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Decreased by 5.6 percentage points of the annual occupancy during 2009, as compared to 2008

ARRIVALS AND NIGHTS SPENT AT HOTELS, SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENTS AND TOURIST CAMPSITES: 2009 (final data)

The data on arrivals and nights spent at hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, during 2009, show that for the total of these establishments the nights spent, compared to 2008, increased by 0.6%, due to residents (increase by 9.6%), while those on account of non-residents decreased by 2.7%. Arrivals increased by 1.8% (5.6% increase of residents and 1.2% decrease of non-residents) (Tables 1 & 2).

During 2009, the average stay per person at hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites was 4 nights (5.3 nights for non-residents and 2.6 for residents).

The annual occupancy of the bed places that were in operation at hotels and similar establishments (excluding tourist campsites), during 2009, was 51.1%, while during 2008 it was 56.7%. The decrease in the occupancy, despite the increase in the nights spent, is due to the fact that a greater number of establishments operated in 2009 and for a greater period in the year than in 2008. The same results are reflected in the data by Region (Tables 3 & 6).

During 2009, the decrease in the arrivals and nights spent by non-residents continued and was more pronounced than in 2008.

More specifically, compared to 2008 and taking into account their share in total arrivals and nights spent in establishments, we can see that in 2009 there was a decrease both in arrivals and nights spent from Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and the U.S.A.. Also, there is a significant decrease from Russia, which was showing an increasing trend during the past years (Tables 7 & 8).

Analytical data are provided in the attached tables and diagrams.

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Table 1. Arrivals of residents and non-residents at hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, for the years 2008-2009

Month	2008					2009					% change of the total arrivals 2009/2008
		Hotels and similar establishments		Tourist campsites			Hotels and similar establishments		Tourist campsites		
	Total	Residents	Non-residents	Residents	Non-residents	*Total*	Residents	Non-residents	Residents	Non-residents	
Total	***16.013.569***	**6.967.623**	**8.657.775**	**159.604**	**228.567**	***16.304.677***	**7.352.183**	**8.542.307**	**171.399**	**238.788**	***1,8***
January	*536.681*	412.630	123.927	18	106	*534.200*	427.714	106.337	53	96	*-0,5*
February	*567.928*	427.040	140.847	6	35	*580.242*	461.008	119.082	78	74	*2,2*
March	*770.093*	518.480	251.348	54	211	*711.409*	498.819	212.355	77	158	*-7,6*
April	*1.026.091*	572.276	449.385	295	4.135	*1.057.472*	592.135	460.649	425	4.263	*3,1*
May	*1.707.131*	580.265	1.106.465	2.196	18.205	*1.711.142*	609.964	1.076.639	4.452	20.087	*0,2*
June	*2.059.121*	674.086	1.331.070	24.305	29.660	*2.055.590*	701.320	1.301.084	24.418	28.768	*-0,2*
July	*2.428.840*	813.193	1.491.658	55.230	68.759	*2.552.099*	923.859	1.497.829	60.931	69.480	*5,1*
August	*2.635.818*	932.992	1.548.047	73.097	81.682	*2.761.375*	1.030.425	1.567.157	74.428	89.365	*4,8*
September	*1.975.214*	630.354	1.318.121	4.249	22.490	*1.994.317*	662.792	1.304.304	4.881	22.340	*1,0*
October	*1.161.972*	533.054	625.713	144	3.061	*1.146.690*	522.074	619.757	1.245	3.614	*-1,3*
November	*610.237*	447.383	162.697	2	155	*629.217*	462.137	166.391	401	288	*3,1*
December	*534.443*	425.870	108.497	8	68	*570.924*	459.936	110.723	10	255	*6,8*

Table 2. Nights spent of residents and non-residents at hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, for the years 2008-2009

