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ARRIVALS OF NON-RESIDENTS IN GREECE: January - June 2016

According to the Frontier Statistical Survey conducted by the Bank of Greece, in the period January-June of 2016, arrivals of non-residents from abroad decreased by 1.6%, compared with the corresponding period of the year 2015.

More specifically, arrivals from Europe, which accounts for the majority of arrivals of non-residents to Greece (86.5%), recorded a decrease of 1.2% in January-June 2016 compared with the corresponding period of 2015, while arrivals from EU Member States recorded an increase of 0.9%. As regards European countries a significant decrease, in absolute values, is observed in arrivals from FYROM (-27.7%), Bulgaria (-10.5%) and France (-20.6%) while a significant increase, in absolute values, is recorded in arrivals from United Kingdom (13.1%), Albania (41.6%) and Romania (19.4%). As far as the rest of the continents are concerned, a decrease of arrivals, in absolute values, is observed from Asia, mainly on account of the significant decrease of arrivals from Turkey (-29.2%). Moreover, a decrease of arrivals is also observed from Oceania (-1.3%). The arrivals, from the other two continents, recorded an increase, in absolute values, from America (1.5%), with the USA having a large contribution to arrivals, and from Africa, as well (24.7%) (Table 1).

The largest contribution to the total of arrivals from the European countries, is recorded for the United Kingdom (12.5%), Germany (11.9%), Bulgaria (11.2%), FYROM (7.7%) and France (4.9%) and (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 (24.1%), followed by the airports of Iraklio (10.2%), Rodos (6.7%) and Thessaloniki (5.2%). The main points of entry which account for the biggest percentage of traffic, by road, are Evzoni (7.6%) and Promahonas (5.7%) (Table 3).

Detailed data for the period January-June of the years 2016 and 2015, 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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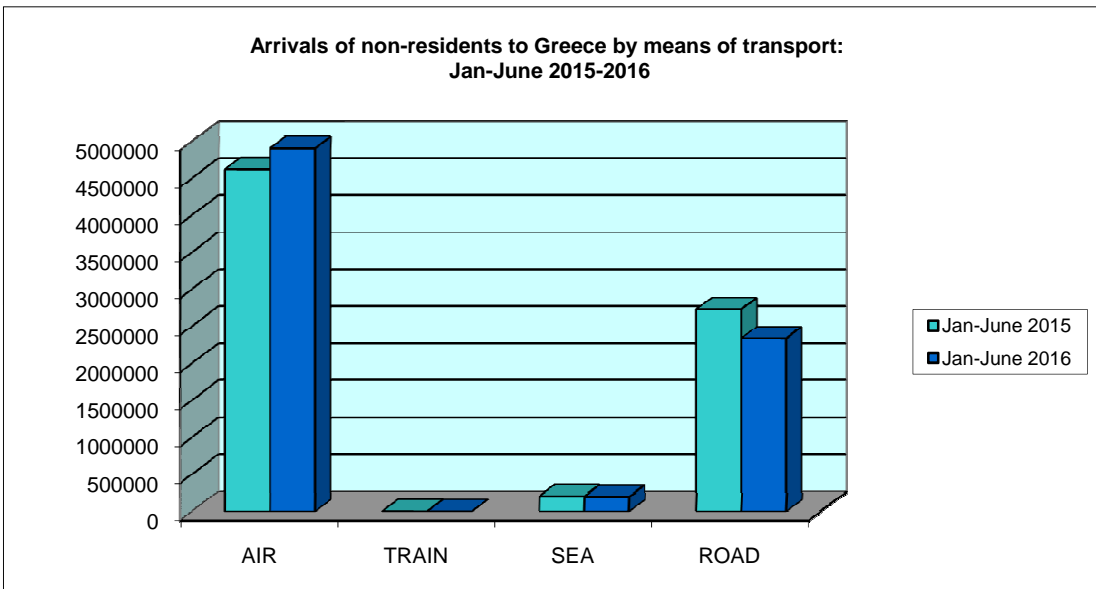
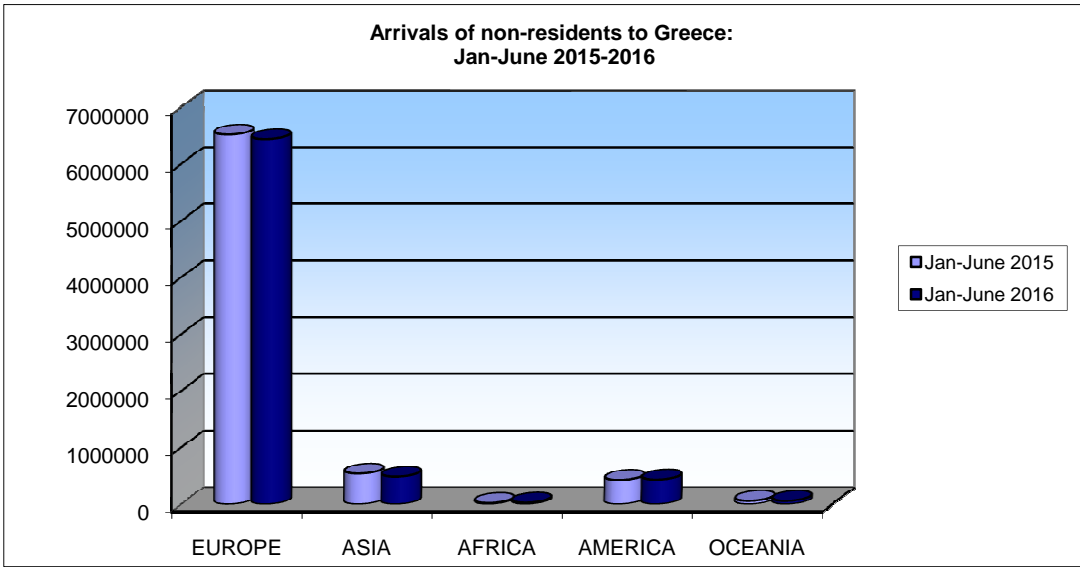


