



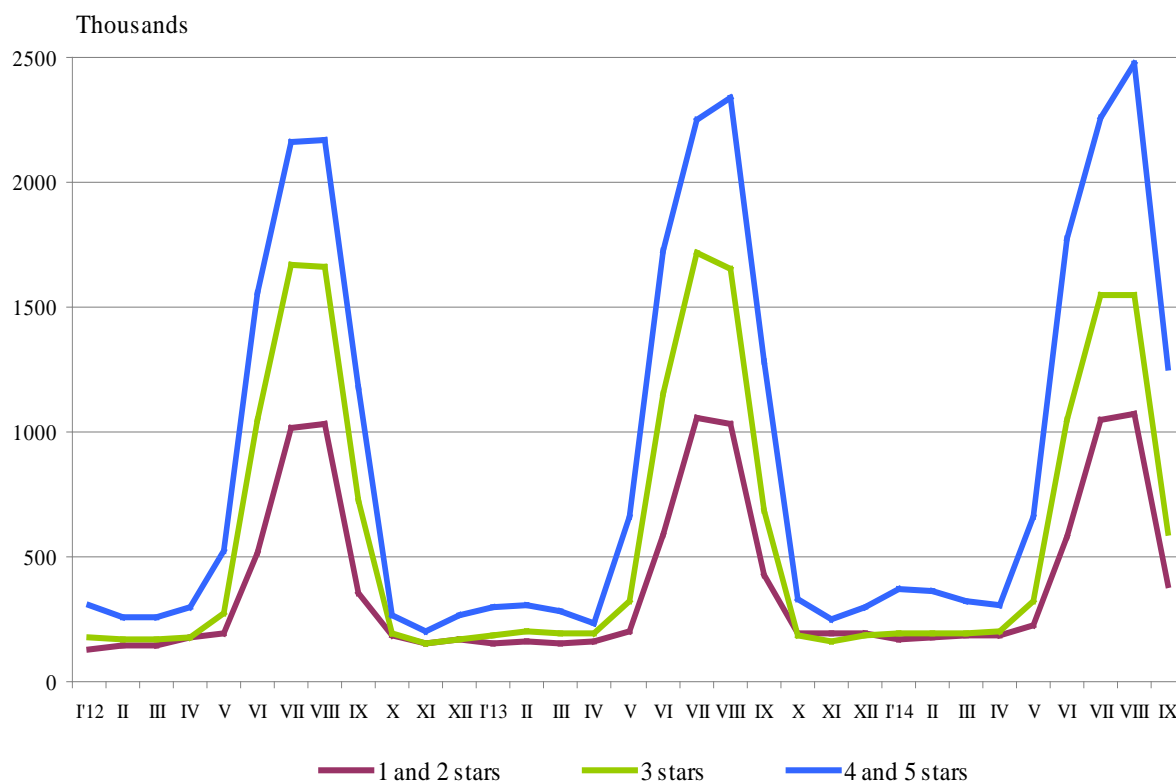
## ACTIVITY OF ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2014

In September 2014, 2 529 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 117.2 thousands and the bed-places were 253.0 thousands. In comparison with September 2013 the total number of accommodation establishments (functioned during the period) increased by 1.9% and the bed-places in them - by 1.8%.

The total number of the nights spent in all accommodation establishments registered in September 2014 was 2 241.2 thousands or by 6.1% less in comparison with the same month of the previous year, as the greatest decrease (by 12.4%) was observed in 3 stars accommodation establishments.

In September 2014, 66.8% of all nights spent by foreign citizens and 30.7% of all nights spent by Bulgarians were realized in 4 and 5 stars hotels. In 3 stars accommodation establishments were spent 28.6% of all nights by Bulgarian residents and 25.8% - of all nights by foreigners, while in the rest of accommodation establishments (with 1 and 2 stars) they were 40.7% and 7.4% respectively.

