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ARRIVALS AND NIGHTS SPENT AT COLLECTIVE ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS (hotels, similar establishments and camping)

January - September 2008

(Provisional data)

The National Statistical Service of Greece publishes data of arrivals and nights spent at hotels, similar establishments and camping, which are collected through a census survey, according to the Directive 95/57 of the E.U. The providers of the statistical information are all hotels, similar establishments and camping in Greece.

The data in the attached tables show that, during the period of January - September 2008, the nights spent at hotels, similar establishments and camping in Greece were decreased by 3.5% and the arrivals were decreased by 3.2%, as compared to January - September 2007. The average stay during January - September 2008 was 4.3 nights (more specifically, 5.5 nights for non-residents and 2.6 nights for residents), which is at the same level with the corresponding period of 2007 (Tables 1 and 2).

The total percentage use of bed-places at hotels and similar establishments (excluding camping) in January - September 2008 was 62.6%, while in January - September 2007 was 60.8%. Although the nights spent were decreased, the corresponding decrease in the number of bed-places that were in use during this period -according to the information available up to now- resulted in the increase in the percentage use of bed-places (Table 1).

For the non-resident customers, during January - September 2008 there is a 3.9% decrease in the arrivals and the nights spent at hotels, similar establishments and camping, as compared to the same period of 2007. The majority of the arrivals and nights spent is from residents of the European Union (73.0% share for the arrivals and 80.3% share for the nights spent) and mainly from Germany and the United Kingdom (Tables 3 and 4).

As compared to the same period of 2007 and taking into account the share of the arrivals and nights spent in the total, during January - September 2008, a significant increase is observed from Russia (25.7% increase in arrivals and 28.2% increase in nights spent). Moreover, there is an increasing trend in arrivals and nights spent from Poland, Cyprus, and the Czech Republic and also from the new E.U. members, Bulgaria and Romania. On the other hand, a significant decrease in total arrivals and nights spent is observed from the E.U. countries (4.5% decrease in arrivals and 5.4% decrease in nights spent), which is mainly due to the decreasing flow from Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy and Netherlands. Finally, a decreasing flow is also observed for customers from America (11.9% in arrivals and 14.8% in nights spent) and from Asia (6.9% in arrivals and 6.8% in nights spent) (Tables 3 and 4).

Analysing data by geographical region in Greece, we notice that 71% of the arrivals at hotels, similar establishments and camping and 81% of the nights spent are accumulated in the regions of Kriti, Southern Aegean Islands, Attiki, Ionian Islands and Central Makedonia (which is the only region that shows a significant increase in arrivals, nights spent and the percentage use of bed-places). A small increase is also observed in the region of Eastern Makedonia and Thraki. All the other regions, during January - September 2008, show a decrease in arrivals and nights spent, as compared to the same period of 2007 (Tables 5 and 6).

However, despite the decrease in the nights spent, the percentage use of bed-places (for hotels and similar establishments) is increased in the regions of Ionian Islands, Southern Aegean Islands and Kriti. This is mainly due to the decrease in the bed-places that were in use, during January - September 2008, as compared to the same period of the previous year (Table 5).

The above information is an indication of the occupancy in hotels, similar establishments and camping in Greece for the period of January - September 2008, according to the information available up to now.

Analytical data are included in the attached tables and diagrams.

Table 1: Nights spent at hotels, similar establishments and camping, by month

Month	January - September 2007				January - September 2008 (provisional data)				% change 2008/2007
	Total nights-spent	Nights-spent by residents	Nights-spent by non-residents	% use of bed-places (excl. camping)	Total nights-spent	Nights-spent by residents	Nights-spent by non-residents	% use of bed-places (excl. camping)	
Total	58.396.760	14.406.706	43.990.054	60,8%	56.375.946	14.113.891	42.262.055	62,6%	-3,5%
January	1.022.869	757.938	264.931	25,3%	1.046.597	764.297	282.300	25,7%	2,3%
February	1.086.544	778.360	308.184	29,5%	1.089.679	768.763	320.916	29,5%	0,3%
March	1.521.088	989.901	531.187	32,4%	1.548.130	973.847	574.283	35,0%	1,8%
April	2.659.982	1.200.553	1.459.429	31,6%	2.469.045	1.199.543	1.269.502	29,6%	-7,2%
May	6.568.724	1.156.137	5.412.587	48,2%	6.381.922	1.118.574	5.263.348	49,7%	-2,8%
June	9.548.091	1.598.139	7.949.952	64,2%	9.326.762	1.584.841	7.741.921	66,3%	-2,3%
July	12.664.061	2.834.246	9.829.815	76,2%	12.196.423	2.670.362	9.526.061	80,6%	-3,7%
August	13.939.301	3.583.944	10.355.357	81,4%	13.273.935	3.493.023	9.780.912	86,6%	-4,8%
September	9.386.100	1.507.488	7.878.612	66,9%	9.043.453	1.540.641	7.502.812	69,0%	-3,7%

