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NON-RESIDENTS ARRIVALS FROM ABROAD: January - December 2015

According to the Frontier Statistical Survey conducted by the Bank of Greece, in the period January-December of 2015, arrivals of non-residents from abroad increased by 7.1%, compared with the corresponding period of the year 2014.

More specifically, arrivals from Europe, which accounts for the majority of arrivals of non-residents to Greece (87.8%), recorded an increase of 6.4% in January-December 2015 compared with the corresponding period of 2014, while arrivals from EU Member States recorded an increase of 13.0%. As regards European countries a significant increase, in absolute values, is observed in arrivals from Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (FYROM) (28.8%), Bulgaria (23.9%), Germany (14.3%), United Kingdom (14.7%), Italy (21.3%) and Poland (28.1%), while a decrease in absolute values, is recorded in arrivals from Russia (-59.0%) and Serbia (-26.2%). An increase of arrivals was also recorded from the other continents. A significant increase of arrivals, in absolute values, is recorded from America, with a large contribution of arrivals from USA (3.2%) and from Asia, with a large contribution of arrivals from Turkey (4.9%) (Table 1).

The largest contribution regarding the total of arrivals from the European countries, has FYROM (12.8%), Germany (11.9%), United Kingdom (10.2%), Bulgaria (8.1%), France (6.4%) and Italy (5.7%) (Table 1).

As regards the means of transport and the point of entry, during the aforementioned time period, it is observed that most of the arrivals are by air and by road. As far as the arrivals by air are concerned, the airport of Athens holds the first place with (17.5%), followed by the airports of Iraklio (10.6%) and Rodos (8.0%). The main points of entry which account for the biggest percentage of traffic, by road, are Evzoni (9.8%) and Promahonas (6.9%) (Table 3).

Detailed data for the period January-December of the years 2015 and 2014, respectively, are provided in the attached tables and graphs and these can also be found on the portal of ELSTAT (<http://www.statistics.gr>, Statistics - Industry, Commerce, Services, Transport -Tourism).

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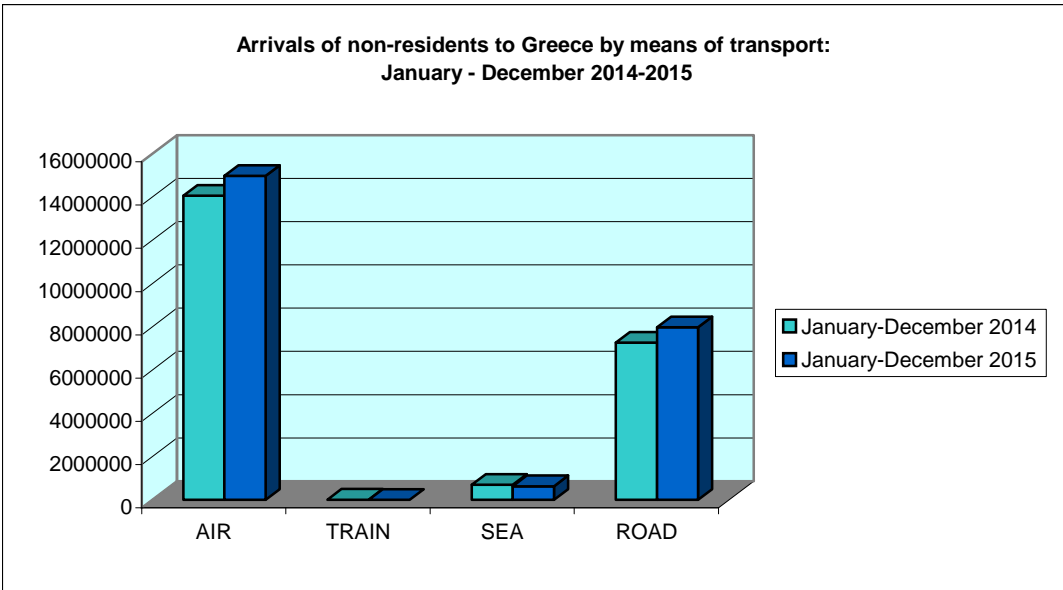
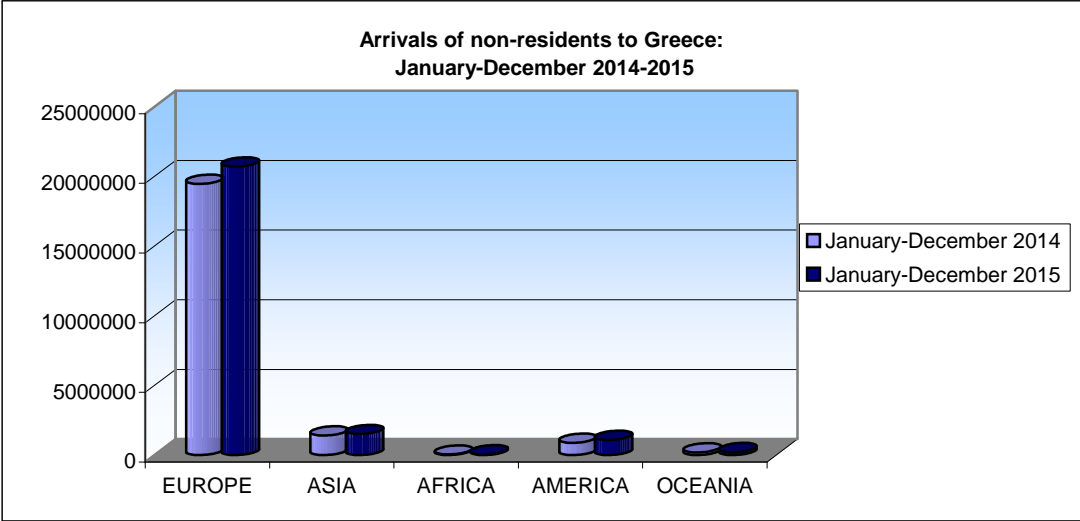