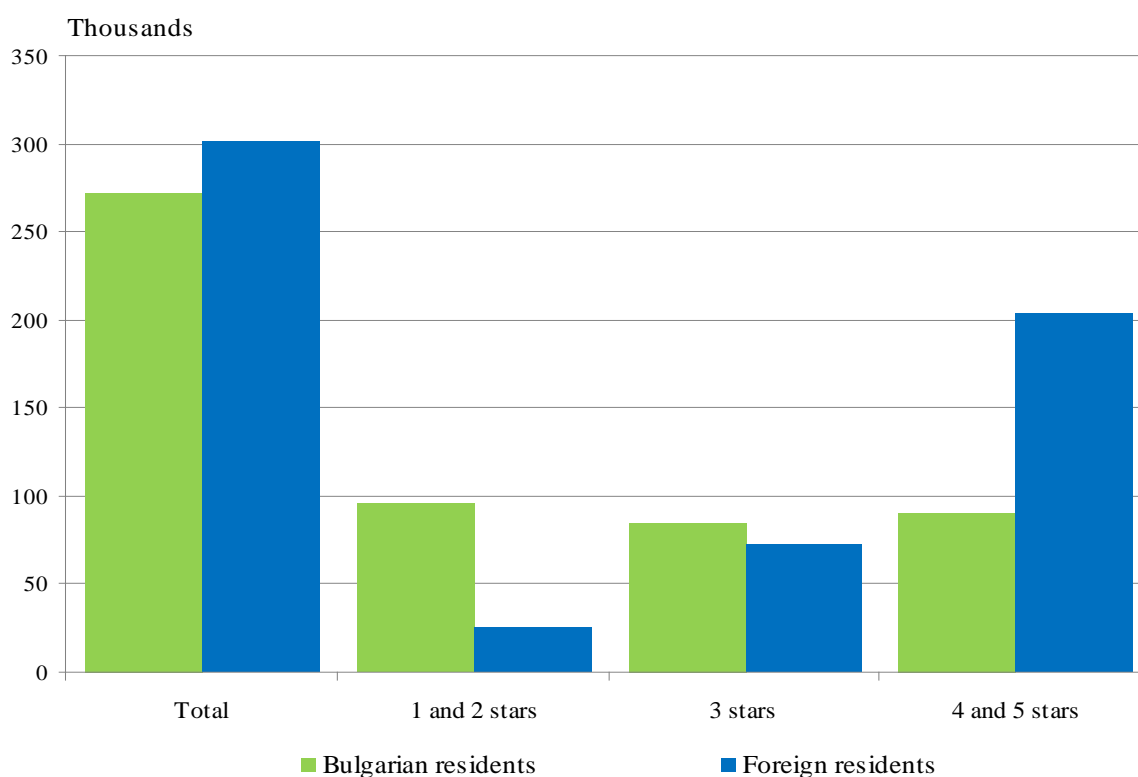
**Figure 1. The nights spent in accommodation establishments by categories and months**





