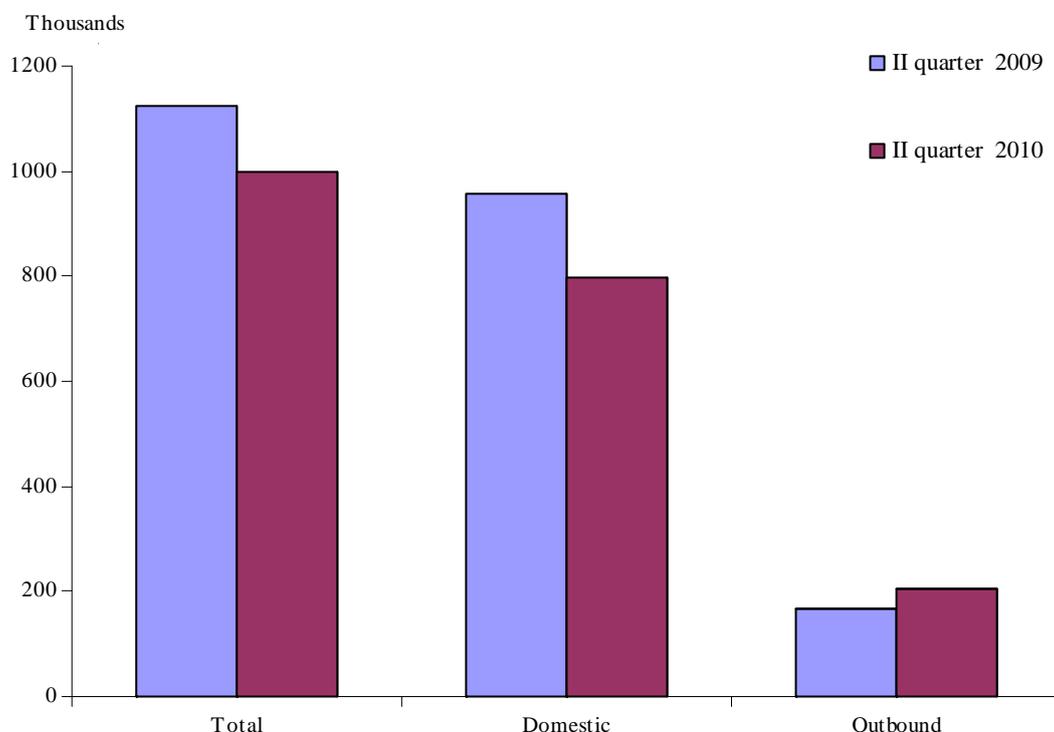




TOURIST TRIPS AND TOURISM-RELATED EXPENDITURES OF THE POPULATION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2010

By preliminary data, 1 084.4 thousand Bulgarian residents¹ travelled to the country or abroad in the second quarter of 2010. The total number of the persons travelled with private purpose decreased by 11.1% in comparison with the same period of 2009. The number of the Bulgarian residents travelled in the country decreased by 16.9%, while persons travelled abroad increased by 22.7%.

Figure 1. Persons travelled of 15 years of age and over with private purpose



The main part of the persons indicated that they had travelled abroad or in the country for holiday, recreation and visit relatives purposes. The relative share of the persons travelled abroad for recreation and holiday was 74.1% and the rate of persons travelled in the country with the same purpose was 37.1% (Table 1).

¹ The objects of the survey are the residents of 15 years age and over.



Table 1

Persons travelled of 15 years of age and over with tourist purpose by reasons for the second quarter of 2010

Destination of trips	Total	Reasons for trip				
		Private				Professional
		Holiday and recreation	Visit relatives	Education	Others	
Number						
Total	1084441	484794	348934	18454	147603	84656
In the country	862007	319954	315252	18454	143503	64844
Abroad	222434	164840	33682	-	4100	19812
Structure - %						
Total	100.0	44.7	32.2	1.7	13.6	7.8
In the country	100.0	37.1	36.6	2.1	16.6	7.6
Abroad	100.0	74.1	15.1	-	1.9	8.9

The travelled residents aged 15-34 were the highest part (43.1%) of the total number of the residents travelled with private purpose in the second quarter of 2010. The age group 35-54 years old was the highest share (57.6%) of the total persons travelled with professional purpose. The lowest was the percentage of persons of 65 and over years of old - 9.5% from the total persons travelled with private purpose (Table 2).

