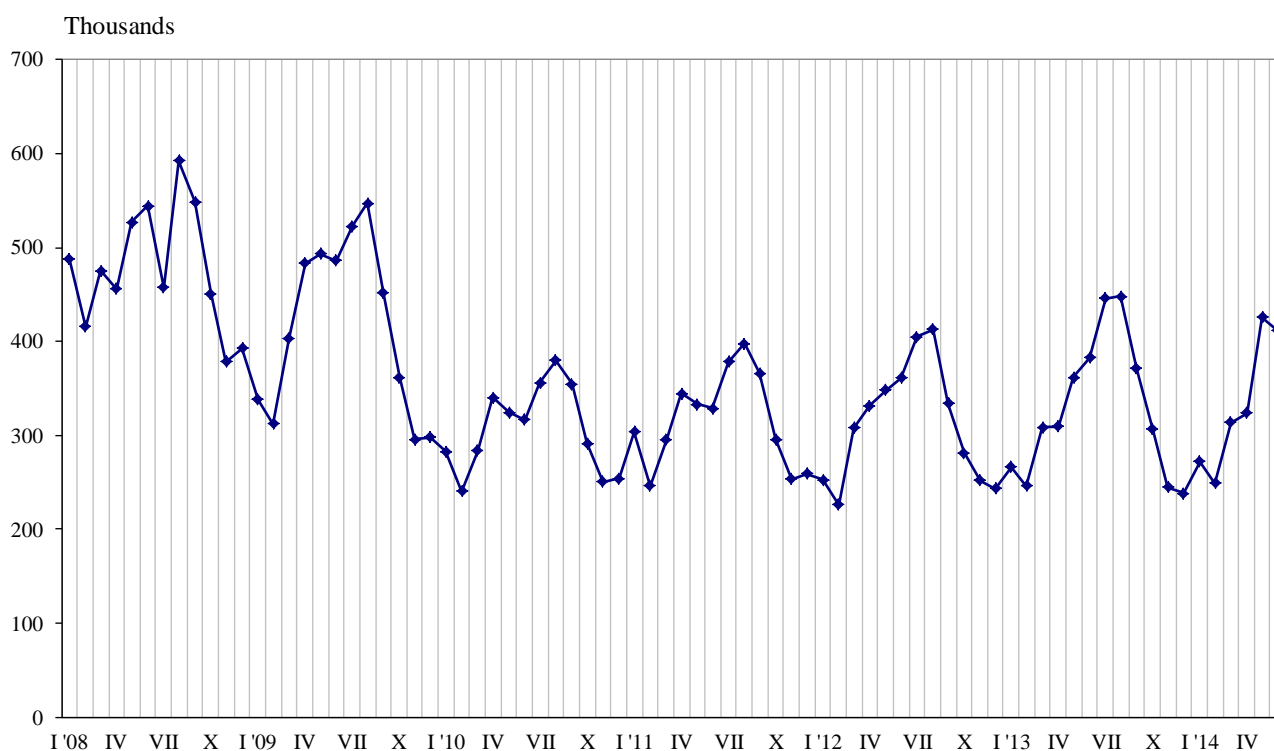




TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN JUNE 2014

In June 2014, **the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad** was 411.1 thousand or by 7.3% above the registered in June 2013 (Figure 1). In comparison with the same month of the previous year an increase was observed in the total number of the trips of Bulgarians to: Serbia - by 43.5%, Romania - by 29.4%, France - by 26.6%, Czech Republic - by 25.7%, Italy - by 21.3%, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - by 20.2%, the United Kingdom - by 16.7%, Germany - by 15.8%, Spain - by 12.6%, and etc. At the same time a decrease was observed in the total number of the trips of Bulgarians to: Belgium - by 26.5%, Austria - by 8.3%, Greece - 6.6%, and etc. (Annex, Table 1).