Month	2008					2009					% change of the total nights spent 2009/2008
		Hotels and similar establishments		Tourist campsites			Hotels and similar establishments		Tourist campsites		
	Total	Residents	Non-residents	Residents	Non-residents	*Total*	Residents	Non-residents	Residents	Non-residents	
Total	***65.624.563***	**16.840.111**	**47.233.616**	**810.503**	**740.333**	***66.022.270***	**18.366.858**	**45.925.585**	**978.425**	**751.402**	***0,6***
January	*1.073.595*	785.421	287.568	60	546	*1.082.727*	829.378	251.904	1.049	396	*0,9*
February	*1.112.715*	786.094	326.306	44	271	*1.132.182*	841.599	289.273	994	316	*1,7*
March	*1.575.610*	992.336	582.647	151	476	*1.463.972*	976.344	486.064	1.127	437	*-7,1*
April	*2.527.451*	1.228.052	1.287.495	3.117	8.787	*2.700.737*	1.286.126	1.401.706	3.577	9.328	*6,9*
May	*6.587.620*	1.137.890	5.390.102	13.445	46.183	*6.512.251*	1.219.235	5.203.798	38.229	50.989	*-1,1*
June	*9.711.391*	1.561.306	7.969.146	91.071	89.868	*9.649.410*	1.680.182	7.759.943	120.664	88.621	*-0,6*
July	*12.812.375*	2.551.036	9.741.527	263.489	256.323	*12.836.965*	2.972.537	9.297.120	312.759	254.549	*0,2*
August	*14.014.696*	3.326.387	10.037.658	391.081	259.570	*14.263.366*	3.806.663	9.760.848	428.477	267.378	*1,8*
September	*9.554.021*	1.582.646	7.859.492	44.860	67.023	*9.530.555*	1.760.560	7.635.429	68.254	66.312	*-0,2*
October	*4.222.077*	1.107.636	3.100.553	3.082	10.806	*4.287.784*	1.097.373	3.176.846	2.564	11.001	*1,6*
November	*1.265.003*	869.678	394.957	32	336	*1.294.099*	901.040	391.194	600	1.265	*2,3*
December	*1.168.009*	911.629	256.165	71	144	*1.268.222*	995.821	271.460	131	810	*8,6*

Table 3. Occupancy of bed-places that were in operation on hotels and similar establishments, for the years 2008 - 2009

Month	Occupancy of bed-places %	
	2008	2009
Annual Occupancy	**56,7**	**51,1**
January	25,4	22,5
February	28,0	25,9
March	34,3	27,8
April	29,0	27,3
May	48,7	43,0
June	64,5	58,3
July	76,4	69,5
August	81,5	75,0
September	67,5	61,2
October	39,7	35,1
November	29,5	26,6
December	28,4	27,5

Diagram 1: Occupancy of bed-places at hotels and similar establishments, by month, 2008-2009

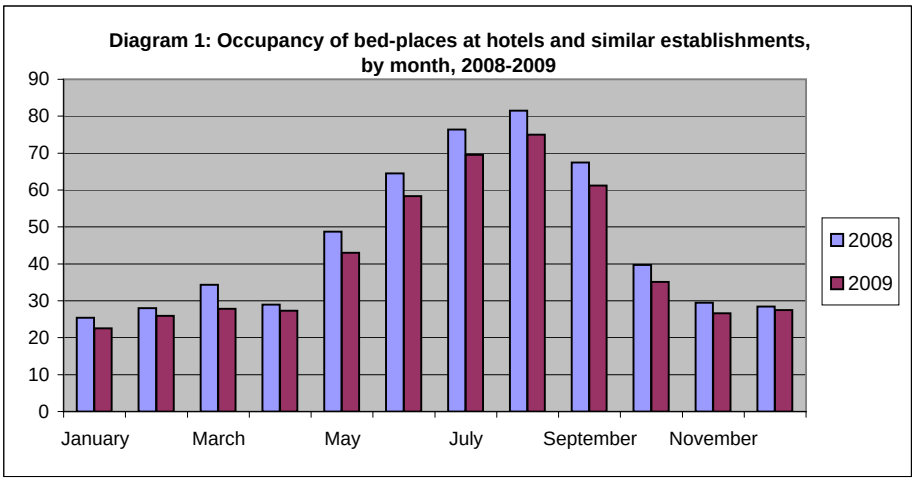


Table 4. Arrivals at hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, by Region, for the years 2008-2009