Table 2

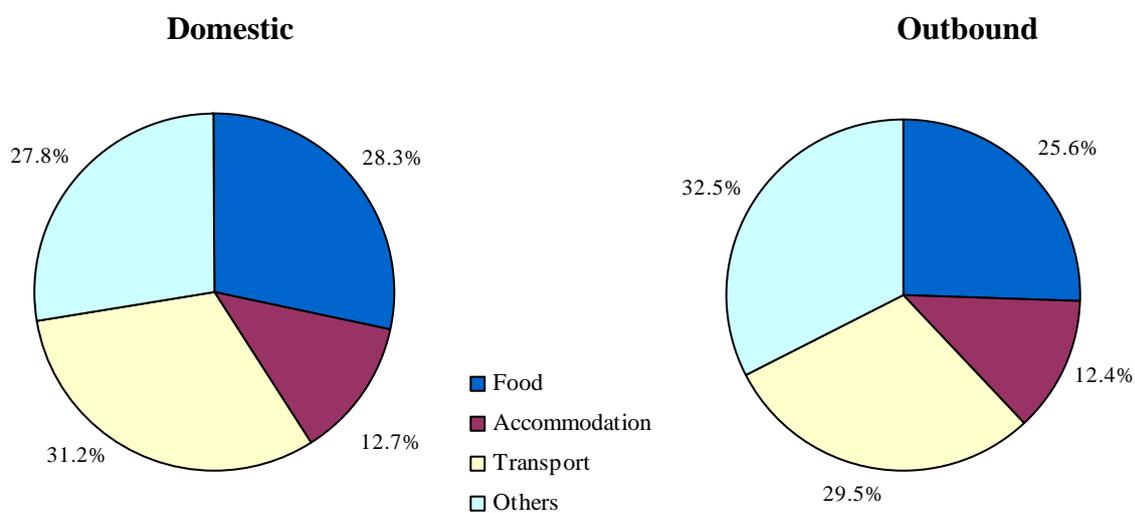
Persons travelled of 15 years of age and over with tourist purpose by type of trip for the second quarter of 2010

Age (Years)	Total	Private	Professional
Number			
Total	1084441	999785	84656
15-24	220103	213695	6408
25-34	227457	217349	10108
35-44	235367	205890	29477
45-54	173236	153952	19284
55-64	132184	114444	17740
65 and over	96094	94455	1639
Structure - %			
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
15-24	20.3	21.4	7.6
25-34	21.0	21.7	11.9
35-44	21.7	20.6	34.8
45-54	16.0	15.4	22.8
55-64	12.2	11.4	21.0
65 and over	8.8	9.5	1.9



In the second quarter of 2010 the structure of tourist trips' expenditure by type showed that expenditure on transport were the highest percentage from the total expenditure on domestic trips - 31.2% and on others, different from expenditure for food, accommodation and transport - 32.5% from total expenditure on outbound trips.

Figure 2. Structure of the expenditure by type for domestic and outbound tourist trips for the second quarter 2010



In the second quarter of 2010 a person of 15 years and over spent 157.7 BGN for its private domestic trip on the average and 477.6 BGN for outbound trip. At the same time a person of 15 years and over spent on the average 184.7 BGN for its professional domestic trip and 1 364.3 BGN for professional outbound trip.



METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The applied to the statistical survey on tourist trips and tourism-related expenditures of residents' definitions are in full compliance with the requirements of the Directive 95/57 EC concerning data collection in the field of tourism.

Tourist trip is every private or professional trip outside the place of the resident for no more than one year. The tourist trips are divided in private and business trips in accordance with the motives of the trips.

The private trips cover holiday, excursion, visit culture and sport events, medical treatment, education, religion activities, visit relatives and friends and other trips.

The professional trips include business trip, participation in conference, congress and seminars, conclude bargains and others.

The objects of the survey are the residents of 15 years age and over. All persons of 15 years age and over, members of the selected households are interviewed.

The Statistical survey on tourist trips and tourism-related expenditures of residents is a representative and it is conducted on the basis of households' sample in the country. The sample size is 3 000 households.

The current demographic data on total population aged 15 and over by place of residence (urban/rural), sex and age groups are used for survey results' estimations at the end of 2009.