

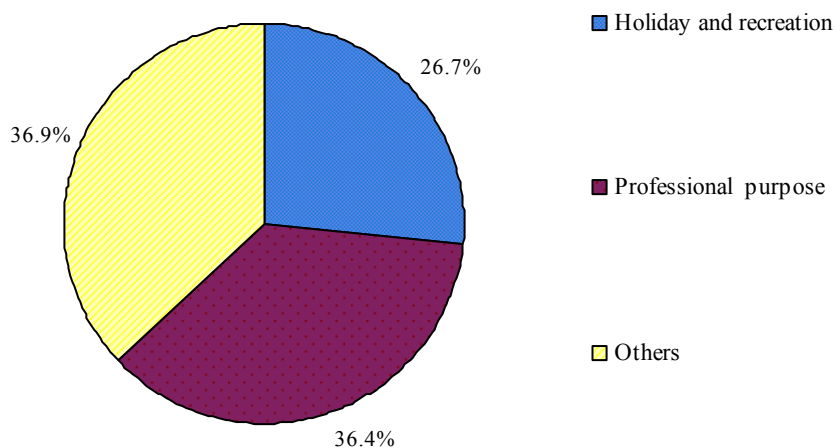


TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS IN ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN JULY 2011

In July 2011 the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents in abroad was 378.3 thousand, which was 6.3% more than the number of the trips in July 2010 (Table 1). An increase in the total number of the trips was registered namely to: Switzerland - by 19.5%, Netherlands - by 18.5%, Slovenia- by 17.4%, Israel - by 17.0%, Italy - by 14.7%, Sweden - by 13.0%, France - by 10.1%, Russian Federation - by 10.0%, United Kingdom - by 9.0%, Belgium - by 8.3%, FYROM - by 8.2%, etc. At the same time a decrease was observed to: Ireland - by 19.5%, Finland - by 18.2%, Cyprus - by 15.0%, Canada - by 12.5%, Latvia - by 11.6%, Malta - by 7.8%, Portugal - by 7.2%, and etc.

The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had those with other purposes (as guest, education, visiting cultural and sport events etc.) - 36.9%, followed by professional purpose - 36.4% and with holiday and recreation - 26.7%.

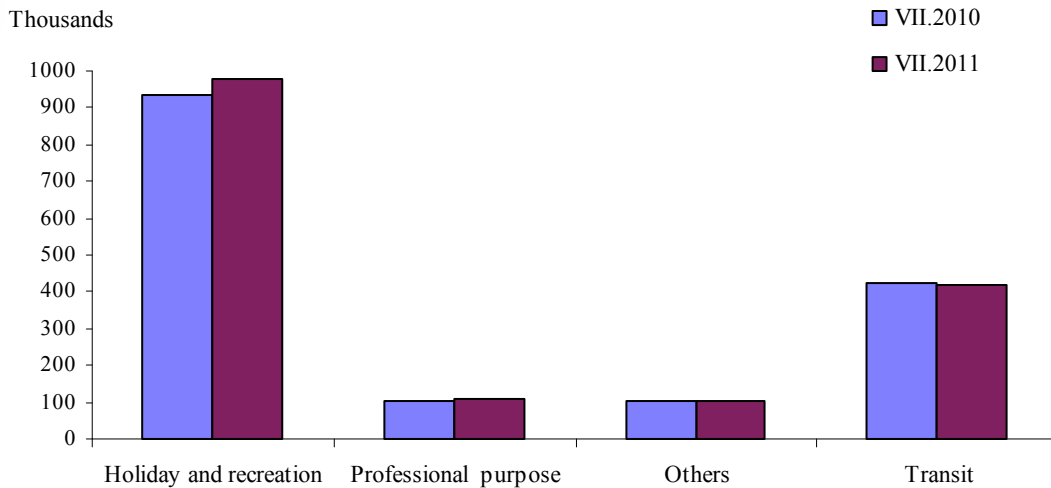
Figure 1. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit in July 2011



In July 2011, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 1 609.9 thousand or 2.6% more than the number of the trips in the corresponding month of 2010 (Table 2). The largest increase was registered in the number of visitors with purpose holiday and recreation and visits with professional purpose by 4.7 and by 3.8% respectively.



