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NON-RESIDENT ARRIVALS FROM ABROAD: Jan - Sep 2011

According to the Border Statistical Survey conducted by the Bank of Greece, in the period Jan-September of 2011, arrivals of non-residents from abroad increased by 10,4%, as compared with the same period of the year 2010.

More specifically, arrivals from Europe, which account for the majority of arrivals of non-residents to Greece (90,0%), registered an increase of 11,2% in Jan-September 2011 as compared with the same period of 2010, while arrivals from the Member States of the European Union recorded an increase of 5,6%. Arrivals from Portugal (89,9%), Albania (75,9%), Russia (58,0%), Luxemburg (52,6%), France (35,9%) and Belgium (32,3%), showed a significant increase. On the other hand, a significant decrease of arrivals was observed in the cases of Cyprus (21,8%) and Austria (9,8%). As regards to the distribution of arrivals by country of origin, the largest number of arrivals came from Germany (13,1%), the United Kingdom (10,4%) and France (7,3%). (Table 1).

The analysis of the data by means of transportation and by point of entry shows that most arrivals are by air, while airports with the largest proportion of traffic to be those of Athens (Eleftherios Venizelos) (17,7%), Iraklio (13,3%) and Rodos (10,7%) (Table 3).

Data for the period *Jan-September* of the years *2011* and *2010* are provided in the attached tables and charts. These can also be found on the EL.STAT portal (www.statistics.gr).

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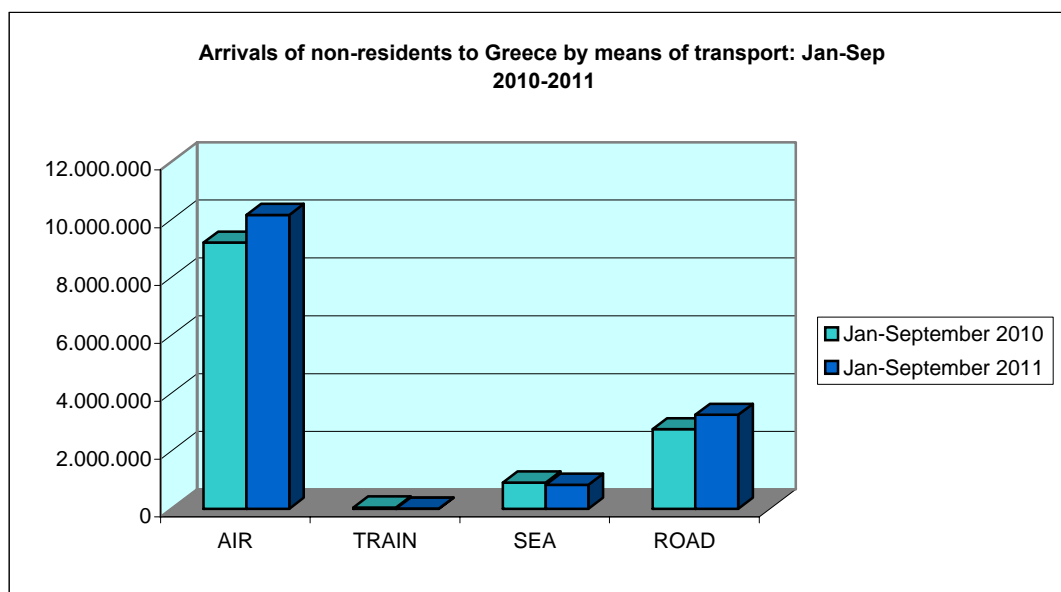
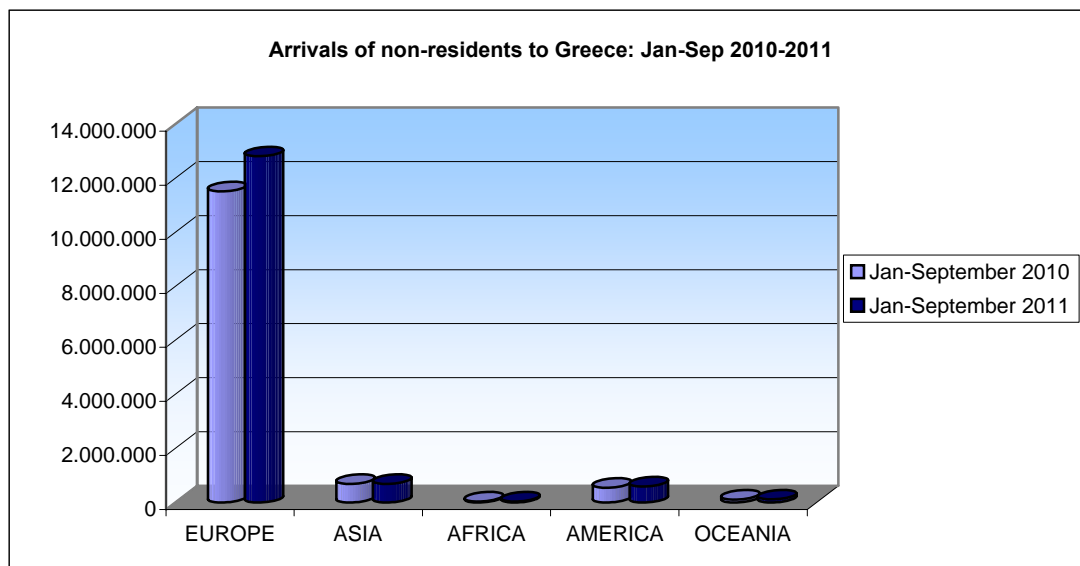


