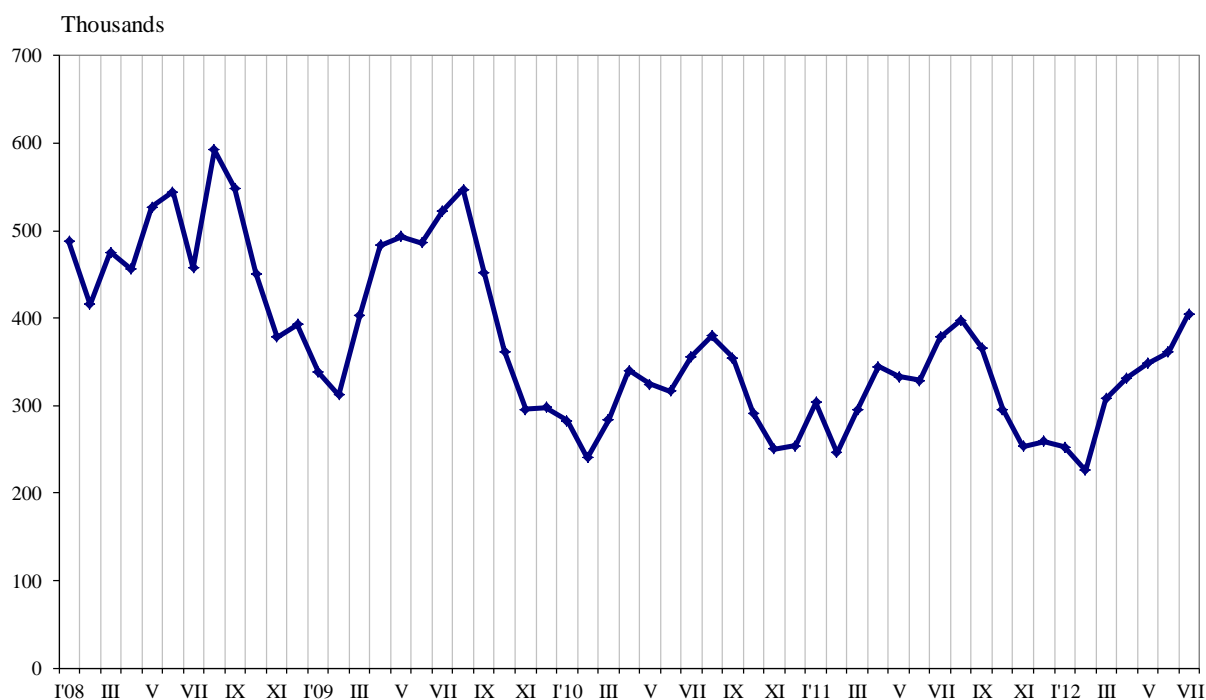




## TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN JULY 2012

In July 2012 **the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad** was 404.6 thousand or by 12.0% more than in June 2012 and by 7.0% above the registered in July 2011 (Figure 1). Compared to the same month of the previous year an increase was reported in the total number of the trips of Bulgarian residents to: Spain - by 92.1%, Austria - by 90.4%, Germany - by 63.9%, France - 63.0% and etc. At the same time the greater decrease was observed to: United Kingdom - by 56.1%, Serbia - by 31.9% and Belgium - by 22.6% (Annex, Table 1).

