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*Increase of arrivals of non-residents from abroad by 1,5%,
in the period January - September 2010*

NON-RESIDENT ARRIVALS FROM ABROAD: Jan - Sep 2010

According to the Boarder Statistical Survey, conducted by the Bank of Greece, in the period *Jan-Sep 2010*, arrivals of non-residents from abroad increased by 1,5%, 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 (89,3%), showed the period *Jan-Sep 2010* a decrease by 0,9% as compared to the same period of 2009, while the Member States of the European Union recorded a decrease of 5,3%. As regards the distribution of arrivals by country of origin of non-residents, the majority comes from Germany (12,8%), the United Kingdom (12,1%), Other European countries (7,9%), Italy (6,2%) and France (5,9%). A relative decrease of arrivals observed, in U.K (-15,9%), Germany (-13,2%), France (-10,4%), and from Others European countries (-15,9%). On the other hand, arrivals from Poland (99,5%) Russia (65,3%), Cyprus (40,9%) and show a significant increase. (Table 1).

In breakdown of data by means of transportation and entry station it is noted that most arrivals are by air and airports with the largest proportion of traffic is of Athens (Eleftherios Venizelos) (19,3%), Iraklio (13,2%) and Rodos (9,8%) (Table 3).

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

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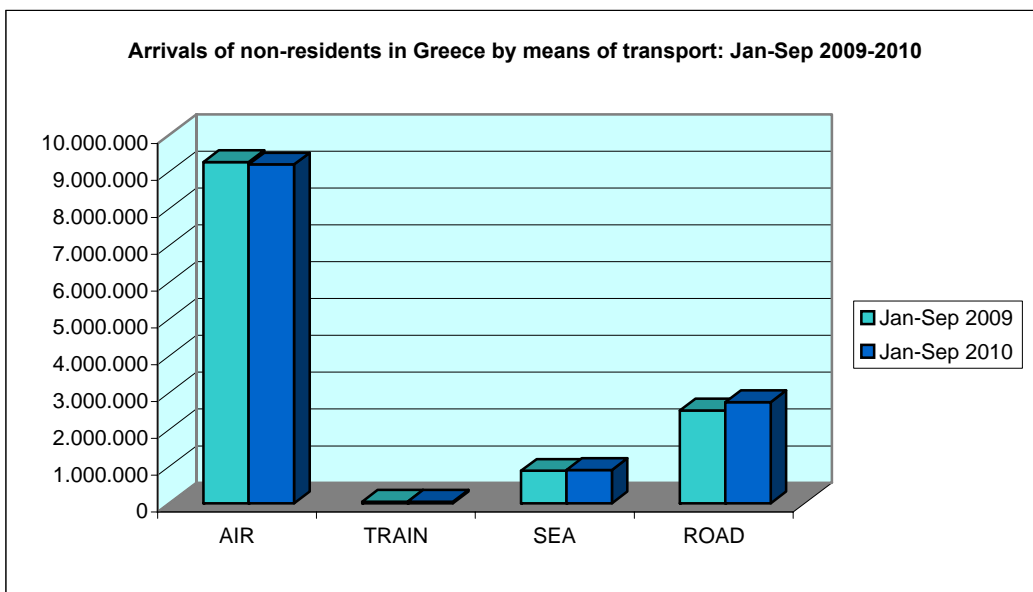
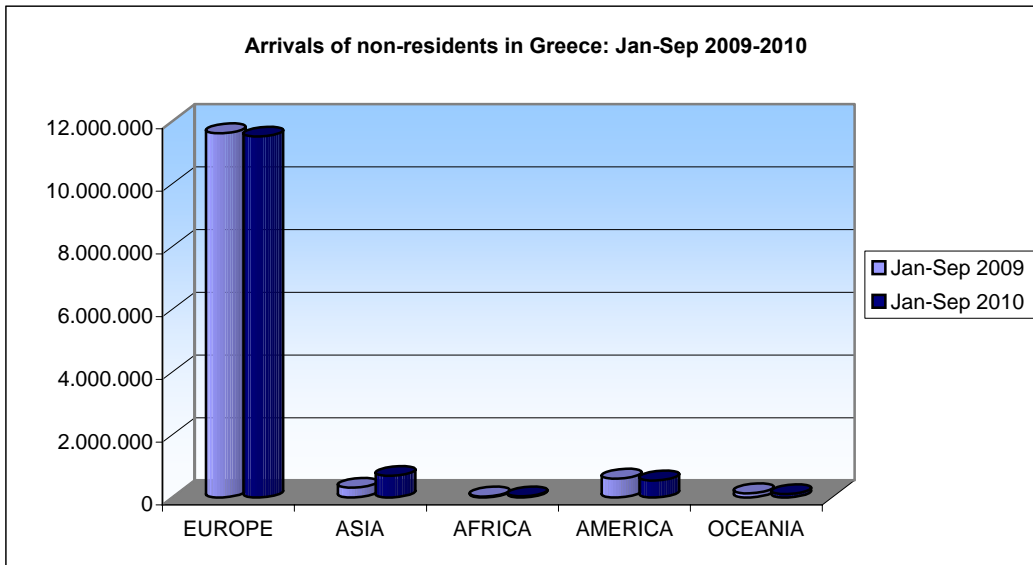