Table 1: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence: January-September 2010 and 2011

sis by country of residence	Jan-Sep.		% change	% share	
	2010	2011	2011/2010	2010	2011
I. EUROPE	11.515.666	12.809.425	11,2	89,3%	90,0%
EUROPEAN UNION	8.829.238	9.321.927	5,6	68,5%	65,5%
Austria	318.179	287.061	-9,8	2,5%	2,0%
Belgium	304.687	403.174	32,3	2,4%	2,8%
Bulgaria	520.322	539.537	3,7	4,0%	3,8%
France	762.699	1.036.288	35,9	5,9%	7,3%
Germany	1.654.799	1.868.215	12,9	12,8%	13,1%
Denmark	205.923	217.318	5,5	1,6%	1,5%
Estonia	12.509	9.386	-25,0	0,1%	0,1%
United Kingdom	1.564.636	1.475.144	-5,7	12,1%	10,4%
Ireland	62.924	56.024	-11,0	0,5%	0,4%
Spain	133.805	136.404	1,9	1,0%	1,0%
Italy	798.936	872.499	9,2	6,2%	6,1%
Cyprus	461.501	360.850	-21,8	3,6%	2,5%
Latvia	20.059	6.442	-67,9	0,2%	0,0%
Lithuania	13.427	13.519	0,7	0,1%	0,1%
Luxemburg	16.618	25.363	52,6	0,1%	0,2%
Malta	9.380	1.368	-85,4	0,1%	0,0%
Netherlands	463.355	496.195	7,1	3,6%	3,5%
Hungary	101.697	66.557	-34,6	0,8%	0,5%
Poland	377.738	434.974	15,2	2,9%	3,1%
Portugal	16.952	32.188	89,9	0,1%	0,2%
Romania	212.849	179.945	-15,5	1,7%	1,3%
Slovakia	48.120	39.810	-17,3	0,4%	0,3%
Slovenia	36.381	30.401	-16,4	0,3%	0,2%
Sweden	243.934	300.955	23,4	1,9%	2,1%
Czech Republic	284.981	290.712	2,0	2,2%	2,0%
Finland	182.827	141.598	-22,6	1,4%	1,0%
Albania	170.285	299.589	75,9	1,3%	2,1%
Switzerland	224.149	285.391	27,3	1,7%	2,0%
Norway	165.664	217.257	31,1	1,3%	1,5%
Iceland	0	0	-	0,0%	0,0%
Russia	415.298	656.361	58,0	3,2%	4,6%
Serbia-Montenegro	688.005	666.945	-3,1	5,3%	4,7%
Other European countries	1.023.027	1.361.955	33,1	7,9%	9,6%
II. ASIA	689.696	683.546	-0,9	5,3%	4,8%
Japan	8.437	7.612	-9,8	0,1%	0,1%
Iran	7363	8088	9,8	0,1%	0,1%
Israel	171.823	185.822	8,1	1,3%	1,3%
China	10.834	9.971	-8,0	0,1%	0,1%
Lebanon-Syria	3.670	4.916	34,0	0,0%	0,0%
S.Korea	6.636	1.385	-79,1	0,1%	0,0%
Turkey	422.497	423.124	0,1	3,3%	3,0%
Other Middle East countries	22.697	11.441	-49,6	0,2%	0,1%
Other Asian countries	35.739	31.187	-12,7	0,3%	0,2%
III. AFRICA	37.327	34.055	-8,8	0,3%	0,2%
Egypt-Sudan	15.129	3.189	-78,9	0,1%	0,0%
South Africa	16.094	19.662	22,2	0,1%	0,1%
Other African countries	6.104	11.204	83,6	0,0%	0,1%
IV. AMERICA	543.396	592.399	9,0	4,2%	4,2%
Argentina	13.869	13.554	-2,3	0,1%	0,1%
Brazil	24.403	44.090	80,7	0,2%	0,3%
Mexico	6.357	3.999	-37,1	0,0%	0,0%
United States	392.783	388.543	-1,1	3,0%	2,7%
Canada	90.171	123.677	37,2	0,7%	0,9%
Other American countries	15.813	18.536	17,2	0,1%	0,1%
V. OCEANIA	107.212	110.429	3,0	0,8%	0,8%
Australia	93.283	92.423	-0,9	0,7%	0,6%
Other Oceanian countries	13.929	18.006	29,3	0,1%	0,1%
VI. Arrivals of non-residents from non-identifiable countries	12.893.297	14.229.854	10,4	100,0%	100,0%
TOTAL ARRIVALS	12.893.297	14.229.854	10,4	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: January-Sep. 2011

