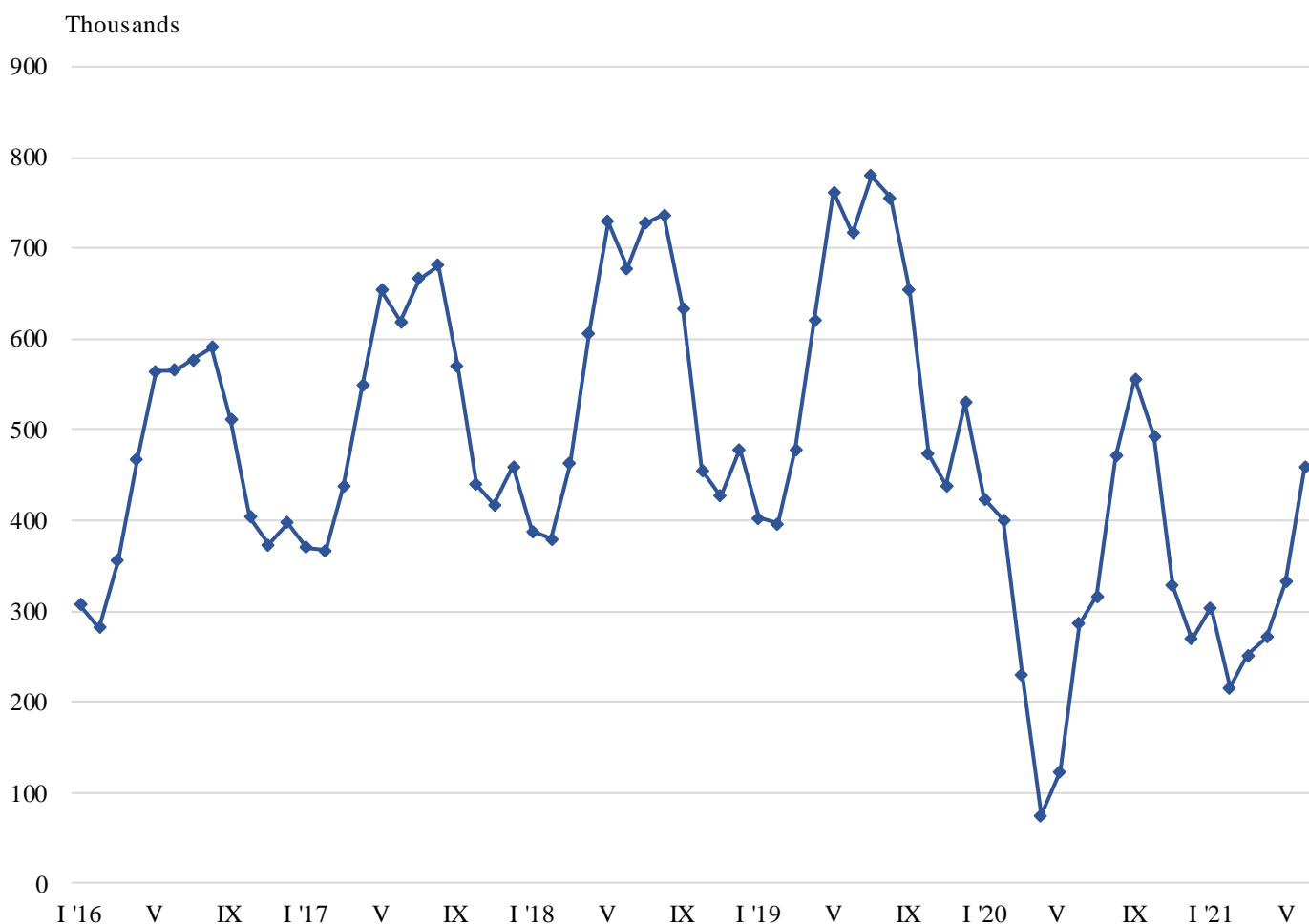


TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA^{1,2} IN JUNE 2021

In June 2021, in the conditions of the continuing epidemic situation, **the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad** was 458.7 thousand (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by months

