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### **NON-RESIDENT ARRIVALS FROM ABROAD: Jan - June 2013**

According to the Border Statistical Survey conducted by the Bank of Greece, in the period Jan-June of 2013, arrivals of non-residents from abroad increased by 12,3%, as compared with the same period of the year 2012.

More specifically, arrivals from Europe, which account for the majority of arrivals of non-residents to Greece (86,1%), registered an increase of 10,1% in January-June 2013 as compared with the same period of 2012, while arrivals from the Member States of the European Union recorded an increase of 4,6%. Arrivals from Russia, Germany, Bulgaria and France showed a significant increase in absolute values. On the other hand, a significant decrease of arrivals was observed in the cases of United Kingdom, Spain and Cyprus. As regards to the distribution of arrivals by country of origin, the largest number of arrivals came from Germany (12,9%), the United Kingdom (9,6%), France (6,6%), Russia (6,2%) and Bulgaria (6,1%). Moreover, the corresponding data for the rest of the continents show a significant increase of arrivals, in absolute values, from Asia, with a large contribution from Turkey, and from America, with a large contribution from USA (Table 1).

As regards the means of transport and the point of entry, during the aforementioned time period, it is observed that most 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 (18,9%) followed by the airport of Iraklion with (12,2%), Rodos with (8,9%) and Thessaloniki with (5,6%). The main points of entry which account for the biggest percentage of traffic, by road, are Evzoni (7,4%) and Promahonas (3,9%) (Table 3).

Detailed data for the period January-June of the years 2013 and 2012 respectively are provided in the attached tables and charts and these can also be found on the portal of ELSTAT ([www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr), under the link Statistical Themes/Tourism).

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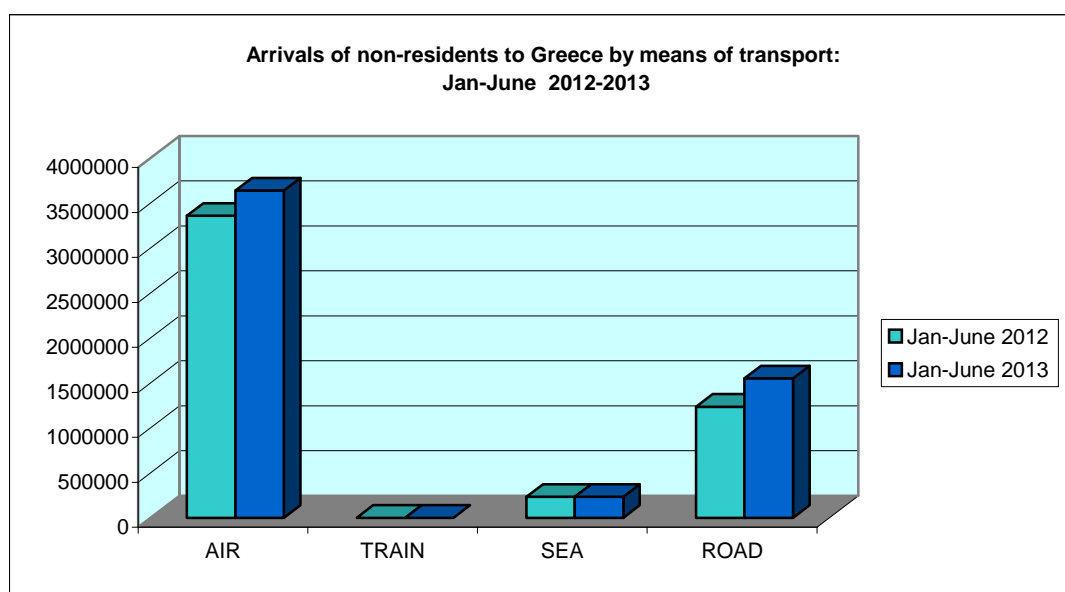
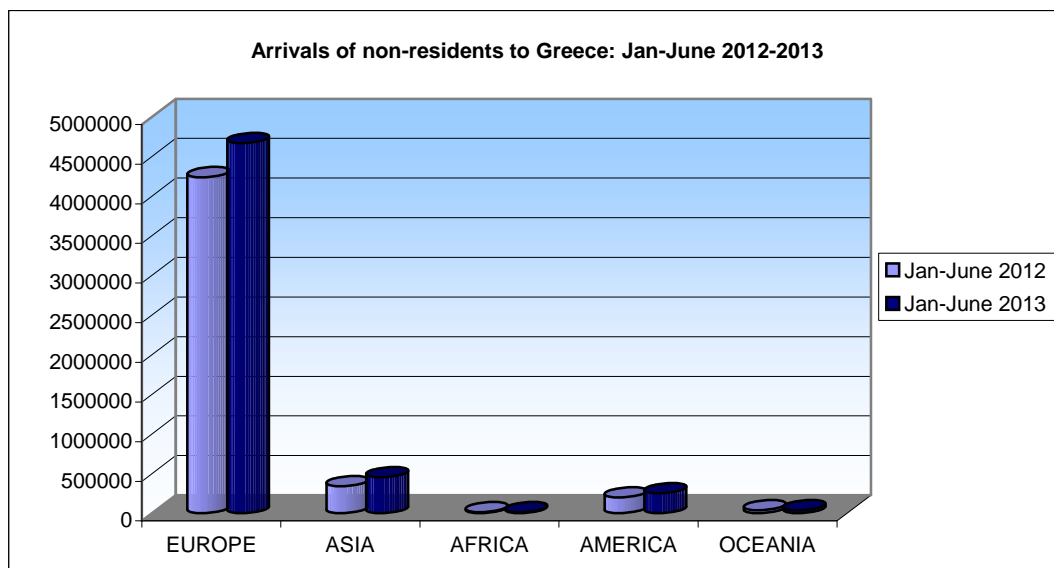