Analysis by country of residence	AIR	RAILWAY	SEA	ROAD	TOTAL
I. EUROPE	9.172.244	2.584	764.421	2.870.176	12.809.425
EUROPEAN UNION	7.936.087	2.513	712.051	671.276	9.321.927
Austria	243.935	22	32.975	10.129	287.061
Belgium	388.516	0	14.658	0	403.174
Bulgaria	25.087	2.003	67.981	444.466	539.537
France	973.236	0	62.210	842	1.036.288
Germany	1.648.191	33	156.937	63.054	1.868.215
Denmark	208.936	0	3.461	4921	217.318
Estonia	8.533	0	853	0	9.386
United Kingdom	1.448.062	0	25.257	1.825	1.475.144
Ireland	53.475	0	2.549	0	56.024
Spain	131.477	0	4.927	0	136.404
Italy	615.831	0	255.566	1.102	872.499
Cyprus	359.157	0	1693	0	360.850
Latvia	5.272	0	911	259	6.442
Lithuania	13.166	0	249	104	13.519
Luxemburg	24.307	0	1056	0	25.363
Malta	1.368	0	0	0	1.368
Netherlands	471.563	0	21.003	3.629	496.195
Hungary	45.947	0	4104	16.506	66.557
Poland	411.329	43	11.680	11.922	434.974
Portugal	31.020	0	1.168	0	32.188
Romania	52.907	401	23.256	103.381	179.945
Slovakia	39.069	0	741	0	39.810
Slovenia	13.550	0	11.226	5.625	30.401
Sweden	299.322	0	1.633	0	300.955
Czech Republic	281.545	11	5.645	3.511	290.712
Finland	141.286	0	312	0	141.598
Albania	17.174	0	1.774	280.641	299.589
Switzerland	254.098	11	30.646	636	285.391
Norway	215.051	0	2206	0	217.257
Iceland	0	0	0	0	0
Russia	634.104	11	3.177	19069	656.361
Serbia-Montenegro	19.943	7	7947	639.048	666.945
Other European countries	95.787	42	6.620	1.259.506	1.361.955
II. ASIA	274.037	1.181	37.399	370.929	683.546
Japan	6.673	0	939	0	7.612
Iran	4233	0	3019	836	8088
Israel	185.436	0	386	0	185.822
China	9.349	0	622	0	9.971
Lebanon-Syria	4.916	0	0	0	4.916
S.Korea	1.385	0	0	0	1.385
Turkey	24.334	1181	30.726	366.883	423.124
Other Middle East countries	10.753	0	688	0	11.441
Other Asian countries	26.958	0	1.019	3.210	31.187
III. AFRICA	32.771	0	1.284	0	34.055
Egypt-Sudan	3.189	0	0	0	3.189
South Africa	19.319	0	343	0	19.662
Other African countries	10.263	0	941	0	11.204
IV. AMERICA	574.473	0	15.734	2.192	592.399
Argentina	12.472	0	1.082	0	13.554
Brazil	44.090	0	0	0	44.090
Mexico	3.850	0	149	0	3.999
United States	378.190	0	8.161	2192	388.543
Canada	118.637	0	5.040	0	123.677
Other American countries	17.234	0	1.302	0	18.536
V. OCEANIA	100.051	0	9.888	490	110.429
Australia	83.911	0	8.512	0	92.423
Other Oceanian countries	16.140	0	1.376	490	18.006
Non-identifiable countries travelers	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ARRIVALS	10.153.576	3.765	828.726	3.243.787	14.229.854

