

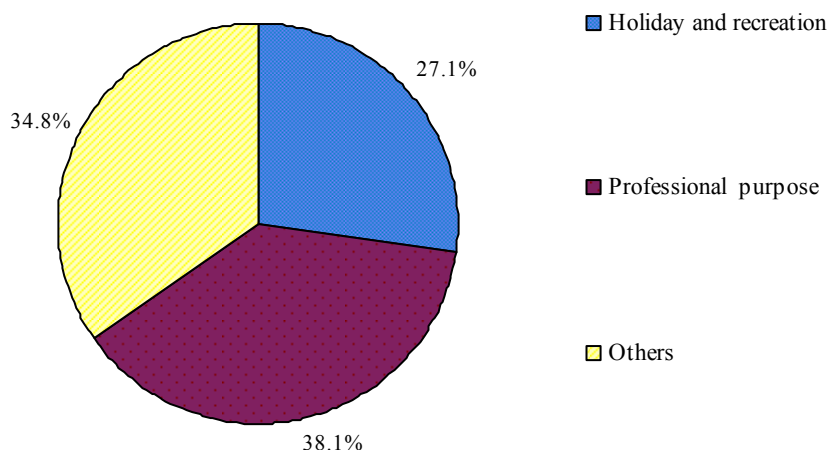


## TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA IN AUGUST 2011

In August 2011 the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad was 398.0 thousand, which was 4.8% more than the number of the trips in August 2010 (Table 1). An increase in the total number of the trips was registered namely to: Greece - by 28.2%, Romania - by 19.6%, Israel- by 10.4%, Slovakia - by 9.3%, Italy - by 8.5%, Russian Federation - by 7.2%, Switzerland - by 5.4%, Czech Republic - by 4.7%, Norway - by 4.2%, Sweden - by 4.0%, Slovenia - by 2.9%, etc. At the same time a decrease was observed to: Canada - by 19.9%, Portugal - by 16.9%, Cyprus - by 15.9%, USA - by 14.9%, Ukraine - by 9.2%, Malta - by 8.7%, Turkey - by 7.4%, and etc.

The highest share of the trips of Bulgarian citizens travelling abroad had those with professional purpose - 38.1%, followed by other purposes (as guest, education, visiting cultural and sport events etc.) - 34.8% and with holiday and recreation - 27.1%.

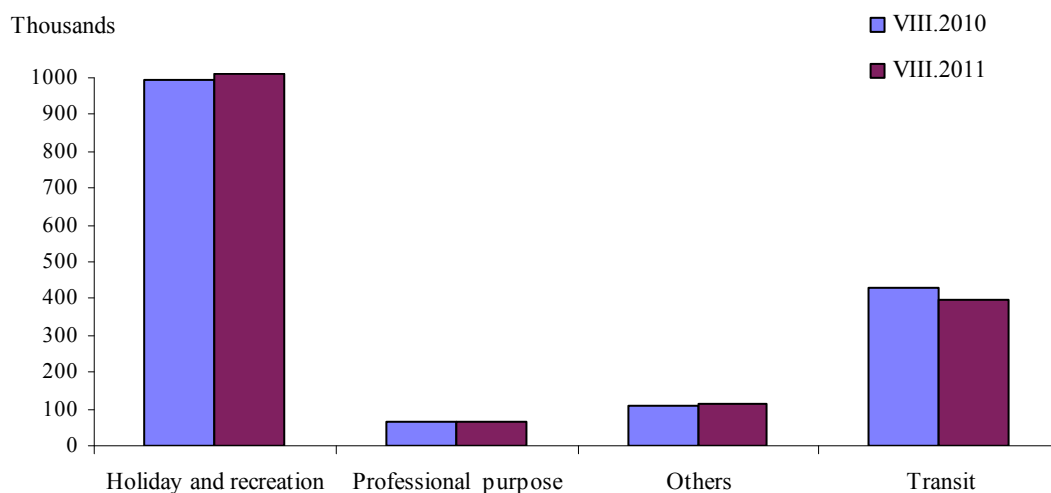
**Figure 1. Structure of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit in August 2011**



In August 2011, the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria was 1 585.9 thousand or 0.7% less than the number of the trips in the corresponding month of 2010 (Table 2). The largest increase was registered in the number of visitors with purpose holiday and recreation - by 1.4%.



