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NON-RESIDENTS ARRIVALS FROM ABROAD: January - December 2014

According to the Frontier Statistical Survey conducted by the Bank of Greece, in the period January-December of 2014, arrivals of non-residents from abroad increased by 23,0%, as compared with the corresponding period of the year 2013.

More precisely, arrivals from Europe, which accounts for the majority of arrivals of non-residents to Greece (88,4%), registered an increase of 23,4% in January-December 2014 as compared with the corresponding period of 2013, while arrivals from the Member States of the European Union recorded an increase of 25,9%. More specifically, a significant increase in arrivals was observed from the majority of the European Countries. There was a significant increase in arrivals, in absolute values, from Bulgaria (121,8%), France (27,0%), Romania (94,8%), United Kingdom (13,2%), Serbia (26,6%), Poland (52,7%), Germany (8,5%) and Italy (15,9%), while a decrease of arrivals was observed only by certain European countries, which is not significant (Table 1). The largest decrease of arrivals, in absolute values, observed in the cases of Russia (-7,6%) and Sweden (-8,4%). An increase of arrivals was also recorded from the other continents. A significant increase in arrivals was recorded from Asia (16,4%) with an increase in arrivals from Turkey (17,5%) and from America (18,0%) with a large increase from USA (26,9%).

As regards to the contribution of arrivals by country of origin, the largest number of arrivals, for the European countries, came from Germany (11,2%), United Kingdom (9,5%), Bulgaria (7,0%), France (6,6%), and Russia (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 arrivals are by road and by air. The main points of entry which account for the biggest percentage of traffic, by road, are Evzoni (9,4%) and Promahonas (6,8%). As far as the arrivals by air are concerned, the airport of Athens holds the first place with (15,1%) followed by the airports of Iraklion with (11,5%) (Table 3).

Detailed data for the period January-December of the years 2014 and 2013 respectively are provided in the attached tables and charts and these can also be found on the portal of ELSTAT (www.statistics.gr, under the link Statistical Themes/Tourism).

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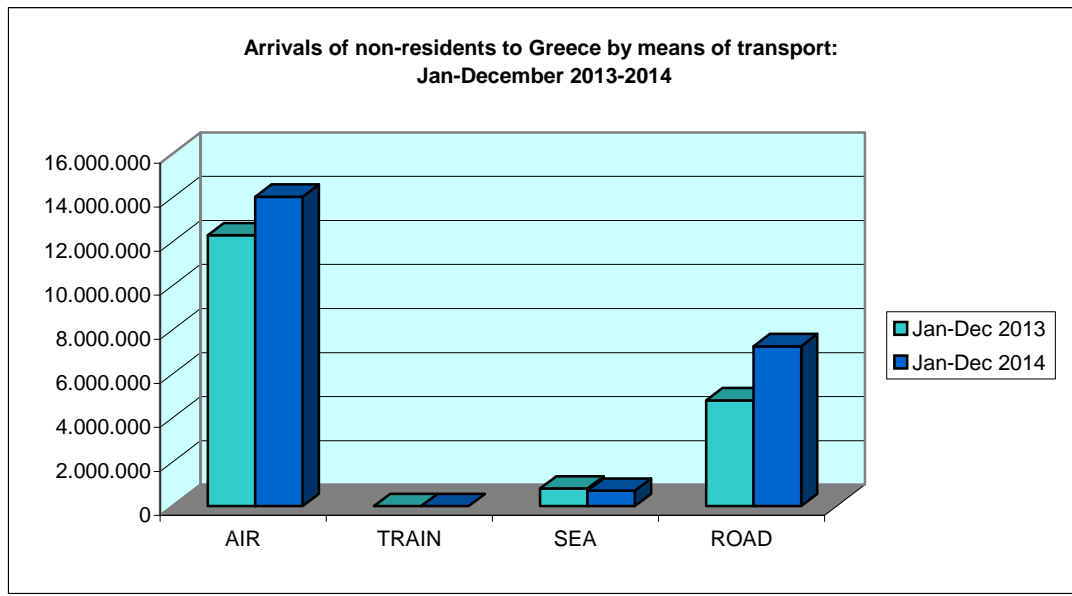
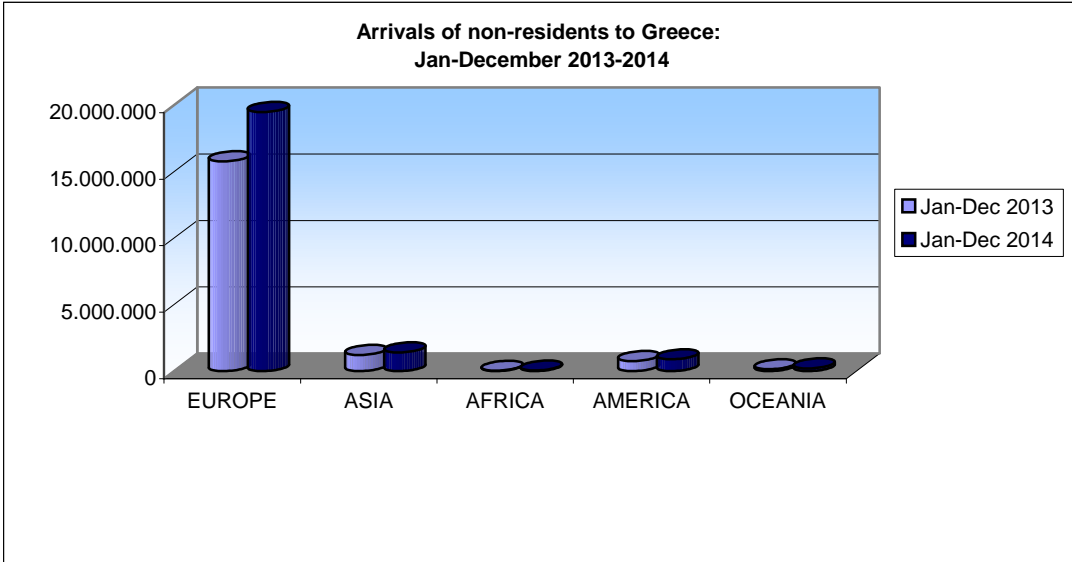


