

Expert estimation is used for the visitor arrivals in the Republic of Bulgaria by purpose of visit from the east-European countries.

The breakdowns of international visitor arrivals by countries are tabulated by the country of usual residence of the foreign visitors.

The tabulated data by month of arrivals take into account the month of entering the visitor into the country.

The item „Business“ as a purpose of visit covers all visitors entering the country because of trade and scientific aims, cultural relationship, change of experience etc.

The data of visitor arrivals in the country by mode of transport show number of foreigners passing the border check points with the corresponding vehicles. The indicator „road transport and others“ includes also persons entering into the country with motorcycles, bicycles and autostop.

Data on the international arrivals in Bulgaria have been obtained after processing the data from the border check points. Likewise, on the basis of the statistical forms, received from the border check points, and processed in the Data Processing Centre of the Ministry of Home Affairs, we obtain data on Bulgarian residents travelling abroad. Since 1989, in accordance with the newly adopted law for the issuance of passports for travelling abroad, we observe the indicator „Bulgarian residents' visits to foreign countries“ instead of the indicator „Bulgarians, visited other countries“.

Division of Bulgarian travels abroad by purpose and country is on the basis of an occasional sample survey which includes about 45% of the total number of statistical forms. The final results are adjusted in accordance with the statistical sample survey. It is possible that the data — purpose and country of visit, declared in the statistical forms, will not correspond or will completely cover the actual ones.

The information available on hotels, mountain chalets, camping sites, accommodation bureaus, rest homes and youth hostels is obtained through the regular statistical reports of the National Statistical Institute.

The data for the item „Available bed capacity“ are obtained through accumulation the number of bed-places for each of the reporting days when they are put into utilization, irrespective they are occupied or not.

The total number of rest homes does not include those of the Ministry of the Interior and the Ministry of Defence.

The data on chalets cover both the mountain chalets and the tourist homes and tourist dormitories. The chalets are in the mountains and outside the inhabited places, and the tourist homes and tourist are in the settlements.

Since 1971 the number of mountain chalets includes also those owned by offices enterprises, establishments, etc.

Pupils camps are reported by district taking into account the residence of the office or establishment organizing them irrespective the domicile of the camp.