Figure 1. Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by months

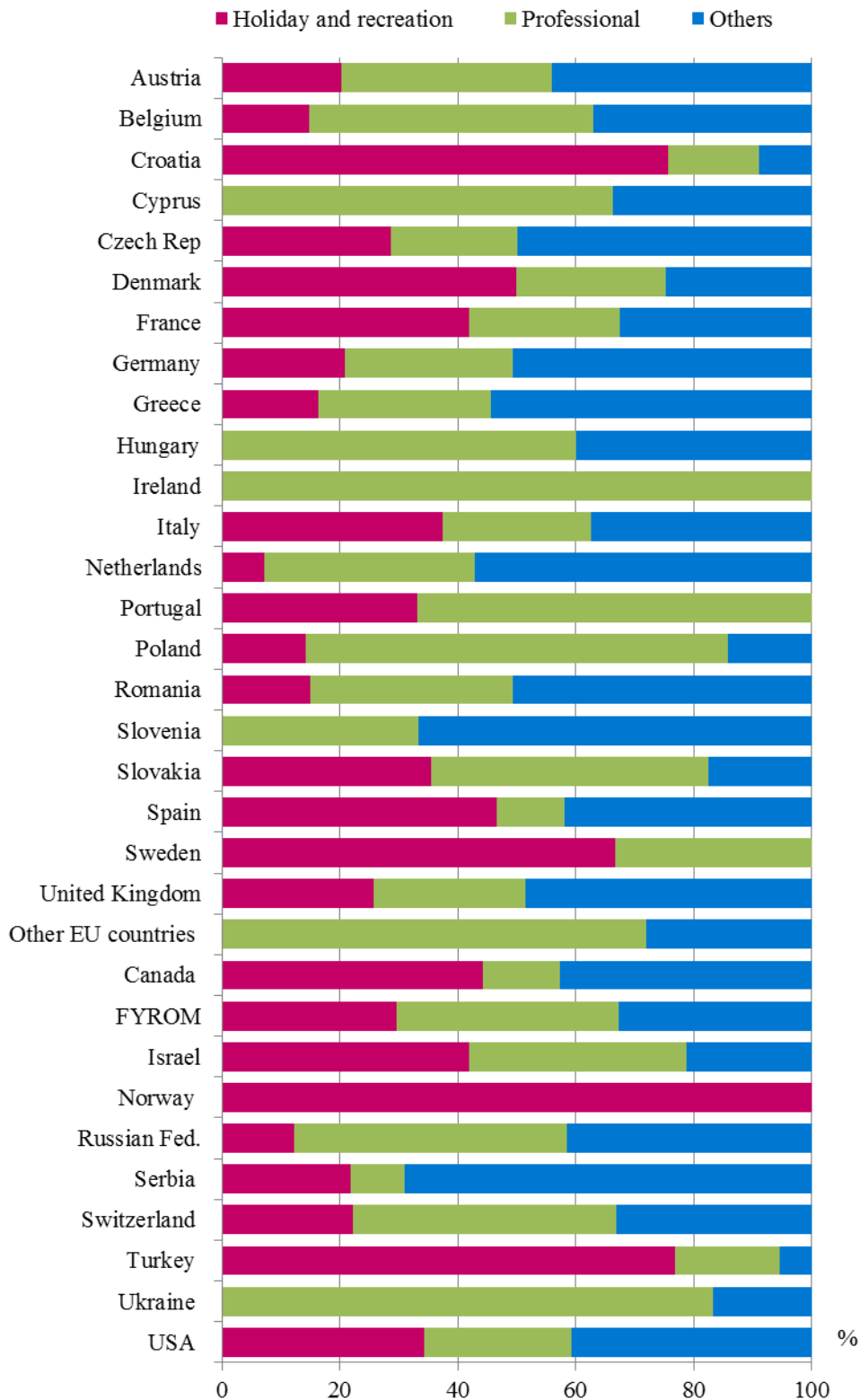


The trips with other purposes (as a guest, education and visit the cultural and sport events) in June 2014 composed the greatest share of the total number of trips of Bulgarian residents abroad - 48.9%, followed by the trips with professional purpose - 26.7%, and with holiday and recreation purposes - 24.4%. In comparison with June 2013 an increase in the trips with professional and other purposes was registered - by 27.7 and 22.3% respectively, while the trips with holiday and recreation purpose drop by 24.4%.

In June 2014, the trips with other purposes formed 68.9% of all trips to Serbia, 56.8% to Turkey. The trips to Belgium with professional purpose were 48.1%, as these to Spain and France with holiday and recreation purpose were 46.5 and 41.9% respectively of all trips of Bulgarian residents to these countries (Figure 2).



