907	-8.3
Denmark	939	286	7	515	-	131	-1.6
Ireland	325	76	-	235	1	13	-60.4
Spain	2979	797	63	1294	639	186	-8.5
Italy	4854	1206	90	1704	235	1619	-5.5
Cyprus	1363	220	30	153	117	843	-21.6
Malta	101	38	-	45	3	15	-33.6
Netherlands	2654	436	7	789	28	1394	3.0
Poland	4310	1408	19	1255	521	1107	2.3
Portugal	261	136	1	92	11	21	-7.8
Romania	88418	27681	1139	16657	9089	33852	9.3
Slovakia	2416	496	25	632	274	989	19.1
Slovenia	906	130	-	588	108	80	15.9
Hungary	2552	479	7	1077	350	639	-11.8
Finland	398	274	-	87	21	16	-2.5
France	3564	1123	44	1241	38	1118	1.9
Czech Rep.	2579	498	7	1470	219	385	-5.6
Sweden	881	336	6	358	20	161	23.4
Other European countries	136550	24375	6326	7826	27220	70803	26.4
Norway	554	394	9	113	23	15	14.2
FYROM	35107	7657	4225	1127	8939	13159	51.7
Russian Fed.	7810	2903	339	1273	2520	775	42.0
Serbia	24665	10401	345	718	3403	9798	85.6
Turkey	59010	2070	1275	3583	9464	42618	1.5
Ukraine	8209	536	117	662	2868	4026	24.7
Switzerland	1195	414	16	350	3	412	40.3
Other countries	7479	4760	192	1940	407	180	48.1
Israel	2694	1643	26	813	186	26	72.1
Canada	669	470	32	96	24	47	53.1
USA	3679	2347	132	914	193	93	49.6
Japan	437	300	2	117	4	14	-25.7
Rest of the world	21337	3128	394	2278	4664	10873	17.7