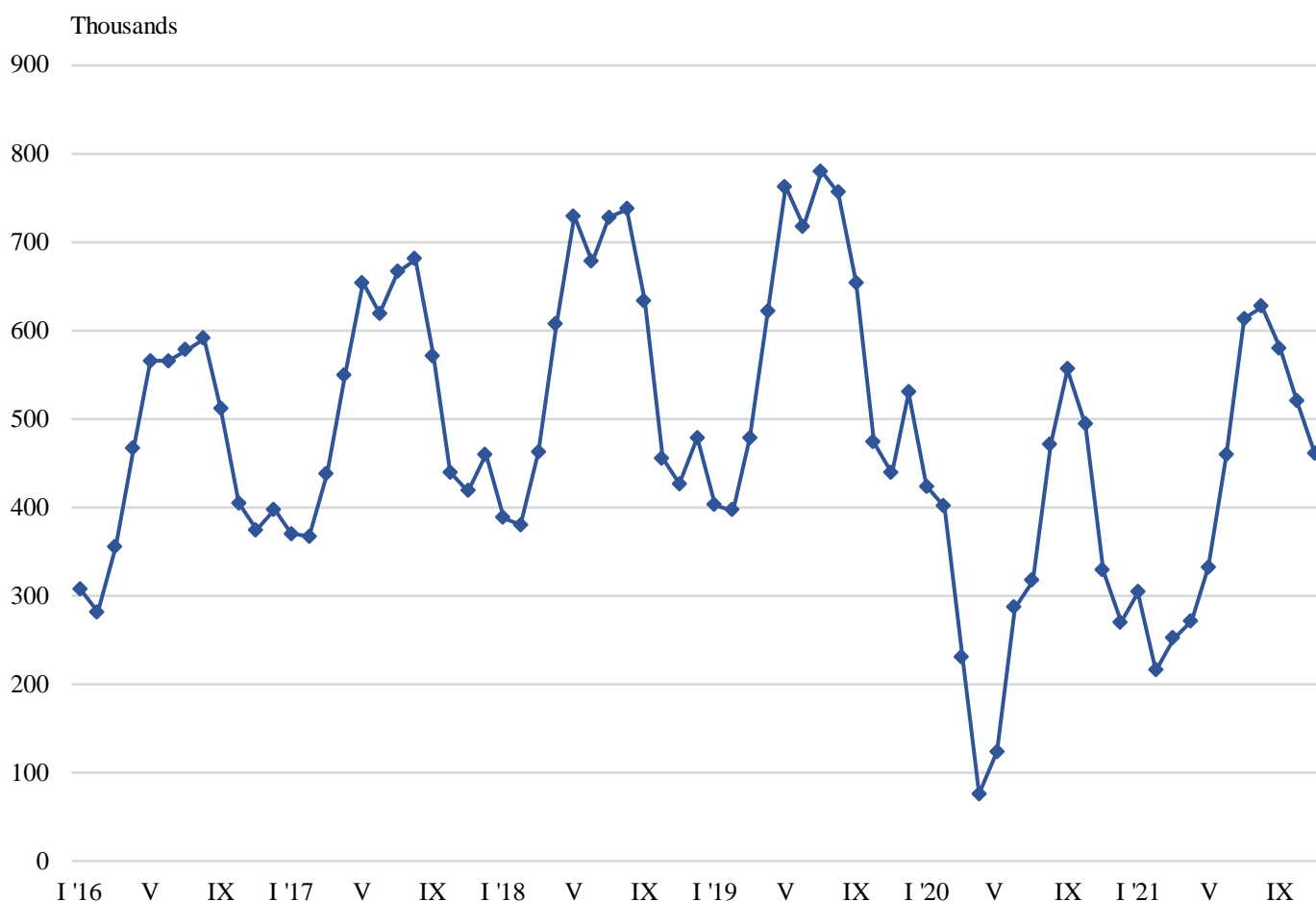


TRIPS OF BULGARIAN RESIDENTS ABROAD AND ARRIVALS OF VISITORS FROM ABROAD TO BULGARIA¹ IN NOVEMBER 2021

In November 2021, in the conditions of the continuing epidemic situation, **the number of the trips of Bulgarian residents abroad** was 460.4 thousand, or by 40.3% above the registered in November 2020 (Figure 1).

