

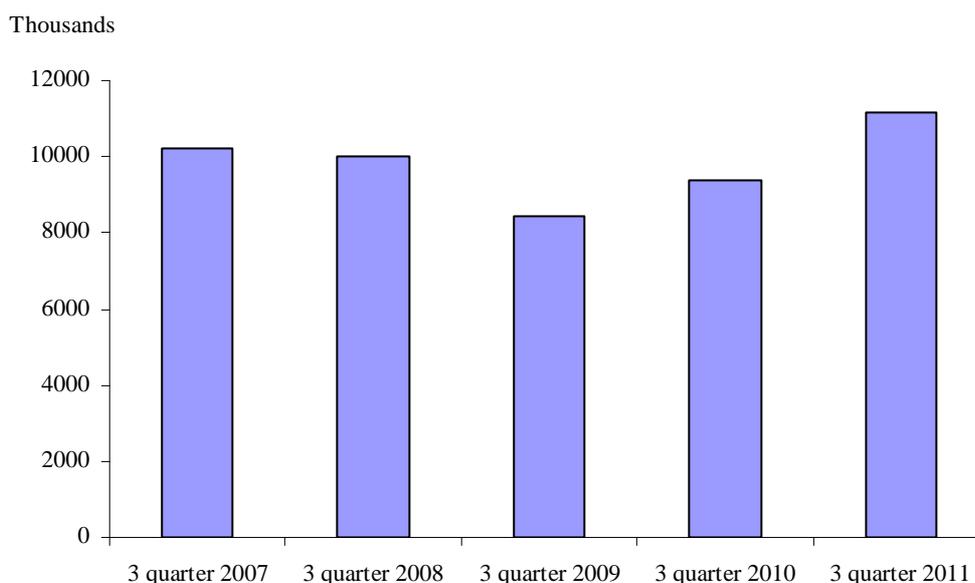


ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JULY - SEPTEMBER 2011

In the third quarter of 2011, 3 450 accommodation establishments - hotels, motels, camping sites, mountain chalets and other establishments for short-term accommodation with more than 10 bed places were functioned in the country (Table 1). The number of rooms in them was 116.3, while the number of the bed-places - 259.3 thousand. In comparison with the same period of 2010 the total number of accommodation establishments increased by 3.0%, while the rooms and the bed-places in them decreased by 2.1 and 2.8% respectively.

In the third quarter of 2011, the total number of the nights spent in the accommodation establishments was 11 155.8 thousand and rose by 1 769.5 thousand (18.9%) compared to the same period of 2010.

Figure 1. Nights spent in accommodation establishments in the third quarter during the 2007 - 2011 period



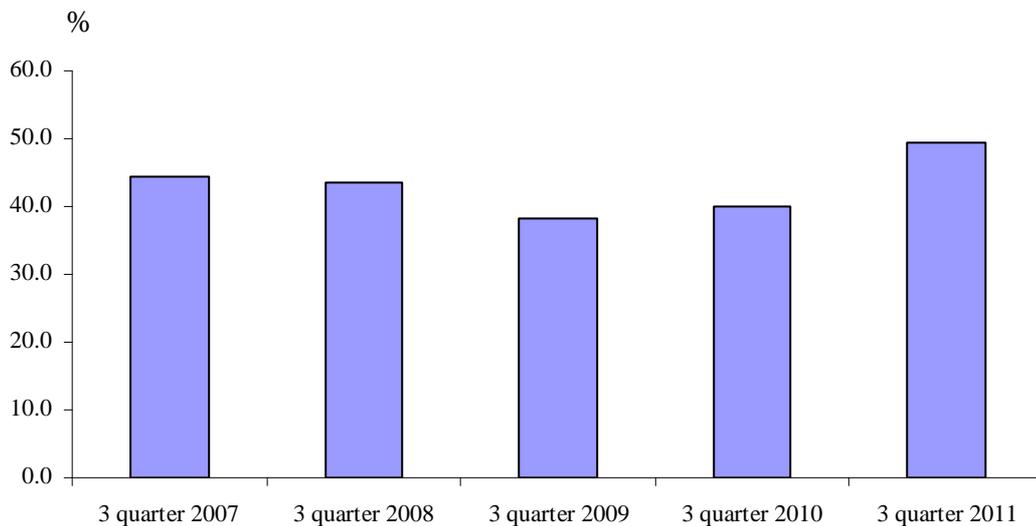
In the third quarter of 2011, the number of nights spent by Bulgarian citizens in accommodation establishments was 2 972.6 thousand and increased by 361.4 thousand (13.8%) compared to the same quarter of 2010. The number of the nights spent by foreigners in accommodation establishments increased by 20.8%. More nights were spent by the residents of the following countries: China - by 111.7%, Lithuania - by 84.1%, Latvia - by 82.0%, Ukraine - by 74.2%, Malta - by 73.0%, Luxembourg - by 71.3%, South Africa - by 68.0%, Slovakia - by 60.5%, Hungary - by 59.9%, Australia - by 54.3%, FYROM - by 40.9%, Romania - by 39.4%, Czech Republic - by 38.2%, Ireland - by 35.8%, etc. A decrease in the nights spent in accommodation establishments by foreigners was observed from Brazil - by 80.4%, Portugal - by 24.5%, Estonia - by 20.1%, Japan - by 17.5%, Spain - by 16.2%, etc.



In the third quarter of 2011, the total number of arrivals in accommodation establishments increased by 341.6 thousand (18.5%) and was 2 193.2 thousand. The relative share of arrivals of Bulgarian citizens was 41.2% of all arrivals. The number of foreign arrivals in accommodation establishments increased by 208.0 thousand (19.2%) compared to the same period of the previous year. The greatest share has citizens from Germany (17.4%). Almost all foreigners (98.4%) prefer to spend the night in hotels and the rest 1.6% - in other accommodation establishments.

