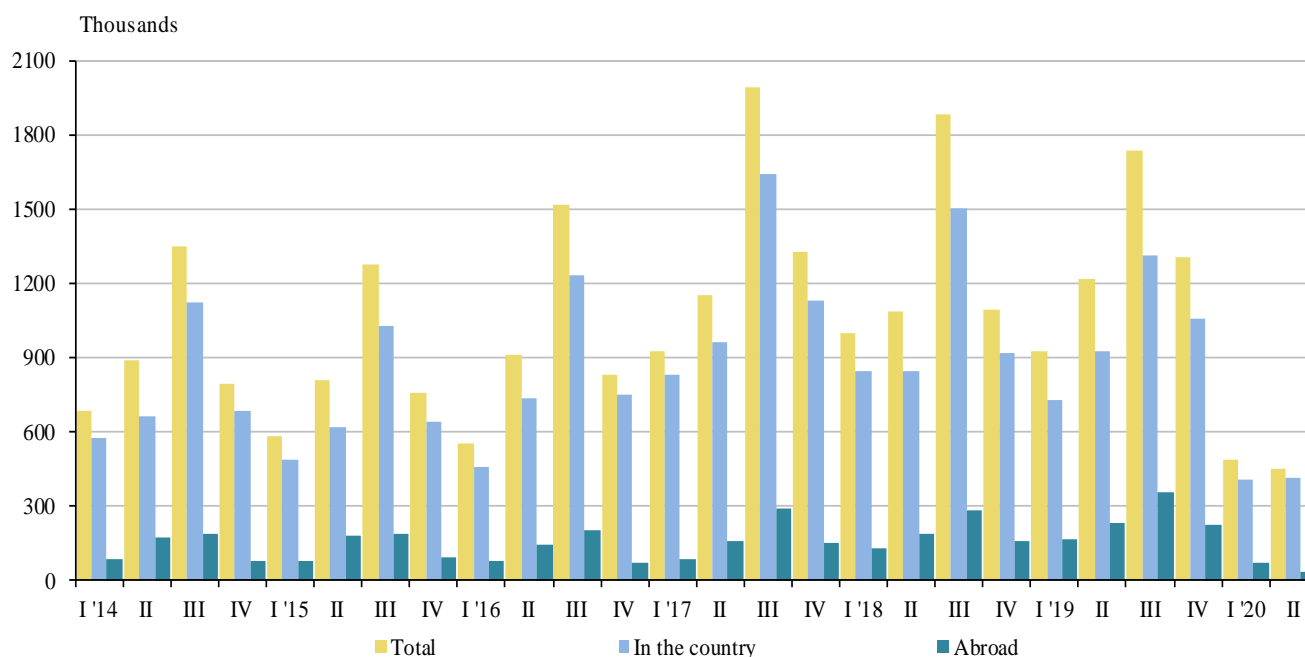


## **TOURIST TRIPS AND TOURISM-RELATED EXPENDITURE OF THE POPULATION IN SECOND QUARTER OF 2020 (PRELIMINARY DATA)**

In the second quarter of 2020, in a state of emergency and the ensuing epidemic situation in the country, 447.2 thousand Bulgarian residents<sup>1</sup> made tourist trips<sup>2</sup>. The majority (92.7%) of them travelled only within the country, 6.8% - only abroad and 0.5% - both in the country and abroad. Compared to the same quarter of 2019 the total number of the travelled persons aged 15 and over decreased by 63.3%, as a reduction was observed in the number of the Bulgarian residents travelled in the country - by 55.1%, as well as travelled abroad by 86.9%. As regards the number of persons travelled both in the country and abroad, the drop was by 96.3% (Figure 1).