Table 1: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence: January-December 2014

Analysis by country of residence	Jan-December		% change	% share	
	2013	2014	2014/2013	2013	2014
I. EUROPE	15.778.397	19.477.049	23,4	88,1%	88,4%
EUROPEAN UNION	10.525.226	13.249.459	25,9	58,7%	60,1%
<i>Austria</i>	236.476	285.132	20,6	1,3%	1,3%
<i>Belgium</i>	344.554	409.198	18,8	1,9%	1,9%
<i>Bulgaria</i>	691.874	1.534.565	121,8	3,9%	7,0%
<i>France</i>	1.152.217	1.463.157	27,0	6,4%	6,6%
<i>Germany</i>	2.267.546	2.459.228	8,5	12,7%	11,2%
<i>Denmark</i>	202.477	240.419	18,7	1,1%	1,1%
<i>Estonia</i>	8.094	30.551	277,5	0,0%	0,1%
<i>United Kingdom</i>	1.846.333	2.089.529	13,2	10,3%	9,5%
<i>Ireland</i>	42.575	69.532	63,3	0,2%	0,3%
<i>Spain</i>	91.988	136.232	48,1	0,5%	0,6%
<i>Italy</i>	964.314	1.117.712	15,9	5,4%	5,1%
<i>Croatia⁽¹⁾</i>	4.381	21.889	-	-	0,1%
<i>Cyprus</i>	399.008	448.342	12,4	2,2%	2,0%
<i>Latvia</i>	20.283	31.085	53,3	0,1%	0,1%
<i>Lithuania</i>	31.874	57.890	81,6	0,2%	0,3%
<i>Luxemburg</i>	20.498	18.449	-10,0	0,1%	0,1%
<i>Malta</i>	1.494	3.701	147,7	0,0%	0,0%
<i>Netherlands</i>	580.867	657.339	13,2	3,2%	3,0%
<i>Hungary</i>	80.623	89.064	10,5	0,4%	0,4%
<i>Poland</i>	385.474	588.712	52,7	2,2%	2,7%
<i>Portugal</i>	13.304	14.206	6,8	0,1%	0,1%
<i>Romania</i>	278.873	543.360	94,8	1,6%	2,5%
<i>Slovakia</i>	46.260	61.826	33,6	0,3%	0,3%
<i>Slovenia</i>	18.689	26.698	42,9	0,1%	0,1%
<i>Sweden</i>	368.834	337.771	-8,4	2,1%	1,5%
<i>Czech Republic</i>	286.974	347.624	21,1	1,6%	1,6%
<i>Finland</i>	139.341	166.251	19,3	0,8%	0,8%
<i>Albania</i>	504.809	488.099	-3,3	2,8%	2,2%
<i>Switzerland</i>	346.518	377.077	8,8	1,9%	1,7%
<i>Norway</i>	264.816	246.136	-7,1	1,5%	1,1%
<i>Iceland</i>	1.578	3.528	123,6	0,0%	0,0%
<i>Russia</i>	1.352.901	1.250.174	-7,6	7,5%	5,7%
<i>Serbia</i>	778.765	985.661	26,6	4,3%	4,5%
Other European countries	2.003.784	2.876.916	43,6	11,2%	13,1%
II. ASIA	1.213.148	1.411.665	16,4	6,8%	6,4%
<i>Japan</i>	13.141	18.698	42,3	0,1%	0,1%
<i>Iran</i>	5.243	752	-85,7	0,0%	0,0%
<i>Israel</i>	212.466	197.009	-7,3	1,2%	0,9%
<i>China</i>	28.328	47.482	67,6	0,2%	0,2%
<i>Lebanon-Syria</i>	36.591	31.794	-13,1	0,2%	0,1%
<i>S.Korea</i>	7.307	13.388	83,2	0,0%	0,1%
<i>Turkey</i>	831.113	976.758	17,5	4,6%	4,4%
Other Middle East countries	32.220	45.156	40,1	0,2%	0,2%
Other Asian countries	46.739	80.628	72,5	0,3%	0,4%
III. AFRICA	30.905	49.043	58,7	0,2%	0,2%
<i>Egypt-Sudan</i>	4.038	9.063	124,5	0,0%	0,0%
<i>South Africa</i>	17.644	24.680	39,9	0,1%	0,1%
Other African countries	9.223	15.300	65,9	0,1%	0,1%
IV. AMERICA	754.488	890.318	18,0	4,2%	4,0%
<i>Argentina</i>	25.488	32.606	27,9	0,1%	0,1%
<i>Brazil</i>	27.355	52.217	90,9	0,2%	0,2%
<i>Mexico</i>	19.863	20.479	3,1	0,1%	0,1%
<i>United States</i>	466.520	591.853	26,9	2,6%	2,7%
<i>Canada</i>	186.701	145.720	-21,9	1,0%	0,7%
Other American countries	28.560	47.443	66,1	0,2%	0,2%
V. OCEANIA	142.642	205.387	44,0	0,8%	0,9%
<i>Australia</i>	129.112	183.080	41,8	0,7%	0,8%
Other Oceanian countries	13.530	22.307	64,9	0,1%	0,1%
VI. Arrivals of non-residents	17.919.580	22.033.463	23,0	100,0%	100,0%
ARRIVALS	17.919.580	22.033.463	23,0	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.

⁽¹⁾ From the 1st of July 2013 onwards, after the accession of Croatia to the EU, the data for this country are presented together with the other EU Member States. The corresponding data for the first semester 2013, as well as for the previous years are included under "Other European countries".

Table 2: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence and means of transport: January-December 2014