Table 1: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence: Jan - Sep 2009 and 2010

Country of residence	Jan-Sept		% change	% share	
	2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010
I. EUROPE	11.620.957	11.515.666	-0,9	91,5%	89,3%
EUROPEAN UNION	9.319.881	8.829.238	-5,3	73,4%	68,5%
Austria	320.337	318.179	-0,7	2,5%	2,5%
Belgium	294.728	304.687	3,4	2,3%	2,4%
Bulgaria	522.448	520.322	-0,4	4,1%	4,0%
France	851.190	762.699	-10,4	6,7%	5,9%
Germany	1.907.371	1.654.799	-13,2	15,0%	12,8%
Denmark	244.298	205.923	-15,7	1,9%	1,6%
Estonia	18.232	12.509	-31,4	0,1%	0,1%
United Kingdom	1.861.262	1.564.636	-15,9	14,6%	12,1%
Ireland	69.064	62.924	-8,9	0,5%	0,5%
Spain	142.509	133.805	-6,1	1,1%	1,0%
Italy	861.924	798.936	-7,3	6,8%	6,2%
Cyprus	327.582	461.501	40,9	2,6%	3,6%
Latvia	8.202	20.059	144,6	0,1%	0,2%
Lithuania	30.726	13.427	-56,3	0,2%	0,1%
Luxemburg	21.808	16.618	-23,8	0,2%	0,1%
Malta	4.367	9.380	114,8	0,0%	0,1%
Netherlands	519.947	463.355	-10,9	4,1%	3,6%
Hungary	64.271	101.697	58,2	0,5%	0,8%
Poland	189.324	377.738	99,5	1,5%	2,9%
Portugal	11.082	16.952	53,0	0,1%	0,1%
Romania	255.211	212.849	-16,6	2,0%	1,7%
Slovakia	44.297	48.120	8,6	0,3%	0,4%
Slovenia	44.964	36.381	-19,1	0,4%	0,3%
Sweden	314.544	243.934	-22,4	2,5%	1,9%
Czech Republic	254.335	284.981	12,0	2,0%	2,2%
Finland	135.858	182.827	34,6	1,1%	1,4%
Albania	158.189	170.285	7,6	1,2%	1,3%
Switzerland	299.842	224.149	-25,2	2,4%	1,7%
Norway	287.665	165.664	-42,4	2,3%	1,3%
Iceland	2.960	0	-100,0	0,0%	0,0%
Russia	251.279	415.298	65,3	2,0%	3,2%
Serbia-Montenegro	418.533	688.005	64,4	3,3%	5,3%
Other European countries	882.608	1.023.027	15,9	6,9%	7,9%
II. ASIA	308.832	689.696	123,3	2,4%	5,3%
Japan	6.416	8.437	31,5	0,1%	0,1%
Iran	1647	7363	347,1	0,0%	0,1%
Israel	69.693	171.823	146,5	0,5%	1,3%
China	5.915	10.834	83,2	0,0%	0,1%
Lebanon-Syria	10.757	3.670	-65,9	0,1%	0,0%
S.Korea	4.181	6.636	58,7	0,0%	0,1%
Turkey	171.845	422.497	145,9	1,4%	3,3%
Other Middle East countries	20.693	22.697	9,7	0,2%	0,2%
Other Asian countries	17.685	35.739	102,1	0,1%	0,3%
III. AFRICA	32.337	37.327	15,4	0,3%	0,3%
Egypt-Sudan	9.502	15.129	59,2	0,1%	0,1%
South Africa	19.828	16.094	-18,8	0,2%	0,1%
Other African countries	3.007	6.104	103,0	0,0%	0,0%
IV. AMERICA	600.901	543.396	-9,6	4,7%	4,2%
Argentina	12.030	13.869	15,3	0,1%	0,1%
Brazil	23.551	24.403	3,6	0,2%	0,2%
Mexico	7.912	6.357	-19,7	0,1%	0,0%
United States	433.909	392.783	-9,5	3,4%	3,0%
Canada	110.379	90.171	-18,3	0,9%	0,7%
Other American countries	13.120	15.813	20,5	0,1%	0,1%
V. OCEANIA	133.956	107.212	-20,0	1,1%	0,8%
Australia	110.487	93.283	-15,6	0,9%	0,7%
Other Oceanian countries	23.469	13.929	-40,6	0,2%	0,1%
VI. Arrivals of non-residents countries	12.696.983	12.893.297	1,5	99,9%	100,0%
Non identifiable Travelers(1)	8.009	0	-100,0	0,1%	0,0%
ARRIVALS	12.704.992	12.893.297	1,5	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 - Sep 2010