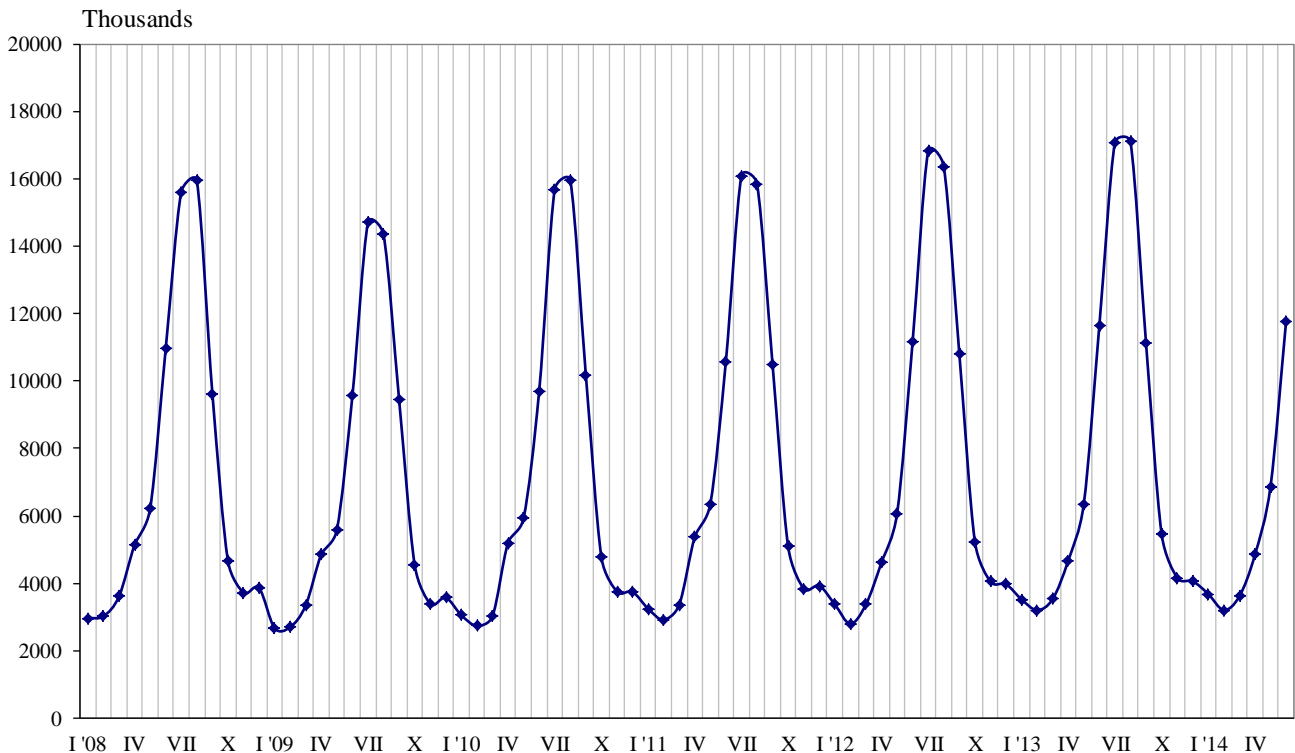
Figure 2. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit and country of destination in June 2014





In June 2014, **the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria** was 1 176.5 thousands or by 1.0% above the level of June 2013 (Figure 3). An increase was registered in the trips with professional purpose - by 16.3%, and with holiday and recreation purpose - by 3.0%, while the trips with other purposes decreased by 8.3%.

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



The share of visits of EU citizens was 55.2% of the total number of foreigners' visits to Bulgaria in June 2014 (Annex, Table 2) as in comparison with the same month of the previous year they increased by 0.9%. An increase was registered in the visits of the citizens of Hungary - by 31.5%, Belgium - by 14.2%, the United Kingdom - by 10.9%, Germany - by 8.8%, Czech Republic - by 7.9%, Austria - by 7.4%, and etc. At the same time decreased the visits from Italy - by 10.2%, France - by 6.7%, Greece - 2.8%, Poland - by 2.3%, Romania - by 1.7%, and etc.

The visits of foreigners in the group "Other European countries"¹ decreased by 2.7% as the highest drop was observed in the visits of citizens of Turkey and Ukraine - by 20.7 and 16.4% respectively.

