

2.1.4. Foreign tourists

In 2008 among all people accommodated in collective tourist accommodation establishments in the Małopolskie voivodship, foreign tourists accounted for 829.0 thous. (30.6%). Foreign tourists spent 1985.7 thous. nights (25.0% of all overnight stays in collective tourist accommodation establishments).

In relation to 2007 decreased the number of foreign tourists (by 150.5 thous., i.e., by 15.4%), the number of nights spent by them (by 283.2 thous., i.e., by 12.5%) as well as their share in total size of tourism in voivodship (by 4.0 percentage points — of people accommodated and by 3.3 percentage points — of nights spent). Such tendency of foreign tourist traffic in 2008 occurred in the whole country. One can suppose that it was influenced by a high exchange rate of zloty, which caused that arrivals of foreigners to Poland became less financially attractive.

TABLE VI. INDICES OF FOREIGN TOURISTS ACCOMMODATED IN COLLECTIVE TOURIST ACCOMMODATION ESTABLISHMENTS

YEARS	Total	Hotel facilities	Other facilities	Total	Hotel facilities	Other facilities
	year 2000 = 100			previous year = 100		
2001	100.5	97.5	111.9	100.5	97.5	111.9
2002	104.1	106.6	94.5	103.6	109.4	84.5
2003	109.2	111.7	99.6	104.9	104.8	105.4
2004	143.1	152.1	108.6	131.0	136.2	109.1
2005	175.4	188.9	123.7	122.6	124.2	113.9
2006	184.4	197.4	134.6	105.1	104.5	108.8
2007.....	193.1	210.1	128.3	104.7	106.4	95.3
2008.....	163.4	178.3	106.9	84.6	84.8	83.3

Most (81.2%) foreign tourist in Małopolska for overnight stay chose hotels, where they accounted for 45.1% of total number of guests (67.9% in five-star hotels). Traditionally, the share of foreigners among tourists accommodated on camping sites was high (56.0%). The share of foreign tourists decreased in almost all types of facilities. It increased only in other hotel facilities (by 3.7 percentage points) and in youth hostels (by 0.1 percentage point).

An average stay of a tourist in the facility amounted to 2.4 days (2.3 days in 2007). The longest was the stay of foreign tourists in health establishments (7.4 days) and the shortest — in motels (1.3 days).

Among tourists whose place of permanent residence was the country other than Poland, Europeans constituted 82.0%, newcomers from Asia — 8.0% and from South America — 6.8%.

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