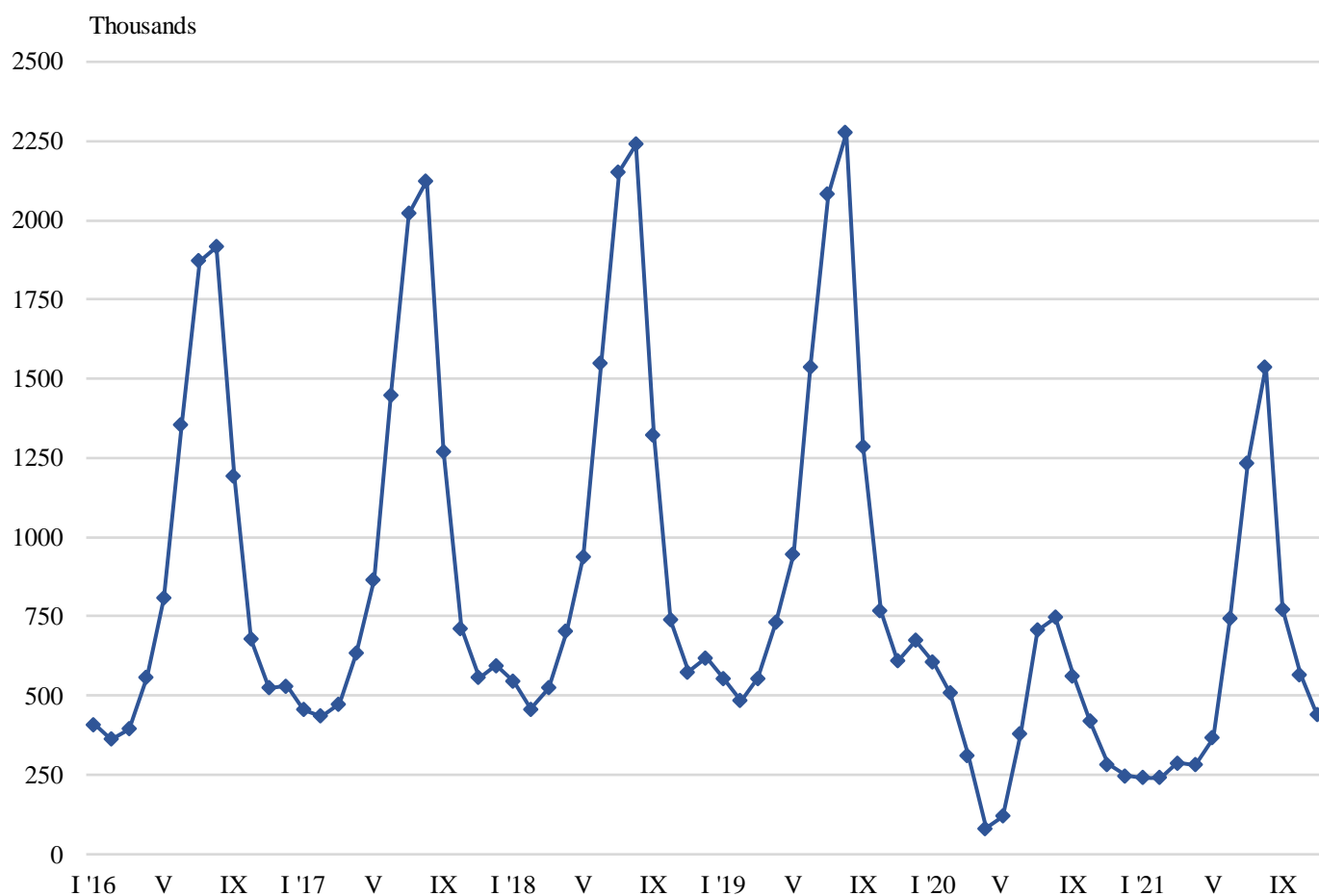
Figure 1. Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad by months



¹ Data provided by the Ministry of Interior. Due to the extension of the emergency epidemic situation in the country until 31.03.2022 with Decision 826 of the Council of Ministers of 25.11.2021, Order № RD-01-977 of 26.11.2021 and Order № RD-01-1036 of 17.12.2021 of the Minister of Health, the statistical survey 'Trips of Bulgarian residents abroad and arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria' in November was not conducted.