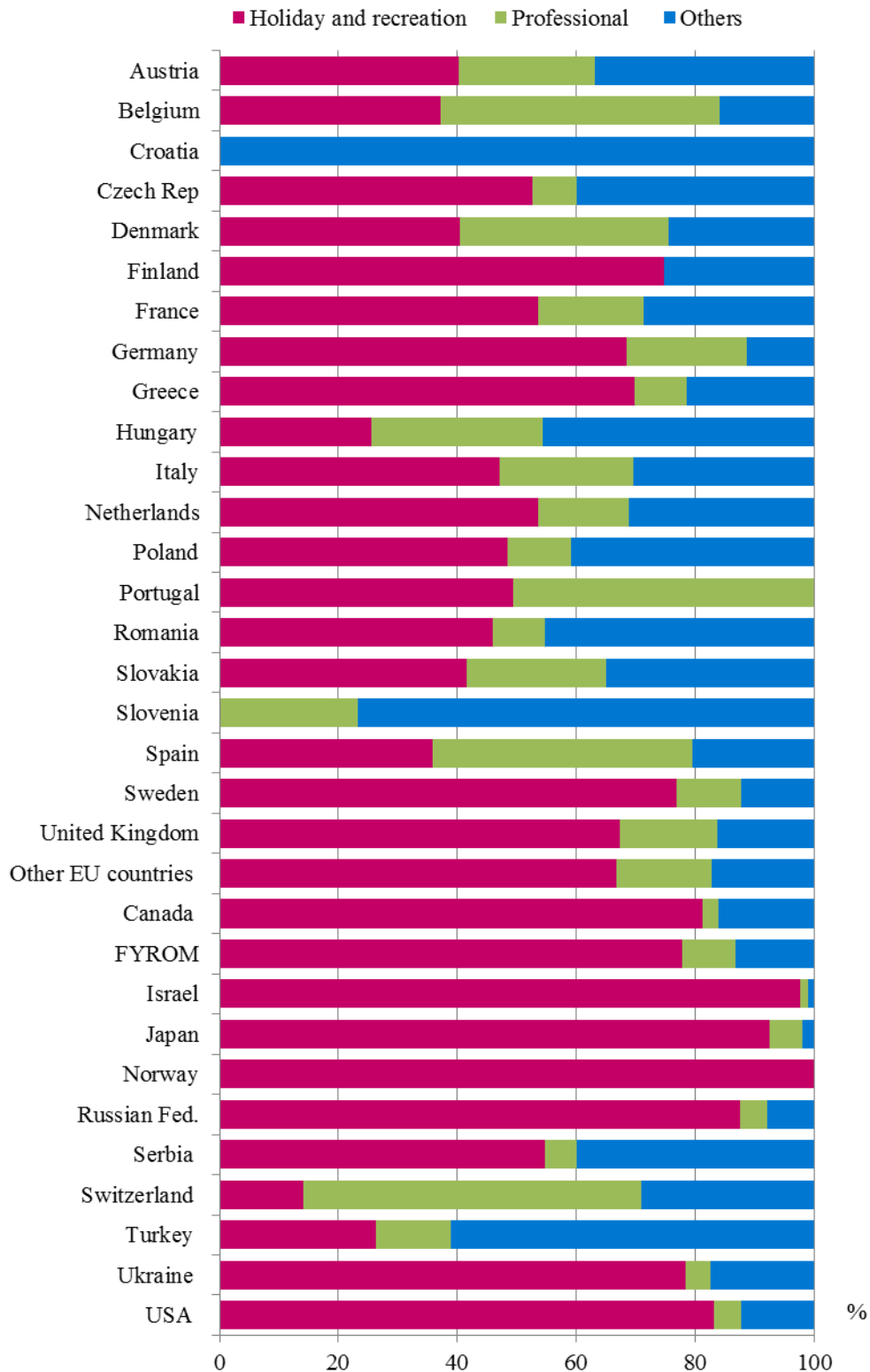
In June 2014, the predominant share of the visits with holiday and recreation purpose was - 63.2%, followed by these with others purposes (including as guest and passing transit) - 26.0% and with professional purpose - 10.8%.

The visits with holiday and recreation purposes formed 87.5% of the arrivals from Russian Federation, 78.4% - from Ukraine and 77.8% - from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The visits with professional purpose were 47.1% of all arrivals from Belgium, as with other purposes were 61.0% of all arrivals from Turkey (Figure 4).