**Figure 1. Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by months**

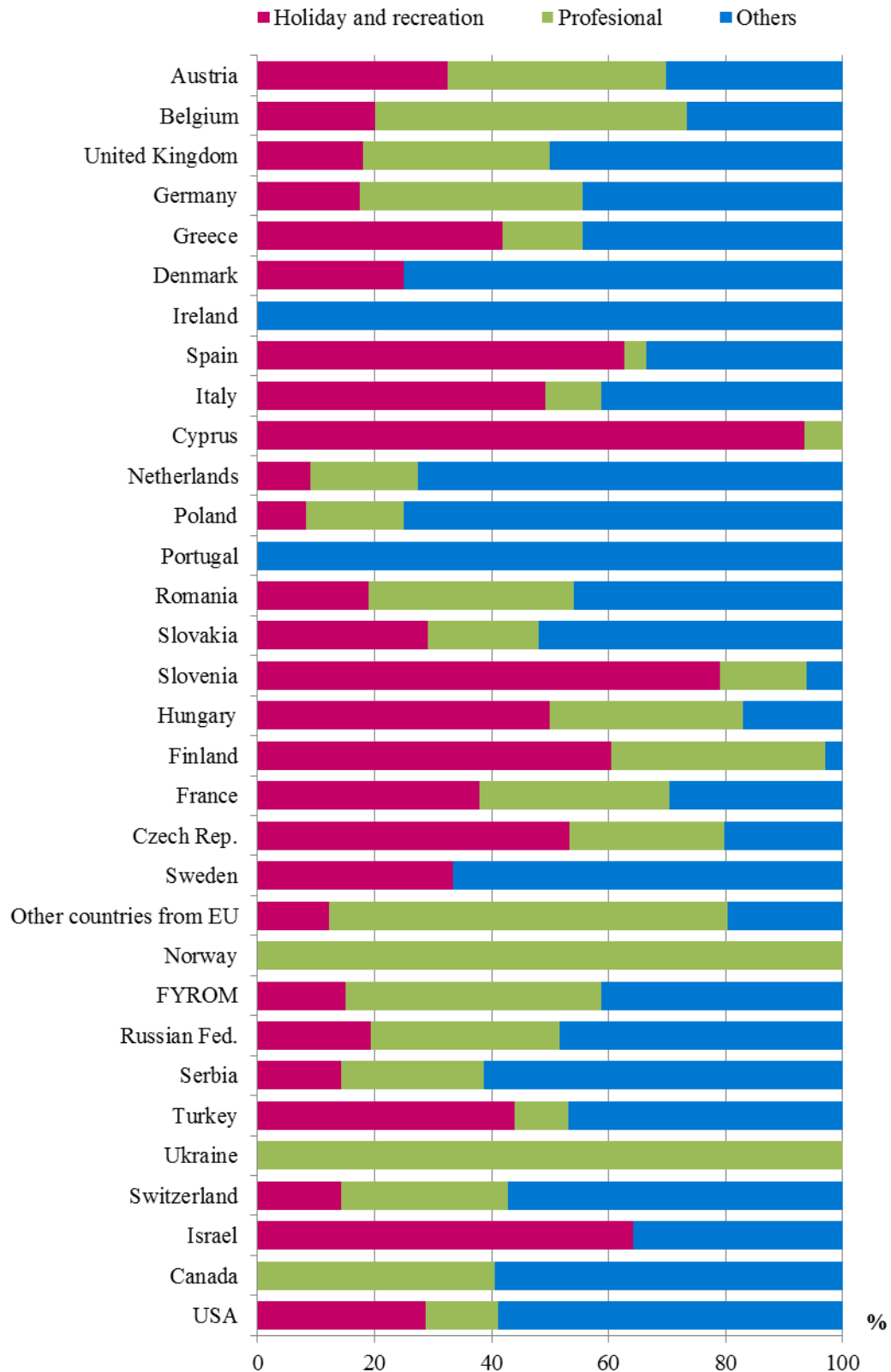


The trips with other purposes (as guest, education and visit the cultural and sport events) composed the greatest share of the total number of trips of Bulgarian residents abroad - 45.0%, followed by the trips with holiday and recreation purposes - 34.9% and with professional purpose - 20.1%. The trips with holiday and recreation purpose, as well as these with other purposes rose by 39.7% and 30.6% respectively, while a decrease in the trips with professional purposes was registered - by 41.0%.

In July 2012 the trips with other purposes formed 61.3% from all trips to Serbia, 50.0% - to United Kingdom, 46.8% - to Turkey. Predominated share of the trips to Spain and Italy was with holiday and recreation purpose - 62.7% and 49.1% respectively, while to Belgium and Austria they were connected with professional purpose - 53.3% and 37.2% respectively of all trips of Bulgarian residents to these countries (Figure 2).



