

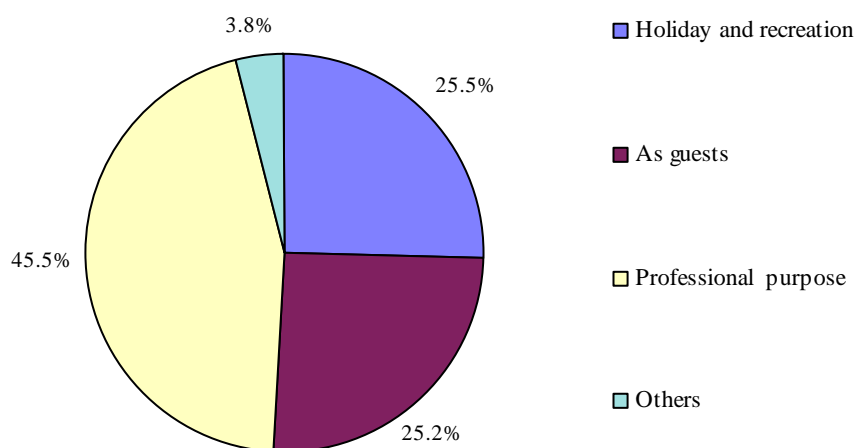


## TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN DECEMBER 2010

In December 2010, the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad was 254.2 thousand, or 14.7% less than the number of the trips in December 2009 (Table 1). As compared to the same month of 2009 an increase in the total number of the trips was registered namely to: Japan - by 66.7%, Malta - by 52.8%, Portugal - by 36.5%, Israel - by 33.2%, Slovakia - by 32.3%, Sweden - by 15.0%, France - by 6.9%, Austria - by 3.9% and Denmark - by 3.1% . At the same time a decrease in the number of the trips was observed to: Finland - by 49.5%, Turkey - by 24.0%, Serbia - by 23.2%, FYROM - by 22.3%, Ukraine - by 21.6%, Canada - by 17.2%, Netherlands - by 16.4%, Czech. Rep. - by 11.8%, Italy - by 11.1%, Hungary - by 11.1%, Poland - by 10.7% and etc.

The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had the trips with professional purpose - 45.5%, followed up by holiday and recreation purpose - 25.5%, visits as guests - 25.2%, and others - 3.8%.

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

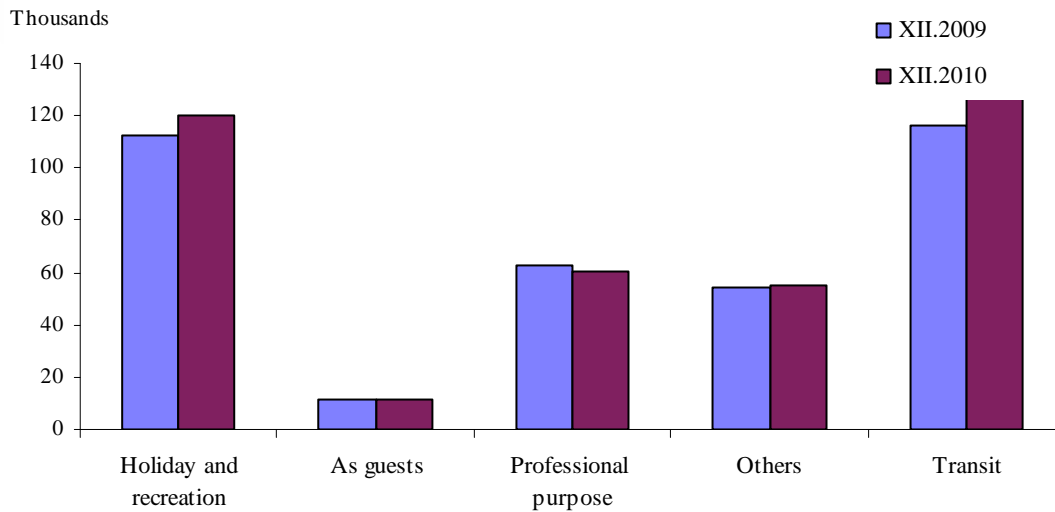


In December 2010, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 374.3 thousand or 4.8% more than the number of trips in the corresponding month of 2009 (Table 2). An increase was registered in the number of visitors passing transit by 9.6%. The visits with holiday and recreation purpose and visits with other purposes were increased by 7.2 and 0.9% respectively. At the same time, a decrease was recorded in visits with professional purpose by 3.7% and as guests by 1.8%.



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

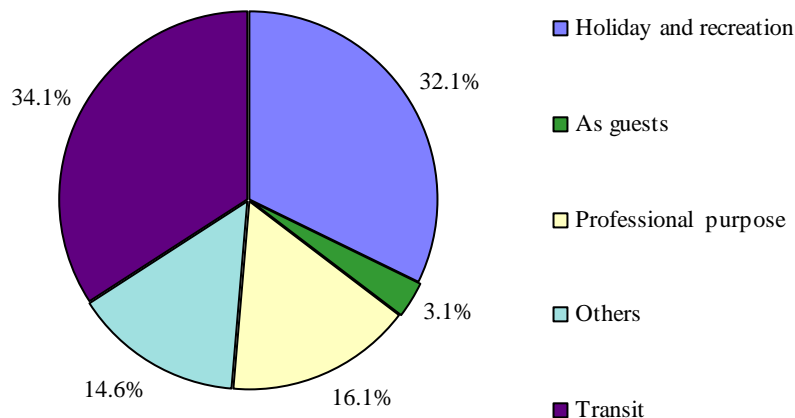


The arrivals of visitors from EU Member States fell by 2.0%, while the highest drop was observed in the number of visits from Ireland and Malta - 63.3 and 47.5% respectively. An increase was registered in the visits from Romania - by 18.2%, Spain - by 14.1%, Poland - by 9.9%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries”<sup>1</sup> were increased by 15.1%. The largest growth was observed in the number of arrivals of citizens from Serbia - by 52.2%, Norway - by 46.1% and Switzerland - by 25.5%.

