



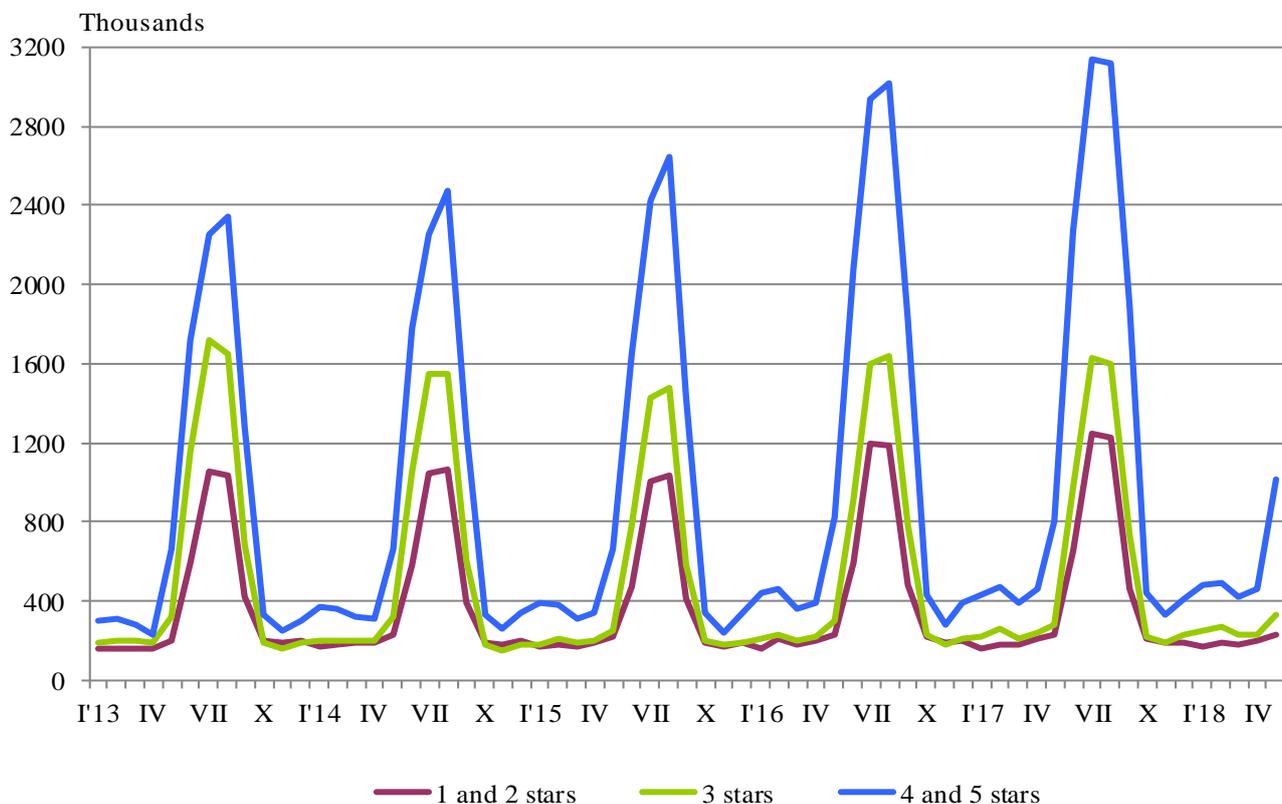
ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS IN MAY 2018

In May 2018, 2 345 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 (Annex, Table 1). The total number of the rooms in them was 107.1 thousand and the bed-places were 233.8 thousand. In comparison with May 2017, the total number of accommodation establishments (functioned during the period) increased by 4.7% and the bed-places in them - by 2.4%.

The total number of the nights spent in all accommodation establishments registered in May 2018 was 1 571.8 thousand, or by 20.0% more in comparison with the same month of the previous year, as the greatest increase (by 26.4%) was observed in 4 and 5 stars accommodation establishments.

In May 2018, 80.0% of all nights spent by foreign citizens and 35.3% of all nights spent by Bulgarians were realized in 4 and 5 stars hotels. In 3 stars accommodation establishments were spent 14.7% of all nights by foreigners and 32.4% of all nights by Bulgarian residents, while in the rest of accommodation establishments (with 1 and 2 stars) they were 5.3% and 32.3% respectively.