Table 1: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence: January-December 2015

Analysis by country of residence	January-December		% change	% share	
	2014	2015	2015/2014	2014	2015
I. EUROPE	19,477,049	20,715,664	6.4	88.4%	87.8%
EUROPEAN UNION	13,249,459	14,974,206	13.0	60.1%	63.5%
<i>Austria</i>	285,132	327,123	14.7	1.3%	1.4%
<i>Belgium</i>	409,198	482,524	17.9	1.9%	2.0%
<i>Bulgaria</i>	1,534,565	1,900,642	23.9	7.0%	8.1%
<i>France</i>	1,463,157	1,522,100	4.0	6.6%	6.4%
<i>Germany</i>	2,459,228	2,810,350	14.3	11.2%	11.9%
<i>Denmark</i>	240,419	237,655	-1.1	1.1%	1.0%
<i>Estonia</i>	30,551	23,323	-23.7	0.1%	0.1%
<i>United Kingdom</i>	2,089,529	2,397,169	14.7	9.5%	10.2%
<i>Ireland</i>	69,532	72,654	4.5	0.3%	0.3%
<i>Spain</i>	136,232	93,624	-31.3	0.6%	0.4%
<i>Italy</i>	1,117,712	1,355,327	21.3	5.1%	5.7%
<i>Croatia</i>	21,889	20,136	-8.0	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Cyprus</i>	448,342	470,091	4.9	2.0%	2.0%
<i>Latvia</i>	31,085	33,709	8.4	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Lithuania</i>	57,890	60,143	3.9	0.3%	0.3%
<i>Luxemburg</i>	18,449	22,037	19.4	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Malta</i>	3,701	9,867	166.6	0.0%	0.0%
<i>Netherlands</i>	657,339	639,108	-2.8	3.0%	2.7%
<i>Hungary</i>	89,064	146,380	64.4	0.4%	0.6%
<i>Poland</i>	588,712	754,402	28.1	2.7%	3.2%
<i>Portugal</i>	14,206	17,821	25.4	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Romania</i>	543,360	540,289	-0.6	2.5%	2.3%
<i>Slovakia</i>	61,826	75,187	21.6	0.3%	0.3%
<i>Slovenia</i>	26,698	24,377	-8.7	0.1%	0.1%
<i>Sweden</i>	337,771	351,573	4.1	1.5%	1.5%
<i>Czech Republic</i>	347,624	436,703	25.6	1.6%	1.9%
<i>Finland</i>	166,251	149,894	-9.8	0.8%	0.6%
Albania	488,099	491,381	0.7	2.2%	2.1%
Switzerland	377,077	391,249	3.8	1.7%	1.7%
Norway	246,136	244,859	-0.5	1.1%	1.0%
Iceland	3,528	1,705	-51.7	0.0%	0.0%
FYROM	2,346,580	3,023,059	28.8	10.7%	12.8%
Russia	1,250,174	512,789	-59.0	5.7%	2.2%
Serbia	985,661	727,831	-26.2	4.5%	3.1%
Other European countries	530,336	348,585	-34.3	2.4%	1.5%
II. ASIA	1,411,665	1,515,386	7.3	6.4%	6.4%
Japan	18,698	9,983	-46.6	0.1%	0.0%
Iran	752	10,598	1308.9	0.0%	0.0%
Israel	197,009	115,868	-41.2	0.9%	0.5%
China	47,482	55,097	16.0	0.2%	0.2%
Lebanon-Syria	31,794	30,258	-4.8	0.1%	0.1%
S.Korea	13,388	20,080	50.0	0.1%	0.1%
Turkey	976,758	1,153,046	18.0	4.4%	4.9%
Other Middle East countries	45,156	55,319	22.5	0.2%	0.2%
Other Asian countries	80,628	65,136	-19.2	0.4%	0.3%
III. AFRICA	49,043	61,685	25.8	0.2%	0.3%
Egypt-Sudan	9,063	26,076	187.7	0.0%	0.1%
South Africa	24,680	26,055	5.6	0.1%	0.1%
Other African countries	15,300	9,553	-37.6	0.1%	0.0%
IV. AMERICA	890,318	1,094,750	23.0	4.0%	4.6%
Argentina	32,606	34,662	6.3	0.1%	0.1%
Brazil	52,217	65,588	25.6	0.2%	0.3%
Mexico	20,479	15,900	-22.4	0.1%	0.1%
United States	591,853	750,250	26.8	2.7%	3.2%
Canada	145,720	182,299	25.1	0.7%	0.8%
Other American countries	47,443	46,050	-2.9	0.2%	0.2%
V. OCEANIA	205,387	211,970	3.2	0.9%	0.9%
Australia	183,080	183,165	0.0	0.8%	0.8%
Other Oceanian countries	22,307	28,806	29.1	0.1%	0.1%
VI. Arrivals of non-residents	22,033,462	23,599,455	7.1	100.0%	100.0%
ARRIVALS	22,033,462	23,599,455	7.1	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Frontier Survey of the Bank of Greece.

Note: Wherever necessary, the data have been rounded to the next final digit. Thus, a slight difference may be noted between the sum of the figures and their total.

Table 2: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence and means of transport: January-December 2015