**Figure 1. Travelled persons aged 15 and over by quarters**

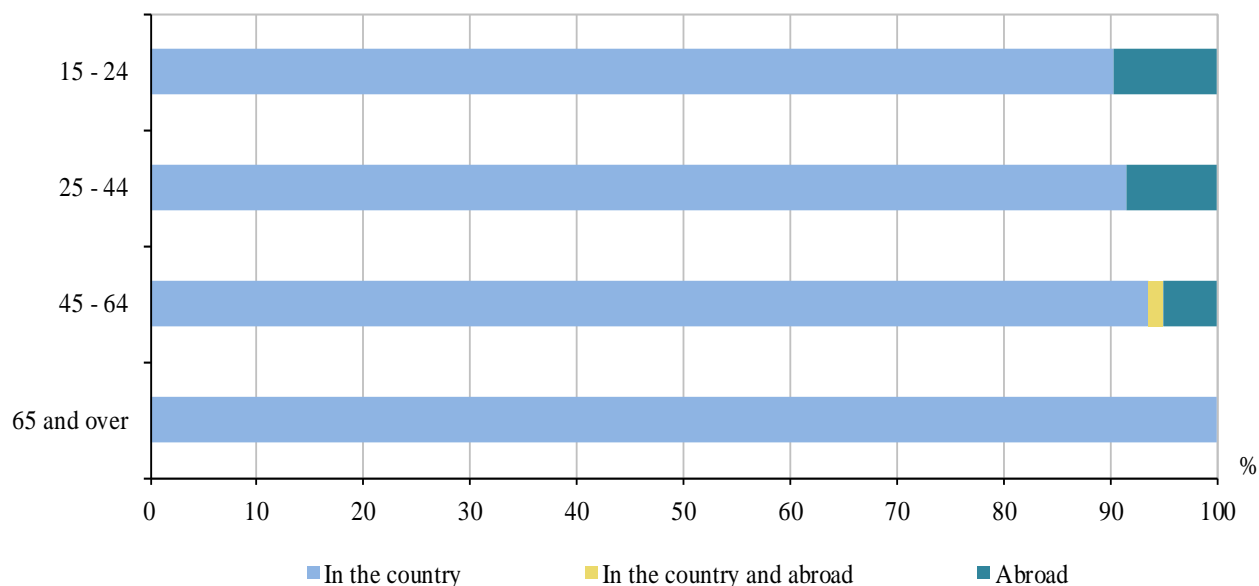


In the second quarter of 2020, most Bulgarians aged 25 - 44 years travelled - 202.5 thousand or 45.3% of all travelled persons. As a whole in all age groups predominated the trips realized in the country. About the trips abroad the share of residents aged 15 - 24 was 9.8% travelled in the respective group, followed by residents aged 25 - 44 - 8.6%, while among the respondents aged 65 and over, there were no registered trips abroad (Figure 2).

<sup>1</sup> The objects of the survey are the residents of 15 years age and over.

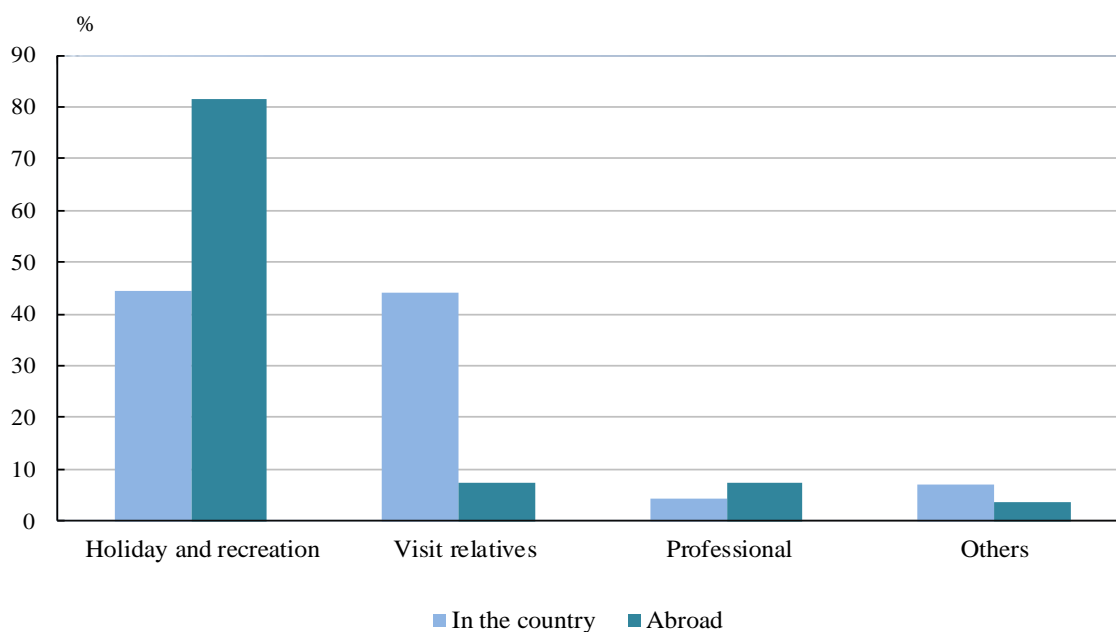
<sup>2</sup> It included trips with private and professional purposes.