In December 2010, arrivals by transit trips composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners visited to Bulgaria - 34.1%, followed by purpose holiday and recreation - 32.1%, professional purpose - 16.1%, others - 14.6% and visits as guests - 3.1%.

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



<sup>1</sup> 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 DECEMBER 2010**

Country of destination	Total number	Purpose of visit - number				XII.2010 as % to XII.2009
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others	
<b>Total</b>	<b>254198</b>	<b>64705</b>	<b>64179</b>	<b>115701</b>	<b>9613</b>	<b>-14.7</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>130247</b>	<b>37659</b>	<b>9017</b>	<b>81316</b>	<b>2255</b>	<b>-5.2</b>
of which:						
Austria	5634	2403	345	2790	96	3.9
Belgium	2089	548	197	1314	30	-6.4
United Kingdom	6117	1032	1010	3821	254	-8.9
Germany	10788	3357	687	6583	161	-6.6
Greece	65429	15703	4321	44475	930	-3.3
Denmark	135	30	10	90	5	3.1
Spain	5949	1968	495	3325	161	-8.4
Italy	5104	1781	267	2974	82	-11.1
Cyprus	922	211	107	573	31	-4.3
Malta	249	125	14	107	3	52.8
Netherlands	1547	483	116	920	28	-16.4
Poland	959	304	50	585	20	-10.7
Portugal	101	43	9	44	5	36.5
Romania	19774	7863	1037	10567	307	-8.7
Slovakia	164	31	1	131	1	32.3
Slovenia	131	52	1	77	1	-2.2
Hungary	1281	398	129	696	58	-11.1
Finland	53	13	15	22	3	-49.5
France	2025	635	124	1218	48	6.9
Czech Rep.	1603	635	55	891	22	-11.8
Sweden	92	24	10	55	3	15.0
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>120443</b>	<b>25795</b>	<b>54798</b>	<b>32932</b>	<b>6918</b>	<b>-23.4</b>
Norway	36	8	7	13	8	-10.0
FYROM	18769	3168	6197	6103	3301	-22.3
Russian Fed.	792	122	54	539	77	-2.2
Serbia	21933	11402	1015	8886	630	-23.2
Turkey	77438	10754	47412	16448	2824	-24.0
Ukraine	580	81	57	380	62	-21.6
Switzerland	895	260	56	563	16	-5.9
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>11.3</b>
Israel	329	63	31	186	49	33.2
Canada	53	4	7	6	36	-17.2
USA	280	28	43	34	175	-2.4
Japan	10	3	-	5	2	66.7
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>2836</b>	<b>1153</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>1222</b>	<b>178</b>	<b>5.2</b>



**Table 2**

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

Country of origin	Total number	Purpose of visit - number				XII.2010 as % to XII.2009	
		Holiday and recreation	As guests	Professional	Others		Transit
<b>Total</b>	<b>374311</b>	<b>120287</b>	<b>11547</b>	<b>60252</b>	<b>54720</b>	<b>127505</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>218671</b>	<b>80473</b>	<b>5375</b>	<b>49658</b>	<b>28478</b>	<b>54687</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
of which:							
Austria	5546	1997	109	2207	287	946	-20.2
Belgium	1316	326	16	505	117	352	-25.3
United Kingdom	7996	4905	111	2209	186	585	-19.5
Germany	10032	3683	164	4157	1220	808	2.4
Greece	69231	27395	3003	13175	13186	12472	-16.6
Denmark	682	238	10	307	-	127	4.1
Ireland	825	290	-	381	1	153	-63.3
Spain	2655	841	86	1073	563	92	14.1
Italy	5063	1424	113	1676	286	1564	-19.1
Cyprus	1405	260	41	151	138	815	0.9
Malta	484	145	-	191	14	134	-47.4
Netherlands	2487	615	10	776	39	1047	5.3
Poland	4109	1463	26	1035	615	970	9.9
Portugal	282	161	1	91	11	18	8.0
Romania	93876	32692	1558	16386	10529	32711	18.1
Slovakia	1870	686	24	522	182	456	7.4
Slovenia	620	134	-	408	22	56	2.5
Hungary	2267	466	10	959	417	415	7.5
Finland	325	214	-	73	24	14	8.3
France	3182	1326	60	1221	95	480	4.3
Czech Rep.	2551	588	10	1446	335	172	9.7
Sweden	841	297	8	432	8	96	2.2
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>128290</b>	<b>31465</b>	<b>5318</b>	<b>7597</b>	<b>22001</b>	<b>61909</b>	<b>15.1</b>
Norway	320	165	9	109	27	10	46.1
FYROM	31473	10815	3320	718	6027	10593	24.8
Russian Fed.	9518	5452	562	1066	1881	557	11.3
Serbia	22347	11283	297	692	2380	7695	52.2
Turkey	54958	1730	948	4095	8900	39285	0.9
Ukraine	8718	1531	160	573	2783	3671	16.3
Switzerland	956	489	22	344	3	98	25.5
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>6666</b>	<b>4361</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>1487</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>42.5</b>
Israel	2981	1965	45	768	160	43	87.8
Canada	588	423	44	72	28	21	37.7
USA	2739	1759	174	523	202	81	18.9
Japan	358	214	5	124	8	7	-0.8
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>20684</b>	<b>3988</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>1510</b>	<b>3843</b>	<b>10757</b>	<b>15.3</b>