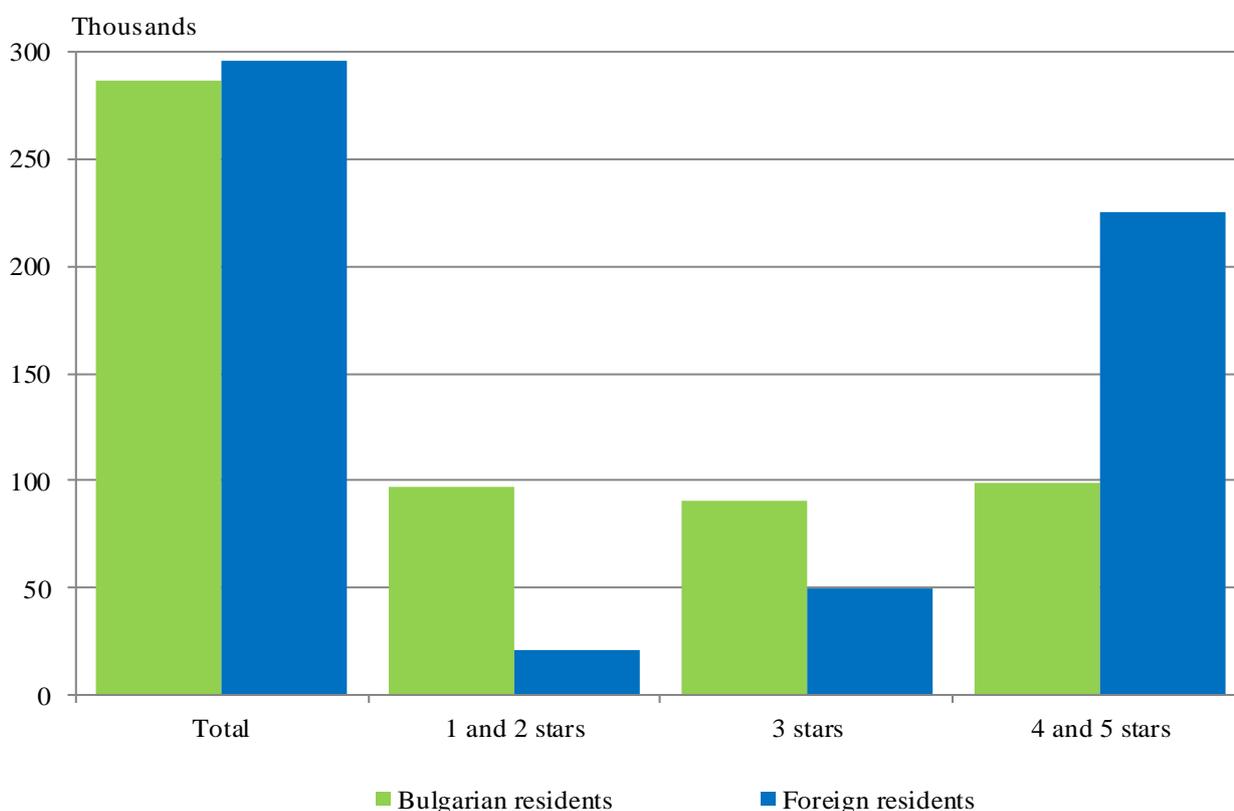
Figure 1. The nights spent in accommodation establishments by categories and months





In May 2018, the number of arrivals in all accommodation establishments increased by 15.6% compared to the same month of 2017 and reached 582.0 thousand, as an increase was registered for foreigners by 28.7% and for Bulgarians - by 4.6% for. Bulgarians spent the nights in accommodation establishments in May 2018 were 286.2 thousand and spent 1.9 nights on the average. The arrivals of foreigners were 295.8 thousand, as 76.1% of them spent nights in hotels with 4 and 5 stars. On the average 3.5 nights were spent by foreigners.

