

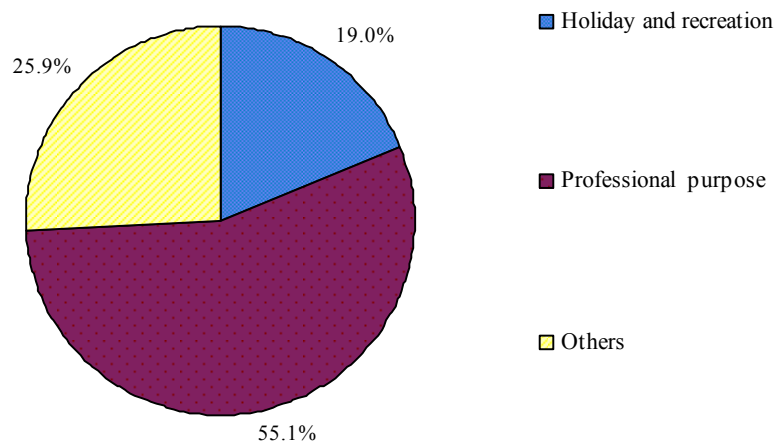


TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN OCTOBER 2011

In October 2011 the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad was 296.0 thousand, which was 1.5% more than the number of the trips in October 2010 (Table 1). An increase in the total number of the trips was registered namely to: Poland - by 18.3%, Estonia - by 14.3%, Netherlands - by 11.8%, Slovenia - by 11.5%, Belgium - by 11.3%, Czech Republic - by 8.4%, Germany - by 8.1%, Ukraine - by 7.8%, Italy - by 7.5%, Austria - by 6.8%, Cyprus - by 6.4%, France - by 6.0%, United Kingdom - by 5.6%, etc. At the same time a decrease was observed to: USA - by 26.9%, Latvia - by 20.0%, Ireland - by 18.2%, Portugal - by 17.5%, Norway - by 13.5%, Lithuania - by 10.5%, and etc.

The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had those with professional purpose - 55.1%, followed by other purposes (as guest, education, visiting cultural and sport events etc.) - 25.9% and with purpose holiday and recreation - 19.0%.

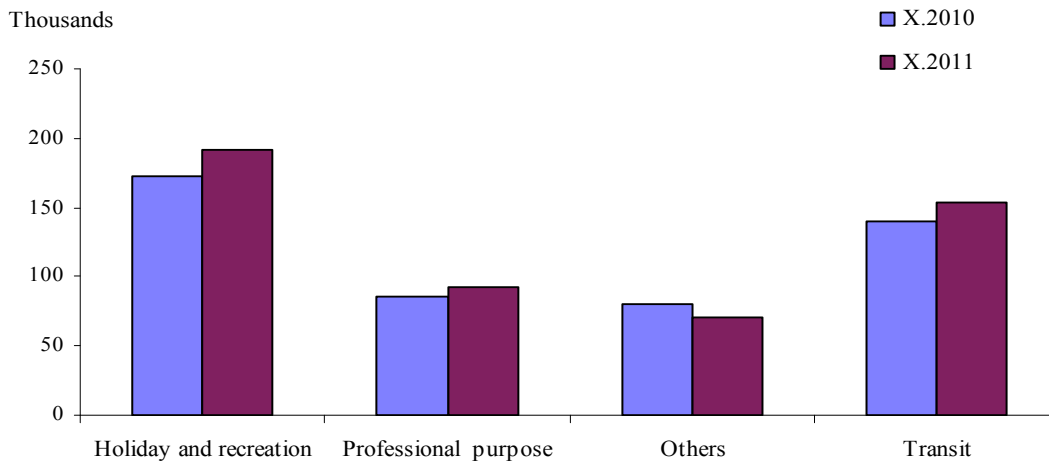
Figure 1. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit in October 2011



In October 2011, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 508.8 thousand or 6.6% 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 - by 1.7%.