	2008				2009				*% change of the total arrivals 2009/2008*
	Total	**Hotels and similar establishments**	**Tourist campsites**	**% of total**	**Total**	**Hotels and similar establishments**	**Tourist campsites**	**% of total**	
Total	**16.013.569**	**15.625.398**	**388.171**	**100,0**	**16.304.677**	**15.894.490**	**410.187**	**100,0**	***1,8***
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki (East Macedonia and Thrace)	650.371	629.239	21.132	4,1	632.129	611.919	20.210	3,9	*-2,8*
Kentriki Makedonia (Central Macedonia)	2.185.239	2.089.134	96.105	13,6	2.208.315	2.107.051	101.264	13,5	*1,1*
Dytiki Makedonia (West Macedonia)	203.871	203.871	0	1,3	203.474	203.474	0	1,2	*-0,2*
Thessalia (Thessaly)	868.060	845.454	22.606	5,4	886.974	862.633	24.341	5,4	*2,2*
Ipeiros (Epirus)	389.802	367.915	21.887	2,4	441.706	419.309	22.397	2,7	*13,3*
Ionioi Nisoi (Ionian Islands)	1.082.821	1.057.219	25.602	6,8	1.145.736	1.121.242	24.494	7,0	*5,8*
Dytiki Ellas (West Greece)	811.730	778.625	33.105	5,1	812.374	768.578	43.796	5,0	*0,1*
Sterea Ellas	625.443	592.706	32.737	3,9	640.239	603.442	36.797	3,9	*2,4*
Peloponnisos (Peloponnese)	1.009.990	946.211	63.779	6,3	1.107.289	1.034.283	73.006	6,8	*9,6*
Attiki (Attica)	3.417.557	3.397.341	20.216	21,3	3.318.689	3.298.264	20.425	20,4	*-2,9*
Voreio Aigaio (North Aegean)	311.237	311.237	0	1,9	310.589	310.589	0	1,9	*-0,2*
Notio Aigaio (South Aegean)	2.169.706	2.128.327	41.379	13,5	2.213.866	2.180.439	33.427	13,6	*2,0*
Kriti (Crete)	2.287.742	2.278.119	9.623	14,3	2.383.297	2.373.267	10.030	14,6	*4,2*

Table 5. Nights spent at hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, by Region, for the years 2008-2009

	2008				2009				*% change of the total nights spent 2009/2008*
	Total	**Hotels and similar establishments**	**Tourist campsites**	**% of total**	**Total**	**Hotels and similar establishments**	**Tourist campsites**	**% of total**	
Total	**65.624.563**	**64.073.727**	**1.550.836**	**100,0**	**66.022.270**	**64.292.443**	**1.729.827**	**100,0**	***0,6***
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki (East Macedonia and Thrace)	1.759.226	1.657.990	101.236	2,7	1.754.483	1.639.206	115.277	2,7	*-0,3*
Kentriki Makedonia (Central Macedonia)	7.891.536	7.362.945	528.591	12,0	7.891.793	7.225.027	666.766	12,0	*0,0*
Dytiki Makedonia (West Macedonia)	392.241	392.241	0	0,6	383.269	383.269	0	0,6	*-2,3*
Thessalia (Thessaly)	1.983.379	1.928.092	55.287	3,0	2.111.634	2.052.607	59.027	3,2	*6,5*
Ipeiros (Epirus)	900.065	827.169	72.896	1,4	1.015.199	932.473	82.726	1,5	*12,8*
Ionioi Nisoi (Ionian Islands)	7.381.425	7.260.101	121.324	11,2	7.457.180	7.340.122	117.058	11,3	*1,0*
Dytiki Ellas (West Greece)	1.860.051	1.730.591	129.460	2,8	1.861.313	1.712.279	149.034	2,8	*0,1*
Sterea Ellas	1.643.172	1.531.378	111.794	2,5	1.767.856	1.656.654	111.202	2,7	*7,6*
Peloponnisos (Peloponnese)	2.569.268	2.329.673	239.595	3,9	2.830.581	2.571.654	258.927	4,3	*10,2*
Attiki (Attica)	7.315.351	7.272.015	43.336	11,1	7.055.609	7.005.670	49.939	10,7	*-3,6*
Voreio Aigaio (North Aegean)	1.653.390	1.653.390	0	2,5	1.635.463	1.635.463	0	2,5	*-1,1*
Notio Aigaio (South Aegean)	14.546.143	14.427.203	118.940	22,2	14.636.435	14.543.738	92.697	22,2	*0,6*
Kriti (Crete)	15.729.316	15.700.939	28.377	24,0	15.621.455	15.594.281	27.174	23,7	*-0,7*