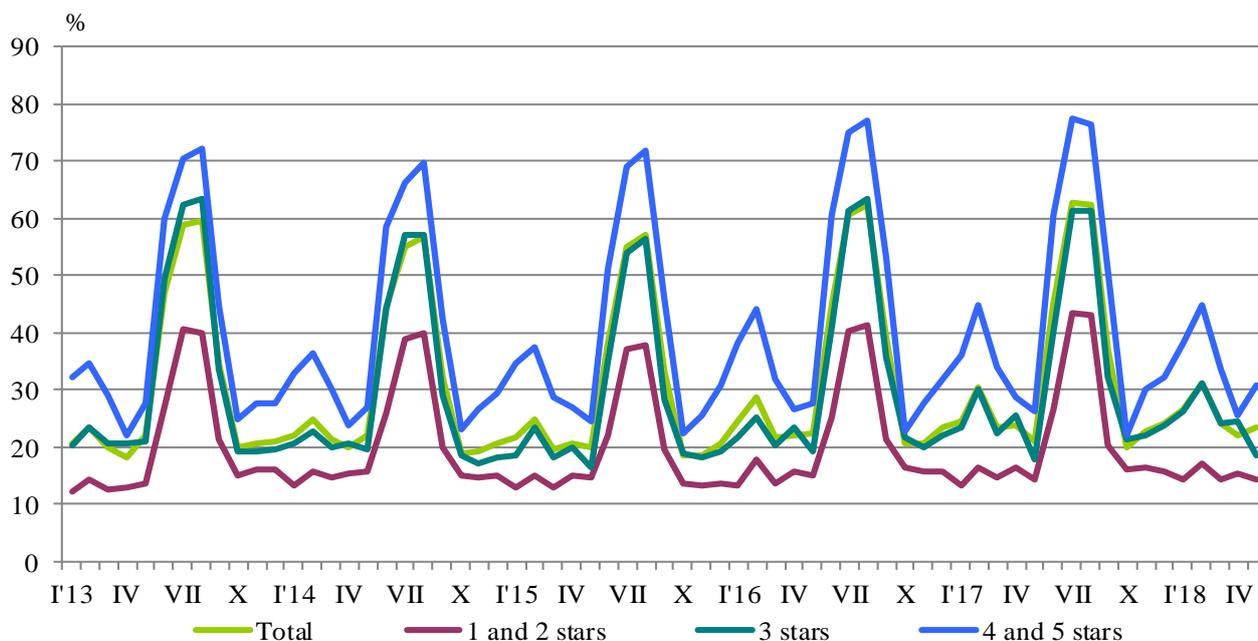
Figure 2. Arrivals in accommodation establishments by categories in May 2018



In May 2018, the total occupancy of the bed-places in accommodation establishments was 23.6%, as compared to May 2017 increased by 2.5 percentage points. The highest was occupancy of the bed-places in 4 and 5 stars accommodation establishments - 31.0%, followed by 3 stars accommodation establishments - 18.5%, and with 1 and 2 stars - 14.3%.