Analysis by country of residence	AIR	RAILWAY ⁽²⁾	SEA	ROAD	TOTAL
I. EUROPE	12.447.699	6.873	633.849	6.388.627	19.477.048
EUROPEAN UNION	10.423.298	1.845	579.680	2.244.635	13.249.459
Austria	263.060	11	14.711	7.350	285.132
Belgium	401.794	0	7.403	0	409.198
Bulgaria	14.219	1.004	84.450	1.434.891	1.534.565
France	1.419.735	0	42.324	1.098	1.463.157
Germany	2.091.776	408	104.721	262.323	2.459.228
Denmark	232.801	10	1.526	6.082	240.419
Estonia	29.582	0	253	716	30.551
United Kingdom	2.061.739	19	16.561	11.210	2.089.529
Ireland	68.841	0	691	0	69.532
Spain	130.771	0	5.461	0	136.232
Italy	889.738	0	227.974	0	1.117.712
Croatia ⁽¹⁾	15.760	7	1.828	4.293	21.889
Cyprus	443.749	2	2.597	1.994	448.342
Latvia	25.861	3	235	4.985	31.085
Lithuania	55.322	0	1.677	891	57.890
Luxemburg	17.891	0	558	0	18.449
Malta	3.314	0	387	0	3.701
Netherlands	642.224	0	12.635	2.479	657.339
Hungary	73.782	6	8.398	6.878	89.064
Poland	536.166	27	7.503	45.016	588.712
Portugal	12.594	0	1.613	0	14.206
Romania	84.945	330	23.590	434.495	543.360
Slovakia	58.329	0	2.423	1.074	61.826
Slovenia	23.086	0	3.613	0	26.698
Sweden	330.982	7	2.273	4.508	337.771
Czech Republic	329.621	9	3.640	14.354	347.624
Finland	165.617	0	635	0	166.251
Albania	19.139	11	1.181	467.768	488.099
Switzerland	340.819	2	35.385	871	377.077
Norway	245.224	0	911	0	246.136
Iceland	3.528	0	0	0	3.528
Russia	1.201.887	28	8.713	39.546	1.250.174
Serbia	29.223	1.330	1.784	953.324	985.661
Other European countries	184.580	3.657	6.196	2.682.483	2.876.916
II. ASIA	489.436	20	44.422	877.787	1.411.665
Japan	18.021	0	677	0	18.698
Iran	560	0	192	0	752
Israel	193.242	3	0	3.764	197.009
China	46.790	0	692	0	47.482
Lebanon-Syria	31.458	0	336	0	31.794
S.Korea	13.013	0	375	0	13.388
Turkey	75.345	9	38.913	862.492	976.758
Other Middle East countries	44.462	1	0	1.159	45.622
Other Asian countries	66.547	7	3.236	10.371	80.162
III. AFRICA	48.051	0	992	0	49.043
Egypt-Sudan	9.063	0	0	0	9.063
South Africa	24.523	0	157	0	24.680
Other African countries	14.466	0	835	0	15.300
IV. AMERICA	872.702	2	16.022	1.593	890.318
Argentina	30.843	0	1.763	0	32.606
Brazil	50.576	0	1.641	0	52.217
Mexico	20.087	0	392	0	20.479
United States	581.799	2	8.460	1.593	591.853
Canada	142.583	0	3.138	0	145.720
Other American countries	46.815	0	628	0	47.443
V. OCEANIA	199.326	0	6.060	0	205.387
Australia	178.603	0	4.477	0	183.080
Other Oceanian countries	20.723	0	1.583	0	22.307
TOTAL ARRIVALS	14.057.215	6.894	701.345	7.268.007	22.033.462

Source: Frondier 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.

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⁽²⁾ 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 semester of the year 2013.

Table 3: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by means of transport and entry station: January- December 2014