**Figure 2. Travelled persons aged 15 and over by age groups in second quarter of 2020**



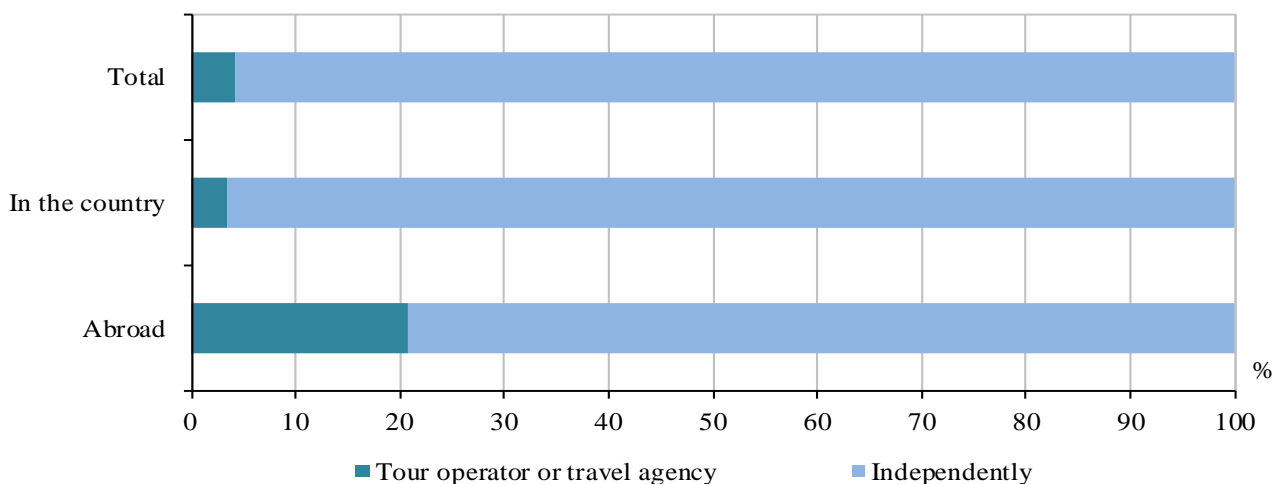
The majority of tourist trips of persons aged 15 and over travelled abroad, were for ‘holiday and recreation’ - 81.4%, while those made in the country with the same purpose were 44.5% and with purpose ‘visit relatives’ - 44.0% (Figure 3).

**Figure 3. Structure of the tourist trips by purposes in the country and abroad in second quarter of 2020**



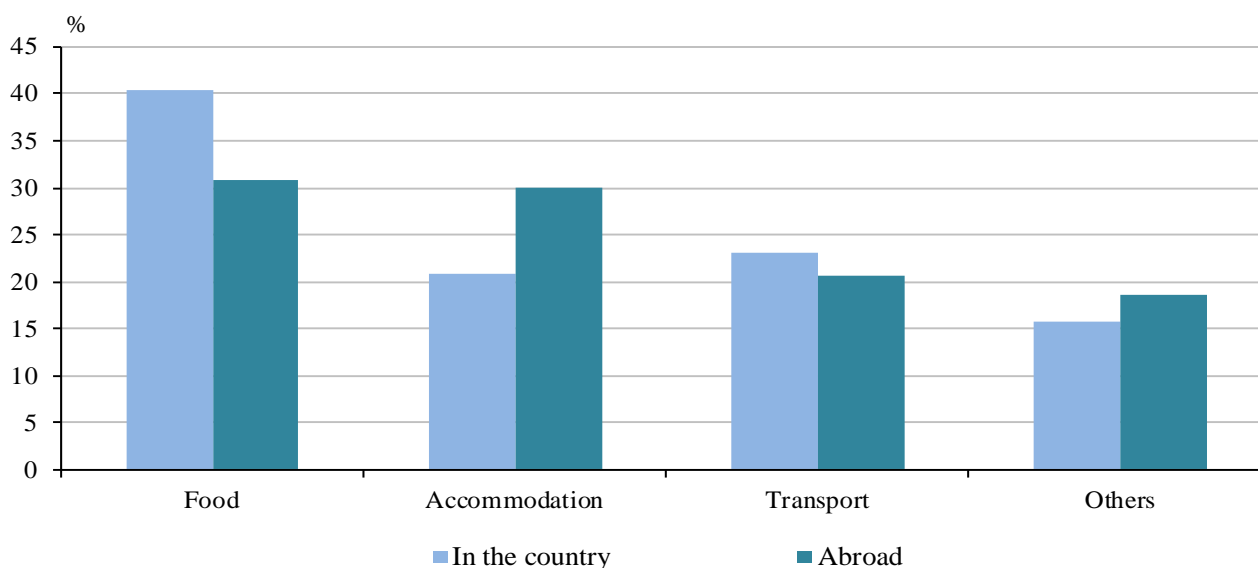
In the second quarter of 2020, 544.7 thousand or 95.7% of the total number of the private tourist trips as independent were registered. The relative share of the independent travels without booking of the trip in the country was 96.7%, while those abroad - 79.2% (Figure 4).