Table 6. Occupancy of bed-places that were in operation on hotels and similar establishments, for the years 2008 - 2009

	Occupancy of bed-places %	
Regions	**2008**	**2009**
Annual occupancy	**56,7**	**51,1**
Anatoliki Makedonia, Thraki (East Macedonia and Thrace)	44,3	40,0
Kentriki Makedonia (Central Macedonia)	54,2	48,7
Dytiki Makedonia (West Macedonia)	30,6	26,6
Thessalia (Thessaly)	38,9	36,2
Ipeiros (Epirus)	38,3	37,2
Ionioi Nisoi (Ionian Islands)	70,0	63,2
Dytiki Ellas (West Greece)	41,4	38,4
Sterea Ellas	34,7	33,3
Peloponnisos (Peloponnese)	36,5	34,6
Attiki (Attica)	47,9	42,8
Voreio Aigaio (North Aegean)	51,1	45,6
Notio Aigaio (South Aegean)	68,4	61,9
Kriti (Crete)	69,9	61,4

Table 7. Arrivals of non-residents at hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, by country of residence, for the years 2008-2009

Country of residence	2008				2009				% change of the total arrivals 2009/2008
	Total	Hotels and similar establishments	Tourist campsites	% of total	Total	Hotels and similar establishments	Tourist campsites	% of total	
Total	**8.886.342**	**8.657.775**	**228.567**	**100,0**	**8.781.095**	**8.542.307**	**238.788**	**100,0**	***-1,2***
Europe	7.488.603	7.277.317	211.286	84,3	7.447.642	7.219.060	228.582	84,8	***-0,5***
European Union	6.402.474	6.201.183	201.291	72,0	6.405.312	6.188.042	217.270	72,9	***0,0***
Austria	202.789	192.185	10.604	2,3	203.996	191.743	12.253	2,3	***0,6***
Belgium	236.879	233.136	3.743	2,7	230.155	225.718	4.437	2,6	***-2,8***
Bulgaria	168.519	165.667	2.852	1,9	157.747	152.479	5.268	1,8	***-6,4***
France	717.225	678.145	39.080	8,1	790.787	749.442	41.345	9,0	***10,3***
Germany	1.215.964	1.162.613	53.351	13,7	1.195.325	1.136.774	58.551	13,6	***-1,7***
Denmark	161.027	158.872	2.155	1,8	160.463	158.482	1.981	1,8	***-0,4***
Estonia	17.023	16.805	218	0,2	14.491	14.294	197	0,2	***-14,9***
United Kingdom	1.066.498	1.059.666	6.832	12,0	1.073.564	1.066.781	6.783	12,2	***0,7***
Ireland	45.814	44.893	921	0,5	43.501	42.870	631	0,5	***-5,0***
Spain	171.898	168.784	3.114	1,9	184.519	181.629	2.890	2,1	***7,3***
Italy	660.103	624.161	35.942	7,4	639.105	600.955	38.150	7,3	***-3,2***
Cyprus	186.332	185.930	402	2,1	170.404	169.978	426	1,9	***-8,5***
Latvia	14.647	14.497	150	0,2	11.310	11.208	102	0,1	***-22,8***
Lithuania	24.336	24.189	147	0,3	17.653	17.461	192	0,2	***-27,5***
