

TOURIST TRIPS AND TOURISM-RELATED EXPENDITURES OF THE POPULATION IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2009

According to preliminary data, 1 208 thousand Bulgarian residents¹ travelled to the country or abroad in the second quarter of 2009. The total number of the persons travelled of 15 years of age and over with private purpose increased by 6.3% in comparison with the same period of 2008. The number of the Bulgarian residents travelled in the country increased by 16.8%, while persons travelled abroad decreased by 30.0% (fig.1).

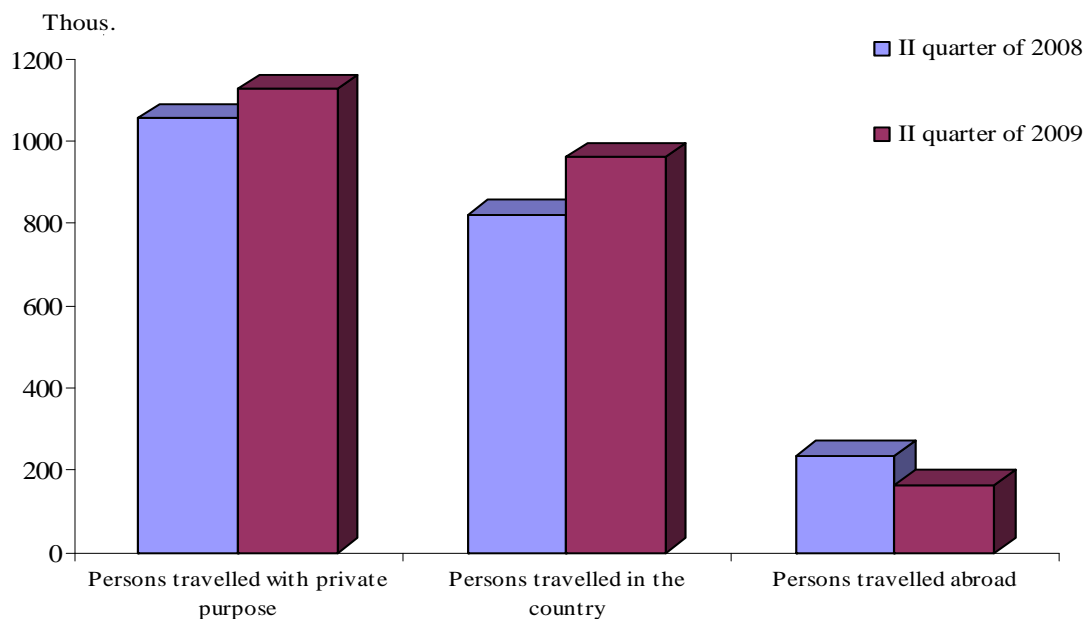


Fig. 1: Persons travelled of 15 years of age and over with private purpose in the country and abroad in the second quarter of 2008 and in the second quarter of 2009

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 holiday and recreation was 47.8% and the rate of persons travelled in the country with the same purpose was 42.8%.

Persons travelled of 15 years of age and over with tourist purpose by reasons in the second quarter of 2009

Destination of trips	Reasons for trip					
	Total	Private				Professional
Holiday and recreation		Visit relatives	Education	Others		
	NUMBER					
Total	1207525	526125	448628	13927	136281	82564
In the country	1012412	432922	392039	11380	123421	52650
Abroad	195113	93203	56589	2547	12860	29914
	STRUCTURE - %					
Total	100.0	43.6	37.2	1.2	11.3	6.8
In the country	100.0	42.8	38.7	1.1	12.2	5.2
Abroad	100.0	47.8	29.0	1.3	6.6	15.3

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

The travelled residents aged 25-44 were the highest part (45.4%) of the total number of the residents travelled with private purpose in the second quarter of 2009. The age group 25-44 years old was the highest share (59.6%) of the total persons travelled with professional purpose.

Persons travelled of 15 years of age and over with tourist purpose by type of trip for the second quarter of 2009

Table 2

Age (Years)	Total	Private	Professional
NUMBER			
Total	1207525	1124961	82564
15-24	211208	203167	8041
25-34	297626	280378	17248
35-44	262718	230796	31922
45-54	173205	156484	16721
55-64	155622	147884	7738
65 and over	107146	106252	894
STRUCTURE - %			
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0
15-24	17.5	18.1	9.7
25-34	24.6	24.9	20.9
35-44	21.8	20.5	38.7
45-54	14.3	13.9	20.3
55-64	12.9	13.1	9.4
65 and over	8.9	9.4	1.1

In the second quarter of 2009 the structure of tourist trips' expenditures by type showed that expenditures on food were the highest percentage from the total expenditures on domestic trips - 40.8% and on transport - 37.5% from the total expenditures on outbound trips (fig. 2).

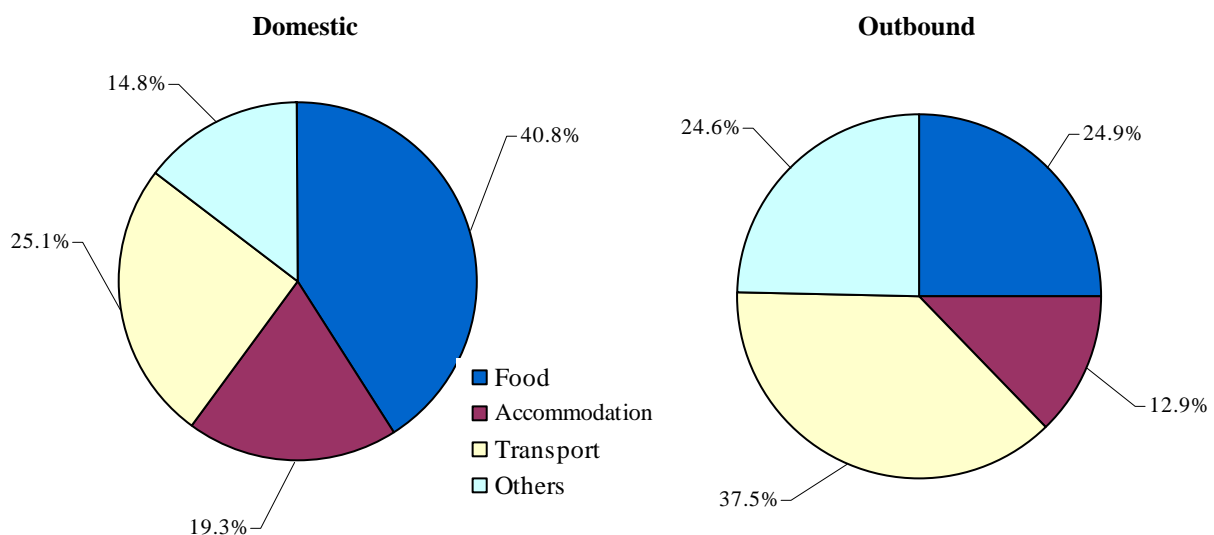


Fig. 2: Structure of the expenditures by type for domestic and outbound tourist trips in the second quarter 2009

In the second quarter of 2009, the average expenditure per person of 15 years and over travelled domestic and outbound with private purpose were 168.9 BGN and 411.8 BGN respectively. At the same time the average expenditure per person of 15 years and over travelled with professional purpose in the country was 119.4 BGN and abroad - 884.2 BGN.

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 2008.