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ARRIVALS AND NIGHTS SPENT IN HOTELS, SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS AND TOURIST CAMPSITES: JANUARY – SEPTEMBER 2019 (provisional data)

According to the provisional results of the Survey on Arrivals and Nights Spent in Hotels, Similar Establishments and Tourist Campsites, conducted by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) for the period of January – September 2019, the arrivals of guests, for all types of establishments, amounted to 19,324,078, while the nights spent amounted to 80,966,575. The corresponding arrivals for the same period of 2018, amounted to 19,305,087 while the nights spent amounted to 81,612,522 (Tables 1 and 2, Graph 2) ⁽¹⁾.

During the period January – September 2019, the largest share of arrivals and nights spent in hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, was recorded by non-residents, i.e. 75.0% of arrivals and 85.4% of nights spent (Graph 3).

For the same period, the average number of nights spent per person, remaining unchanged compared with the corresponding period of 2018, amounted to 4.2 nights. More specifically, the average number of nights spent was 4.8 nights for non-residents and 2.4 nights for residents (Graph 4).

The total occupancy of the bed places in hotels and similar establishments (excluding tourist campsites), which is based on the nights spent compared to the bed places that were in operation, amounted to 55.4% during the period of January – September 2019, compared with 57.4% in the corresponding period of 2018 (Table 3, Graph 5).

(1) The data of 2018 refer to 81.0% of the total available bed places and the data of 2019 refer to 80.3% of the total available bed places.

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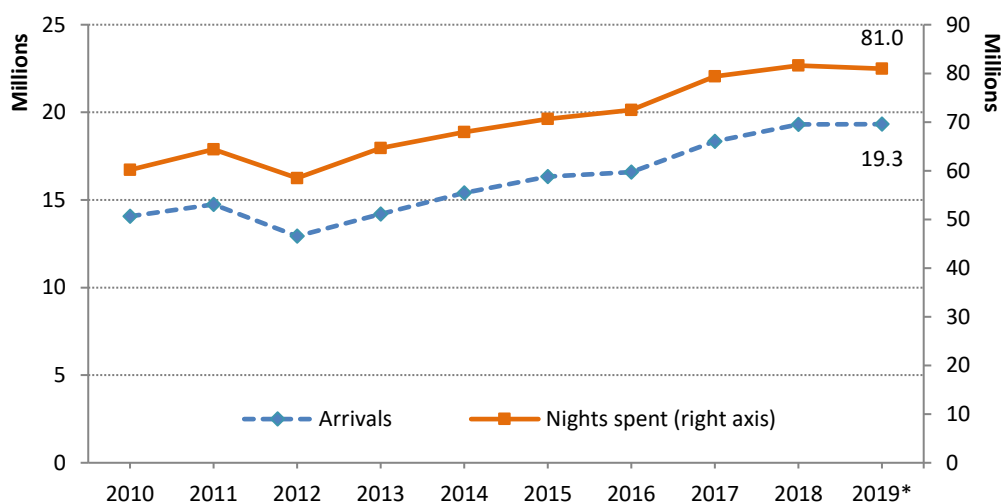
Table 1. Arrivals of residents and non-residents at hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, by month, January – September 2018 and 2019

2018						2019 (provisional data)				
Total		Hotels and similar establishments		Tourist campsites		Total	Hotels and similar establishments		Tourist campsites	
Month	Arrivals	Residents	Non-residents	Residents	Non-residents	Arrivals	Residents	Non-residents	Residents	Non-residents
Jan - Sep	19,305,087	4,683,169	14,243,916	130,380	247,622	19,324,078	4,699,873	14,231,320	138,686	254,199
January	552,227	367,056	184,856	79	236	513,826	342,101	171,409	86	230
February	589,500	381,974	207,170	79	277	558,096	355,757	202,010	68	261
March	862,791	456,109	405,931	125	626	843,676	482,829	359,865	146	836
April	1,415,611	523,341	886,409	617	5,244	1,497,702	547,805	942,710	642	6,545
May	2,633,143	530,778	2,068,561	6,649	27,155	2,510,543	478,542	2,002,618	3,402	25,981
June	3,108,472	525,354	2,531,328	14,260	37,530	3,188,534	579,597	2,547,626	18,661	42,650
July	3,556,154	643,469	2,805,931	41,448	65,306	3,513,799	639,533	2,765,276	42,769	66,221
August	3,600,390	721,789	2,744,972	59,908	73,721	3,744,029	764,717	2,838,025	65,751	75,536
September	2,986,799	533,299	2,408,758	7,215	37,527	2,953,873	508,992	2,401,781	7,161	35,939