Luxembourg	15.607	15.550	57	0,2	12.880	12.814	66	0,1	***-17,5***
Malta	3.734	3.682	52	0,0	5.451	5.131	320	0,1	***46,0***
Netherlands	410.899	386.567	24.332	4,6	385.918	360.959	24.959	4,4	***-6,1***
Hungary	63.770	61.060	2.710	0,7	50.562	47.746	2.816	0,6	***-20,7***
Poland	215.763	210.658	5.105	2,4	237.055	231.087	5.968	2,7	***9,9***
Portugal	21.421	21.220	201	0,2	22.170	21.765	405	0,3	***3,5***
Romania	196.307	193.630	2.677	2,2	183.934	181.291	2.643	2,1	***-6,3***
Slovak Republic	44.133	43.760	373	0,5	39.898	39.336	562	0,5	***-9,6***
Slovenia	41.627	39.350	2.277	0,5	38.150	35.465	2.685	0,4	***-8,4***
Sweden	235.321	234.614	707	2,6	242.848	242.262	586	2,8	***3,2***
Czech Republic	152.101	149.116	2.985	1,7	167.117	164.347	2.770	1,9	***9,9***
Finland	112.737	112.433	304	1,3	126.309	126.025	284	1,4	***12,0***
Total of other European countries	1.086.129	1.076.134	9.995	12,2	1.042.330	1.031.018	11.312	11,9	***-4,0***
Iceland	6.109	6.097	12	0,1	3.984	3.970	14	0,0	***-34,8***
Norway	173.359	173.053	306	2,0	182.179	181.891	288	2,1	***5,1***
Switzerland (incl. Liechtenstein)	151.637	145.499	6.138	1,7	151.500	144.679	6.821	1,7	***-0,1***
Russia	427.171	426.843	328	4,8	376.589	376.138	451	4,3	***-11,8***
Turkey	61.626	61.380	246	0,7	60.963	60.733	230	0,7	***-1,1***
Other European countries n.e.s.	266.227	263.262	2.965	3,0	267.115	263.607	3.508	3,0	***0,3***
Africa	38.810	38.640	170	0,4	37.504	37.283	221	0,4	***-3,4***
America	843.700	835.832	7.868	9,5	787.843	784.527	3.316	9,0	***-6,6***
North America	758.699	751.449	7.250	8,5	701.449	698.606	2.843	8,0	***-7,5***
USA	637.702	633.236	4.466	7,2	590.153	588.457	1.696	6,7	***-7,5***
Canada	120.997	118.213	2.784	1,4	111.296	110.149	1.147	1,3	***-8,0***
South and Central America	85.001	84.383	618	1,0	86.394	85.921	473	1,0	***1,6***
Asia	363.143	362.481	662	4,1	374.621	374.031	590	4,3	***3,2***
Japan	95.520	95.429	91	1,1	96.106	96.075	31	1,1	***0,6***
People's republic of China	49.944	49.883	61	0,6	48.096	48.033	63	0,5	***-3,7***
Other Asian countries	217.679	217.169	510	2,4	230.419	229.923	496	2,6	***5,9***
Oceania	151.197	142.666	8.531	1,7	128.569	122.492	6.077	1,5	***-15,0***
Australia	140.035	133.547	6.488	1,6	120.243	114.951	5.292	1,4	***-14,1***
New Zealand and other Oceanian territories	11.162	9.119	2.043	0,1	8.326	7.541	785	0,1	***-25,4***
Not specified	889	839	50	0,0	4.916	4.914	2	0,1	***453,0***