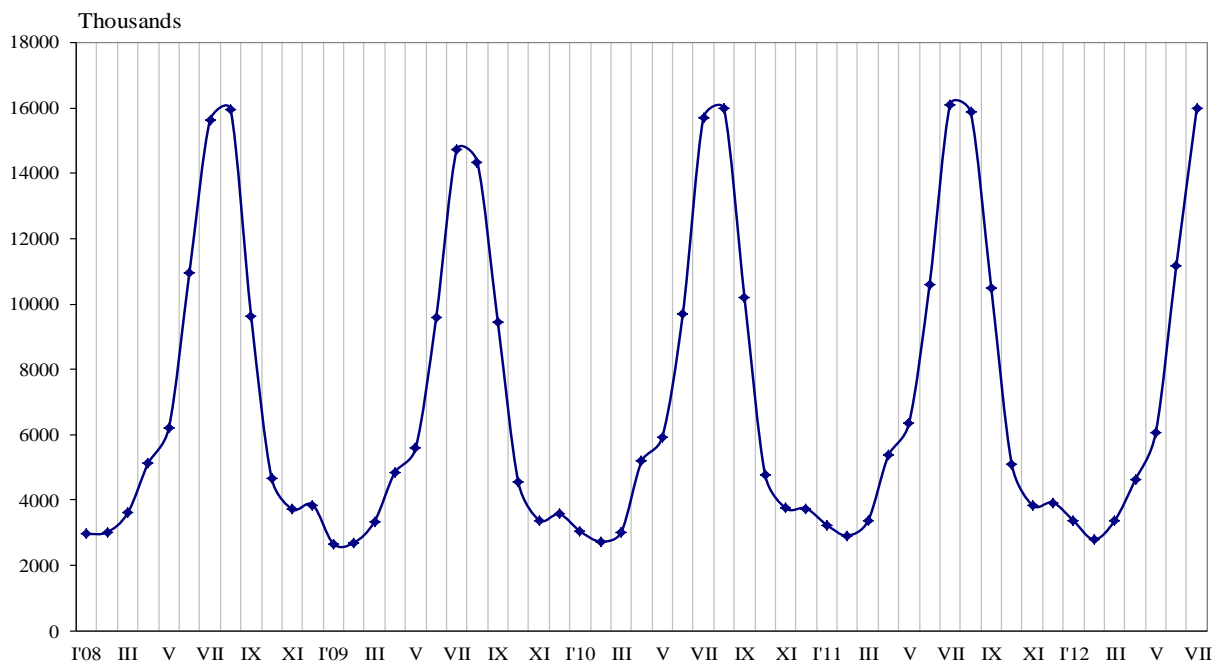
**Figure 2. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit and by countries in July 2012**





In July 2012, **the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria** was 1 682.9 thousand which was by 50.7% more compared to June 2012 and by 4.5% above the level from July 2011 (Figure 3). An increase in the visit by all observed purposes was registered, as the greatest was the growth in the visits with professional purpose - by 13.7%, followed by these with holiday and recreation purpose - by 5.0%, and with other purposes - by 1.7%.

**Figure 3. Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria by months**



The visits of the citizens of European Union composed the greatest relative share of the total number of foreigners visited Bulgaria - 64.1%, followed by these from the other European countries - 28.3% (Annex, Table 2). In comparison with the same month of the previous year the arrivals of visitors from EU Member States increased by 0.2%. A significant increase was observed in the visits of the citizens from Greece - by 10.5%, Italy - by 6.8% and France - by 5.2%. However a drop in the visits from Denmark - by 7.9%, Slovakia - by 4.7% and United Kingdom - by 4.5% was registered.

The visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries”<sup>1</sup> increased by 15.7% as the highest growth was observed from Ukraine and Russian Federation citizens - by 32.5% and 27.7% respectively.

