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Number of guests in accommodation establishments was increasing in spring months

Tourism – the second quarter of 2022

**In the Q2 2022, 5 million guests in total accommodated in collective accommodation establishments; 3.1 million of the guests were domestic ones and 1.9 million of guests were from abroad. The number of overnight stays of guests in collective accommodation establishments increased by 190% to 12 million nights.**

The **number of overnight stays of guests** in collective accommodation establishments reached **12 million nights** in the Q2 2022, which was by 190% more compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. Guests from the Czech Republic (CR) were prevailing, residents made 62% of overnight stays. The number of overnight stays of residents was by 7% higher than in the Q2 2019 before the pandemic. However, the number of overnight stays of non-residents still have not reached the results from the year 2019; in the surveyed quarter, it was by 36% lower.

*“In the reference period,* ***5 million guests in total arrived*** *in collective accommodation establishments, which was by 229% more compared to the previous year. The number of domestic guests increased more than two times and also the number of guests from abroad who accommodated was considerably higher than last year,”* Marie Boušková, Director of the Trade, Transport, Services, Tourism, and Environmental Statistics Department of the CZSO, stated.

The segment of hotels, in which 70% of all guests accommodated, recorded an increase in the total number of guests to 3.5 million arrivals (by 304.2%). Arrivals in boarding houses accounted for 14% of the volume of the number of guests with a year-on-year increment by 143.3%. The start of the tourist season in camps brought 270 thousand arrivals, by 59.3% more compared to the previous year. In the second quarter of 2022, the most visited Regions of the Czech Republic were, besides the *Hl. m. Praha* Region, i.e. Prague, the *Jihomoravský* Region and the *Jihočeský* Region, as usually. In Prague, foreigners made 73% of the accommodated; in other Regions, the clientele from the Czech Republic was prevailing.

*“Outputs of accommodation establishments in the second quarter of 2022 still have not reached the volumes from the period before the pandemic. There is still a lack of guests from abroad, only 65% of them accommodated compared to 2019, whereas the number of domestic guests was already higher than in the Q2 2019,”* Pavel Vančura, Head of the Tourism and Environmental Statistics Unit of the CZSO, said.

The highest number of **foreign guests** (non-residents; by citizenship) came to accommodate in collective accommodation establishments, as usually, from Germany. In the surveyed accommodation establishments, Germans still made over a fourth of guests from abroad (521 thousand arrivals). The second most numerous group consisted of guests from Slovakia (229 thousand), and guests from Poland ranked third (165 thousand arrivals). From non-European countries, the United States of America ranked fourth with 103 thousand arrivals. The lack of arrivals from Asian countries and the Russian Federation continued.

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The total number of guests includes data concerning Ukrainian nationals who paid for their accommodation themselves. However, due to the war conflict in the Ukraine, operators of accommodation establishments were not always able to distinguish whether their guests are tourists or refugees. Therefore, also persons who cannot be objectively considered tourism participants according to international recommendations might have been included in the number of guests.

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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