The total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in the third quarter of 2011 was 49.5% which was 9.6 percentage points above the registered in the same period of 2010.

Figure 2. Total occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments in the third quarter during the period 2007 - 2011



The total revenues from nights spent in the accommodation establishments increased by 15.2% in the third quarter of 2011 compared to the third quarter of 2010, reaching to 413.7 million leva. The revenues from nights spent by foreigner and by Bulgarian citizens increased by 14.0 and 20.0% respectively.



Methodological notes

In the statistical survey of **accommodation establishments** were included all categorized hotels, mountain chalets, camping sites, and other type of accommodation establishments with more than 10 bed-places in use during the reporting period. Up to 2006 accommodation establishments with more than 30 bed-places were observed.

Private flats, holiday settlements, bungalows and other establishments for short-time accommodation added since 2003 in indicator “other accommodation establishments”. Private rooms and rest houses are added since 2006.

ANNEX

Table 1

Activity of accommodation establishments for the period July - September 2011¹

| Districts | Accommodation establishments - number | Bed-places - number | Available bed-nights ² - number | Nights spent - number | | Arrivals in accommodation establishments - number | | Revenues from nights spent - levs (BGN) | |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|---|----------------------|---|-------------------------|
| | | | | Total | Of which: by foreigners | Total | Of which: foreigners | Total | Of which: by foreigners |
| Total | 3450 | 259341 | 22521746 | 11155764 | 8183124 | 2193242 | 1290490 | 413710762 | 327666535 |
| Blagoevgrad | 136 | 10097 | 917109 | 146990 | 42192 | 65332 | 19808 | 6265682 | 2431242 |
| Burgas | 1122 | 95833 | 7948837 | 5341418 | 4309750 | 742519 | 549854 | 193492031 | 165334442 |
| Varna | 446 | 55404 | 4970692 | 2984617 | 2461337 | 514711 | 383253 | 126333919 | 110577347 |
| Veliko Tarnovo | 103 | 5113 | 470378 | 80566 | 18300 | 50805 | 12224 | 2758905 | 981508 |
| Vidin | 43 | 982 | 90264 | 16413 | 4422 | 10861 | 2535 | 601322 | 156594 |
| Vratsa | 32 | 1071 | 98532 | 14082 | 1608 | 7192 | 699 | 430949 | 71767 |
| Gabrovo | 60 | 3011 | 276651 | 56072 | 6919 | 28022 | 3847 | 1565035 | 273897 |
| Dobrich | 99 | 23309 | 1941940 | 1256475 | 937461 | 191978 | 123141 | 26721128 | 20966911 |
| Kardzhali | 25 | 843 | 77556 | 12317 | 2779 | 8762 | 1779 | 400423 | 104329 |
| Kyustendil | 40 | 2414 | 222088 | 47398 | 5370 | 23678 | 2781 | 1078994 | 239131 |
| Lovech | 63 | 3468 | 319019 | 65505 | 3830 | 31601 | 2160 | 1835340 | 181949 |
| Montana | 32 | 1580 | 145360 | 24243 | 1454 | 10087 | 920 | 969184 | 89017 |
| Pazardzhik | 69 | 4344 | 399468 | 122285 | 13771 | 38994 | 3556 | 4633180 | 810974 |
| Pernik | 17 | 835 | 76820 | 5743 | 818 | 3629 | 492 | 158828 | 35346 |
| Pleven | 13 | 1027 | 94484 | 16125 | 3631 | 10532 | 1603 | 591482 | 159527 |
| Plovdiv | 234 | 9068 | 834002 | 215509 | 77501 | 82804 | 26552 | 8280419 | 3969789 |
| Razgrad | 18 | 499 | 45908 | 8664 | 1407 | 4018 | 709 | 273844 | 59801 |
| Ruse | 64 | 1705 | 156860 | 33810 | 11048 | 23200 | 6820 | 1551201 | 579683 |
| Silistra | 22 | 710 | 65320 | 10805 | 2724 | 7528 | 1749 | 455779 | 139201 |
| Sliven | 95 | 2665 | 245127 | 29271 | 4519 | 14237 | 1851 | 940923 | 275097 |
| Smolyan | 378 | 11139 | 907486 | 133568 | 16349 | 52033 | 4539 | 3174629 | 498785 |
| Sofia | 46 | 4686 | 420805 | 87405 | 10879 | 31008 | 3999 | 2527236 | 321991 |
| Sofia cap. | 116 | 11873 | 1091860 | 306892 | 216820 | 180340 | 121775 | 22706790 | 18022619 |
| Stara Zagora | 36 | 3421 | 314732 | 76616 | 11845 | 23635 | 5113 | 3797703 | 662115 |
| Targovishte | 25 | 864 | 79488 | 10509 | 2202 | 5293 | 744 | 255361 | 50086 |
| Haskovo | 43 | 1526 | 140392 | 24034 | 6861 | 13731 | 3913 | 1054680 | 408716 |
| Shumen | 34 | 1055 | 97060 | 14337 | 4194 | 9348 | 3009 | 436148 | 152220 |
| Yambol | 39 | 799 | 73508 | 14095 | 3133 | 7364 | 1065 | 419647 | 112451 |

¹In use.

²The data for the "Available Bed Capacity" item are obtained through accumulation of the number of bed-places for each of the days of the reference period, when they are put into utilization, irrespective of whether they are occupied or not.