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*Decrease of arrivals of non-residents from abroad by 5,4%,
in the period January - June 2010*

NON-RESIDENT ARRIVALS FROM ABROAD: January - June 2010

According to the Boarder Statistical Survey, conducted by the Bank of Greece, in the period *Jan-June 2010*, arrivals of non-residents from abroad decreased by 5,4%, as compared to the same period of the year 2009.

More specifically, the arrivals from Europe, from where comes the majority of the Greek tourist market (87,5%), showed the period *Jan-June 2010* a decrease by 7,4% as compared to the same period of 2009, while the Member States of the European Union recorded a decrease of 6,0%. As regards the distribution of arrivals by country of origin of non-residents, the majority comes from Germany (14,2%), the United Kingdom (11,0%), other European countries (8,0%), Bulgaria (6,9%) and France (5,7%). A relative decrease of arrivals observed, in U.K (-11,0%), France (-8,9%), Germany (-5,5%) and significant from Others European countries (-28,0%). On the other hand, arrivals from Latvia (73,8%), Russia (67,3%) and Cyprus (48,9%) show a significant increase. (Table 1).

The breakdown of data by means of transportation and entry station noted that most arrivals are by air and airports with the largest proportion of traffic is of Athens (Eleftherios Venizelos) (26,3%), Iraklio (11,3%) and Rodos (7,8%) (Table 3).

Data for the period *Jan-June* of the years 2010 and 2009 are provided in the attached tables and charts and also at the EL.STAT portal (www.statistics.gr, at the section Statistical Themes-Tourism).

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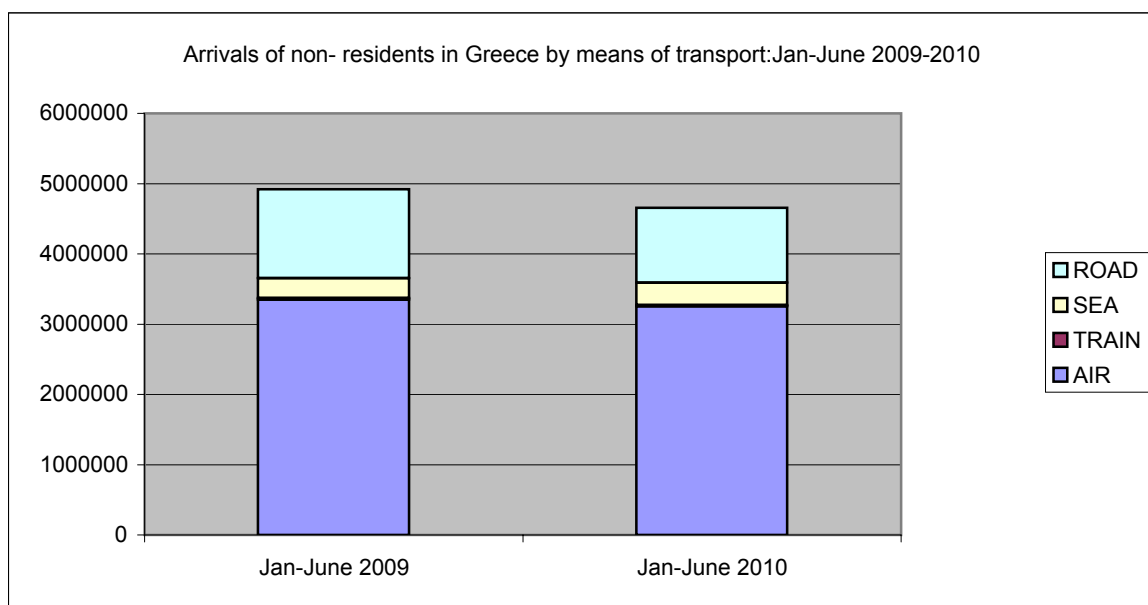
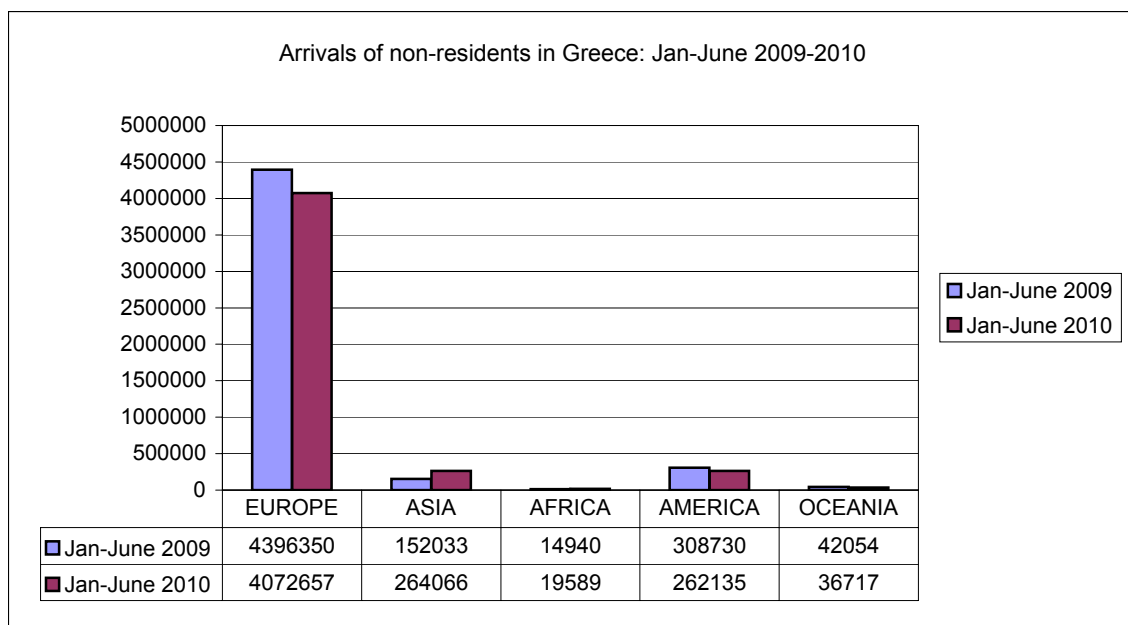