Table 1: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence: January-June 2016

| Analysis by country of residence | January-June | | % change | % share | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2015 | 2016 | 2016/2015 | 2015 | 2016 |
| I. EUROPE | 6,516,275 | 6,438,976 | -1.2 | 86.1% | 86.5% |
| EUROPEAN UNION | 4,899,542 | 4,941,934 | 0.9 | 64.8% | 66.4% |
| Austria | 85,738 | 78,186 | -8.8 | 1.1% | 1.1% |
| Belgium | 119,053 | 134,942 | 13.3 | 1.6% | 1.8% |
| Bulgaria | 933,263 | 835,273 | -10.5 | 12.3% | 11.2% |
| France | 463,479 | 367,940 | -20.6 | 6.1% | 4.9% |
| Germany | 881,501 | 888,275 | 0.8 | 11.7% | 11.9% |
| Denmark | 57,356 | 68,374 | 19.2 | 0.8% | 0.9% |
| Estonia | 7,831 | 7,905 | 0.9 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| United Kingdom | 820,498 | 928,181 | 13.1 | 10.8% | 12.5% |
| Ireland | 25,599 | 22,849 | -10.7 | 0.3% | 0.3% |
| Spain | 26,723 | 32,893 | 23.1 | 0.4% | 0.4% |
| Italy | 300,725 | 302,950 | 0.7 | 4.0% | 4.1% |
| Croatia | 8,002 | 7,200 | -10.0 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Cyprus | 190,094 | 190,822 | 0.4 | 2.5% | 2.6% |
| Latvia | 15,196 | 22,177 | 45.9 | 0.2% | 0.3% |
| Lithuania | 21,019 | 21,930 | 4.3 | 0.3% | 0.3% |
| Luxemburg | 5,617 | 5,205 | -7.3 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Malta | 3,973 | 6,178 | 55.5 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Netherlands | 230,813 | 251,970 | 9.2 | 3.1% | 3.4% |
| Hungary | 28,830 | 33,205 | 15.2 | 0.4% | 0.4% |
| Poland | 187,987 | 184,399 | -1.9 | 2.5% | 2.5% |
| Portugal | 7,161 | 4,619 | -35.5 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Romania | 213,637 | 255,081 | 19.4 | 2.8% | 3.4% |
| Slovakia | 29,634 | 7,866 | -73.5 | 0.4% | 0.1% |
| Slovenia | 4,249 | 5,578 | 31.3 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Sweden | 117,659 | 153,986 | 30.9 | 1.6% | 2.1% |
| Czech Republic | 72,574 | 59,788 | -17.6 | 1.0% | 0.8% |
| Finland | 41,332 | 64,165 | 55.2 | 0.5% | 0.9% |
| Albania | 221,595 | 313,686 | 41.6 | 2.9% | 4.2% |
| Switzerland | 121,378 | 121,473 | 0.1 | 1.6% | 1.6% |
| Norway | 61,176 | 69,213 | 13.1 | 0.8% | 0.9% |
| Iceland | 403 | 1,223 | 203.7 | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| FYROM | 794,648 | 574,625 | -27.7 | 10.5% | 7.7% |
| Russia | 150,623 | 162,166 | 7.7 | 2.0% | 2.2% |
| Serbia | 167,351 | 158,088 | -5.5 | 2.2% | 2.1% |
| Other European countries | 99,560 | 96,568 | -3.0 | 1.3% | 1.3% |
| II. ASIA | 539,528 | 486,273 | -9.9 | 7.1% | 6.5% |
| Japan | 3,455 | 6,959 | 101.4 | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| Iran | 1,094 | 8,260 | 655.1 | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| Israel | 34,565 | 38,142 | 10.3 | 0.5% | 0.5% |
| China | 23,950 | 17,329 | -27.6 | 0.3% | 0.2% |
| Lebanon-Syria | 7,048 | 24,520 | 247.9 | 0.1% | 0.3% |
| S.Korea | 3,543 | 7,515 | 112.1 | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| Turkey | 418,597 | 296,309 | -29.2 | 5.5% | 4.0% |
| Other Middle East countries | 20,497 | 40,978 | 99.9 | 0.3% | 0.6% |
| Other Asian countries | 26,779 | 46,261 | 72.8 | 0.4% | 0.6% |
| III. AFRICA | 21,883 | 27,289 | 24.7 | 0.3% | 0.4% |
| Egypt-Sudan | 9,472 | 16,096 | 69.9 | 0.1% | 0.2% |
| South Africa | 8,980 | 5,661 | -37.0 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| Other African countries | 3,430 | 5,533 | 61.3 | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| IV. AMERICA | 428,647 | 435,105 | 1.5 | 5.7% | 5.8% |
| Argentina | 15,872 | 25,181 | 58.6 | 0.2% | 0.3% |
| Brazil | 29,109 | 18,811 | -35.4 | 0.4% | 0.3% |
| Mexico | 7,388 | 5,166 | -30.1 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| United States | 286,923 | 305,411 | 6.4 | 3.8% | 4.1% |
| Canada | 72,704 | 67,871 | -6.6 | 1.0% | 0.9% |
| Other American countries | 16,652 | 12,665 | -23.9 | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| V. OCEANIA | 59,364 | 58,578 | -1.3 | 0.8% | 0.8% |
| Australia | 48,809 | 51,626 | 5.8 | 0.6% | 0.7% |
| Other Oceanian countries | 10,556 | 6,952 | -34.1 | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| VI. Arrivals of non-residents | 7,565,697 | 7,446,222 | -1.6 | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| ARRIVALS | 7,565,697 | 7,446,222 | -1.6 | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Source: Frontier Survey of the Bank of Greece.

Table 2: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence and means of transport: January-June 2016