Analysis by country of residence	AIR	RAILWAY ⁽¹⁾	SEA	ROAD	TOTAL
I. EUROPE	13,171,715	5,326	569,458	6,969,165	20,715,664
EUROPEAN UNION	11,900,812	2,195	520,645	2,550,555	14,974,206
Austria	308,692	3	13,562	4,865	327,123
Belgium	475,173	0	4,660	2,691	482,524
Bulgaria	29,472	1,584	87,119	1,782,467	1,900,642
France	1,470,630	0	42,722	8,749	1,522,100
Germany	2,554,843	105	89,925	165,478	2,810,350
Denmark	236,789	0	865	0	237,655
Estonia	22,249	0	0	1,074	23,323
United Kingdom	2,370,791	0	17,462	8,916	2,397,169
Ireland	71,229	0	1,425	0	72,654
Spain	88,425	0	5,199	0	93,624
Italy	1,176,254	0	177,931	1,142	1,355,327
Croatia	16,309	0	2,993	834	20,136
Cyprus	468,417	0	1,674	0	470,091
Latvia	28,762	3	581	4,363	33,709
Lithuania	53,151	2	3,141	3,850	60,143
Luxemburg	21,664	0	373	0	22,037
Malta	8,711	0	1,155	0	9,867
Netherlands	622,213	0	15,409	1,486	639,108
Hungary	107,242	26	7,147	31,964	146,379
Poland	653,027	88	4,053	97,234	754,402
Portugal	13,054	3	1,212	3,552	17,821
Romania	110,108	358	24,142	405,681	540,289
Slovakia	68,107	6	174	6,901	75,188
Slovenia	10,963	0	11,982	1,431	24,377
Sweden	345,436	4	2,875	3,257	351,573
Czech Republic	419,817	12	2,253	14,621	436,703
Finland	149,283	0	611	0	149,894
Albania	16,245	5	1,032	474,098	491,381
Switzerland	359,989	0	31,259	0	391,249
Norway	243,588	0	1,271	0	244,859
Iceland	1,705	0	0	0	1,705
FYROM	262	2,276	2,157	3,018,363	3,023,059
Russia	473,404	24	5,863	33,499	512,789
Serbia	40,411	636	1,305	685,480	727,831
Other European countries	135,299	190	5,925	207,171	348,585
II. ASIA	455,497	12	51,331	1,008,545	1,515,386
Japan	9,798	0	185	0	9,983
Iran	7,673	0	540	2,385	10,598
Israel	114,460	0	1,409	0	115,868
China	55,097	0	0	0	55,097
Lebanon-Syria	30,116	0	142	0	30,258
S.Korea	19,532	0	548	0	20,080
Turkey	102,304	10	47,671	1,003,061	1,153,046
Other Middle East countries	55,319	0	0	0	55,319
Other Asian countries	61,198	2	837	3,100	65,136
III. AFRICA	60,794	0	891	0	61,685
Egypt-Sudan	25,881	0	196	0	26,076
South Africa	25,360	0	695	0	26,055
Other African countries	9,553	0	0	0	9,553
IV. AMERICA	1,086,009	0	7,668	1,074	1,094,750
Argentina	33,447	0	1,215	0	34,662
Brazil	65,552	0	37	0	65,588
Mexico	15,900	0	0	0	15,900
United States	745,860	0	4,390	0	750,250
Canada	180,950	0	1,348	0	182,299
Other American countries	44,298	0	677	1,074	46,050
V. OCEANIA	207,087	0	2,813	2,070	211,970
Australia	179,774	0	1,621	1,769	183,165
Other Oceanian countries	27,313	0	1,192	301	28,806
TOTAL ARRIVALS	14,981,102	5,339	632,161	7,980,854	23,599,455

Source: Frontier Survey of the Bank of Greece.

Note: Wherever necessary, the data have been rounded to the next final digit. Thus, a slight difference may be noted between the sum of the figures and their total.

⁽¹⁾ From May 2014 onwards, the railway connection of Greece with foreign countries was re-established, therefore the data are not comparable with the data of the corresponding period of the year 2014.

Table 3: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by means of transport and entry station: January- December 2015