Table 1: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence: January-June 2013

Analysis by country of residence	Jan-June		% change	% share	
	2012	2013	2013/2012	2012	2013
<b>I. EUROPE</b>	<b>4.237.910</b>	<b>4.668.014</b>	<b>10,1</b>	<b>87,8%</b>	<b>86,1%</b>
<b>EUROPEAN UNION</b>	<b>3.006.945</b>	<b>3.143.970</b>	<b>4,6</b>	<b>62,3%</b>	<b>58,0%</b>
Austria	69.365	61.592	-11,2	1,4%	1,1%
Belgium	97.224	101.416	4,3	2,0%	1,9%
Bulgaria	264.206	331.572	25,5	5,5%	6,1%
France	304.968	358.038	17,4	6,3%	6,6%
Germany	616.585	700.428	13,6	12,8%	12,9%
Denmark	58.909	68.026	15,5	1,2%	1,3%
Estonia	312	3.109	897,4	0,0%	0,1%
United Kingdom	612.494	519.828	-15,1	12,7%	9,6%
Ireland	10.018	11.576	15,6	0,2%	0,2%
Spain	68.292	34.813	-49,0	1,4%	0,6%
Italy	163.888	203.531	24,2	3,4%	3,8%
Cyprus	179.952	150.849	-16,2	3,7%	2,8%
Latvia	3.092	7.219	133,5	0,1%	0,1%
Lithuania	7.727	9.929	28,5	0,2%	0,2%
Luxemburg	4.159	6.011	44,5	0,1%	0,1%
Malta	2.206	519	-76,5	0,0%	0,0%
Netherlands	135.412	165.987	22,6	2,8%	3,1%
Hungary	17.215	17.403	1,1	0,4%	0,3%
Poland	52.745	98.132	86,0	1,1%	1,8%
Portugal	5.685	3.495	-38,5	0,1%	0,1%
Romania	89.387	83.318	-6,8	1,9%	1,5%
Slovakia	16.809	2.069	-87,7	0,3%	0,0%
Slovenia	3.783	1.889	-50,1	0,1%	0,0%
Sweden	99.752	102.138	2,4	2,1%	1,9%
Czech Republic	68.636	52.292	-23,8	1,4%	1,0%
Finland	54.122	48.791	-9,8	1,1%	0,9%
Albania	237.717	258.565	8,8	4,9%	4,8%
Switzerland	81.577	81.628	0,1	1,7%	1,5%
Norway	89.602	84.585	-5,6	1,9%	1,6%
Iceland	906	888	-1,9	0,0%	0,0%
Russia	229.370	337.103	47,0	4,8%	6,2%
Serbia	114.054	164.023	43,8	2,4%	3,0%
Other European countries	477.739	597.252	25,0	9,9%	11,0%
<b>II. ASIA</b>	<b>340.117</b>	<b>452.023</b>	<b>32,9</b>	<b>7,0%</b>	<b>8,3%</b>
Japan	4.070	3.735	-8,2	0,1%	0,1%
Iran	3193.508524	1.826	-42,8	0,1%	0,0%
Israel	49.274	51.366	4,2	1,0%	0,9%
China	6.764	9.638	42,5	0,1%	0,2%
Lebanon-Syria	3.197	9.362	192,9	0,1%	0,2%
S.Korea	2.580	4.113	59,4	0,1%	0,1%
Turkey	241.375	346.009	43,3	5,0%	6,4%
Other Middle East countries	7.909	10.561	33,5	0,2%	0,2%
Other Asian countries	21.755	15.413	-29,2	0,5%	0,3%
<b>III. AFRICA</b>	<b>14.560</b>	<b>14.256</b>	<b>-2,1</b>	<b>0,3%</b>	<b>0,3%</b>
Egypt-Sudan	2.377	3.543	49,1	0,0%	0,1%
South Africa	7.397	5.928	-19,9	0,2%	0,1%
Other African countries	4.786	4.784	-0,1	0,1%	0,1%
<b>IV. AMERICA</b>	<b>198.955</b>	<b>250.411</b>	<b>25,9</b>	<b>4,1%</b>	<b>4,6%</b>
Argentina	9.657	12.259	26,9	0,2%	0,2%
Brazil	12.479	12.421	-0,5	0,3%	0,2%
Mexico	5.135	6.525	27,0	0,1%	0,1%
United States	130.787	166.072	27,0	2,7%	3,1%
Canada	33.421	41.213	23,3	0,7%	0,8%
Other American countries	7.476	11.923	59,5	0,2%	0,2%
<b>V. OCEANIA</b>	<b>36.262</b>	<b>36.126</b>	<b>-0,4</b>	<b>0,8%</b>	<b>0,7%</b>
Australia	33.083	31.679	-4,2	0,7%	0,6%
Other Oceanian countries	3.179	4.447	39,9	0,1%	0,1%
<b>VI. Arrivals of non-residents</b>	<b>4.827.803</b>	<b>5.420.831</b>	<b>12,3</b>	<b>100,0%</b>	<b>100,0%</b>
<b>TOTAL ARRIVALS</b>	<b>4.827.803</b>	<b>5.420.831</b>	<b>12,3</b>	<b>100,0%</b>	<b>100,0%</b>

