



Hike in Ukraine



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Hiking is quite well developed in two regions of Ukraine - Crimea and Carpathians

Beautiful landscapes, mountains, sea, caves, canyons, plenty of historical and cultural monuments and places for camping

Significantly less activity around big cities



Crimea ~ south coast





First mountain club

In 1890 the first Russian Tourism Organization – Crimean Mountain Club – was created.

First Crimean Guides (postcard)





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In Crimea and Carpathians there are marked trails, good choice of activities (climbing, diving, horse riding, etc), accommodation, places to eat, guides, maps, websites, books

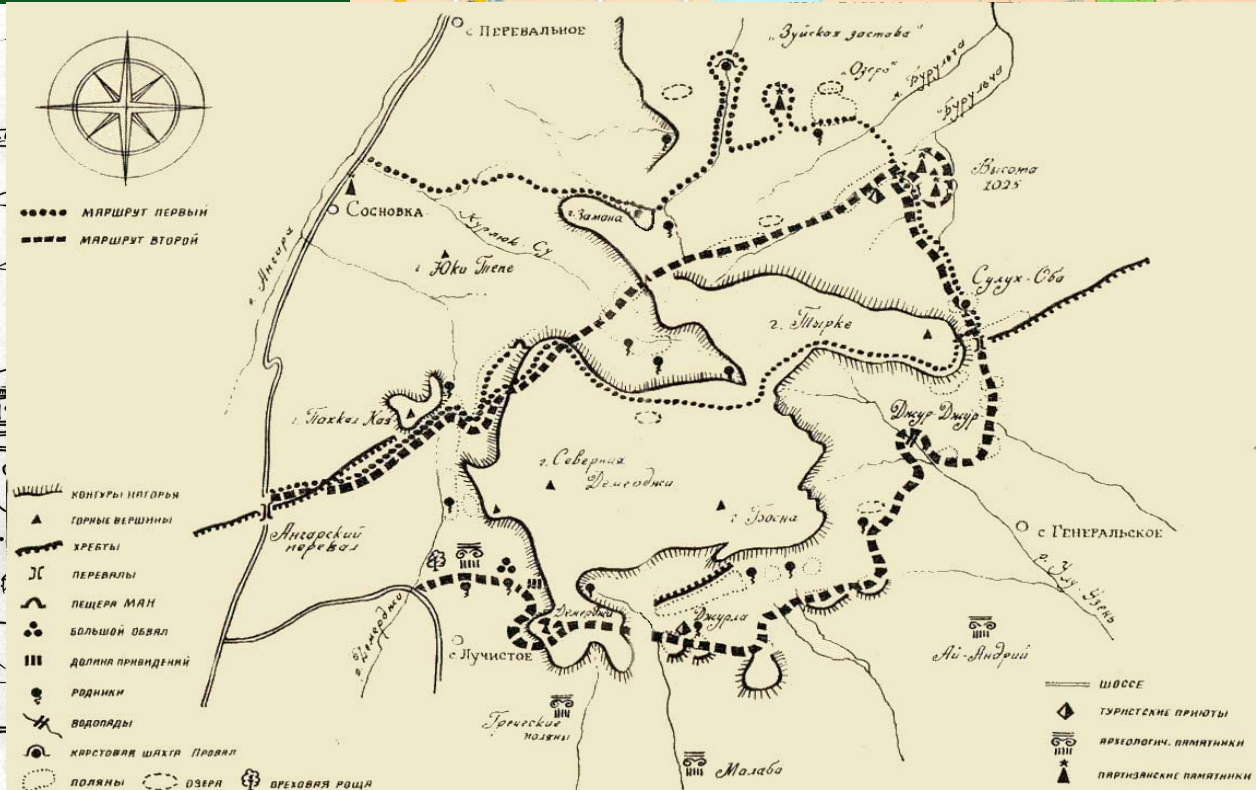
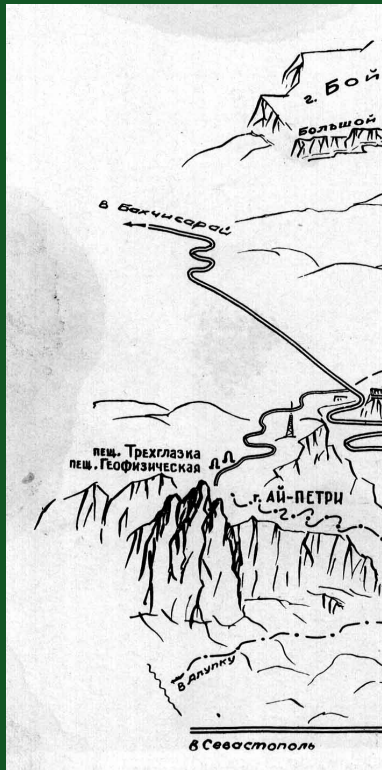