Station of entrance		Jan - December		% change	% share	
		2013	2014	2014/2013	2013	2014
I. AIR		12.302.448	14.057.215	14,3%	68,7%	63,8%
1	Athens	2.665.110	3.321.548	24,6%	14,9%	15,1%
2	Zakynthos	424.309	502.730	18,5%	2,4%	2,3%
3	Iraklio	2.420.486	2.544.040	5,1%	13,5%	11,5%
4	Thessaloniki	908.005	1.061.722	16,9%	5,1%	4,8%
5	Kerkyra	914.622	1.046.987	14,5%	5,1%	4,8%
6	Kos	912.954	994.717	9,0%	5,1%	4,5%
7	Rodos	1.781.768	1.921.615	7,8%	9,9%	8,7%
8	Santorini	217.284	274.442	26,3%	1,2%	1,2%
9	Chiania	819.882	875.526	6,8%	4,6%	4,0%
10	Other stations	1.238.028	1.513.889	22,3%	6,9%	6,9%
II. RAILWAY ⁽¹⁾		0	6.895	-	-	0,0%
1	Promachon (Serres) ⁽²⁾	0	0	-	-	-
2	Railway stations (non-sampled)	0	6.895	-	-	0,0%
III. SEA		806.960	701.345	-13,1%	4,5%	3,2%
1	Igoumenitsa	373.186	380.560	2,0%	2,1%	1,7%
2	Kerkyra	21.069	22.398	6,3%	0,1%	0,1%
3	Patra	199.954	218.645	9,3%	1,1%	1,0%
4	Other stations	212.751	79.743	-62,5%	1,2%	0,4%
IV. ROAD		4.810.172	7.268.007	51,1%	26,8%	33,0%
1	Evzoni (Kilkis)	1.905.667	2.070.155	8,6%	10,6%	9,4%
2	Kakavia (Ioannina)	290.263	259.319	-10,7%	1,6%	1,2%
3	Kipi (Evros)	522.900	514.263	-1,7%	2,9%	2,3%
4	Promachon (Serres)	565.014	1.493.598	164,3%	3,2%	6,8%
5	Road stations non-sample	1.526.328	2.930.673	92,0%	8,5%	13,3%
TOTAL STATIONS		17.919.581	22.033.462	23,0%	100,0%	100,0%

Source: Frondier 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 semester of the year 2013.

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

Explanatory Notes

Arrivals in Greece of non-residents from abroad	<p>The "Froncier Survey", which is carried out by the Bank of Greece, among others collects data on "non-residents arrivals in Greece". 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. The reasons for this cooperation are summarized below:</p> <p>ELSTAT is responsible for collecting, processing and publishing data on arrivals of foreigners in Greece. Until Schengen Treaty was entered into force, a key source of information on arrivals was the data from the passport control, which was conducted by the responsible authorities of the Ministry of Public Order, at the entry stations of the country. The Schengen Treaty and the expansion of the European Union, abolished the passport control for the majority of the passengers entering Greece. For these reasons, the estimation of the arrivals of foreigners in Greece became a complicated procedure, combining data from many different sources (Civil Aviation Authority, Ministry of Public Order, other surveys of ELSTAT and Eurostat).</p> <p>The latter causes problems on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The timely publication of the data, because of the time lags in the availability of the primary data- The methodological link of these data- The correlation of the data announced by ELSTAT for the "arrivals of foreigners in Greece" and the data announced by the BoG for the "travel expenses of non-residents in Greece". <p>For these reasons, after examining methodological and practical issues, it was decided the cooperation between the BoG and the ELSTAT, so that the estimation and data availability for non-resident arrivals in Greece would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- be made from one body, so as to provide single, accurate and timely information to users- come from the ongoing "Frontier Survey" by BoG, which is, methodologically and practically, the best method for accurate estimations of non-resident arrivals. Hence it will be the only source for these data that will be published by ELSTAT <p>In this way we avoid carrying out two different surveys, by two different bodies, on the same subject.</p>
Legal framework	<p>Since 2003, the Bank of Greece, for the needs of the balance of payments, is being conducting a monthly sample "Froncier 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.</p>
Reporting period	<p>January - December 2014</p>
Availability Results	<p>Data are available from the third quarter of 2009. The data are published four months after the reference quarter.</p>
Definitions	<p>- Resident of Greece is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Every person, regardless of nationality, residing or intends to reside for at least one year in Greece2. Each entity that has its headquarters in Greece and foreign entities that are established and operating in Greece <p>- Non-resident, is any individual or entity that is not residing in Greece.</p> <p>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 1993), Annex XIV, paragraph 14 B) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF - Handbook for the compilation of the balance of payments, 5th edition, 1993).</p>
Methodology	<p>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.</p> <p>The survey covers the movement of travellers, outgoing and incoming, at every type of border station (airports, ports, road and rail border points).</p> <p>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. "</p> <p>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.</p>
References	<p>More information about the non-resident arrivals in Greece can be found on the portal of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (www.statistics.gr), at the sections: Statistical Themes - Tourism.</p>