| Analysis by country of residence | AIR | RAILWAY | SEA | ROAD | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| I. EUROPE | 4,133,471 | 633 | 162,686 | 2,142,186 | 6,438,976 |
| EUROPEAN UNION | 3,733,158 | 582 | 138,465 | 1,069,729 | 4,941,934 |
| Austria | 74,411 | 0 | 2,848 | 927 | 78,186 |
| Belgium | 132,694 | 0 | 1,283 | 965 | 134,942 |
| Bulgaria | 11,635 | 459 | 32,900 | 790,279 | 835,273 |
| France | 359,561 | 0 | 8,251 | 128 | 367,940 |
| Germany | 844,567 | 0 | 23,633 | 20,074 | 888,275 |
| Denmark | 66,880 | 0 | 189 | 1,304 | 68,374 |
| Estonia | 7,905 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,905 |
| United Kingdom | 913,697 | 0 | 14,147 | 337 | 928,181 |
| Ireland | 22,240 | 0 | 610 | 0 | 22,849 |
| Spain | 31,879 | 0 | 1,014 | 0 | 32,893 |
| Italy | 264,527 | 0 | 32,110 | 6,313 | 302,950 |
| Croatia | 5,604 | 0 | 1,111 | 484 | 7,200 |
| Cyprus | 189,608 | 0 | 1,214 | 0 | 190,822 |
| Latvia | 20,811 | 1 | 0 | 1,365 | 22,177 |
| Lithuania | 17,730 | 3 | 0 | 4,198 | 21,930 |
| Luxemburg | 5,205 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,205 |
| Malta | 6,178 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,178 |
| Netherlands | 244,474 | 0 | 5,393 | 2,104 | 251,970 |
| Hungary | 28,551 | 0 | 2,210 | 2,443 | 33,205 |
| Poland | 146,963 | 22 | 2,549 | 34,865 | 184,399 |
| Portugal | 4,383 | 0 | 235 | 0 | 4,619 |
| Romania | 47,173 | 96 | 8,497 | 199,315 | 255,081 |
| Slovakia | 6,020 | 1 | 0 | 1,844 | 7,866 |
| Slovenia | 5,578 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,578 |
| Sweden | 153,986 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 153,986 |
| Czech Republic | 56,733 | 0 | 270 | 2,784 | 59,788 |
| Finland | 64,165 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64,165 |
| Albania | 5,545 | 0 | 247 | 307,894 | 313,686 |
| Switzerland | 104,455 | 0 | 17,018 | 0 | 121,473 |
| Norway | 69,213 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69,213 |
| Iceland | 1,223 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,223 |
| FYROM | 1,393 | 2 | 571 | 572,659 | 574,625 |
| Russia | 153,401 | 4 | 1,406 | 7,356 | 162,166 |
| Serbia | 17,242 | 16 | 2,593 | 138,238 | 158,088 |
| Other European countries | 47,843 | 29 | 2,386 | 46,311 | 96,568 |
| II. ASIA | 260,098 | 0 | 32,181 | 193,994 | 486,273 |
| Japan | 6,959 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6,959 |
| Iran | 7,840 | 0 | 0 | 420 | 8,260 |
| Israel | 38,142 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38,142 |
| China | 17,041 | 0 | 0 | 910 | 17,951 |
| Lebanon-Syria | 24,520 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24,520 |
| S.Korea | 7,515 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,515 |
| Turkey | 72,002 | 0 | 32,181 | 192,126 | 296,309 |
| Other Middle East countries | 39,039 | 0 | 0 | 538 | 39,577 |
| Other Asian countries | 47,040 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47,040 |
| III. AFRICA | 26,791 | 0 | 0 | 499 | 27,289 |
| Egypt-Sudan | 15,598 | 0 | 0 | 499 | 16,096 |
| South Africa | 5,661 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,661 |
| Other African countries | 5,533 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,533 |
| IV. AMERICA | 429,762 | 0 | 4,295 | 1,048 | 435,105 |
| Argentina | 24,327 | 0 | 853 | 0 | 25,181 |
| Brazil | 18,564 | 0 | 247 | 0 | 18,811 |
| Mexico | 5,166 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,166 |
| United States | 302,232 | 0 | 2,131 | 1,048 | 305,411 |
| Canada | 67,377 | 0 | 494 | 0 | 67,871 |
| Other American countries | 12,096 | 0 | 569 | 0 | 12,665 |
| V. OCEANIA | 55,412 | 0 | 3,166 | 0 | 58,578 |
| Australia | 49,044 | 0 | 2,583 | 0 | 51,626 |
| Other Oceanian countries | 6,368 | 0 | 584 | 0 | 6,952 |
| TOTAL ARRIVALS | 4,905,534 | 633 | 202,328 | 2,337,727 | 7,446,222 |

Source: Frontier Survey of the Bank of Greece.