Source: Border Survey of the Bank of Greece.

Table 2: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by country of residence and means of transport: January-June 2013

Analysis by country of residence	AIR	RAILWAY <sup>(1)</sup>	SEA	ROAD	TOTAL
<b>I. EUROPE</b>	<b>3.226.051</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>196.184</b>	<b>1.245.778</b>	<b>4.668.016</b>
<b>EUROPEAN UNION</b>	<b>2.606.614</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>182.521</b>	<b>354.835</b>	<b>3.143.971</b>
<i>Austria</i>	52.714	0	5.141	3.738	61.592
<i>Belgium</i>	98.447	0	2.969	0	101.416
<i>Bulgaria</i>	8.018	0	47.954	275.599	331.571
<i>France</i>	347.354	0	10.684	0	358.038
<i>Germany</i>	656.314	0	28.444	15.669	700.428
<i>Denmark</i>	67.419	0	341	266	68.026
<i>Estonia</i>	3.109	0	0	0	3.109
<i>United Kingdom</i>	511.866	0	7.962	0	519.828
<i>Ireland</i>	11.070	0	507	0	11.577
<i>Spain</i>	31.481	0	3.332	0	34.813
<i>Italy</i>	148.557	0	47.388	7.586	203.532
<i>Cyprus</i>	148.929	0	1.920	0	150.849
<i>Latvia</i>	6.699	0	0	520	7.219
<i>Lithuania</i>	9.360	0	568	0	9.929
<i>Luxemburg</i>	5.625	0	386	0	6.011
<i>Malta</i>	358	0	161	0	519
<i>Netherlands</i>	161.840	0	4.147	0	165.988
<i>Hungary</i>	12.942	0	4.461	0	17.403
<i>Poland</i>	86.982	0	4.049	7.100	98.131
<i>Portugal</i>	2.616	0	394	485	3.495
<i>Romania</i>	33.508	0	9.746	40.063	83.317
<i>Slovakia</i>	1.957	0	111	0	2.068
<i>Slovenia</i>	1.357	0	261	271	1.889
<i>Sweden</i>	101.149	0	990	0	102.139
<i>Czech Republic</i>	48.265	0	490	3.537	52.292
<i>Finland</i>	48.679	0	112	0	48.791
<i>Albania</i>	17.437	0	791	240.338	258.566
<i>Switzerland</i>	74.904	0	6.403	320	81.628
<i>Norway</i>	84.585	0	0	0	84.585
<i>Iceland</i>	888	0	0	0	888
<i>Russia</i>	328.868	0	1.013	7.222	337.103
<i>Serbia</i>	11.041	0	1.555	151.427	164.023
Other European countries	101.714	0	3.902	491.636	597.252
<b>II. ASIA</b>	<b>121.774</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27.460</b>	<b>302.790</b>	<b>452.024</b>
<i>Japan</i>	3.079	0	656	0	3.735
<i>Iran</i>	0	0	1.826	0	1.826
<i>Israel</i>	51.366	0	0	0	51.366
<i>China</i>	9.470	0	168	0	9.638
<i>Lebanon-Syria</i>	9.188	0	175	0	9.363
<i>S.Korea</i>	4.113	0	0	0	4.113
<i>Turkey</i>	20.216	0	23.382	302.412	346.009
Other Middle East countries	10.466	0	95	0	10.561
Other Asian countries	13.877	0	1.158	378	15.413
<b>III. AFRICA</b>	<b>14.256</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14.256</b>
<i>Egypt-Sudan</i>	3.543	0	0	0	3.543
<i>South Africa</i>	5.929	0	0	0	5.929
Other African countries	4.785	0	0	0	4.785
<b>IV. AMERICA</b>	<b>244.042</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6.369</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>250.411</b>
<i>Argentina</i>	11.347	0	911	0	12.258
<i>Brazil</i>	10.691	0	1.729	0	12.420
<i>Mexico</i>	5.625	0	900	0	6.525
<i>United States</i>	164.542	0	1.530	0	166.072
<i>Canada</i>	41.017	0	196	0	41.213
Other American countries	10.821	0	1.103	0	11.924
<b>V. OCEANIA</b>	<b>32.154</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3.972</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36.126</b>
<i>Australia</i>	28.099	0	3.580	0	31.679
Other Oceanian countries	4.055	0	392	0	4.447
<b>TOTAL ARRIVALS</b>	<b>3.638.276</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>233.986</b>	<b>1.548.569</b>	<b>5.420.831</b>