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

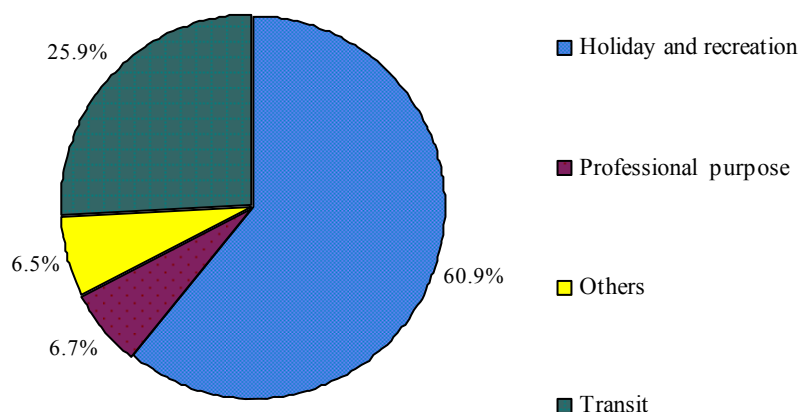


In July 2011, the arrivals of visitors from EU Member States rose by 3.0% in comparison with the same month of 2010. The highest growth in the number of visits was observed from Greece and Spain – by 28.3 and 21.6% respectively. A decrease in the visits was registered from Cyprus - by 10.8%, Ireland - by 9.6%, Estonia - by 9.1%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries”¹ were increased by 10.6%. The largest growth in the number of arrivals of citizens was observed from Ukraine - by 33.3%, Russian Federation - by 17.7% and Serbia - by 7.2%.

In July 2010, the arrivals with holiday and recreation purpose composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners visited Bulgaria - 60.9%, followed by the visitors passing transit - 25.9%, professional purpose - 6.7% and others - 6.5%.

Figure 3. Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in July 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 monthly sample survey of passing Bulgarian and foreign citizens on the border check points.



Annex

Table 1

TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD BY PURPOSE OF VISIT AND BY COUNTRY OF DESTINATION IN JULY 2011

Country of destination	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number			Change in % compared to July 2010
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others	
Total	378269	101082	137815	139372	6.3
EU	170651	54357	93106	23188	6.8
of which:					
Austria	4391	1486	2348	557	6.4
Belgium	2941	928	1467	546	8.3
United Kingdom	7976	1913	3652	2411	9.0
Germany	16007	5651	7985	2371	3.3
Greece	87268	24596	51110	11562	7.7
Spain	7746	2878	3935	933	1.1
Italy	6905	2623	3867	415	14.7
Poland	1788	592	936	260	6.0
Romania	23864	9630	11520	2714	6.4
Hungary	1418	375	731	312	-2.6
France	2833	954	1656	223	10.1
Czech Rep.	1767	767	871	129	3.0
Sweden	305	101	116	88	13.0
Other European countries	201388	44884	42372	114132	5.4
Norway	431	24	108	299	-1.6
FYROM	31327	3895	7078	20354	8.2
Russian Fed.	1722	312	890	520	10.0
Serbia	32461	18177	12177	2107	7.0
Turkey	133397	21872	21076	90449	4.3
Ukraine	1143	236	649	258	1.4
Switzerland	907	368	394	145	19.5
Others	6230	1841	2337	2052	20.4



Table 2

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

Country of origin	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number				Change in % compared to July 2010
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others	Transit	
Total	1609968	979850	107695	105671	416752	2.6
EU	1077033	679206	89510	63798	244519	3.0
of which:						
Austria	42295	17985	5872	501	17937	1.1
Belgium	24913	14329	2683	1533	6368	-0.5
United Kingdom	66853	55570	4454	5370	1459	0.8
Germany	223475	165701	11958	6736	39080	1.3
Greece	119136	57278	23249	12543	26066	28.3
Spain	10270	5661	1374	228	3007	21.6
Italy	17356	7778	5377	2193	2008	14.6
Poland	80488	65721	2968	1748	10051	-3.7
Romania	203179	84840	14724	21233	82382	4.8
Hungary	32289	23269	2760	791	5469	-0.9
France	42718	26019	3620	3924	9155	-2.2
Czech Rep.	45753	35653	1450	2672	5978	-1.9
Sweden	12828	11996	79	138	615	1.8
Other European countries	411808	217196	14503	32711	147398	10.6
Norway	13068	12941	76	49	2	-23.4
FYROM	44151	31595	310	5643	6603	4.9
Russian Fed.	119336	98693	9347	8862	2434	17.7
Serbia	45782	26646	187	2863	16086	7.2
Turkey	127730	2058	3510	10896	111266	-21.5
Ukraine	52740	39456	981	4014	8289	33.3
Switzerland	9001	5807	92	384	2718	-3.8
Others	121127	83448	3682	9162	24835	14.6