Diagram 1: Nights-spent at hotels, similar establishments and camping, by month

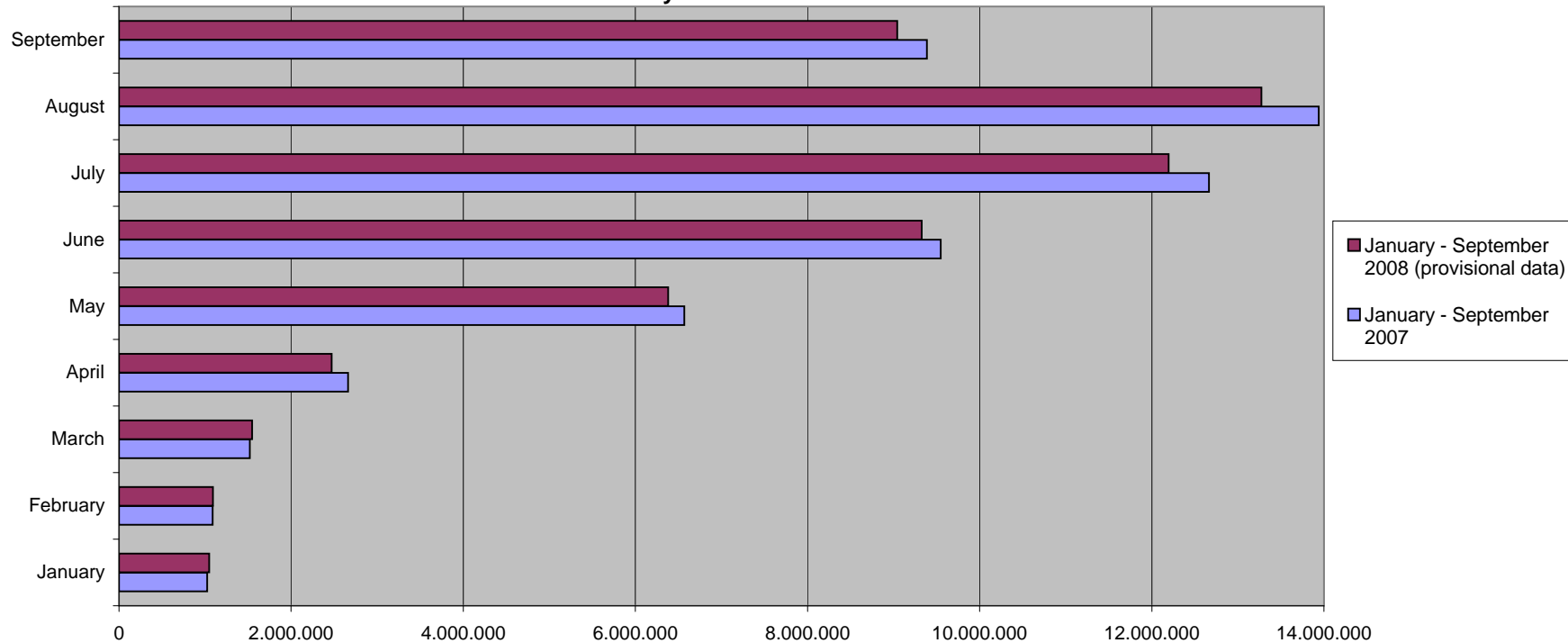
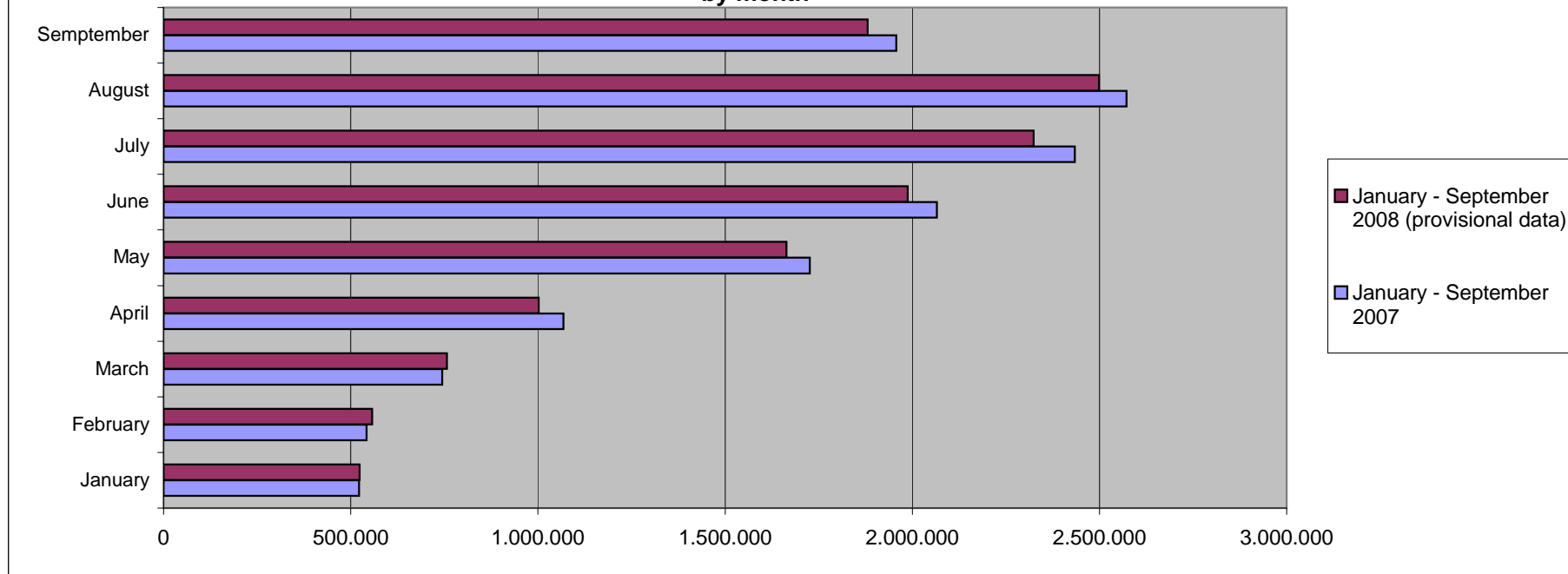