Analysis by country of residence	AIR	RAILWAY	SEA	ROAD	TOTAL
I. EUROPE	8.274.180	34.257	856.002	2.351.227	11.515.666
EUROPEAN UNION	7.397.098	31.745	796.110	604.285	8.829.238
<i>Austria</i>	269.155	61	40.355	8.608	318.179
<i>Belgium</i>	295.273	0	8.496	918	304.687
<i>Bulgaria</i>	21.488	24.097	87.584	387.153	520.322
<i>France</i>	702.485	277	59.864	73	762.699
<i>Germany</i>	1.442.531	992	183.941	27.335	1.654.799
<i>Denmark</i>	199.445	0	1.477	5001	205.923
<i>Estonia</i>	11.772	23	143	571	12.509
<i>United Kingdom</i>	1.537.134	0	25.583	1.919	1.564.636
<i>Ireland</i>	61.732	0	1.192	0	62.924
<i>Spain</i>	122.903	0	10.902	0	133.805
<i>Italy</i>	508.459	126	288.101	2.250	798.936
<i>Cyprus</i>	458.590	0	2911	0	461.501
<i>Latvia</i>	18.545	0	0	1514	20.059
<i>Lithuania</i>	13.427	0	0	0	13.427
<i>Luxemburg</i>	14.786	0	1832	0	16.618
<i>Malta</i>	9.380	0	0	0	9.380
<i>Netherlands</i>	438.081	0	25.274	0	463.355
<i>Hungary</i>	56.476	51	13748	31.422	101.697
<i>Poland</i>	347.786	281	12.228	17.443	377.738
<i>Portugal</i>	14.903	0	2.049	0	16.952
<i>Romania</i>	88.968	5.550	9.928	108.403	212.849
<i>Slovakia</i>	43.816	0	2568	1736	48.120
<i>Slovenia</i>	29.721	22	5.643	995	36.381
<i>Sweden</i>	239.535	0	4.399	0	243.934
<i>Czech Republic</i>	269.194	265	6.578	8.944	284.981
<i>Finland</i>	181.513	0	1.314	0	182.827
<i>Albania</i>	10.430	54	3.810	155.991	170.285
<i>Switzerland</i>	190.897	10	32.956	286	224.149
<i>Norway</i>	163.228	0	2436	0	165.664
<i>Iceland</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Russia</i>	401.030	210	7.258	6800	415.298
<i>Serbia-Montenegro</i>	43.990	1741	618	641.656	688.005
<i>Other European countries</i>	67.507	497	12.814	942.209	1.023.027
II. ASIA	259.197	8.405	29.937	392.157	689.696
<i>Japan</i>	6.770	0	1.667	0	8.437
<i>Iran</i>	1422	0	5941	0	7363
<i>Israel</i>	171.823	0	0	0	171.823
<i>China</i>	9.148	31	1.655	0	10.834
<i>Lebanon-Syria</i>	3.670	0	0	0	3.670
<i>S.Korea</i>	5.582	0	1054	0	6.636
<i>Turkey</i>	15.841	8093	18.218	380.345	422.497
<i>Other Middle East countries</i>	21.410	41	910	336	22.697
<i>Other Asian countries</i>	23.531	240,3	492	11.476	35.739
III. AFRICA	36.722	0	605	0	37.327
<i>Egypt-Sudan</i>	15.129	0	0	0	15.129
<i>South Africa</i>	16.094	0	0	0	16.094
<i>Other African countries</i>	5.499	0	605	0	6.104
IV. AMERICA	526.297	0	13.490	3.609	543.396
<i>Argentina</i>	13.385	0	484	0	13.869
<i>Brazil</i>	22.339	0	2.064	0	24.403
<i>Mexico</i>	6.357	0	0	0	6.357
<i>United States</i>	383.775	0	5.399	3609	392.783
<i>Canada</i>	84.790	0	5.381	0	90.171
<i>Other American countries</i>	15.651	0	162	0	15.813
V. OCEANIA	99.827	56	6.413	916	107.212
<i>Australia</i>	86.553	43	6.104	583	93.283
<i>Other Oceanian countries</i>	13.274	13	309	333	13.929
Non-identifiable countries travelers	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ARRIVALS	9.196.223	42.718	906.447	2.747.909	12.893.297