**Figure 2. Number of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit**

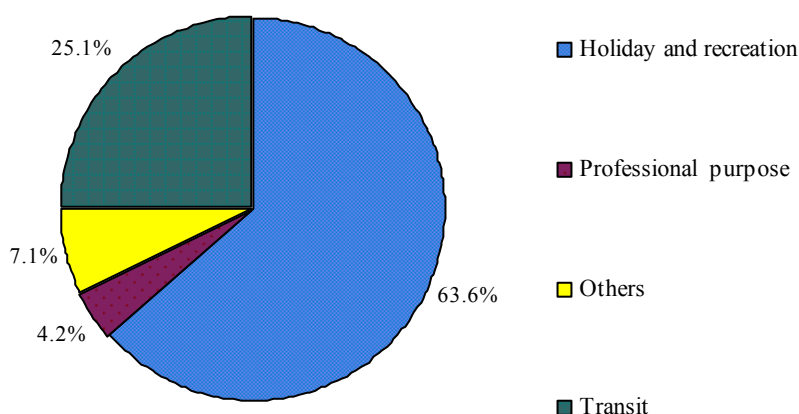


In August 2011, the arrivals of visitors from EU Member States rose by 1.5% in comparison with the same month of 2010. The highest growth in the number of visits was observed from Greece and Slovakia - by 14.4 and 8.4% respectively. A decrease in the visits was registered from Estonia - by 14.7%, Czech Republic - by 10.5%, Slovenia - by 8.3%, etc.

At the same time the visits of foreigners in the group “Other European countries”<sup>1</sup> were decreased by 7.5%. The largest reduction in the number of arrivals of citizens was observed from Turkey - by 33.1% and Norway - by 9.6%.

In August 2011, the arrivals with holiday and recreation purpose composed the greatest share of the total number of foreigners visited Bulgaria - 63.6%, followed by the visitors passing transit - 25.1%, professional purpose - 4.2% and others - 7.1%.

**Figure 3. Structure of arrivals of visitors to Bulgaria from abroad by purpose of visit in August 2011**



<sup>1</sup> Group of “Other European countries” include countries in Europe outside EU.



### **Methodological notes**

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

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



Table 1

**Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by purpose of visit and by country of destination in August 2011**

Country of destination	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number			Change in % compared to August 2010
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others	
<b>Total</b>	<b>398006</b>	<b>107853</b>	<b>151790</b>	<b>138363</b>	<b>4.8</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>201900</b>	<b>66032</b>	<b>108154</b>	<b>27714</b>	<b>17.1</b>
of which:					
Austria	4671	1679	2354	638	1.0
Belgium	3707	1380	1587	740	-3.5
United Kingdom	7956	1981	3673	2302	1.2
Germany	17229	5237	9298	2694	2.7
Greece	107326	31221	61834	14271	28.2
Spain	9343	3858	4210	1275	1.2
Italy	6801	3056	3028	717	8.5
Poland	1996	705	1049	242	1.4
Romania	29635	12214	14751	2670	19.6
Hungary	1723	522	795	406	1.8
France	3319	1235	1698	386	2.8
Czech Rep.	2052	796	1014	242	4.7
Sweden	263	73	116	74	4.0
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>189089</b>	<b>40604</b>	<b>41242</b>	<b>107243</b>	<b>-5.4</b>
Norway	324	38	64	222	4.2
FYROM	29735	4716	7604	17415	-5.6
Russian Fed.	1888	262	998	628	7.2
Serbia	31728	17643	11843	2242	2.1
Turkey	123142	17344	19530	86268	-7.4
Ukraine	1215	230	720	265	-9.2
Switzerland	1057	371	483	203	5.4
<b>Others</b>	<b>7017</b>	<b>1217</b>	<b>2394</b>	<b>3406</b>	<b>-4.9</b>



Table 2

**Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria by purpose of visit and by country of origin in August 2011**

Country of origin	Total - number	Purpose of visit - number				Change in % compared to August 2010
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others	Transit	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1585914</b>	<b>1008562</b>	<b>67382</b>	<b>111884</b>	<b>398086</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
<b>EU</b>	<b>1094776</b>	<b>721818</b>	<b>51684</b>	<b>71515</b>	<b>249759</b>	<b>1.5</b>
of which:						
Austria	45007	21702	3320	554	19431	-3.7
Belgium	26355	15699	1517	1596	7543	-1.6
United Kingdom	52326	42883	2919	4725	1799	6.8
Germany	237080	181543	8762	6618	40157	-2.7
Greece	125631	63751	13147	21949	26784	14.4
Spain	13176	9702	877	1307	1290	-4.7
Italy	19893	10522	3041	2267	4063	-2.6
Poland	85690	72004	1378	1980	10328	-1.0
Romania	207386	92943	8326	21465	84652	7.8
Hungary	31288	24494	1361	413	5020	4.4
France	44382	29507	2007	3461	9407	-1.4
Czech Rep.	67771	59053	989	1586	6143	-10.5
Sweden	10060	9143	45	140	732	4.1
<b>Other European countries</b>	<b>376208</b>	<b>204244</b>	<b>12609</b>	<b>31769</b>	<b>127586</b>	<b>-7.5</b>
Norway	17331	16178	29	122	1002	-9.6
FYROM	39936	29983	239	5429	4285	4.8
Russian Fed.	102689	84807	8033	7211	2638	17.4
Serbia	41200	24671	184	2529	13816	4.4
Turkey	109719	2157	3009	11584	92969	-33.1
Ukraine	54368	39086	1013	4186	10083	16.1
Switzerland	10965	7362	102	708	2793	-5.0
<b>Others</b>	<b>114930</b>	<b>82500</b>	<b>3089</b>	<b>8600</b>	<b>20741</b>	<b>2.8</b>