Table 2: Arrivals at hotels, similar establishments and camping, by month

Month	January - September 2007			January - September 2008 (provisional data)			% change 2008/2007
	Total arrivals	Arrivals by residents	Arrivals by non-residents	Total arrivals	Arrivals by residents	Arrivals by non-residents	
Total	13.631.763	5.640.273	7.991.490	13.195.494	5.517.094	7.678.400	-3,2%
January	522.179	406.559	115.620	523.709	401.921	121.788	0,3%
February	542.101	412.254	129.847	557.245	418.074	139.171	2,8%
March	744.599	510.429	234.170	757.128	508.860	248.268	1,7%
April	1.068.170	575.220	492.950	1.002.236	558.504	443.732	-6,2%
May	1.725.941	584.373	1.141.568	1.663.896	569.583	1.094.313	-3,6%
June	2.065.582	703.628	1.361.954	1.987.765	675.052	1.312.713	-3,8%
July	2.433.966	885.419	1.548.547	2.324.110	830.921	1.493.189	-4,5%
August	2.572.293	954.820	1.617.473	2.498.699	948.870	1.549.829	-2,9%
September	1.956.932	607.571	1.349.361	1.880.706	605.309	1.275.397	-3,9%

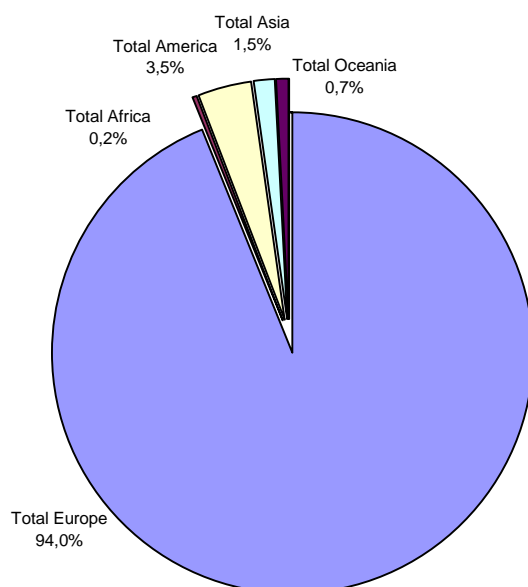
Diagram 2: Arrivals at hotels, similar establishments and camping, by month



**Table 3: Nights-spent by non-residents, at hotels, similar establishments and camping
by country of residence**

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	January - September 2007		January - September 2008 (provisional data)		% change 2008/2007
	Total	% Share	Total	% Share	
General Total	43.990.054	100,0%	42.262.055	100,0%	-3,9%
Total Europe	41.167.008	93,6%	39.735.131	94,0%	-3,5%
European Union	35.869.254	81,5%	33.918.099	80,3%	-5,4%
Austria	1.576.944	3,6%	1.300.309	3,1%	-17,5%
Belgium	1.496.066	3,4%	1.429.315	3,4%	-4,5%
Bulgaria	287.285	0,7%	383.732	0,9%	33,6%
France	2.861.801	6,5%	2.918.983	6,9%	2,0%
Germany	8.438.225	19,2%	7.742.780	18,3%	-8,2%
Denmark	894.551	2,0%	938.948	2,2%	5,0%
Estonia	76.247	0,2%	90.355	0,2%	18,5%
United Kingdom	6.972.024	15,8%	6.193.981	14,7%	-11,2%
Ireland	260.093	0,6%	234.867	0,6%	-9,7%
Spain	397.017	0,9%	333.299	0,8%	-16,0%
Italy	3.441.740	7,8%	3.065.165	7,3%	-10,9%
Cyprus	433.574	1,0%	461.076	1,1%	6,3%
Latvia	71.085	0,2%	72.219	0,2%	1,6%
Lithuania	126.717	0,3%	134.277	0,3%	6,0%
Luxembourg	88.779	0,2%	97.400	0,2%	9,7%
Malta	9.090	0,0%	10.338	0,0%	13,7%
Netherlands	2.674.330	6,1%	2.477.376	5,9%	-7,4%
Hungary	381.819	0,9%	332.018	0,8%	-13,0%
Poland	1.005.682	2,3%	1.265.104	3,0%	25,8%
Portugal	65.269	0,1%	57.207	0,1%	-12,4%
Romania	624.754	1,4%	748.004	1,8%	19,7%
Slovak Republic	355.155	0,8%	314.388	0,7%	-11,5%
Slovenia	186.251	0,4%	202.034	0,5%	8,5%
Sweden	1.417.775	3,2%	1.375.836	3,3%	-3,0%
Czech Republic	993.860	2,3%	1.084.503	2,6%	9,1%
Finland	733.121	1,7%	654.585	1,5%	-10,7%
Total Other European countries	5.297.754	12,0%	5.817.032	13,8%	9,8%
Iceland	33.948	0,1%	34.239	0,1%	0,9%
Norway	1.190.027	2,7%	1.207.618	2,9%	1,5%
Switzerland (and Liechtenstein)	880.929	2,0%	755.815	1,8%	-14,2%
Russia	2.155.633	4,9%	2.763.097	6,5%	28,2%
Turkey	98.517	0,2%	91.439	0,2%	-7,2%
Other European countries	938.700	2,1%	964.824	2,3%	2,8%
Total Africa	97.412	0,2%	101.611	0,2%	4,3%
Total America	1.715.160	3,9%	1.461.326	3,5%	-14,8%
North America	1.545.127	3,5%	1.289.941	3,1%	-16,5%
USA	1.311.382	3,0%	1.072.591	2,5%	-18,2%
Canada	233.745	0,5%	217.350	0,5%	-7,0%
South and Central America	170.033	0,4%	171.385	0,4%	0,8%
Total Asia	701.598	1,6%	653.948	1,5%	-6,8%
Japan	168.133	0,4%	132.729	0,3%	-21,1%
Other Asian countries	533.465	1,2%	521.219	1,2%	-2,3%
Total Oceania	304.260	0,7%	307.076	0,7%	0,9%
Australia	286.995	0,7%	287.127	0,7%	0,0%
New Zealand	17.265	0,0%	19.949	0,0%	15,5%
Not specified	4.616	0,0%	2.963	0,0%	-35,8%