Maps and developed routes

Plenty for Crimea

Less for Carpathians

Practically nothing for other destinations





Mount Hoverla

Former President of Ukraine V. Yuschenko climbed Mount Hoverla – the highest peak in the country (2061 m)

Since then every August 24 (Independence Day) thousands of Ukrainians make a pilgrimage to the top of Hoverla





Accommodation

There is a huge variety of accommodation on routes in Crimea and Carpathians for those who don't want to use tents

Some tourist bases remain from Soviet times – not very comfortable or modern but in good places. Some have new buildings





Carpathians

Ukrainian part of Carpathians have very hikeable mountains, with fairly gentle relief and no inaccessible peaks

Yet they are among the European wildest mountains - not yet modernized by hiking trails, mountain refuges, camping grounds, RV parks, or cable cars





Around cities

Hiking is also popular around big cities ~ usually on weekends





Lower Danube Region

Hiking is undeveloped in the Danube region until perestroika because it was a Soviet border zone and was closed for visitors

- No hotels
- No restaurants
- No services
- No roads to sites







Statistics on hiking tours

Official statistics include only those tourist groups which are registered in state commission of tourism

Usually these groups belong to tourist clubs which are organized in universities, schools, etc.

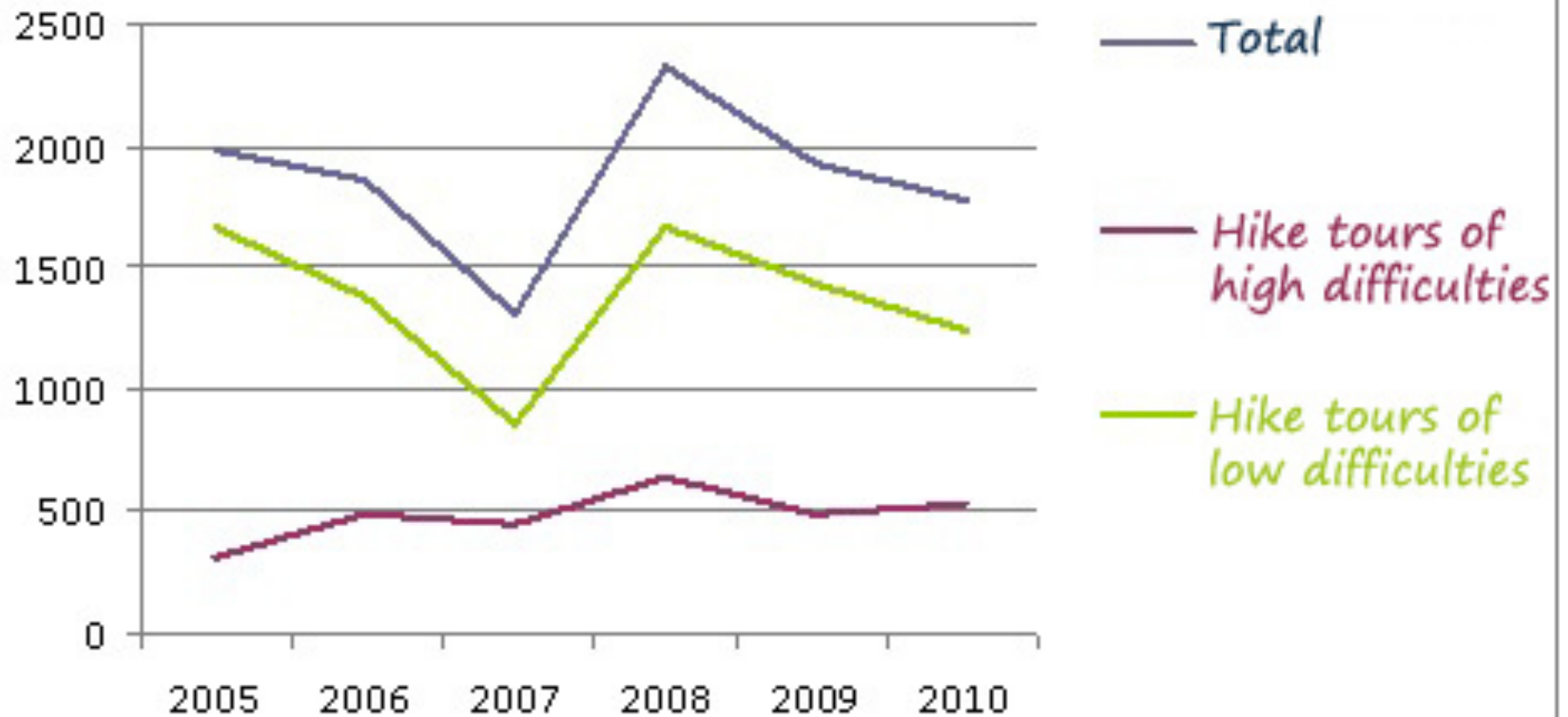
But there are also unregistered tourist groups