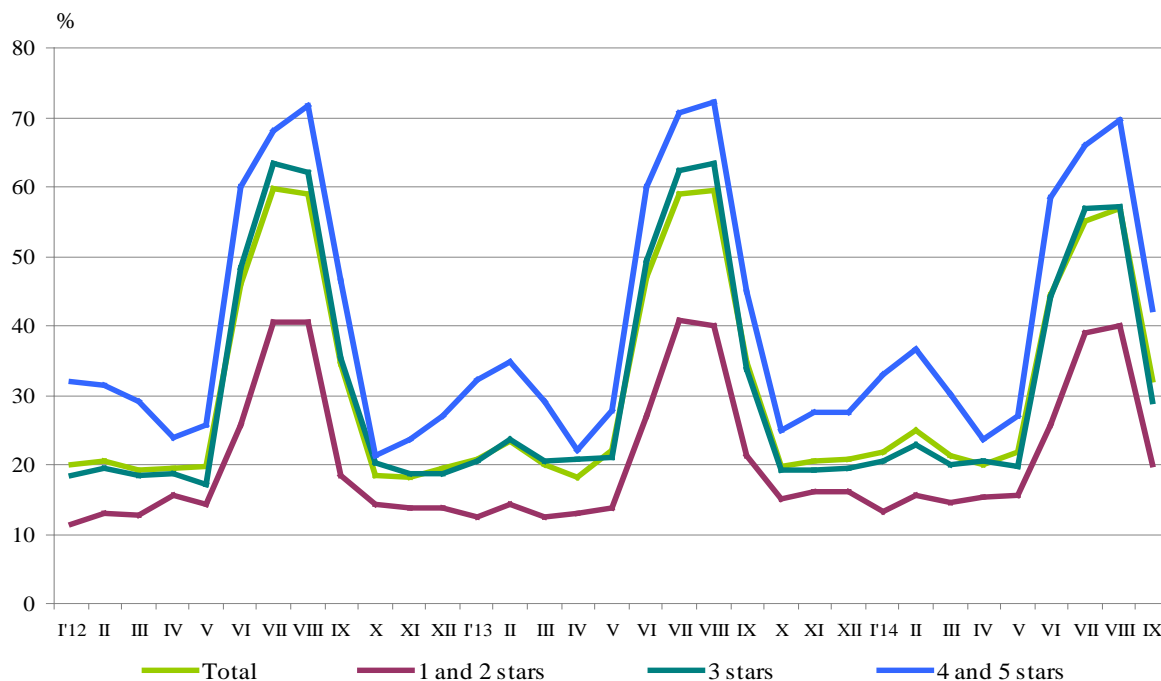
In September 2014, the arrivals in all accommodation establishments decreased by 1.3% compared to the same month of 2013 and reached 574.6 thousands. Bulgarian guests were 47.4% of all arrivals as the majority part (66.6%) of them spent the nights in hotels 1 and 2 or 3 stars and spent 2.6 nights on the average. The arrivals of foreigners were 302.2 thousands as 67.5% of them spent nights in hotels with 4 and 5 stars. On the average 5.1 nights were spent by foreigners.

**Figure 2. Arrivals in accommodation establishments by categories in September 2014**



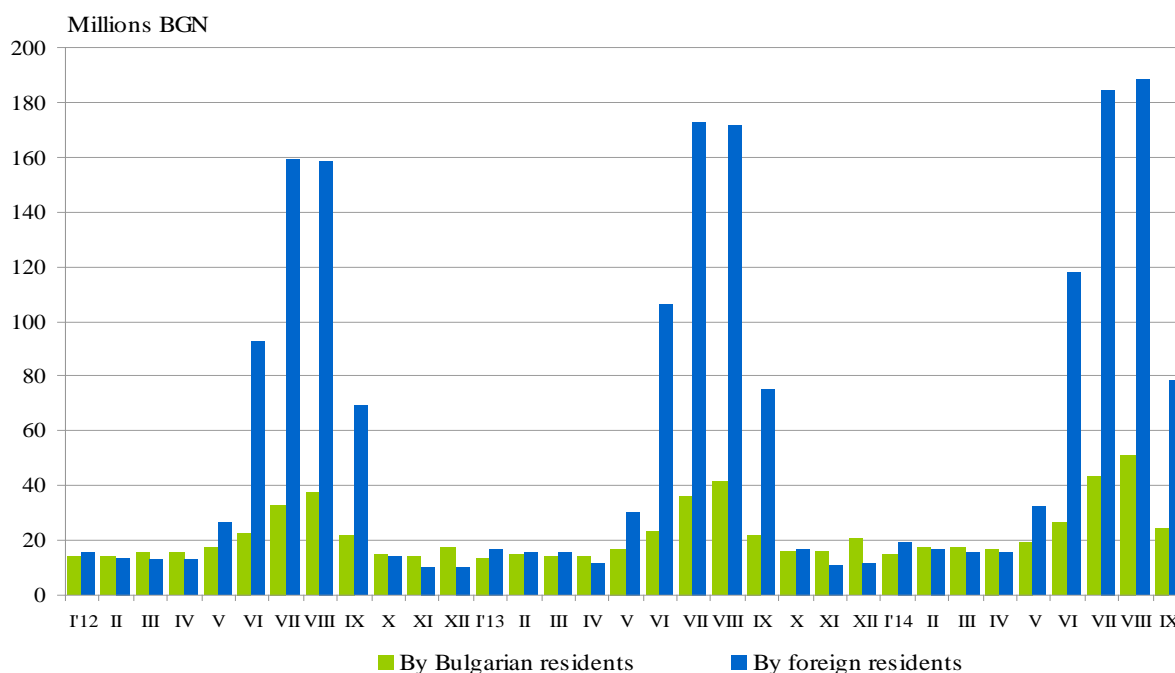
In September 2014, the total occupancy of the bed-places in accommodation establishments was 32.2% and the highest it was in 4 and 5 stars accommodation establishments - 42.3%, followed by 3 stars accommodation establishments - 29.1%, and with 1 and 2 stars - 20.0%. In comparison with the same month of the previous year the occupancy of the bed-places decreased by 2.5 percentage points as the greatest reduction was registered in the accommodation establishments with 3 stars - by 4.6 percentage points.