**Figure 4. Tourist trips with private purpose by arrangement of the trip in second quarter of 2020**



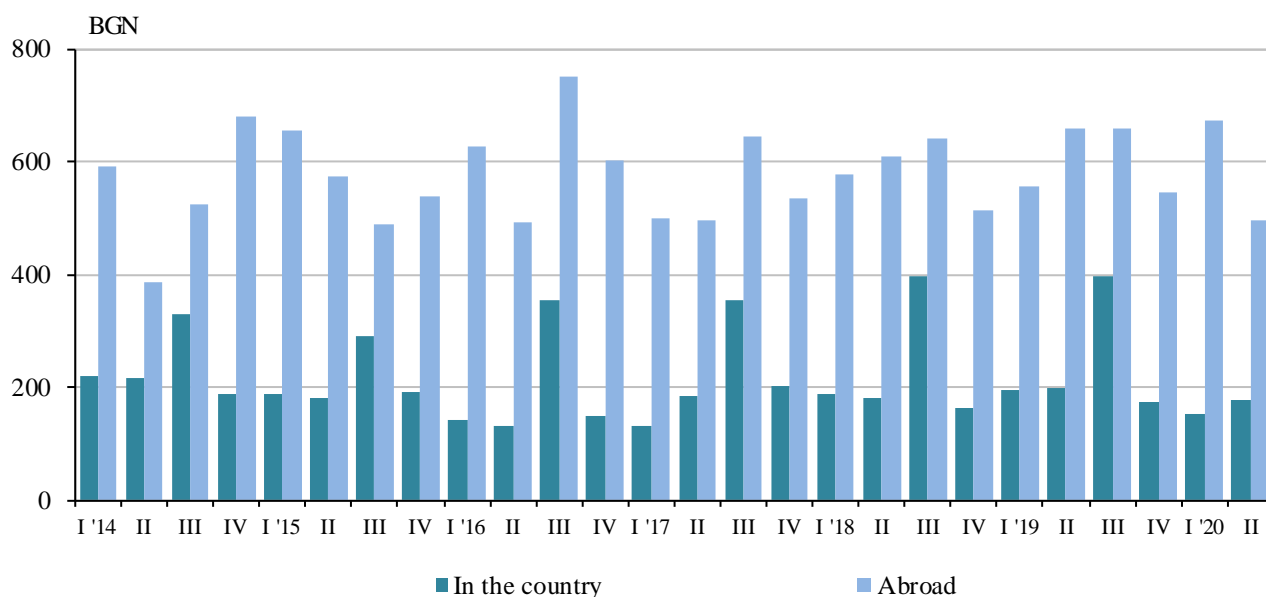
In the structure of the expenditure by type with highest relative share was the expenditure on food as in domestic trips, as well as in outbound trips - 40.4% and 30.7% respectively (Figure 5).