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

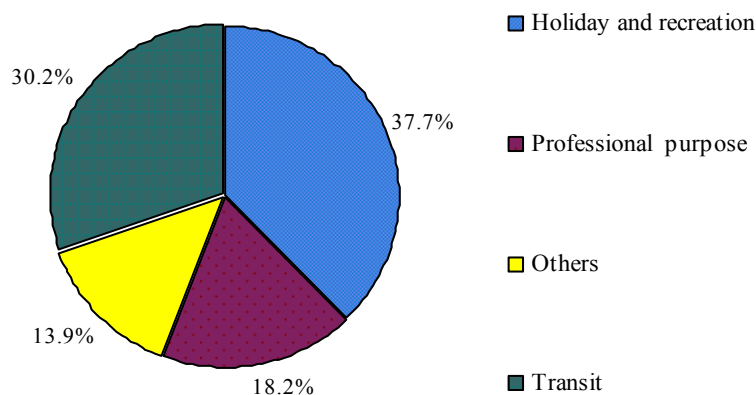


In October 2011, the arrivals of visitors from EU Member States rose by 2.5% in comparison with the same month of 2010. The highest growth in the number of visits was observed from Italy and Hungary - by 11.2 and 9.8% respectively. A decrease was registered in the visits from Latvia - by 22.9%, Malta - by 18.2%, Netherlands - by 16.0%, etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries”¹ were increased by 10.2%. The largest growth in the number of arrivals was registered at citizens of Ukraine - by 25.5%, Serbia - by 18.2%, and FYROM - by 11.2%.

In October 2011, the arrivals with purpose holiday and recreation composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners visited Bulgaria - 37.7%, followed by the visitors passing transit - 30.2%, professional purpose - 18.2% and others - 13.9%.

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



¹ Group of “Other European countries” includes 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.

ANNEX

Table 1

Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit and by country of destination in October 2011

Country of destination	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number			Change in % compared to October 2010
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others	
Total	296003	56278	163051	76674	1.5
EU	132085	27220	89276	15589	3.8
of which:					
Austria	2611	1174	1170	267	6.8
Belgium	1216	437	610	169	11.3
United Kingdom	3148	611	1404	1133	5.6
Germany	8088	2562	4377	1149	8.1
Greece	74921	12166	52617	10138	3.7
Spain	3240	1270	1644	326	5.5
Italy	2662	1158	1344	160	7.5
Poland	802	241	373	188	18.3
Romania	30687	6088	23205	1394	1.3
Hungary	776	227	337	212	3.7
France	1002	272	620	110	6.0
Czech Rep.	878	385	432	61	8.4
Sweden	62	13	45	4	-3.1
Other European countries	161059	27543	72951	60565	-0.2
Norway	90	25	11	54	-13.5
FYROM	24899	3837	15568	5494	-2.1
Russian Fed.	524	68	320	136	2.3
Serbia	26142	7905	17751	486	0.8
Turkey	108498	15491	38744	54263	-0.1
Ukraine	580	115	363	102	7.8
Switzerland	326	102	194	30	0.6
Others	2859	1515	824	520	-5.3



Table 2

**Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria
by purpose of visit and by country of origin in October 2011**

Country of origin	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number				Change in % compared to October 2010
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others	Transit	
Total	508815	191917	92438	70812	153 648	6.6
EU	295160	113685	75412	48256	57807	2.5
of which:						
Austria	9066	2645	5418	693	310	4.5
Belgium	3882	292	1664	804	1122	5.5
United Kingdom	12691	8912	2984	264	531	-3.5
Germany	28649	14580	8056	1940	4073	4.8
Greece	76237	29999	13918	18710	13610	-3.2
Spain	2875	736	1856	122	161	4.2
Italy	11869	2289	5030	2086	2464	11.2
Poland	11082	3608	3024	2133	2317	6.6
Romania	104876	41311	17911	18141	27513	6.8
Hungary	6343	1270	2540	1858	675	9.8
France	7024	2074	3085	231	1634	2.0
Czech Rep.	5636	557	4063	614	402	9.1
Sweden	1285	804	322	34	125	-4.0
Other European countries	167411	58147	13171	16978	79115	10.2
Norway	1015	794	135	74	12	-9.9
FYROM	45187	32877	3268	2667	6375	11.2
Russian Fed.	9941	3827	2122	2896	1096	9.0
Serbia	30426	16769	1436	1406	10815	18.2
Turkey	65697	1294	4940	7271	52192	5.1
Ukraine	12070	1580	809	2567	7114	25.5
Switzerland	3075	1006	461	97	1511	-1.4
Others	46244	20085	3855	5578	16726	23.9