Station of entrance		January - December		% change	% share	
		2014	2015	2015/2014	2014	2015
I. AIR		14,057,215	14,981,102	6.6%	63.8%	63.5%
1	Athens	3,321,548	4,133,018	24.4%	15.1%	17.5%
2	Zakynthos	502,730	529,111	5.2%	2.3%	2.2%
3	Iraklio	2,544,040	2,512,201	-1.3%	11.5%	10.6%
4	Thessaloniki	1,061,722	1,057,706	-0.4%	4.8%	4.5%
5	Kerkyra	1,046,987	1,062,064	1.4%	4.8%	4.5%
6	Kos	994,717	960,595	-3.4%	4.5%	4.1%
7	Rodos	1,921,615	1,892,724	-1.5%	8.7%	8.0%
8	Santorini	274,442	304,009	10.8%	1.2%	1.3%
9	Chania	875,526	908,979	3.8%	4.0%	3.9%
10	Other stations	1,513,889	1,620,696	7.1%	6.9%	6.9%
II. RAILWAY ⁽¹⁾		6,895	5,338	-22.6%	0.0%	0.0%
1	Promachon (Serres) ⁽²⁾	-	-	-	-	-
2	Railway stations (non-sampled)	6,895	5,338	-22.6%	0.0%	0.0%
III. SEA		701,345	632,161	-9.9%	3.2%	2.7%
1	Igoumenitsa	380,560	347,124	-8.8%	1.7%	1.5%
2	Kerkyra	22,398	19,578	-12.6%	0.1%	0.1%
3	Patra	218,645	193,442	-11.5%	1.0%	0.8%
4	Other stations	79,743	72,018	-9.7%	0.4%	0.3%
IV. ROAD		7,268,007	7,980,854	9.8%	33.0%	33.8%
1	Evzoni (Kilkis)	2,070,155	2,317,440	11.9%	9.4%	9.8%
2	Kakavia (Ioannina)	259,319	274,849	6.0%	1.2%	1.2%
3	Kipi (Evros)	514,263	609,914	18.6%	2.3%	2.6%
4	Promachon (Serres)	1,493,598	1,624,728	8.8%	6.8%	6.9%
5	Road stations non-sample	2,930,673	3,153,922	7.6%	13.3%	13.4%
TOTAL STATIONS		22,033,462	23,599,455	7.1%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Frontier Survey of the Bank of Greece.

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⁽¹⁾ From May 2014 onwards, the railway connection of Greece with foreign countries was re-established, therefore the data are not comparable with the data of the corresponding period of the year 2014.

⁽²⁾ For the particular period of time there was no sampling for this station.

Explanatory Notes

Arrivals in Greece of non-residents from abroad	The data on non-residents arrivals in Greece from abroad derive from the "Frontier Survey", which is conducted by the Bank of Greece and collects, among other, the aforementioned data. These data are used by the Hellenic Statistical Authority under a "Memorandum of Cooperation", for the production of three tables for non-resident arrivals, by country of citizenship, means of transportation and entry station.
Legal framework	Since 2003, the Bank of Greece, for the needs of the balance of payments, is being conducting a monthly sample "Frontier Survey" to estimate the travel expenses of non-residents in Greece and the corresponding Greek expenditure abroad. This survey is the source of the data of non-resident arrivals in Greece.
Reporting period	January - December 2015
Availability Results	The data are published four months after the reference quarter.
Definitions	- <u>Resident of Greece</u> is: 1. Every person, regardless of nationality, residing or intends to reside for at least one year in Greece. 2. Each entity that has its headquarters in Greece and foreign entities that are established and operating in Greece - <u>Non-resident</u> , is any individual or entity that is not residing in Greece. These concepts of residents and non-residents have merely a statistical content and adopt the definitions proposed by the United Nations (System of National Accounts - SNA 2008) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF - Handbook for the compilation of the balance of payments, 6th edition, 2009).
Methodology	Frontier Survey is a sample survey of incoming (non-residents) and outgoing (residents) travellers, with main objective to estimate the travel expenses of non-residents in Greece and that of residents abroad, on a monthly basis. The data are collected from interviews conducted at the end of the journey, that is during the departure of non-residents from Greece and the return of residents from abroad. In addition to the interviews, it is recorded the number and the residence of travellers entering and leaving the borders. The survey covers the movement of travellers, outgoing and incoming, at every type of border station (airports, ports, road and rail border points). The methodology of the "Frontier Survey" is presented in detail in the Economic Bulletin of the Bank of Greece: Issue 27, July 2006, p. 71-119. " Wherever necessary, the data have been rounded to the next final digit. Thus, a slight difference may be noted between the sum of the figures and their total.
References	More information about the non-resident arrivals in Greece can be found on the portal of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (http://www.statistics.gr , Statistics - Industry, Commerce, Services, Transport -Tourism).