**Diagram 3: Nights-spent by non-residents at hotels, similar establishments and camping,
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**Table 4: Arrivals of non-residents, at hotels, similar establishments and camping
by country of residence**

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	January - September 2007		January - September 2008 (provisional data)		% change 2008/2007
	Total	% Share	Total	% Share	
General Total	7.991.490	100,0%	7.678.400	100,0%	-3,9%
Total Europe	6.733.301	84,3%	6.528.345	85,0%	-3,0%
European Union	5.871.141	73,5%	5.607.276	73,0%	-4,5%
Austria	232.128	2,9%	186.271	2,4%	-19,8%
Belgium	228.746	2,9%	219.258	2,9%	-4,1%
Bulgaria	104.990	1,3%	133.640	1,7%	27,3%
France	648.258	8,1%	636.659	8,3%	-1,8%
Germany	1.126.444	14,1%	1.043.921	13,6%	-7,3%
Denmark	136.845	1,7%	140.334	1,8%	2,5%
Estonia	13.183	0,2%	14.596	0,2%	10,7%
United Kingdom	1.011.459	12,7%	925.207	12,0%	-8,5%
Ireland	41.923	0,5%	41.011	0,5%	-2,2%
Spain	170.718	2,1%	146.964	1,9%	-13,9%
Italy	676.872	8,5%	603.359	7,9%	-10,9%
Cyprus	146.740	1,8%	153.518	2,0%	4,6%
Latvia	12.798	0,2%	12.080	0,2%	-5,6%
Lithuania	21.170	0,3%	21.477	0,3%	1,5%
Luxembourg	12.160	0,2%	13.680	0,2%	12,5%
Malta	2.242	0,0%	2.659	0,0%	18,6%
Netherlands	376.968	4,7%	355.997	4,6%	-5,6%
Hungary	63.112	0,8%	56.146	0,7%	-11,0%
Poland	167.017	2,1%	195.236	2,5%	16,9%
Portugal	20.404	0,3%	18.101	0,2%	-11,3%
Romania	136.334	1,7%	166.537	2,2%	22,2%
Slovak Republic	43.369	0,5%	41.552	0,5%	-4,2%
Slovenia	34.418	0,4%	36.361	0,5%	5,6%
Sweden	214.129	2,7%	209.857	2,7%	-2,0%
Czech Republic	122.512	1,5%	137.205	1,8%	12,0%
Finland	106.202	1,3%	95.650	1,2%	-9,9%
Total Other European countries	862.160	10,8%	921.069	12,0%	6,8%
Iceland	5.934	0,1%	5.315	0,1%	-10,4%
Norway	154.108	1,9%	158.564	2,1%	2,9%
Switzerland (and Liechtenstein)	146.197	1,8%	126.804	1,7%	-13,3%
Russia	306.739	3,8%	385.676	5,0%	25,7%
Turkey	43.926	0,5%	43.258	0,6%	-1,5%
Other European countries	205.256	2,6%	201.452	2,6%	-1,9%
Total Africa	31.998	0,4%	32.542	0,4%	1,7%
Total America	792.558	9,9%	698.604	9,1%	-11,9%
North America	723.300	9,1%	628.152	8,2%	-13,2%
USA	619.559	7,8%	530.047	6,9%	-14,4%
Canada	103.741	1,3%	98.105	1,3%	-5,4%
South and Central America	69.258	0,9%	70.452	0,9%	1,7%
Total Asia	309.219	3,9%	287.758	3,7%	-6,9%
Japan	93.740	1,2%	77.648	1,0%	-17,2%
Other Asian countries	215.479	2,7%	210.110	2,7%	-2,5%
Total Oceania	123.564	1,5%	130.413	1,7%	5,5%
Australia	116.044	1,5%	121.566	1,6%	4,8%
New Zealand	7.520	0,1%	8.847	0,1%	17,6%
Not specified	850	0,0%	738	0,0%	-13,2%