¹ Group "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 country of origin in June 2014





Methodological notes

The definitions recommended by the World Tourist Organization and the Methodological manual for tourism by Eurostat are applied by the National Statistical Institute.

In accordance with these definitions **an international tourist** is any person who travels to a country other than his/her permanent residence for at least 24 hours but no more than one year and whose main purpose is not doing any activity for payment.

The purposes of visiting a country are the following:

- Excursion, holiday or entertainment (visits to cultural or historical landmarks, sport events and other);
- Visiting friends and relatives;
- Professional purposes (business trips, participation in conferences, congresses, concluding deals, etc.);
- Other (education, medical treatment, etc.) purposes.

Statistical data on the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad and visits by foreigners to 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 through 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 from “third countries” are obtained directly from the Ministry of Interior.

Data on the purposes of the trips are obtained on the basis of the NSI’s regular monthly sample survey of passing Bulgarian and foreign citizens through the border check points.



Annex

Table 1

**Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purposes of visit
and country of destination in June 2014**

Country of destination	Total	Purpose of visit		
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others
				(Number)
Total	411083	100242	109991	200850
EU	199160	45707	58503	94950
Austria	8888	1796	3184	3908
Belgium	3455	512	1663	1280
Croatia	333	252	51	30
Cyprus	92	-	61	31
Czech Republic	7661	2189	1642	3830
Denmark	781	389	198	194
Finland	397	228	92	77
France	12329	5161	3154	4014
Germany	19123	3984	5445	9694
Greece	61489	10104	17898	33487
Hungary	859	-	515	344
Ireland	86	-	86	-
Italy	16079	6030	4020	6029
Malta	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	1867	133	667	1067
Poland	1150	164	822	164
Portugal	205	68	137	-
Romania	40701	6079	14007	20615
Slovakia	717	254	337	126
Slovenia	563	-	188	375
Spain	13665	6356	1589	5720
Sweden	102	68	34	-
United Kingdom	7544	1940	1940	3664
Other EU countries	1074	-	773	301
Other European countries	201550	51633	46923	102994
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	55171	16378	20720	18073
Norway	378	378	-	-
Russian Federation	4639	566	2150	1923
Serbia	31050	6754	2895	21401
Switzerland	307	68	137	102
Turkey	107557	27489	18981	61087
Ukraine	2448	-	2040	408
Other countries	6820	2625	1850	2345
Canada	1080	478	142	460
Israel	2336	978	860	498
USA	3404	1169	848	1387
Rest of the world	3553	277	2715	561



Table 2

**Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria
by purpose of visit and country of origin in June 2014**

(Number)

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit		
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others
Total	1176524	744094	126820	305610
EU	649293	369937	90667	188689
Austria	15225	6131	3472	5622
Belgium	9222	3425	4340	1457
Croatia	2940	-	-	2940
Cyprus	-	-	-	-
Czech Republic	14817	7814	1085	5918
Denmark	4651	1883	1628	1140
Finland	5486	4106	-	1380
France	18546	9937	3310	5299
Germany	114692	78457	23383	12852
Greece	151840	105918	13517	32405
Hungary	11803	3009	3419	5375
Ireland	-	-	-	-
Italy	14529	6839	3278	4412
Malta	-	-	-	-
Netherlands	11049	5930	1682	3437
Poland	20444	9921	2170	8353
Portugal	1074	531	543	-
Romania	188322	86681	16449	85192
Slovakia	4619	1923	1085	1611
Slovenia	2335	-	543	1792
Spain	5822	2085	2543	1194
Sweden	4941	3798	543	600
United Kingdom	40311	27126	6620	6565
Other EU countries	6625	4423	1057	1145
Other European countries	389990	270163	28828	90999
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	30701	23898	2746	4057
Norway	4340	4340	-	-
Russian Federation	173967	152288	7869	13810
Serbia	40300	22064	2161	16075
Switzerland	7650	1085	4340	2225
Turkey	72689	19175	9173	44341
Ukraine	60343	47313	2539	10491
Other countries	31621	28640	917	2064
Canada	2937	2389	74	474
Israel	15414	15052	223	139
Japan	1729	1600	94	35
USA	11541	9599	526	1416
Rest of the world	105620	75354	6408	23858