Table 3: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by means of transport and entry station: January-June 2016

| Station of entrance | | January - June | | % change | % share | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | 2015 | 2016 | 2016/2015 | 2015 | 2016 |
| I. AIR | | 4,622,472 | 4,905,534 | 6.1% | 61.1% | 65.9% |
| 1 | Athens | 1,620,264 | 1,792,111 | 10.6% | 21.4% | 24.1% |
| 2 | Aktion ⁽¹⁾ | - | 35,623 | - | - | 0.5% |
| 3 | Zakynthos | 105,819 | 110,085 | 4.0% | 1.4% | 1.5% |
| 4 | Iraklio | 689,043 | 760,883 | 10.4% | 9.1% | 10.2% |
| 5 | Thessaloniki | 371,751 | 386,576 | 4.0% | 4.9% | 5.2% |
| 6 | Kerkyra | 268,879 | 298,800 | 11.1% | 3.6% | 4.0% |
| 7 | Kos | 253,268 | 204,943 | -19.1% | 3.3% | 2.8% |
| 8 | Mytilini ⁽¹⁾ | - | 4,466 | - | - | 0.1% |
| 9 | Rodos | 506,607 | 499,010 | -1.5% | 6.7% | 6.7% |
| 10 | Santorini | 57,269 | 58,313 | 1.8% | 0.8% | 0.8% |
| 11 | Skiathos ⁽¹⁾ | - | 27,150 | - | - | 0.4% |
| 12 | Chania | 250,946 | 271,279 | 8.1% | 3.3% | 3.6% |
| 13 | Other stations | 498,626 | 456,295 | -8.5% | 6.6% | 6.1% |
| II. RAILWAY | | 1,910 | 633 | -66.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| 1 | Promachon (Serres) ⁽²⁾ | - | - | - | - | - |
| 2 | Railway stations (non-sampled) | 1,910 | 633 | -66.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| III. SEA | | 210,080 | 202,328 | -3.7% | 2.8% | 2.7% |
| 1 | Igoumenitsa | 108,148 | 86,438 | -20.1% | 1.4% | 1.2% |
| 2 | Kerkyra ⁽²⁾ | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3 | Patra | 79,059 | 64,114 | -18.9% | 1.0% | 0.9% |
| 4 | Rodos ⁽¹⁾ | - | 10,325 | - | - | 0.1% |
| 5 | Chios ⁽¹⁾ | - | 11,709 | - | - | 0.2% |
| 6 | Other stations | 22,874 | 29,743 | 30.0% | 0.3% | 0.4% |
| IV. ROAD | | 2,731,234 | 2,337,727 | -14.4% | 36.1% | 31.4% |
| 1 | Evzoni (Kilkis) | 545,575 | 565,877 | 3.7% | 7.2% | 7.6% |
| 2 | Kakavia (Ioannina) | 122,157 | 131,808 | 7.9% | 1.6% | 1.8% |
| 3 | Krystallopigi ⁽³⁾ | - | 121,973 | - | - | 1.6% |
| 4 | Kipi (Evros) | 194,619 | 152,627 | -21.6% | 2.6% | 2.0% |
| 5 | Nymfaia ⁽⁴⁾ | - | 134,775 | - | - | 1.8% |
| 6 | Promachon (Serres) | 680,764 | 424,902 | -37.6% | 9.0% | 5.7% |
| 7 | Road stations non-sample | 1,188,119 | 805,766 | -32.2% | 15.7% | 10.8% |
| TOTAL STATIONS | | 7,565,697 | 7,446,222 | -1.6% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Source: Frontier Survey of the Bank of Greece.

⁽¹⁾ Sampling at this point of entry, was carried out for the first time in June 2016, therefore it is not possible to compare with the corresponding period of the year 2015.

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

⁽³⁾ Sampling at this point of entry, started from January 2016, therefore it is not possible to compare with the corresponding period of the year 2015.

⁽⁴⁾ Sampling at this point of entry, started from May 2016, therefore it is not possible to compare with the corresponding period of the year 2015.

Explanatory Notes

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| 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, has been 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 |
| Reporting period | January - June 2016 |
| Availability | The data are published four months after the reference quarter. |
| Results | |
| Definitions | <p>- <u>Resident of Greece</u> is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Every person, regardless of nationality, residing or intending 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 <p>- <u>Non-resident</u>, 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 2008) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF - Handbook for the compilation of the balance of payments, 6th edition, 2009).</p> |
| Methodology | <p>The 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, i.e., during the departure of non-residents from Greece and the return of residents from abroad. In addition to the interviews, the number and the residence of travellers entering and leaving the borders are also recorded. 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. "</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 | 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). |