Source: Border Survey of the Bank of Greece.

<sup>(1)</sup> There was not any sampling for this transportation means, since Greece is not connected via railway with any country abroad.

Table 3: Arrivals of non-residents from abroad by means of transport and entry station: January-June 2013

Station of entrance		Jan - Jun		% change	% share	
		2012	2013	2013/2012	2012	2013
<b>I. AIR</b>		<b>3.358.561</b>	<b>3.638.276</b>	<b>8,3%</b>	<b>69,6%</b>	<b>67,1%</b>
	1 Athens	1.052.503	1.023.131	-2,8%	21,8%	18,9%
	2 Zakynthos	72.858	83.665	14,8%	1,5%	1,5%
	3 Iraklio	559.865	662.969	18,4%	11,6%	12,2%
	4 Thessaloniki	312.347	305.620	-2,2%	6,5%	5,6%
	5 Kerkyra	203.545	229.274	12,6%	4,2%	4,2%
	6 Kos	194.890	237.330	21,8%	4,0%	4,4%
	7 Rodos	442.332	481.739	8,9%	9,2%	8,9%
	8 Santorini	31.371	42.113	34,2%	0,6%	0,8%
	9 Chiania	186.993	226.770	21,3%	3,9%	4,2%
	10 Other stations	301.856	345.664	14,5%	6,3%	6,4%
<b>II. RAILWAY <sup>(1)</sup></b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0,0%</b>	<b>0,0%</b>
	1 Promachon (Serres)	0	0	-	0,0%	0,0%
	2 Railway stations (non-sampled)	0	0	-	0,0%	0,0%
<b>III. SEA</b>		<b>234.023</b>	<b>233.986</b>	<b>0,0%</b>	<b>4,8%</b>	<b>4,3%</b>
	1 Igoumenitsa	108.383	111.617	3,0%	2,2%	2,1%
	2 Kerkyra	0	0	-	0,0%	0,0%
	3 Patra	61.807	61.704	-0,2%	1,3%	1,1%
	4 Other stations	63.832	60.666	-5,0%	1,3%	1,1%
<b>IV. ROAD</b>		<b>1.235.220</b>	<b>1.548.569</b>	<b>25,4%</b>	<b>25,6%</b>	<b>28,6%</b>
	1 Evzoni (Kilkis)	347.645	402.676	15,8%	7,2%	7,4%
	2 Kakavia (Ioannina)	133.688	141.835	6,1%	2,8%	2,6%
	3 Kipi (Evros)	128.997	197.187	52,9%	2,7%	3,6%
	4 Promachon (Serres)	156.083	211.646	35,6%	3,2%	3,9%
	5 Road stations non-sample	468.807	595.225	27,0%	9,7%	11,0%
<b>TOTAL STATIONS</b>		<b>4.827.803</b>	<b>5.420.831</b>	<b>12,3%</b>	<b>100,0%</b>	<b>100,0%</b>

Source: Border Survey of the Bank of Greece.

<sup>(1)</sup> There was not any sampling for this transportation means, since Greece is not connected via railway with any country abroad.

## 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 - June 2013

### 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. "

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.

### References

More information about the non-resident arrivals in Greece can be found on the portal of the Hellenic Statistical Authority ([www.statistics.gr](http://www.statistics.gr)), at the sections: Statistical Themes - Tourism.