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Number of guests decreased for the first time after thirteen quarters of growth

Tourism – the third quarter of 2024

**In the Q3 2024, the total number of arrivals in collective accommodation establishments decreased, year-on-year (y-o-y), by 1.0% and the number of overnight stays of guests in collective accommodation establishments decreased by 1.7%. As for non-residents, a higher number of both guests and nights spent was recorded, whereas as for residents, a decrease was reported. The number of guests decreased, y-o-y, for the first time since the Q2 of 2021.**

**The number of overnight stays of guests** in collective accommodation establishments reached **20.9 million nights** in total in the Q3 2024 and compared to the corresponding period of 2023 it decreased by 1.7%. Residents spent in collective tourist accommodation establishments in Czechia 13.2 million nights, which was a year-on-year decrease by 5.3%. On the other hand, foreign clientele spent 7.8 million nights therein and in the year-on-year comparison, the number of overnight stays of non-residents increased by 5.2%.

*“In the third quarter of 2024,* ***7.7 million guests arrived*** *in collective accommodation establishments, which was a decrease in the number of guests by 1.0%. The year-on-year development was influenced by a decrease in the number of residents by 4.5%, whereas the number of foreign guests accommodated in Czechia increased by 4.4%,”* Roman Mikula, Head of the Tourism and Environmental Statistics Unit of the Czech Statistical Office (CZSO), stated.

In the period from July to September 2024, the number of guests in hotels slightly decreased by 0.1%. In total, 4.6 million guests accommodated in hotels in Czechia and they spent there 11.3 million nights. Compared to the corresponding period of the previous year, by 4.7% more non-residents accommodated therein, whereas the number of residents dropped there by 5.7%. As for boarding houses, by 6.3% fewer guests arrived there and the number of their overnight stays decreased by 6.0% in that accommodation category. Year-on-year, by 1.8% more guests accommodated in tourist campsites; they spent by 0.6% more nights there. Regarding this category, in addition to domestic tourists, mainly guests from Germany, Poland, and Netherlands (Kingdom of the) were finding accommodation there in the main tourist season.

As for **Regions**, the total number of accommodated guests decreased, y-o-y, in almost all Regions of the Czech Republic in the Q3 2024. The only exceptions were Prague and the *Ústecký* Region; the *Jihočeský* Region recorded a stagnation. An increase in the number of residents (by 3.0%) was only recorded in the *Ústecký* Region, whereas in other Regions, the numbers of arrivals of domestic tourists to accommodation establishments decreased. A year-on-year increase in the number of non-residents was recorded by twelve Regions, only the *Ústecký* Region and the *Olomoucký* Region reported a decrease. In total, the number of overnight stays of guests in individual Regions of Czechia recorded growth in Prague and in the *Karlovarský* Region; in other Regions, the y-o-y index of overnight stays decreased.

The number of **foreign guests** (non-residents; by citizenship) who accommodated in collective accommodation establishments increased by 4.4%, compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. As usual, the biggest number of guests arrived from Germany (over 660 thousand); however, in the year-on-year comparison, the number of their arrivals decreased by 2.5%. Also the number of overnight stays of German clients decreased, namely by 0.8%. Over 250 thousand guests accommodated in Czechia were also from Poland and Slovakia.

Notes

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Annexes:

Table 1 Guests (accommodation establishment category, numbers, indices)

Table 2 Overnight stays (accommodation establishment category, numbers, indices)

Table 3 Guests (Regions of the CR, numbers, indices)

Table 4 Overnight stays (Regions of the CR, numbers, indices)

Table 5 Guests, overnight stays (non-residents by country, numbers, indices)

Chart 1 Number of guests in collective accommodation establishments (y-o-y change)

Chart 2 Number of guests in collective accommodation establishments