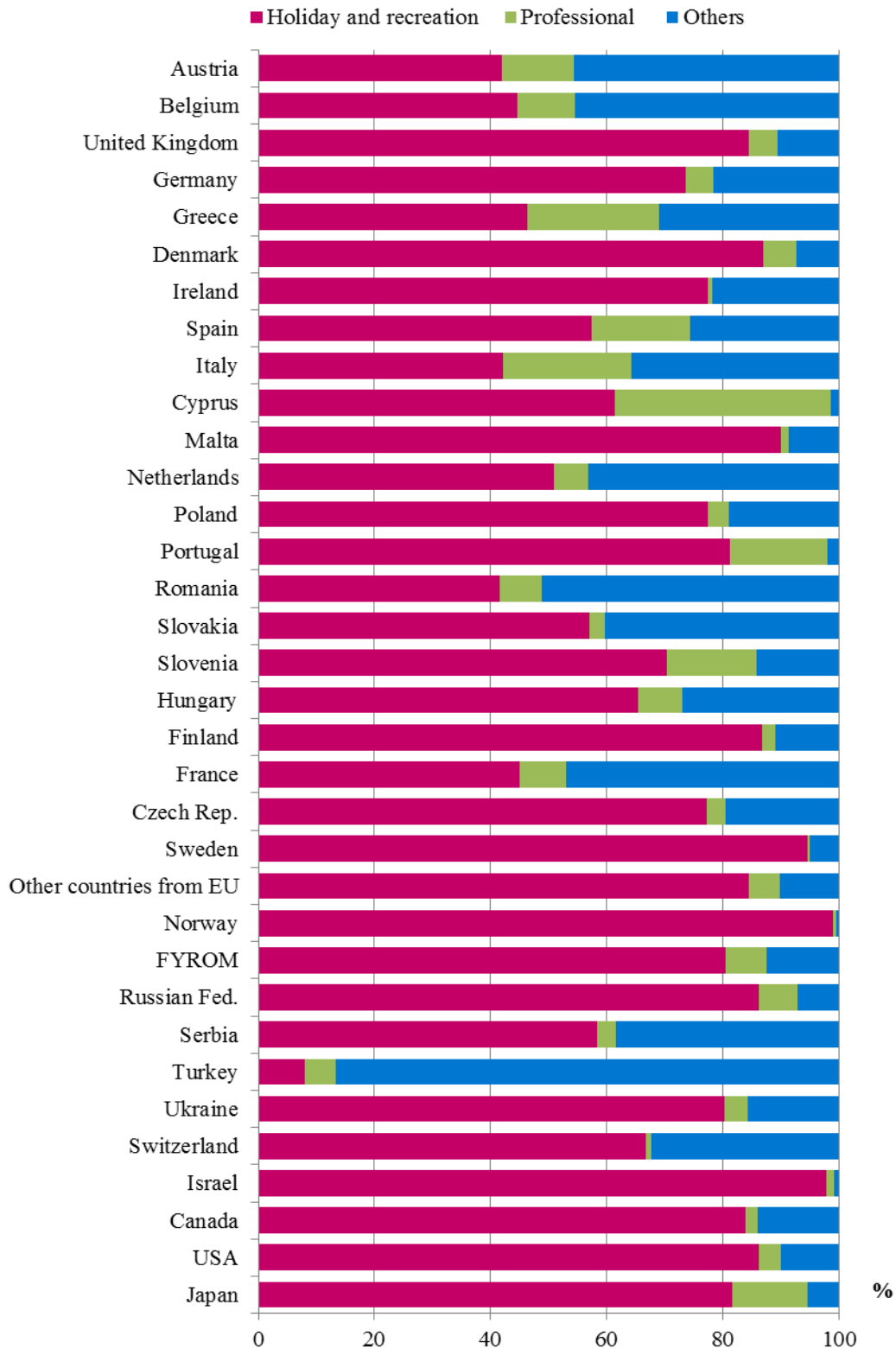
In July 2012 the predominated share of the total number of the visits to Bulgaria were with holiday and recreation purpose - 61.1%, followed by the arrivals with other purposes (including as guest and passing transit) - 31.6% and with professional purpose - 7.3%.

The visits with holiday and recreation purpose formed 86.3% of the arrivals from Russia, 84.6% - from United Kingdom, 80.5% - from FYROM and 80.3% - from Ukraine. The visits with professional purpose were 22.6% of all arrivals from Greece, while with other purpose were 86.6% of the arrivals from Turkey and 51.1% - from Romania (Figure 4).

<sup>1</sup> Group of “Other European countries” includes countries in Europe outside EU.