Diagram 2: Arrivals of non-residents, 2008-2009

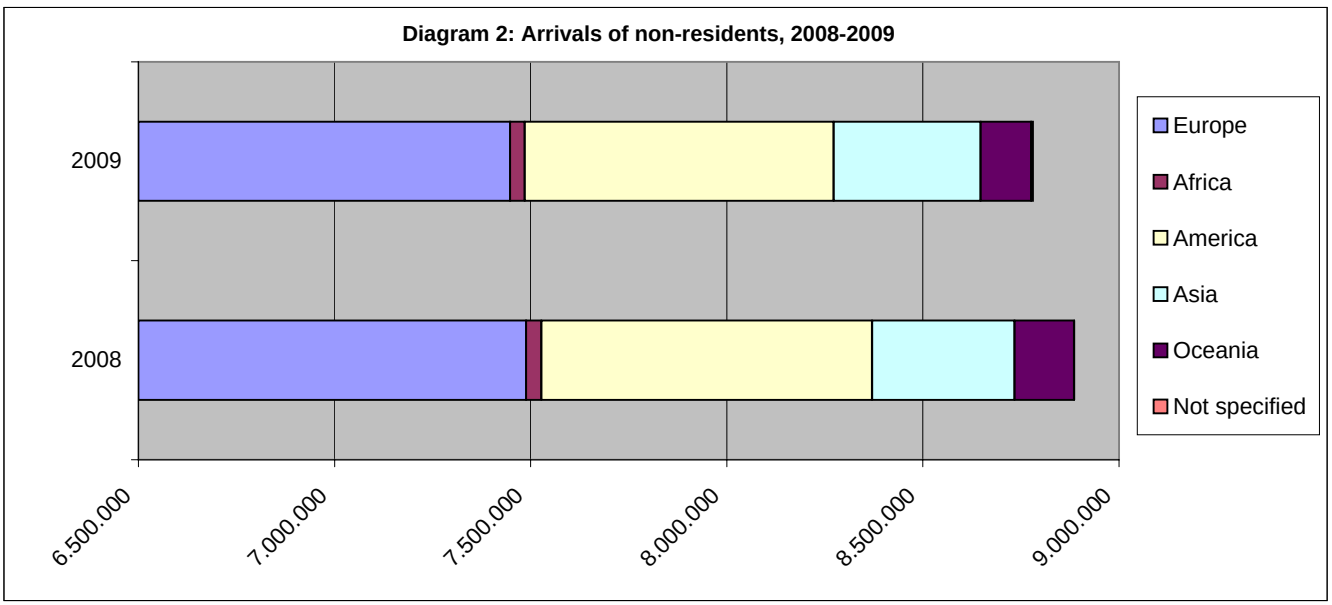
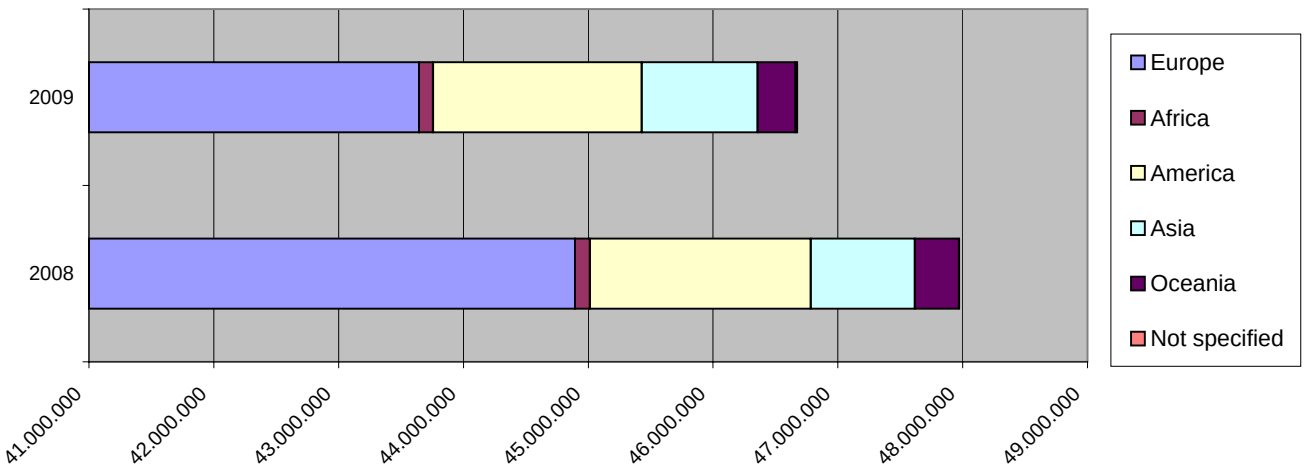


Table 8. Nights spent by non-residents at hotels, similar establishments and tourist campsites, by country of residence, for the years 2008-2009