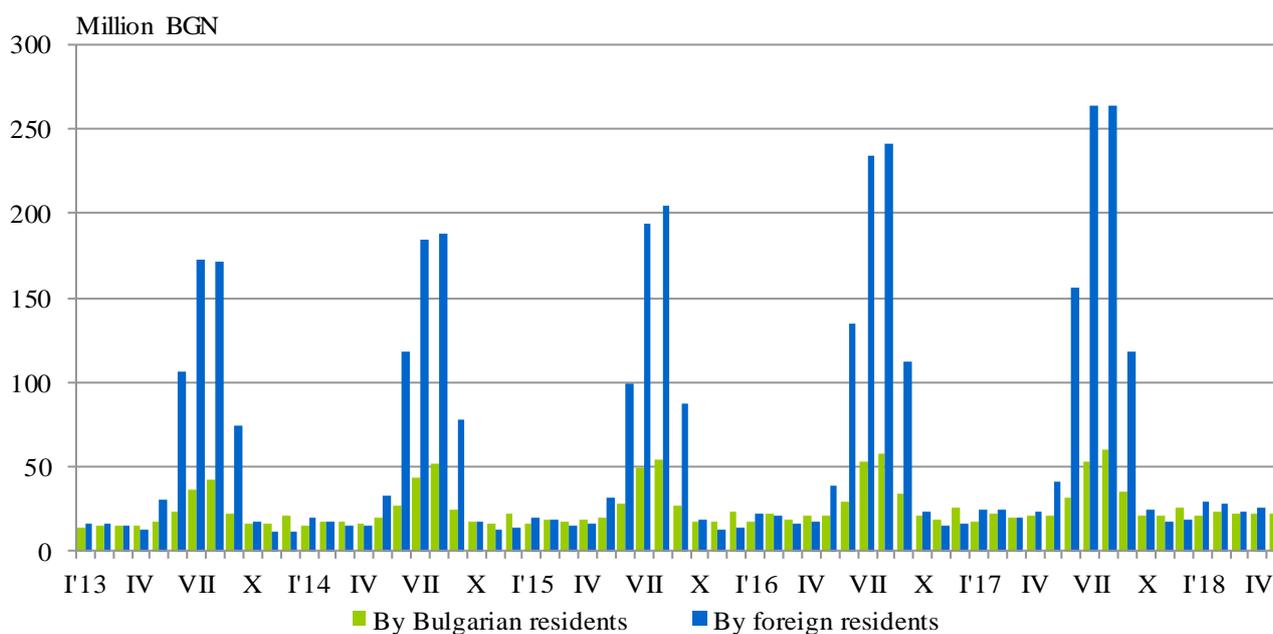


Figure 3. The occupation of the bed-places in accommodation establishments by categories and months



The total revenues from nights spent in May 2018 reached 78.3 million BGN or by 27.2% more compared to May 2017. An increase in revenues was registered from both foreigners - by 37.6% and Bulgarians - by 7.0%.

Figure 4. The revenues from nights spent in accommodation establishments by months





Methodological notes

Since 2012 the statistical survey on **accommodation establishments** has been carried out monthly in compliance with the Regulation 692/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council concerning European statistics on tourism and the Regulation 1051/2011 of the Commission 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.

All categorized hotels, camping sites and other types of accommodation establishments with more than 10 bed-places in use during the reporting period were included in the observation.

The indicator **other accommodation establishments** include the holiday settlements, hostels, guests houses, bungalows, rest houses, mountain chalets, private rooms and flats and other establishments for short accommodation.

Available Bed Capacity is the maximum number of bed-places on offer for each day of the reference month.

In the **revenues from nights spent** in accommodation establishments are included the sums paid by the guests, without the extra services.



Annex

Table 1

Activity of accommodation establishments in May 2018¹

Districts	Establishments - in numbers	Bed- places - in numbers	Available bed-nights - in numbers	Nights spent - in numbers		Arrivals in accommodation establishments - in numbers		Revenues from nights spent - Thousand BGN	
				Total	Of which: By foreigners	Total	Of which: Foreigners	Total	Of which: By foreigners
Total	2345	233792	6646350	1571828	1027055	582022	295804	78254	55985
Blagoevgrad	179	11777	331428	60689	15914	30233	7277	2829	906
Burgas	287	79377	2095545	465882	395684	104036	74321	20323	17529
Varna	259	49767	1426151	368065	307868	103040	72989	17134	14547
Veliko Tarnovo	114	4814	148886	33295	10994	21675	8513	1343	581
Vidin	28	829	24647	5715	1449	4047	1057	208	56
Vratsa	27	899	26723	7108	1491	3875	656	229	62
Gabrovo	72	3617	106332	19254	2587	10742	1565	579	116
Dobrich	103	16989	494966	100891	78621	29773	19679	5061	3927
Kardzhali	35	1122	33430	7304	1682	4539	995	288	82
Kyustendil	78	2874	87819	11563	2388	7628	1499	415	..
Lovech	71	3797	114184	19567	852	11283	539	710	43
Montana	25	1159	35789	5040	523	2762	246	159	23
Pazardzhik	51	4255	126646	38218	4444	15991	1273	1669	261
Pernik	13	484	15004	2771	576	1421	312	80	..
Pleven	24	1251	35581	6867	1453	4372	788	311	107
Plovdiv	191	9343	288320	90512	34302	44864	14306	4699	2278
Razgrad	16	707	21917	4198	662	2867	395	134	28
Ruse	49	2001	59526	16449	6099	9768	2915	842	344
Silistra	13	503	15523	3166	701	2323	485	135	33
Sliven	57	1980	60434	7383	1432	4835	721	295	92
Smolyan	261	9291	286068	26722	2587	13988	1233	852	98
Sofia	90	7219	212899	28724	4347	15051	2041	1094	210
Sofia (stolitsa)	121	11972	364934	182888	138046	105447	76216	16494	13832
Stara Zagora	51	3500	103536	32783	4466	12372	2311	1301	323
Targovishte	17	660	19786	4149	845	2626	430	196	47
Haskovo	31	1350	41748	11640	4649	5771	2001	434	206
Shumen	62	1583	49060	7828	1354	4989	703	321	73
Yambol	20	672	19468	3157	1039	1704	338	119	42

¹ In use.

'..' - Confidential data.