**Figure 4. Structure of the arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit and by countries in July 2012**





### **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 purposes of visit  
and by country of destination in July 2012

Country of destination	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number			Change in % compared to July 2011
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>404607</b>	<b>141255</b>	<b>81288</b>	<b>182064</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>202138</b>	<b>71779</b>	<b>43159</b>	<b>87218</b>	<b>18.5</b>
Austria	8361	2721	3110	2530	90.4
Belgium	2277	458	1214	605	-22.6
United Kingdom	3504	630	1122	1752	-56.1
Germany	26232	4595	9957	11680	63.9
Greece	89547	37507	12190	39850	2.6
Denmark	580	145	-	435	23.7
Ireland	26	-	-	26	-79.0
Spain	14883	9331	555	4997	92.1
Italy	10371	5096	996	4279	50.2
Cyprus	242	226	16	-	-77.0
Malta	-	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	1215	110	222	883	-56.4
Poland	2839	236	474	2129	58.8
Portugal	954	-	-	954	430.0
Romania	29220	5566	10204	13450	22.4
Slovakia	695	202	132	361	396.4
Slovenia	162	128	24	10	-41.3
Hungary	596	298	196	102	-58.0
Finland	414	250	152	12	475.0
France	4618	1748	1498	1372	63.0
Czech Rep.	3748	1994	996	758	112.1
Sweden	1506	502	-	1004	393.8
Other countries from EU	148	36	101	29	-40.1
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>197407</b>	<b>68501</b>	<b>35154</b>	<b>93752</b>	<b>-2.0</b>
Norway	54	-	54	-	-87.5
FYROM	35506	5326	15534	14646	13.3
Russian Fed.	4774	924	1540	2310	177.2
Serbia	22104	3170	5378	13556	-31.9
Turkey	134092	58963	12363	62766	0.5
Ukraine	48	-	48	-	-95.8
Switzerland	829	118	237	474	-8.6
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>1647</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>-10.3</b>
Israel	514	330	-	184	-28.7
Canada	222	-	90	132	-6.3
USA	911	262	112	537	3.6
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>3415</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>2773</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>-22.3</b>



Table2

**Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria  
by purpose of visit and by country of origin in July 2012**

Country of origin	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number			Change in % compared to July 2011
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1682875</b>	<b>1028993</b>	<b>122478</b>	<b>531404</b>	<b>4.5</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>1078845</b>	<b>654773</b>	<b>90629</b>	<b>333443</b>	<b>0.2</b>
Austria	41135	17259	5072	18804	-2.7
Belgium	25662	11432	2551	11679	3.0
United Kingdom	63824	53966	3193	6665	-4.5
Germany	218525	160962	10228	47335	-2.2
Greece	131661	61150	29815	40696	10.5
Denmark	36817	32038	2133	2646	-7.9
Ireland	5626	4355	47	1224	-8.8
Spain	10712	6158	1818	2736	4.3
Italy	18543	7835	4084	6624	6.8
Cyprus	3068	1885	1143	40	-5.4
Malta	714	643	9	62	-6.4
Netherlands	46193	23528	2698	19967	-2.8
Poland	80237	62201	2865	15171	-0.3
Portugal	2145	1745	358	42	-2.2
Romania	206734	86178	14930	105626	1.7
Slovakia	31244	17807	833	12604	-4.7
Slovenia	4708	3311	728	669	-1.3
Hungary	32139	21027	2478	8634	-0.5
Finland	12361	10724	286	1351	-4.1
France	44929	20210	3595	21124	5.2
Czech Rep.	44201	34155	1430	8616	-3.4
Sweden	12639	11951	65	623	-1.5
Other countries from EU	5028	4253	270	505	-2.3
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>476584</b>	<b>281892</b>	<b>25411</b>	<b>169281</b>	<b>15.7</b>
Norway	12442	12315	69	58	-4.8
FYROM	40378	32523	2804	5051	-8.5
Russian Fed.	158172	136451	10595	11126	32.5
Serbia	50401	29442	1634	19325	10.1
Turkey	138934	11107	7565	120262	8.8
Ukraine	67368	54126	2646	10596	27.7
Switzerland	8889	5928	98	2863	-1.2
<b>Other countries</b>	<b>38472</b>	<b>35881</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>-16.6</b>
Israel	24131	23629	311	191	-25.1
Canada	2727	2289	55	383	7.3
USA	10666	9189	422	1055	-0.2
Japan	948	774	123	51	34.7
<b>Rest of the world</b>	<b>88974</b>	<b>56447</b>	<b>5527</b>	<b>27000</b>	<b>18.6</b>