Country of residence	2008				2009				*% change of the total nights spent 2009/2008*
	Total	Hotels and similar establishments	Tourist campsites	% of total	Total	Hotels and similar establishments	Tourist campsites	% of total	
Total	**47.973.949**	**47.233.616**	**740.333**	**100,0**	**46.676.987**	**45.925.585**	**751.402**	**100,0**	***-2,7***
Europe	44.893.896	44.195.194	698.702	93,6	43.643.422	42.915.120	728.302	93,5	***-2,8***
European Union	38.290.980	37.638.287	652.693	79,8	37.367.849	36.691.751	676.098	80,1	***-2,4***
Austria	1.395.337	1.350.641	44.696	2,9	1.257.525	1.211.417	46.108	2,7	***-9,9***
Belgium	1.534.085	1.523.693	10.392	3,2	1.464.392	1.452.533	11.859	3,1	***-4,5***
Bulgaria	462.741	451.791	10.950	1,0	472.060	453.389	18.671	1,0	***2,0***
France	3.270.879	3.182.160	88.719	6,8	3.574.165	3.480.867	93.298	7,7	***9,3***
Germany	8.972.596	8.756.063	216.533	18,7	8.554.859	8.332.465	222.394	18,3	***-4,7***
Denmark	1.066.901	1.056.943	9.958	2,2	1.040.490	1.031.557	8.933	2,2	***-2,5***
Estonia	104.710	104.340	370	0,2	87.233	86.759	474	0,2	***-16,7***
United Kingdom	7.114.931	7.095.550	19.381	14,8	7.023.697	7.005.298	18.399	15,0	***-1,3***
Ireland	255.863	253.048	2.815	0,5	238.108	236.494	1.614	0,5	***-6,9***
Spain	387.657	380.746	6.911	0,8	414.847	408.959	5.888	0,9	***7,0***
Italy	3.270.159	3.159.042	111.117	6,8	2.918.214	2.806.170	112.044	6,3	***-10,8***
Cyprus	549.902	548.944	958	1,1	496.687	495.477	1.210	1,1	***-9,7***
Latvia	86.675	86.343	332	0,2	68.168	67.982	186	0,1	***-21,4***
Lithuania	153.257	152.967	290	0,3	120.520	120.061	459	0,3	***-21,4***
Luxembourg	108.822	108.665	157	0,2	90.907	90.724	183	0,2	***-16,5***
Malta	14.660	14.563	97	0,0	23.237	22.252	985	0,0	***58,5***
Netherlands	2.801.166	2.727.542	73.624	5,8	2.626.203	2.552.027	74.176	5,6	***-6,2***
Hungary	381.234	372.708	8.526	0,8	286.772	278.030	8.742	0,6	***-24,8***
Poland	1.373.192	1.357.097	16.095	2,9	1.483.854	1.466.042	17.812	3,2	***8,1***
Portugal	67.802	67.295	507	0,1	70.628	69.801	827	0,2	***4,2***
Romania	867.150	856.111	11.039	1,8	817.749	806.581	11.168	1,8	***-5,7***
Slovak Republic	329.942	328.504	1.438	0,7	292.305	290.110	2.195	0,6	***-11,4***
Slovenia	225.087	219.516	5.571	0,5	215.373	208.494	6.879	0,5	***-4,3***
Sweden	1.531.684	1.529.135	2.549	3,2	1.573.083	1.570.400	2.683	3,4	***2,7***
Czech Republic	1.196.075	1.187.155	8.920	2,5	1.304.435	1.296.205	8.230	2,8	***9,1***
Finland	768.473	767.725	748	1,6	852.338	851.657	681	1,8	***10,9***
Total of other European countries	6.602.916	6.556.907	46.009	13,8	6.275.573	6.223.369	52.204	13,4	***-5,0***
Iceland	37.336	37.323	13	0,1	19.645	19.612	33	0,0	***-47,4***
Norway	1.304.017	1.303.311	706	2,7	1.310.892	1.310.086	806	2,8	***0,5***
Switzerland (incl. Liechtenstein)	901.418	882.540	18.878	1,9	888.014	867.092	20.922	1,9	***-1,5***
Russia	2.992.321	2.991.588	733	6,2	2.714.642	2.713.015	1.627	5,8	***-9,3***
Turkey	127.741	126.208	1.533	0,3	119.764	119.224	540	0,3	***-6,2***
Other European countries n.e.s.	1.240.083	1.215.937	24.146	2,6	1.222.616	1.194.340	28.276	2,6	***-1,4***
Africa	119.353	118.897	456	0,2	114.011	113.352	659	0,2	***-4,5***
America	1.771.301	1.752.995	18.306	3,7	1.672.432	1.664.877	7.555	3,6	***-5,6***
North America	1.561.762	1.545.520	16.242	3,3	1.466.392	1.460.114	6.278	3,1	***-6,1***
USA	1.291.059	1.281.626	9.433	2,7	1.209.886	1.206.202	3.684	2,6	***-6,3***
Canada	270.703	263.894	6.809	0,6	256.506	253.912	2.594	0,5	***-5,2***
South and Central America	209.539	207.475	2.064	0,4	206.040	204.763	1.277	0,4	***-1,7***
Asia	832.766	830.865	1.901	1,7	927.041	925.884	1.157	2,0	***11,3***
Japan	163.172	162.963	209	0,3	155.139	155.058	81	0,3	***-4,9***
People's republic of China	99.006	98.890	116	0,2	93.087	92.937	150	0,2	***-6,0***
Other Asian countries	570.588	569.012	1.576	1,2	678.815	677.889	926	1,5	***19,0***
Oceania	353.063	332.295	20.768	0,7	303.094	289.367	13.727	0,6	***-14,2***
Australia	328405	311.999	16.406	0,7	283.840	271.811	12.029	0,6	***-13,6***
New Zealand and other Oceanian territories	24658	20.296	4.362	0,1	19.254	17.556	1.698	0,0	***-21,9***
Not specified	3.570	3.370	200	0,0	16.987	16.985	2	0,0	***375,8***