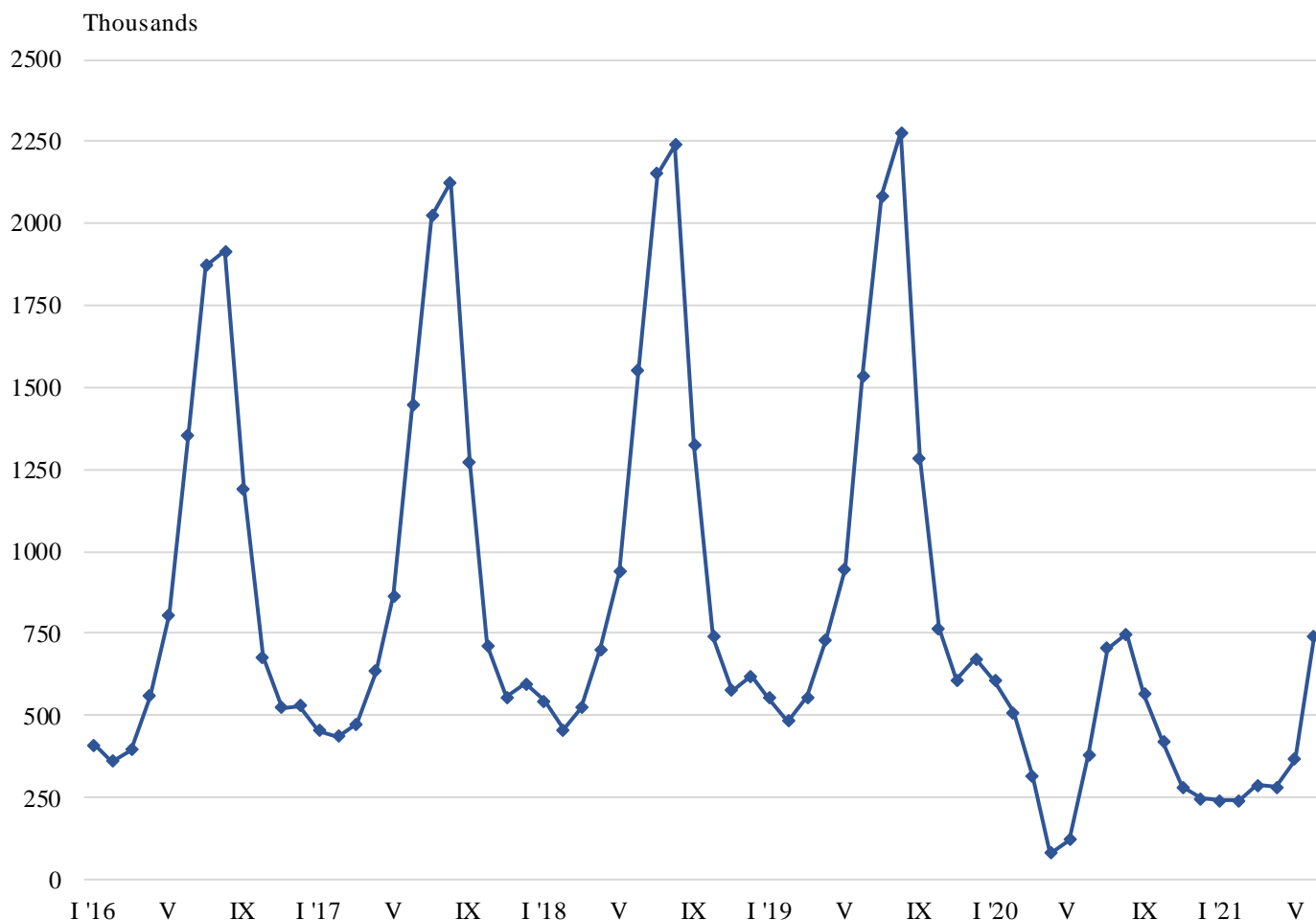


¹ Data provided by the Ministry of Interior.

² The press release does not contain comparative data due to the worldwide spread of coronavirus COVID-19 and the state of emergency on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria declared by a Decision of the National Assembly (State Gazette No. 22/13.03.2020).

In June 2021, **the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria** was 742.8 thousand (Annex, Table 1), as the transit was 53.1% (394.7 thousand) of all visits of foreigners in the country.

