

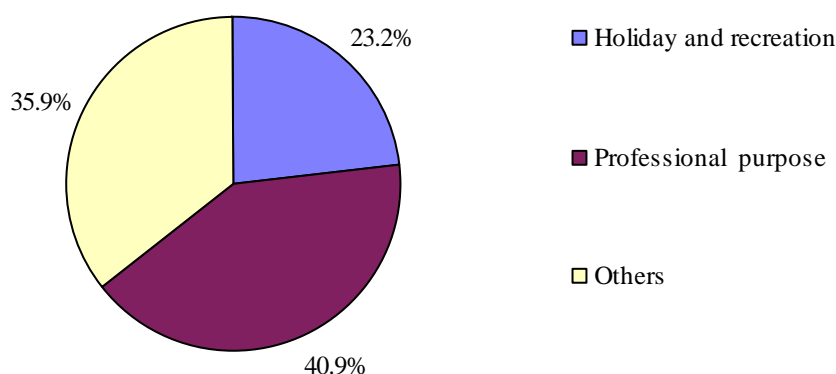


TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN JUNE 2011

In June 2011 the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad was 328.8 thousand or 3.8% more than the number of the trips in June 2010 (Table 1). An increase in the total number of the trips was registered namely to: Hungary - by 36.2%, Romania - by 26.1%, Ireland - by 22.1%, FYROM - by 20.1%, Austria - by 19.5%, Israel - by 18.4%, Belgium - by 7.3%, United Kingdom - by 6.6%, Germany - by 6.4%, Slovenia - by 6.1%, Turkey - by 5.9%, France - by 5.2%, and etc. At the same time a decrease in the number of the trips was observed to: Canada - by 87.4%, Denmark - by 51.4%, Norway - by 36.4%, Luxembourg - by 35.9%, Slovakia - by 33.3%, Estonia - by 25.5%, Poland - by 25.4%, Ukraine - by 25.1%, and etc.

The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had those with professional purpose - 40.9%, followed by others - 35.9% and with holiday and recreation purpose - 23.2%.

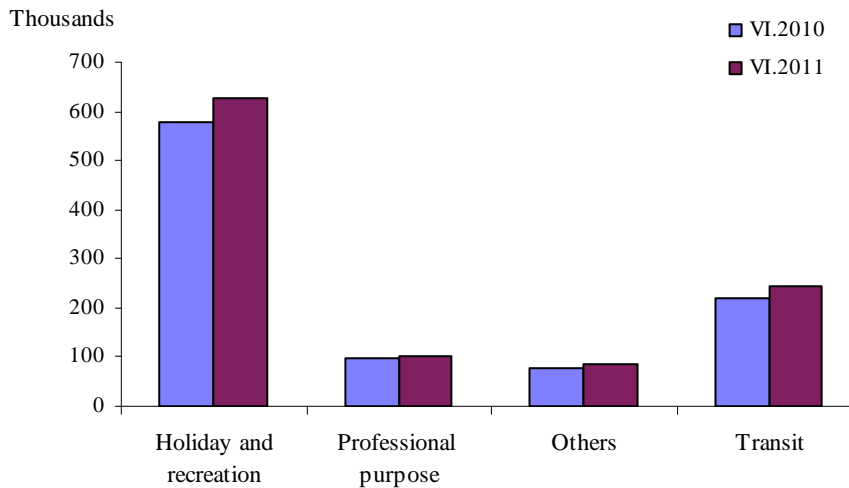
Figure 1. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit in June 2011



In June 2011, the number of the arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 1 058.8 thousand or 9.1% more than the number of the trips in the corresponding month of 2010 (Table 2). A largest increase was registered in the number of visitors passing transit and visits with other purposes by 12.1 and 10.1% respectively.