**Diagram 4: Arrivals of non-residents at hotels, similar establishments and camping,
by country of residence
January - September 2008
(provisional data)**

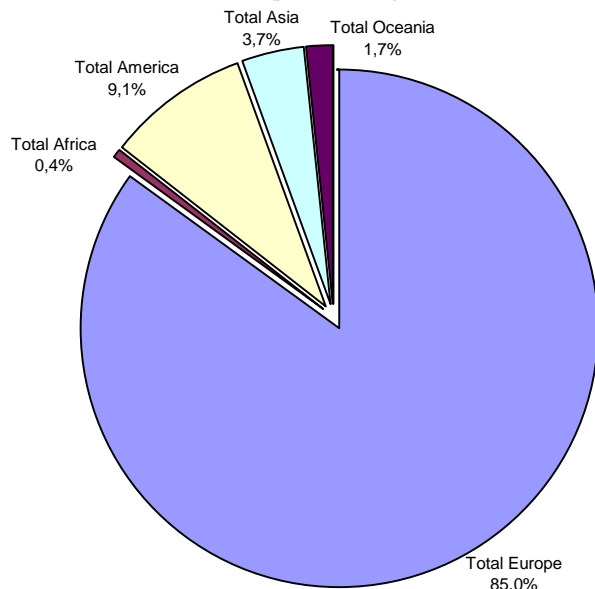
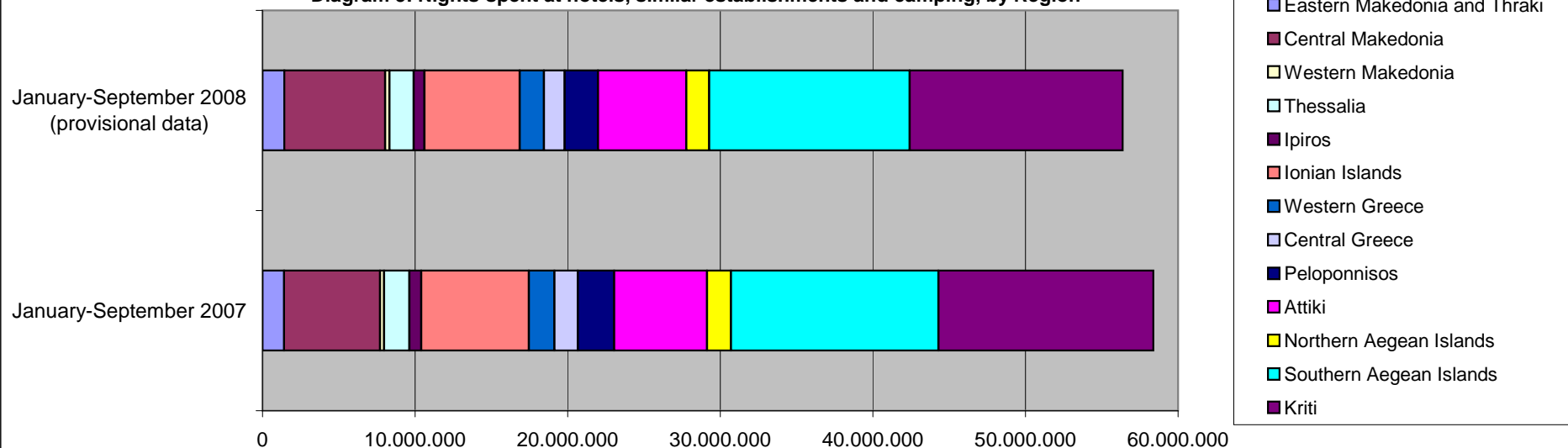