Table 2. Nights spent of residents and non-residents in hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, by month, January – September 2018 and 2019

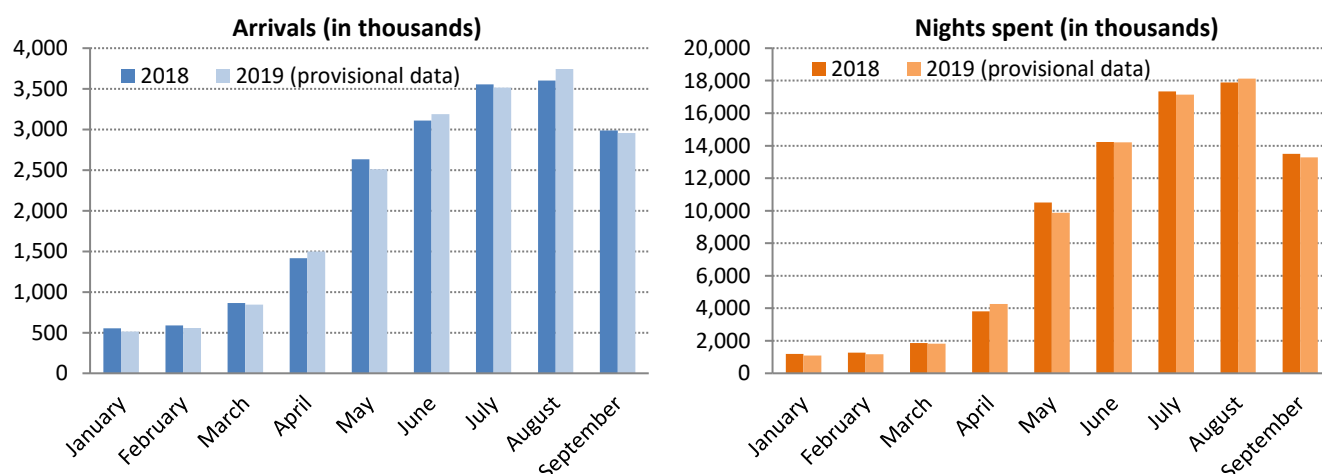
2018						2019 (provisional data)				
Total		Hotels and similar establishments		Tourist campsites		Total	Hotels and similar establishments		Tourist campsites	
Month	Nights spent	Residents	Non-residents	Residents	Non-residents	Nights spent	Residents	Non-residents	Residents	Non-residents
Jan - Sep	81,612,522	10,999,669	68,967,335	739,479	906,039	80,966,575	11,004,499	68,213,928	799,372	948,776
January	1,190,677	739,013	450,652	205	807	1,093,725	674,784	417,329	787	825
February	1,276,130	762,855	512,217	193	865	1,173,124	681,990	489,870	524	740
March	1,867,056	896,825	967,991	388	1,852	1,813,849	949,523	861,645	655	2,026
April	3,810,987	1,120,095	2,677,412	2,003	11,477	4,255,107	1,165,834	3,071,325	2,495	15,453
May	10,505,106	1,079,622	9,299,068	49,922	76,494	9,877,054	952,405	8,802,181	48,396	74,072
June	14,235,517	1,164,433	12,846,639	86,658	137,787	14,205,988	1,287,677	12,640,009	115,418	162,884
July	17,347,942	1,747,430	15,127,573	219,908	253,031	17,136,241	1,734,546	14,908,738	227,299	265,658
August	17,886,981	2,294,674	14,972,547	330,625	289,135	18,125,815	2,416,241	15,065,917	346,211	297,446
September	13,492,126	1,194,722	12,113,236	49,577	134,591	13,285,672	1,141,499	11,956,914	57,587	129,672