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 2010-2011

Station of entrance		Jan - September		% change	% share	
		2010	2011	2011/2010	2010	2011
I. AIR		9.196.223	10.153.576	10,4%	71,3%	71,4%
	1 Athens	2.486.339	2.522.891	1,5%	19,3%	17,7%
	2 Zakynthos	386.850	417.847	8,0%	3,0%	2,9%
	3 Iraklio	1.696.361	1.895.081	11,7%	13,2%	13,3%
	4 Thessaloniki	617.806	728.160	17,9%	4,8%	5,1%
	5 Kerkyra	649.811	699.985	7,7%	5,0%	4,9%
	6 Kos	626.948	753.624	20,2%	4,9%	5,3%
	7 Rodos	1.258.402	1.521.457	20,9%	9,8%	10,7%
	8 Santorini	161.666	178.681	10,5%	1,3%	1,3%
	9 Chiania	524.711	581.062	10,7%	4,1%	4,1%
	10 Other stations	787.329	854.788	8,6%	6,1%	6,0%
II. RAILWAY		42.718	3.765	-91,2%	0,3%	0,0%
	1 Promachon (Serres) ⁽¹⁾	8.686	0	-100,0%	0,1%	0,0%
	2 Railway stations (non-sampled)	34.032	3.765	-88,9%	0,3%	0,0%
III. SEA		906.447	828.726	-8,6%	7,0%	5,8%
	1 Igoumenitsa	362.896	322.371	-11,2%	2,8%	2,3%
	2 Kerkyra	68.635	70.025	2,0%	0,5%	0,5%
	3 Patra	261.735	230.202	-12,0%	2,0%	1,6%
	4 Other stations	213.181	206.128	-3,3%	1,7%	1,4%
IV. ROAD		2.747.909	3.243.787	18,0%	21,3%	22,8%
	1 Evzoni (Kilkis)	1.250.042	1.394.444	11,6%	9,7%	9,8%
	2 Kakavia (Ioannina)	102.877	175.608	70,7%	0,8%	1,2%
	3 Kipi (Evros)	313.484	261.392	-16,6%	2,4%	1,8%
	4 Promachon (Serres)	360.151	377.071	4,7%	2,8%	2,6%
	5 Road stations non-sample	721.355	1.035.272	43,5%	5,6%	7,3%
TOTAL STATIONS		12.893.297	14.229.854	10,4%	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:

ELSTAT is responsible for collecting, processing and publishing data on arrivals of foreigners in Greece. Until 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 ELSTAT and Eurostat).

The latter causes problems on:

- The timely publication of the data, because of the time lags in the availability of the primary data
- The methodological link of these data
- The correlation of the data announced by ELSTAT 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 ELSTAT, 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 ongoing "Border Survey" by 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 ELSTAT

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

Legal framework

Since 2003, the Bank of Greece, for the needs of the balance of payments, is being 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 2011

Availability Results

Data are available from the third quarter of 2009. The data are published four months after the reference quarter.

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 and the return of residents from abroad. 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.