Table 5: Nights-spent at hotels, similar establishments and camping, by Region

REGIONS		Nights-spent January - September 2007				Nights-spent January - September 2008 (provisional data)				% change 2008/2007
		Residents	Non-residents	Total	% use of bed-places (excl. camping)	Residents	Non-residents	Total	% use of bed-places (excl. camping)	
GR	TOTAL GREECE	14.406.706	43.990.054	58.396.760	60,8%	14.113.891	42.262.055	56.375.946	62,6%	-3,5%
GR11	Eastern Makedonia and Thraki	866.312	547.789	1.414.101	44,3%	872.720	548.116	1.420.836	46,9%	0,5%
GR12	Central Makedonia	2.400.745	3.886.363	6.287.108	55,7%	2.570.036	4.056.086	6.626.122	59,4%	5,4%
GR13	Western Makedonia	247.976	30.010	277.986	31,2%	238.855	29.923	268.778	31,5%	-3,3%
GR14	Thessalia	1.028.716	620.258	1.648.974	41,5%	1.001.744	595.530	1.597.274	41,5%	-3,1%
GR21	Ipiros	553.570	221.017	774.587	40,2%	501.281	205.710	706.991	40,2%	-8,7%
GR22	Ionian Islands	1.085.242	5.966.006	7.051.248	73,3%	998.695	5.243.383	6.242.078	76,8%	-11,5%
GR23	Western Greece	844.219	840.614	1.684.833	47,5%	826.689	767.681	1.594.370	45,3%	-5,4%
GR24	Central Greece	1.003.331	522.524	1.525.855	39,6%	890.267	456.990	1.347.257	38,1%	-11,7%
GR25	Peloponnisos	1.363.092	1.018.946	2.382.038	40,8%	1.379.332	807.484	2.186.816	40,0%	-8,2%
GR3	Attiki	2.055.259	4.042.446	6.097.705	52,0%	1.971.869	3.818.786	5.790.655	50,4%	-5,0%
GR41	Northern Aegean Islands	520.455	1.043.637	1.564.092	56,7%	516.186	979.292	1.495.478	56,1%	-4,4%
GR42	Southern Aegean Islands	1.424.532	12.174.823	13.599.355	72,1%	1.400.372	11.745.331	13.145.703	76,5%	-3,3%
GR43	Kriti	1.013.257	13.075.621	14.088.878	74,0%	945.845	13.007.743	13.953.588	77,7%	-1,0%

Diagram 5: Nights-spent at hotels, similar establishments and camping, by Region



(provisional data)

Table 6: Arrivals at hotels, similar establishments and camping, by Region

REGIONS		Arrivals January - September 2007			Arrivals January - September 2008 (provisional data)			% change 2008/2007
		Residents	Non- residents	Total	Residents	Non- residents	Total	
GR	TOTAL GREECE	5.640.273	7.991.490	13.631.763	5.517.094	7.678.400	13.195.494	-3,2%
GR11	Eastern Makedonia and Thraki	376.248	113.923	490.171	382.843	117.142	499.985	2,0%
GR12	Central Makedonia	926.473	730.404	1.656.877	949.515	809.676	1.759.191	6,2%
GR13	Western Makedonia	135.855	14.933	150.788	130.044	13.576	143.620	-4,8%
GR14	Thessalia	462.105	219.244	681.349	456.602	212.667	669.269	-1,8%
GR21	Ipiros	268.342	73.893	342.235	236.201	65.052	301.253	-12,0%
GR22	Ionian Islands	272.489	765.344	1.037.833	255.368	666.333	921.701	-11,2%
GR23	Western Greece	380.991	302.326	683.317	379.163	294.794	673.957	-1,4%
GR24	Central Greece	347.952	213.518	561.470	312.779	177.856	490.635	-12,6%
GR25	Peloponnisos	583.484	316.363	899.847	574.308	251.783	826.091	-8,2%
GR3	Attiki	1.012.405	1.797.699	2.810.104	1.000.541	1.711.915	2.712.456	-3,5%
GR41	Northern Aegean Islands	158.283	134.240	292.523	147.314	126.835	274.149	-6,3%
GR42	Southern Aegean Islands	384.802	1.602.560	1.987.362	377.390	1.546.200	1.923.590	-3,2%
GR43	Kriti	330.844	1.707.043	2.037.887	315.026	1.684.571	1.999.597	-1,9%