Diagram 3: Nights spent by non-residents, 2008-2009



EXPLANATORY NOTES

Arrivals and nights spent at hotels, similar establishments and camping

Data of arrivals and nights spent at hotels, similar establishments and camping are collected from a monthly, census survey. Each establishment fills in a questionnaire, for every month that is in operation. It is mandatory for all hotels, similar establishments and camping to participate in the survey.

Legal frame

The survey is conducted according to the council Directive 95/57/EC

Reference unit

Data refer to all establishments (hotels, similar establishments and camping) that are registered at the Hellenic Chamber of Hotels. The Tourism Statistics Section receives the register every three months and from that all the registers and applications that are related to the survey are updated.

This survey does not refer to other collective accommodation establishments (rented rooms, agrotouristic establishments etc.), because there is no single, official and complete register for these establishments.

Coverage

The results of the survey refer to about 80% of the total bed-places that are available. The reason why there is no estimation and projection of the results to 100% of the reference population is the fact that there is no information on the exact months that each establishment is in operation. The lack of this information makes it impossible to make this estimation for every month and hence for the total of the year.

Data dissemination

For the final, annual data there ia a press release and summary tables that are available at the portal of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (www.statistics.gr). Also, more analytical tables are disseminated through the Library and the Statistical Data Dissemination Section.

Reference period

January - September 2009

Definitions

Resident: a person is considered to be a resident in a country if the person has lived for most of the past year or 12 months in that country (regardless of the citizenship).

Non-resident: a person that does not live in the country (regardless of the citizenship).

Arrivals: The arrivals at the establishments are calculated for every person separately. The data refer to the total number of persons and not to the total number of room that were occupied. Only the persons that had at least one overnight stay at the establishment are calculated.

Nights spent: The nights are calculated for every person separately. The data refer to the total number of nights spent by every person and not to the total number of nights spent at every room.

Occupancy of bed-places: The monthly occupancy of bed-places is calculated by taking into account the number of the bed-places that were in operation at each establishment. The rate refers to the occupancy that was accomplished, as opposed to the maximum occupancy that is expected according to the available bed-places.
The occupancy of the period is the result of the average occupancy rates of every month of the period, weighted by the bed-places that were in operation at each month.

Methodology

This is a monthly, census survey. The data come from the establishments, by filling in a questionnaire (by paper form or on-line application) for every month that each establishment is in operation. During the year we update regularly the register of the hotels, similar establishments and camping, so that the data refer to the actual number of establishments that are in operation. Also, regular reminders for the submission of the data are sent to the establishments, so that we gather as much data as possible.

References

More information on the survey is available on the web-page of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (www.statistics.gr). Section: Statistical Themes, Tourism, Tourism, "Hotels, similar establishments and camping occupancy".