**Figure 5. Structure of the expenditure for domestic and outbound tourist trips in second quarter of 2020**



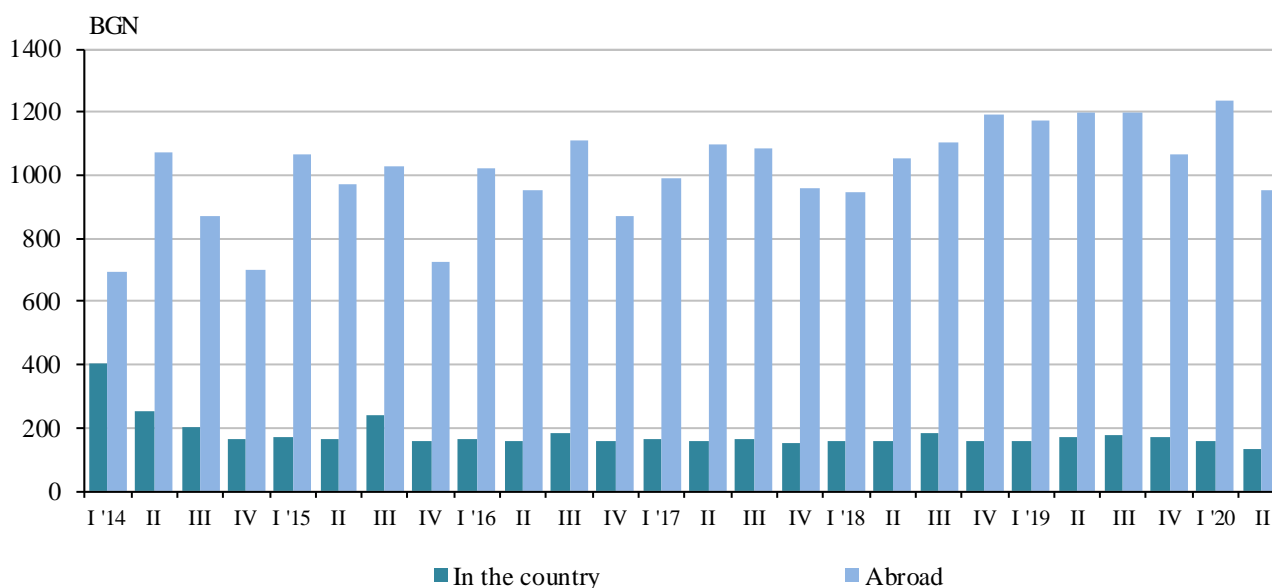
In the second quarter of 2020 a person aged 15 and over spent on the average for private trip 176.46 BGN in the country and 497.95 BGN for private trip abroad (Figure 6).

**Figure 6. The average expenditure for private trips per person by quarters**



At the same time, the average expenditure per person for professional trip was 132.34 BGN for domestic trip and 949.46 BGN for professional outbound trip (Figure 7).

**Figure 7. The average expenditure for professional trips per person by quarters**



## Methodological notes

**Since 2012 the survey of the tourist trips and tourism-related expenditure of the population has been** carried out in compliance with the Regulation 692/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning European statistics on tourism and Commission implementing Regulation 1051/2011 implementing Regulation 692/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning European statistics on tourism, as regards the structure of the quality reports and the transmission of the data.

**The survey is representative** and it is conducted on the basis of households' sample in the country. The objects of the survey are residents in Bulgaria aged 15 and older. All persons aged 15 and older, members of the selected households are interviewed. The current demographic data on total population aged 15 and older by place of residence (urban/rural), sex and age groups are used for survey's results estimations at the end of 2019.

**Tourist trips** - every private or professional trip of people outside the place where they live for a period no more than one year and whose main purpose is not doing any activity for payment.

**The tourist trips** can be as follows:

**Private** - holiday, culture visit and sport events, medical treatment, education, religion activities, visits of relatives and friends, and others.

**Professional** - business trip and deals, participation in conference, congress and seminars, and others.

**A visitor** is a traveller, taking a trip to a main destination outside his/her usual environment for no longer than one year, whose main purpose is not doing any activities for a payment. People travelling daily or weekly for work, study, shopping, visiting a physician and others are excluded from the definition of a visitor.

**Usual environment** of a person includes places located near his/her home as well as frequently visited places. It has two aspects - vicinity and frequency of the visits. Places located close to the place of residence of a person are part of the usual environment, even if they may be rarely visited. For example, even when the place where the villa or vacation house is located near to home, but rarely visited, it is part of the usual environment of a person.