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

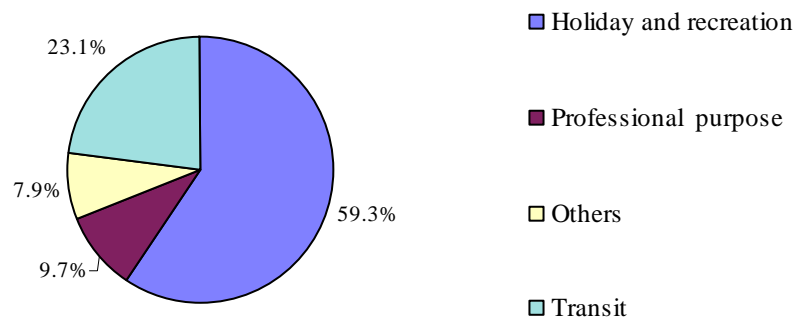


In June 2011, the arrivals of visitors from EU Member States increased by 3.6% in comparison to the same month of 2010. The highest growth in the number of visits was observed from Greece and Spain - 16.8 and 13.7% respectively. A decrease in the visits was registered from Finland - by 14.6%, Malta - by 14.4%, Hungary - by 13.8%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries”¹ were increased by 17.1%. The largest growth in the number of the arrivals of citizens was observed from Ukraine - by 46.5%, Serbia - by 33.4% and Russian Federation - by 24.2%.

In June 2011, the arrivals with holiday and recreation purpose composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners visited to Bulgaria - 59.3%, followed by the visitors passing transit - 23.1%, professional purpose - 9.7% and others - 7.9%.

Figure 3. Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in June 2011



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 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 JUNE 2011

Country of destination	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number			Change in % compared to June 2010
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others	
Total	328813	76285	134641	117887	3.8
EU	152616	41780	96485	14351	1.6
of which:					
Austria	4843	1857	2511	475	19.5
Belgium	2051	619	1163	269	7.3
United Kingdom	7164	1539	4059	1566	6.6
Germany	14942	4313	9448	1181	6.4
Greece	73783	15367	52040	6376	-5.7
Spain	5731	1835	3509	387	-5.4
Italy	5435	1831	3376	228	-2.9
Poland	1089	376	657	56	-25.4
Romania	27584	11282	13797	2505	26.1
Hungary	1807	421	1100	286	36.2
France	2724	711	1817	196	5.2
Czech Rep.	1435	361	821	253	3.5
Sweden	209	67	114	28	-4.6
Other European countries	173465	34086	36294	103085	6.6
Norway	211	50	43	118	-36.4
FYROM	31059	5033	7139	18887	20.1
Russian Fed.	1221	419	607	195	-9.9
Serbia	24074	11871	10791	1412	-1.8
Turkey	115623	16333	16900	82390	5.9
Ukraine	637	187	450	-	-25.1
Switzerland	640	193	364	83	5.1
Others	2732	419	1862	451	-30.5



Table 2

**ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND
BY COUNTRY OF ORIGIN IN JUNE 2011**

Country of origin	Total number	Purpose of visit - number			Change in % compared to June 2010	
		Holiday and recreation	Others	Transit		
Total	1058825	627625	103101	83451	244648	9.1
EU	659731	406336	80226	44956	128213	3.6
of which:						
Austria	13908	7335	2951	739	2883	4.4
Belgium	6882	3533	1347	206	1796	2.6
United Kingdom	45373	35718	4401	1053	4201	-1.6
Germany	83822	62676	7408	3809	9929	-3.4
Greece	178771	123339	25106	14646	15680	16.8
Spain	6236	4309	966	271	690	13.7
Italy	14519	7448	3864	825	2382	9.1
Poland	24509	16726	2324	2074	3385	-1.5
Romania	197597	92230	19140	17262	68965	2.0
Hungary	9808	4424	2332	787	2265	-13.8
France	18463	13127	3124	305	1907	-4.3
Czech Rep.	9936	6769	1022	624	1521	-6.9
Sweden	8309	4708	1221	522	1858	-7.3
Other European countries	297415	155774	18769	31262	91610	17.1
Norway	4288	3851	285	14	138	-6.0
FYROM	28780	22319	431	5358	672	-12.7
Russian Fed.	104413	82626	10397	9755	1635	24.2
Serbia	33857	18008	175	2580	13094	33.4
Turkey	84644	1802	3622	10006	69214	8.9
Ukraine	38633	25195	3380	3522	6536	46.5
Switzerland	2800	1973	479	27	321	-1.6
Others	101679	65515	4106	7233	24825	28.0