In November 2021, **the number of arrivals of visitors from abroad to Bulgaria** was 439.5 thousand (Figure 2), or by 55.2% above in comparison with November 2020 (Annex, Table 1), as the transit was 55.1% (242.2 thousand) of all visits of foreigners in the country.

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



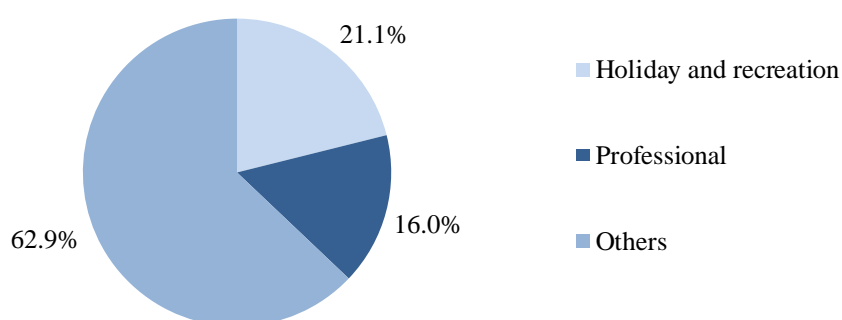
The share of visits of EU citizens was 41.0% of the total number of foreigners' visits to Bulgaria in November 2021, or 180.0 thousand, as the highest number of visits was from Romania - 42.2%, Greece - 22.3% and Germany - 8.0%.

The visits of foreigners in the group 'Other European countries'¹ were 215.7 thousand, or 49.1% of all visits to Bulgaria. The highest number of visits from Turkey - 117.4 thousand or 54.4% of the visits in this group was registered.

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

November 2021, the relative share of visits by purpose was as follows: with other purposes - 62.9%, with holiday and recreation purpose - 21.1%, and with professional purpose - 16.0% (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Structure of visits of foreign citizens to Bulgaria by purpose in November 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 (NSI).

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 November 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 November 2021**

(Number)

Country of origin	Total	Purpose of visit		
		Holiday and recreation	Professional	Others
Total	439528	92603	70323	276602
EU	180027	43013	27615	109399
Austria	3695	725	104	2866
Belgium	2664	986	218	1460
Croatia	1522	203	137	1182
Cyprus	683	162	111	410
Czechia	1532	508	192	832
Denmark	667	237	95	335
Finland	251	112	56	83
France	5274	1974	380	2920
Germany	14459	5352	318	8789
Greece	40186	18388	6671	15127
Hungary	2868	274	132	2462
Ireland	707	384	140	183
Italy	8235	4677	815	2743
Malta	59	59	-	-
Netherlands	3620	1228	112	2280
Poland	8888	1276	582	7030
Portugal	850	387	77	386
Romania	76000	3608	16636	55756
Slovakia	968	121	107	740
Slovenia	395	127	72	196
Spain	4150	1589	399	2162
Sweden	1123	366	48	709
Other EU countries	1231	270	213	748
Other European countries	215707	39888	35753	140066
Norway	322	78	43	201
Republic of North Macedonia	34707	13924	4517	16266
Russian Federation	5201	2891	521	1789
Serbia	36322	1028	7848	27446
Switzerland	943	292	112	539
Turkey	117346	18187	19080	80079
Ukraine	15382	1226	3079	11077
United Kingdom	5484	2262	553	2669
Other countries	8332	5495	577	2260
Canada	417	248	33	136
Israel	4005	3650	107	248
Japan	75	43	17	15
USA	3835	1554	420	1861
Rest of the world	35462	4207	6378	24877

'-' - No case registered.