Graph 1. Arrivals and nights spent in hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, 9-month period of January to September 2010 and 2019

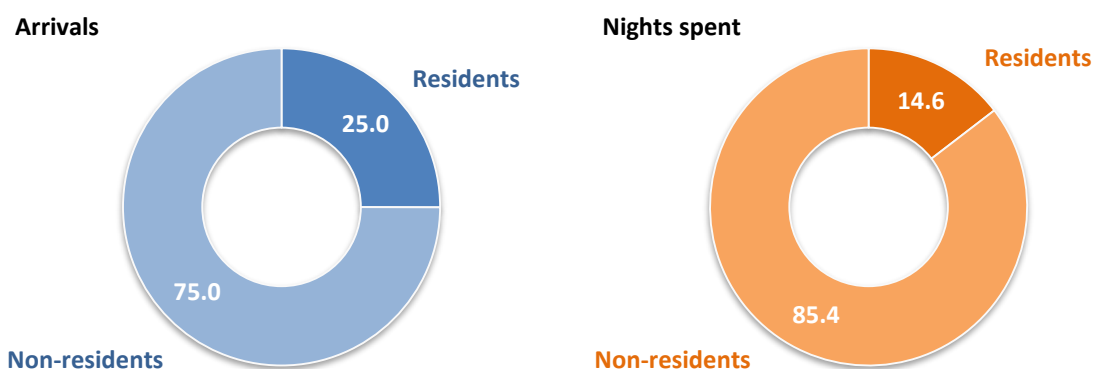


* provisional data

Graph 2. Arrivals and nights spent of residents and non-residents in hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, by month, January – September 2018 and 2019



Graph 3. Percentage distribution (%) of arrivals and nights spent in hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, January – September 2019 (provisional data)



Graph 4. Average nights spent per guest in hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, by month, January – September 2019 (provisional data)

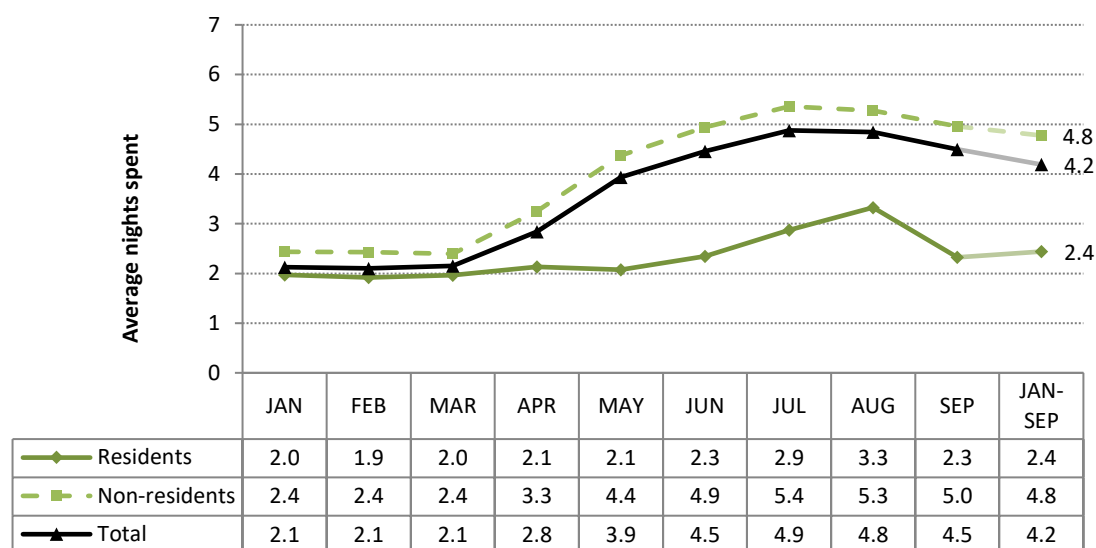
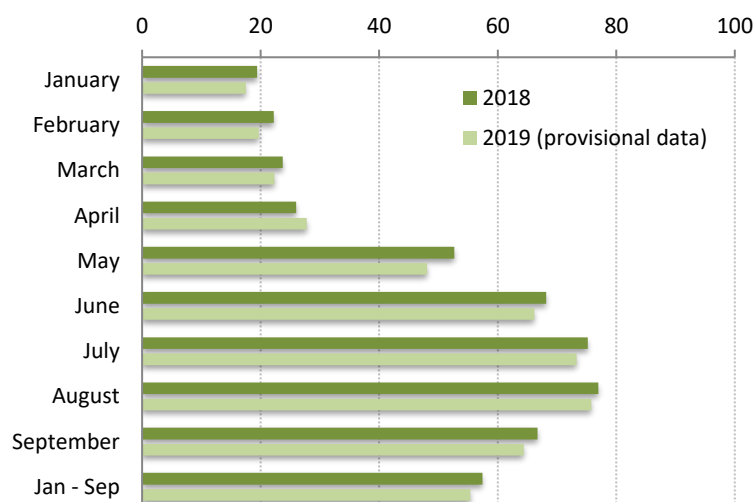


