

XVIII. TOURISM AND SPORT

Data on hotels, mountain chalets, camping sites and accommodation agencies are obtained from regular statistical reports and refer only to the public sector.

The item 'Bed-nights' is obtained by accumulation of the number of beds available for each day of the reference period no matter whether they have been occupied or not. Supplementary beds are taken into account too.

The number of rest houses includes all rest houses under the administration of the state firm 'Social recreation' and other institutions.

Every autonomous territorially delimited object consisting of one or more buildings, used as recreation centre, under one management (one manager) is recorded as a rest house.

The number of persons who have rested includes adult persons and children who have stayed at rest houses.

Tourism statistics has adopted the definition for international visitor recommended by World Tourism Organization (WTO). The term 'International visitor' describes any person who travels to a country other than the one of his usual residence, the main purpose of whose visit is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the country visited and who is staying for a period of one year or less.

International visitors do not include:

1. Persons arriving in the country with or without contract of employment;
2. Persons arriving in the country to settle as residents;
3. Border-line people who regularly cross the frontier to work in a neighbouring country.

Data on foreign arrivals are broken down by countries of usual residence of the visitors.

The number of transit passengers is shown in a separate column of the table 'Arrivals by purposes of visit'. Their number includes the visitors from abroad who have passed the country without stopping as well as those who have entered the country with transit visa but remained for several days as tourists. The item 'Professional' as a purpose of visit covers all foreigners arriving in the country for commercial and scientific purposes, cultural relations, exchange of experience, etc.

The breakdown of trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit and by country is made on the base of 45 % random sampling of the total number of embarkation/disembarkation cards filled in at the border check points. The final results are adjusted in accordance with sample data. The declared motives of the trip and countries of destination may not completely cover the factual ones.

The figures about different sporting disciplines are represented according to the existing sport organizations.

Sportsman is one who is training systematically, according to determined programme, at least 2-3 times weekly over the year (for students under 16 years old - during the school year) under the guidance of trainers (instructors) and who participates or is going to participate in competitions after the fixtures determined by the organisation (union) concerned.

A given sportsman can be recorded in each sporting discipline, where s/he meets respective requirements.