Table 1: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence: January - June 2009 and 2010

country of residence	Jan-June		% change	% share	
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010
I. EUROPE	4.396.350	4.072.657	-7,4	89,4%	87,5%
EUROPEAN UNION	3.355.370	3.154.502	-6,0	68,2%	67,8%
Austria	114.488	116.220	1,5	2,3%	2,5%
Belgium	95.278	94.308	-1,0	1,9%	2,0%
Bulgaria	333.564	321.988	-3,5	6,8%	6,9%
France	290.426	264.719	-8,9	5,9%	5,7%
Germany	700.349	661.577	-5,5	14,2%	14,2%
Denmark	78.675	53.359	-32,2	1,6%	1,1%
Estonia	9.446	5.896	-37,6	0,2%	0,1%
United Kingdom	573.462	510.477	-11,0	11,7%	11,0%
Ireland	23.506	17.385	-26,0	0,5%	0,4%
Spain	54.088	43.468	-19,6	1,1%	0,9%
Italy	235.666	213.890	-9,2	4,8%	4,6%
Cyprus	163.255	243.130	48,9	3,3%	5,2%
Latvia	4.124	7.168	73,8	0,1%	0,2%
Lithuania	13.528	3.846	-71,6	0,3%	0,1%
Luxemburg	6.163	6.912	12,2	0,1%	0,1%
Malta	0	3.019	-	0,0%	0,1%
Netherlands	175.352	149.242	-14,9	3,6%	3,2%
Hungary	25.639	21.791	-15,0	0,5%	0,5%
Poland	64.382	81.248	26,2	1,3%	1,7%
Portugal	4.901	4.895	-0,1	0,1%	0,1%
Romania	118.886	82.117	-30,9	2,4%	1,8%
Slovakia	5.566	5.051	-9,3	0,1%	0,1%
Slovenia	14.302	5.761	-59,7	0,3%	0,1%
Sweden	129.569	95.267	-26,5	2,6%	2,0%
Czech Republic	58.439	59.555	1,9	1,2%	1,3%
Finland	62.316	82.213	31,9	1,3%	1,8%
Albania	107.748	123.164	14,3	2,2%	2,6%
Switzerland	89.493	71.322	-20,3	1,8%	1,5%
Norway	107.624	69.546	-35,4	2,2%	1,5%
Iceland	1.283	0	-100,0	0,0%	0,0%
Russia	71.571	119.736	67,3	1,5%	2,6%
Serbia-Montenegro	147.267	162.650	10,4	3,0%	3,5%
Other European countries	515.994	371.737	-28,0	10,5%	8,0%
II. ASIA	152.033	264.066	73,7	3,1%	5,7%
Japan	2.362	6.433	172,4	0,0%	0,1%
Iran	0	3106	-	0,0%	0,1%
Israel	29.688	55.714	87,7	0,6%	1,2%
China	1.442	9.264	542,4	0,0%	0,2%
Lebanon-Syria	3.045	2.648	-13,0	0,1%	0,1%
S.Korea	1.422	4.604	223,8	0,0%	0,1%
Turkey	99.618	145.105	45,7	2,0%	3,1%
Other Middle East countries	5.572	10.775	93,4	0,1%	0,2%
Other Asian countries	8.884	26.417	197,4	0,2%	0,6%
III. AFRICA	14.940	19.589	31,1	0,3%	0,4%
Egypt-Sudan	5.929	8.233	38,9	0,1%	0,2%
South Africa	6.481	7.424	14,6	0,1%	0,2%
Other African countries	2.530	3.932	55,4	0,1%	0,1%
IV. AMERICA	308.730	262.135	-15,1	6,3%	5,6%
Argentina	5.499	6.250	13,7	0,1%	0,1%
Brazil	9.950	9.061	-8,9	0,2%	0,2%
Mexico	4.651	3.493	-24,9	0,1%	0,1%
United States	224.191	192.955	-13,9	4,6%	4,1%
Canada	57.501	41.665	-27,5	1,2%	0,9%
Other American countries	6.938	8.711	25,6	0,1%	0,2%
V. OCEANIA	42.054	36.717	-12,7	0,9%	0,8%
Australia	31.198	33.091	6,1	0,6%	0,7%
Other Oceanian countries	10.856	3.626	-66,6	0,2%	0,1%
VI. Arrivals of non-residents countries	4.914.107	4.655.164	-5,3	99,9%	100,0%
Non identifiable Travelers(1)	6.074		-100,0	0,1%	0,0%
ARRIVALS	4.920.181	4.655.164	-5,4	100,0%	100,0%

Source: Border Survey of the Bank of Greece.

(1) Through railway border stations.

Table 2: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence and means of transport: Jan - June 2010