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



The total revenues from nights spent in September 2014 reached 102.4 million BGN or by 5.6% more compared to September 2013. An increase was registered both in the revenues from Bulgarians - by 9.8%, and from the foreigners - by 4.4%.

**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** includes 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 September 2014<sup>1</sup>

Districts	Accommodation establishments - in numbers	Bed-places - in numbers	Available bed-nights - in numbers	Night spent - in numbers		Arrivals in accommodation establishments - in numbers		Revenues from nights spent - Thousands BGN	
				Total	of which: By Foreigners	Total	of which: Foreigners	Total	of which: By Foreigners
<b>Total</b>	<b>2529</b>	<b>252979</b>	<b>6968396</b>	<b>2241162</b>	<b>1570595</b>	<b>574572</b>	<b>302222</b>	<b>102355</b>	<b>78026</b>
Blagoevgrad	171	12019	342439	66579	20318	32111	8877	2646	803
Burgas	474	91973	2433162	942847	783170	152834	110366	41717	36019
Varna	282	52273	1491283	555091	471458	101457	72929	26297	23263
Veliko Tarnovo	117	5219	156570	24721	7339	16323	5650	964	391
Vidin	34	917	28710	3682	903	2586	688	145	35
Vratsa	28	997	29910	6025	1101	2815	439	155	45
Gabrovo	67	3369	102270	17071	2665	7740	1083	443	76
Dobrich	113	21498	473038	166880	119456	33140	19615	7960	5963
Kardzhali	35	1096	32860	8014	1624	4506	903	287	79
Kyustendil	58	2713	80790	13867	2720	7080	1245	409	149
Lovech	72	3866	115030	19753	1087	11163	660	669	45
Montana	25	1099	32610	6281	416	2537	292	190	20
Pazardzhik	61	4123	118968	37359	4727	13597	1299	1591	275
Pernik	16	681	18516	2738	431	1722	294	69	17
Pleven	27	1287	34744	7096	1326	4002	690	324	87
Plovdiv	172	9248	271680	83216	29045	37066	11336	3354	1442
Razgrad	16	609	18270	3052	527	1724	285	111	23
Ruse	41	1560	46800	12366	4045	7456	2212	528	211
Silistra	20	627	18870	3261	619	2273	363	127	28
Sliven	80	2489	72600	7409	1008	3737	542	248	64
Smolyan	242	9317	279390	28390	2769	13345	1239	901	102
Sofia	73	6211	183115	28218	3423	13701	1797	1057	136
Sofia (stolitsa)	124	11646	347148	140935	100396	79860	54791	10196	8252
Stara Zagora	58	3715	107197	28318	4111	9483	1894	1041	252
Targovishte	21	867	26010	5615	590	2180	274	163	31
Haskovo	37	1494	44820	9224	1857	4532	1322	344	82
Shumen	44	1333	39990	7232	1240	3961	680	209	45
Yambol	21	733	21606	5922	2224	1641	457	210	91

<sup>1</sup> In use.