Source: Border Survey of the Bank of Greece.

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

Station of entrance		Jan - September		% change	% share	
		2009	2010	2010/2009	2009	2010
I. AIR		9.258.443	9.196.223	-0,7%	72,9%	71,3%
1	Athens	2.532.443	2.486.339	-1,8%	19,9%	19,3%
2	Zakynthos	400.498	386.850	-3,4%	3,2%	3,0%
3	Iraklio	1.721.282	1.696.361	-1,4%	13,5%	13,2%
4	Thessaloniki	712.568	617.806	-13,3%	5,6%	4,8%
5	Kerkyra	662.664	649.811	-1,9%	5,2%	5,0%
6	Kos	563.052	626.948	11,3%	4,4%	4,9%
7	Rodos	1.165.938	1.258.402	7,9%	9,2%	9,8%
8	Santorini	151.367	161.666	6,8%	1,2%	1,3%
9	Chiania	540.394	524.711	-2,9%	4,3%	4,1%
10	Other stations	808.237	787.329	-2,6%	6,4%	6,1%
II. RAILWAY		41.375	42.718	3,2%	0,3%	0,3%
1	Promachon (Serres) ⁽¹⁾	6.063	8.686	43,3%	0,0%	0,1%
2	Railway stations (non-sampled)	35.312	34.032	-3,6%	0,3%	0,3%
III. SEA		882.748	906.447	2,7%	6,9%	7,0%
1	Igoumenitsa	313.113	362.896	15,9%	2,5%	2,8%
2	Kerkyra	74.961	68.635	-8,4%	0,6%	0,5%
3	Patra	290.923	261.735	-10,0%	2,3%	2,0%
4	Other stations	203.751	213.181	4,6%	1,6%	1,7%
IV. ROAD		2.522.426	2.747.909	8,9%	19,9%	21,3%
1	Evzoni (Kilkis)	739.360	1.250.042	69,1%	5,8%	9,7%
2	Kakavia (Ioannina)	102.681	102.877	0,2%	0,8%	0,8%
3	Kipi (Evros)	182.163	313.484	72,1%	1,4%	2,4%
4	Promachon (Serres)	411.531	360.151	-12,5%	3,2%	2,8%
5	Road stations non-sample	1.086.691	721.355	-33,6%	8,6%	5,6%
TOTAL STATIONS		12.704.992	12.893.297	1,5%	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 - September 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.