Analysis by country of residence	AIR	RAILWAY	SEA	ROAD	TOTAL
I. EUROPE	2.829.167	11.580	299.049	932.861	4.072.657
EUROPEAN UNION	2.550.656	11.281	277.004	315.561	3.154.502
<i>Austria</i>	102.980	11	12.726	503	116.220
<i>Belgium</i>	90.469	0	2.921	918	94.308
<i>Bulgaria</i>	11.927	9.802	44.352	255.907	321.988
<i>France</i>	246.599	0	18.047	73	264.719
<i>Germany</i>	582.349	218	67.886	11.124	661.577
<i>Denmark</i>	52.477	0	633	249	53.359
<i>Estonia</i>	5.302	23	0	571	5.896
<i>United Kingdom</i>	499.610	0	10.867	0	510.477
<i>Ireland</i>	17.385	0	0	0	17.385
<i>Spain</i>	37.111	0	6.357	0	43.468
<i>Italy</i>	138.340	28	74.814	708	213.890
<i>Cyprus</i>	241.508	0	1622	0	243.130
<i>Latvia</i>	5.654	0	0	1514	7.168
<i>Lithuania</i>	3.846	0	0	0	3.846
<i>Luxemburg</i>	5.862	0	1050	0	6.912
<i>Malta</i>	3.019	0	0	0	3.019
<i>Netherlands</i>	136.167	0	13.075	0	149.242
<i>Hungary</i>	13.576	10	7584	621	21.791
<i>Poland</i>	68.999	159	4.822	7.268	81.248
<i>Portugal</i>	4.895	0	0	0	4.895
<i>Romania</i>	42.794	841	4.883	33.599	82.117
<i>Slovakia</i>	5.051	0	0	0	5.051
<i>Slovenia</i>	4.422	22	322	995	5.761
<i>Sweden</i>	92.597	0	2.670	0	95.267
<i>Czech Republic</i>	56.818	167	1.059	1.511	59.555
<i>Finland</i>	80.899	0	1.314	0	82.213
<i>Albania</i>	8.511	14	1.135	113.504	123.164
<i>Switzerland</i>	54.419	10	16.607	286	71.322
<i>Norway</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Iceland</i>	69.058	0	488	0	69.546
<i>Russia</i>	117.004	48	1.436	1248	119.736
<i>Serbia-Montenegro</i>	14.343	95	0	148.212	162.650
<i>Other European countries</i>	15.176	132	2.379	354.050	371.737
II. ASIA	114.169	4.788	13.252	131.857	264.066
<i>Japan</i>	4.766	0	1.667	0	6.433
<i>Iran</i>	269	0	2837	0	3106
<i>Israel</i>	55.714	0	0	0	55.714
<i>China</i>	7.578	31	1.655	0	9.264
<i>Lebanon-Syria</i>	2.648	0	0	0	2.648
<i>S.Korea</i>	3.550	0	1054	0	4.604
<i>Turkey</i>	12.255	4517	5.129	123.204	145.105
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	9.865	0	910	0	10.775
<i>Other Asian countries</i>	17.524	240,3	0	8.653	26.417
III. AFRICA	19.589	0	0	0	19.589
<i>Egypt-Sudan</i>	8.233	0	0	0	8.233
<i>South Africa</i>	7.424	0	0	0	7.424
<i>Other African countries</i>	3.932	0	0	0	3.932
IV. AMERICA	257.402	0	4.733	0	262.135
<i>Argentina</i>	6.250	0	0	0	6.250
<i>Brazil</i>	8.085	0	976	0	9.061
<i>Mexico</i>	3.493	0	0	0	3.493
<i>United States</i>	190.070	0	2.885	0	192.955
<i>Canada</i>	40.793	0	872	0	41.665
<i>Other American countries</i>	8.711	0	0	0	8.711
V. OCEANIA	32.484	56	3.261	916	36.717
<i>Australia</i>	29.204	43	3.261	583	33.091
<i>Other Oceanian countries</i>	3.280	13	0	333	3.626
Non-identifiable countries travelers	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ARRIVALS	3.252.811	16.424	320.295	1.065.634	4.655.164

Source: Border Survey of the Bank of Greece.