Table 3. Occupancy (%) of the bed-places that were in operation in hotels and similar establishments, by month, January – September 2018 and 2019

Month	2018	2019*
Jan - Sep	57.4	55.4
January	19.4	17.5
February	22.2	19.7
March	23.7	22.3
April	26.0	27.8
May	52.7	48.1
June	68.2	66.2
July	75.2	73.3
August	77.0	75.8
September	66.7	64.4

* provisional data

Graph 5. Occupancy (%) of the bed-places that were in operation in hotels and similar establishments, by month, January – September 2018 and 2019



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Arrivals and nights spent at hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites	Data on arrivals and nights spent at hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites are collected from a monthly census survey. Each establishment fills in a questionnaire, for every month that it is in operation. It is mandatory for all hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites to participate in the survey.
Legal frame	The survey is conducted pursuant to Regulation 692/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council.
Reference unit	Data refer to all establishments (hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites) that are registered in the Hellenic Chamber of Hotels. ELSTAT receives the register every three months and subsequently it updates its register that is related to the survey.
Coverage	The results of the survey refer to about 80% of the total bed-places that are available. The reason why there is no estimation and projection of the results to 100% of the reference population is the fact that there is no information on the exact months during which each establishment is in operation. The lack of this information makes it impossible to make this estimation for every month and hence for the total of the year.
Data dissemination	Final annual data are published in July of the following year. As regards the annual data there is a press release and detailed tables.
Reference period	January - September 2019.
Definitions	<p><u>Resident</u>: every person, regardless of citizenship, that has resided in Greece for at least a year, or has arrived in Greece with the intention to reside in the country for at least 1 year.</p> <p><u>Non-resident</u>: every person, regardless of citizenship, that is not considered to be resident.</p> <p><u>Arrivals</u>: The arrivals at the establishments are calculated for every person separately. The data refer to the total number of persons and not to the total number of rooms that were occupied. Only the persons that had at least one overnight stay at the establishment are counted.</p> <p><u>Nights spent</u>: The nights are calculated for every person separately. The data refer to the total number of nights spent by every person and not to the total number of nights spent in every room.</p> <p><u>Occupancy of bed-places</u>: The monthly occupancy of bed-places is calculated on the basis of the number of the bed-places, as reported by each establishment. The rate refers to the occupancy that was accomplished, as compared with the maximum occupancy that is expected according to the available bed-places.</p> <p>The occupancy of the period is the result of the average occupancy rates of every month of the period, weighted by the bed-places that were in operation for each month.</p>
Methodology	<p>This is a monthly census survey. The data come from the establishments, which fill in a questionnaire (by paper form or on-line application) for every month that each establishment is in operation. During the year ELSTAT updates regularly the register of the hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, so that the data refer to the actual number of establishments that are in operation. Moreover, regular reminders for the submission of the data are sent to the establishments, so as ELSTAT can gather as much data as possible.</p> <p>The provisional data, for the period January - September, are based on the data collected from the establishments that responded to the survey and on the estimation of the arrivals and nights spent, taking into account the trend derived from a common sample of establishments and campsites in comparison with the previous year.</p>
References	More information on the survey is available on the website of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (www.statistics.gr) at https://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/STO12/