Figure 2. Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria by months



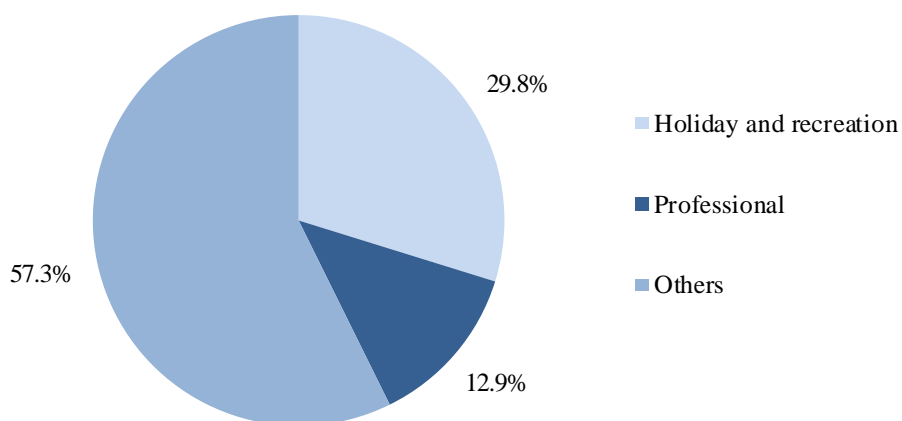
The share of visits of EU citizens was 49.2% of the total number of foreigners' visits to Bulgaria in June 2021 or 365.8 thousand, as the highest number of visits was from Romania - 46.7%, Germany - 12.9%, Poland - 10.0%, and Greece - 6.7%.

The visits of foreigners in the group 'Other European countries'¹ were 306.1 thousand or 41.2% of all visits to Bulgaria. The highest number of visits from Turkey - 123.9 thousand or 40.5% of the visits in this group was registered.

¹ Group 'Other European countries' includes countries in Europe outside EU.

In June 2021, the relative share of visits by purpose was as follows: with other purposes - 57.3%, with holiday and recreation purpose - 29.8%, and with professional purpose - 12.9% (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Structure of visits of foreign citizens to Bulgaria by purpose in June 2021



Methodological notes

The definitions recommended by the World Tourist Organization and the Methodological manual for tourism by Eurostat are applied by the National Statistical Institute.

In accordance with these definitions, **an international tourist** is any person who travels to a country other than his/her permanent residence for less than a year and whose main purpose is not doing any activity for payment in place visited.

The purposes of visiting a country are the following:

- Excursion, holiday or entertainment (visits to cultural or historical landmarks, sport events and other);
- Visiting friends and relatives;
- Professional purposes (business trips, participation in conferences, congresses, concluding deals, and etc.);
- Other (education, medical treatment, and etc.) purposes.

In June 2021, due to the impossibility to conduct the statistical survey at the border checkpoints, all statistical data on the trips of Bulgarians abroad and the visits of foreigners in Bulgaria - total and for the purpose of the trip - were provided to the NSI by the Ministry of Interior.

Annex

Table 1

Arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria
by purpose of visit and country of origin in June 2021

(Number)

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit		
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others
Total	742767	221602	95342	425823
EU	365802	107248	49557	208997
Austria	6801	1925	224	4652
Belgium	9746	867	1218	7661
Croatia	1861	495	263	1103
Cyprus	739	248	99	392
Czechia	14306	7331	3090	3885
Denmark	2683	792	53	1838
Finland	1066	206	88	772
France	10400	4117	440	5843
Germany	47175	11412	519	35244
Greece	24550	8028	4959	11563
Hungary	5939	1053	236	4650
Ireland	599	358	-	241
Italy	5724	2593	369	2762
Malta	138	53	24	61
Netherlands	5902	1150	537	4215
Poland	36525	20683	3771	12071
Portugal	1334	461	206	667
Romania	170899	39454	30792	100653
Slovakia	3333	903	557	1873
Slovenia	796	354	196	246
Spain	3055	1379	208	1468
Sweden	6010	419	204	5387
Other EU countries	6221	2967	1504	1750
Other European countries	306100	87108	38032	180960
Norway	1884	153	32	1699
Republic of North Macedonia	39622	12058	6553	21011
Russian Federation	10085	6972	647	2466
Serbia	49241	10552	7548	31141
Switzerland	1610	644	102	864
Turkey	123862	12065	18700	93097
Ukraine	74744	42492	4086	28166
United Kingdom	5052	2172	364	2516
Other countries	15713	11746	471	3496
Canada	401	207	21	173
Israel	9466	9185	106	175
Japan	100	59	18	23
USA	5746	2295	326	3125
Rest of the world	55152	15500	7282	32370

'-' - No case registered.