Table 3: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by means of transport and entry station: January - June 2009-2010

Station of entrance		Jan - June		% change	% share	
		2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010
I. AIR		3.350.363	3.252.811	-2,9%	68,1%	69,9%
	1 Athens	1.226.328	1.224.478	-0,2%	24,9%	26,3%
	2 Zakynthos	114.408	104.364	-8,8%	2,3%	2,2%
	3 Iraklio	554.784	524.631	-5,4%	11,3%	11,3%
	4 Thessaloniki	294.150	254.254	-13,6%	6,0%	5,5%
	5 Kerkyra	192.349	175.984	-8,5%	3,9%	3,8%
	6 Kos	148.300	164.501	10,9%	3,0%	3,5%
	7 Rodos	355.123	362.554	2,1%	7,2%	7,8%
	8 Santorini	32.467	31.724	-2,3%	0,7%	0,7%
	9 Chiania	186.444	172.493	-7,5%	3,8%	3,7%
	10 Other stations	246.010	237.828	-3,3%	5,0%	5,1%
II. RAILWAY		21.975	16.424	-25,3%	0,4%	0,4%
	1 Promachon (Serres) ⁽¹⁾	2.312	752	-67,5%	0,0%	0,0%
	2 Railway stations (non-sampled)	19.663	15.672	-20,3%	0,4%	0,3%
III. SEA		282.804	320.295	13,3%	5,7%	6,9%
	1 Igoumenitsa	74.115	101.471	36,9%	1,5%	2,2%
	2 Kerkyra	7.192	4.880	-32,1%	0,1%	0,1%
	3 Patra	117.735	117.993	0,2%	2,4%	2,5%
	4 Other stations	83.762	95.951	14,6%	1,7%	2,1%
IV. ROAD		1.265.039	1.065.634	-15,8%	25,7%	22,9%
	1 Evzoni (Kilkis)	146.911	355.745	142,2%	3,0%	7,6%
	2 Kakavia (Ioannina)	65.683	72.616	10,6%	1,3%	1,6%
	3 Kipi (Evros)	23.982	97.717	307,5%	0,5%	2,1%
	4 Promachon (Serres)	228.021	194.946	-14,5%	4,6%	4,2%
	5 Road stations non-sample	800.442	344.610	-56,9%	16,3%	7,4%
TOTAL STATIONS		4.920.181	4.655.164	-5,4%	100,0%	100,0%

Source: Border Survey of the Bank of Greece.

(1) Non-resident arrivals for this station are calculated using data only from the months that a sample is taken. For the months that there is no sampling, arrivals of non-residents are estimated and included in the data of non-sampled railway stations.

Explanatory Notes

Arrivals in Greece of non-residents from abroad

The "Border Survey", which is carried out by the Bank of Greece, among others collects data on "non-resident 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:

The EL.STAT is responsible for collecting, processing and publishing data on arrivals of foreigners in Greece. Until the year when the 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 the EL.STAT and Eurostat).

The collection of data for the arrivals of foreigners in Greece, from many different sources causes problems on:

- The timely publication of the data, because of the time lags in the availability of the primary data from the different sources
- The methodological link of the data that come from different sources
- The correlation of the data announced by the EL.STAT for the "arrivals of foreigners in Greece" and the data announced by the BoG for the "travel expenses of non-residents in Greece".

For these reasons, after examining methodological and practical issues, it was decided the cooperation between the **BoG** and the EL.STAT, so that the estimation and data availability for non-resident arrivals in Greece would:

- be made from one body, so as to provide single, accurate and timely information to users
- come from the already ongoing "Border Survey" of the 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 the EL.STAT

In this way we avoid carrying out two different surveys, by two different bodies, on the same subject.

Legal framework

The Bank of Greece, since 2003, for the needs of the balance of payments, is conducting a monthly sample "Border 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-June 2010

Availability Results

From the 3rd quarter 2009, data will be published quarterly, four months after the end of the reference period.

Definitions

- Resident of Greece 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
- Non-resident, 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 1993), Annex XIV, paragraph 14 B) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF - Handbook for the compilation of the balance of payments, 5th edition, 1993).

Methodology

Border 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. 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 "Border Survey" is presented in detail in the Economic Bulletin of the Bank of Greece: Issue 27, July 2006, p. 71-119. "

References

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.