So the actual number of hiking tourist groups is certainly much higher than official figures suggest



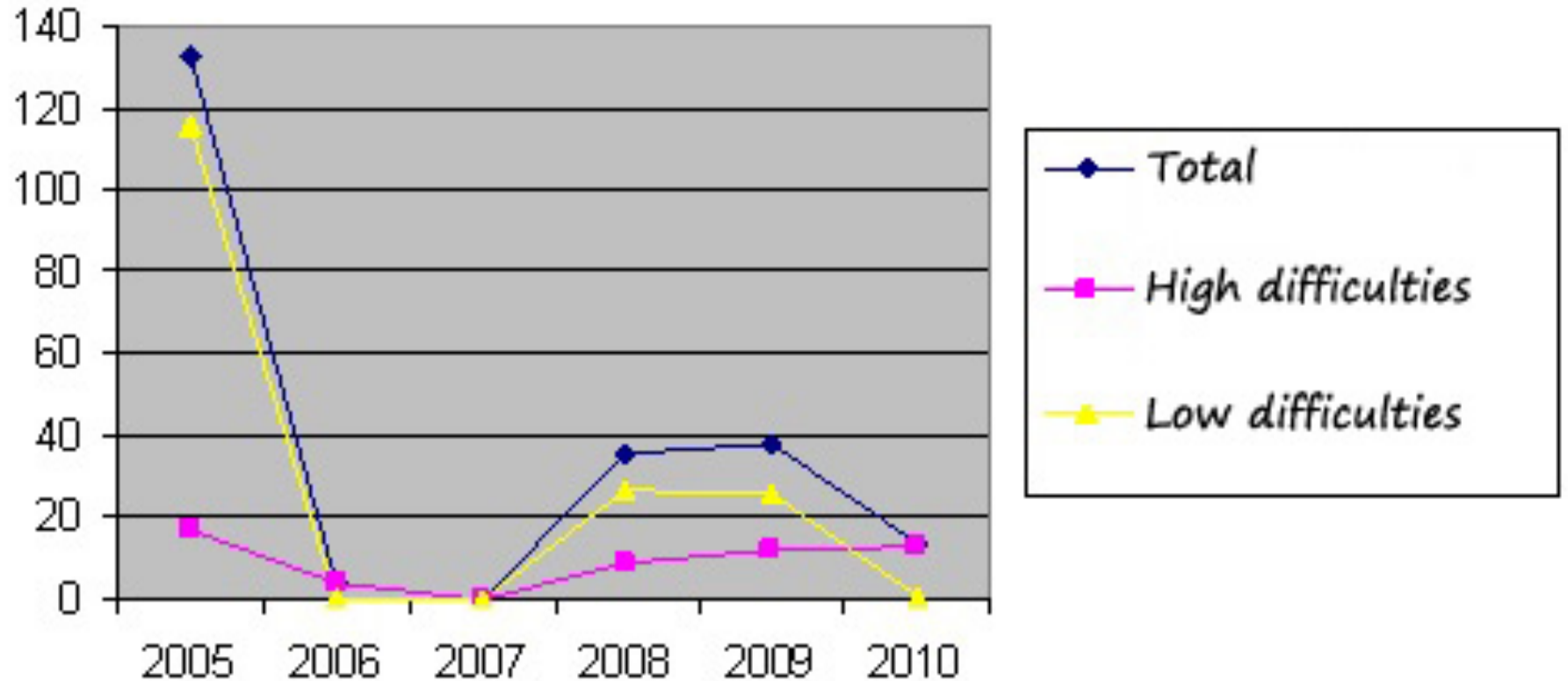


Number of hiking tours in 2005-2010



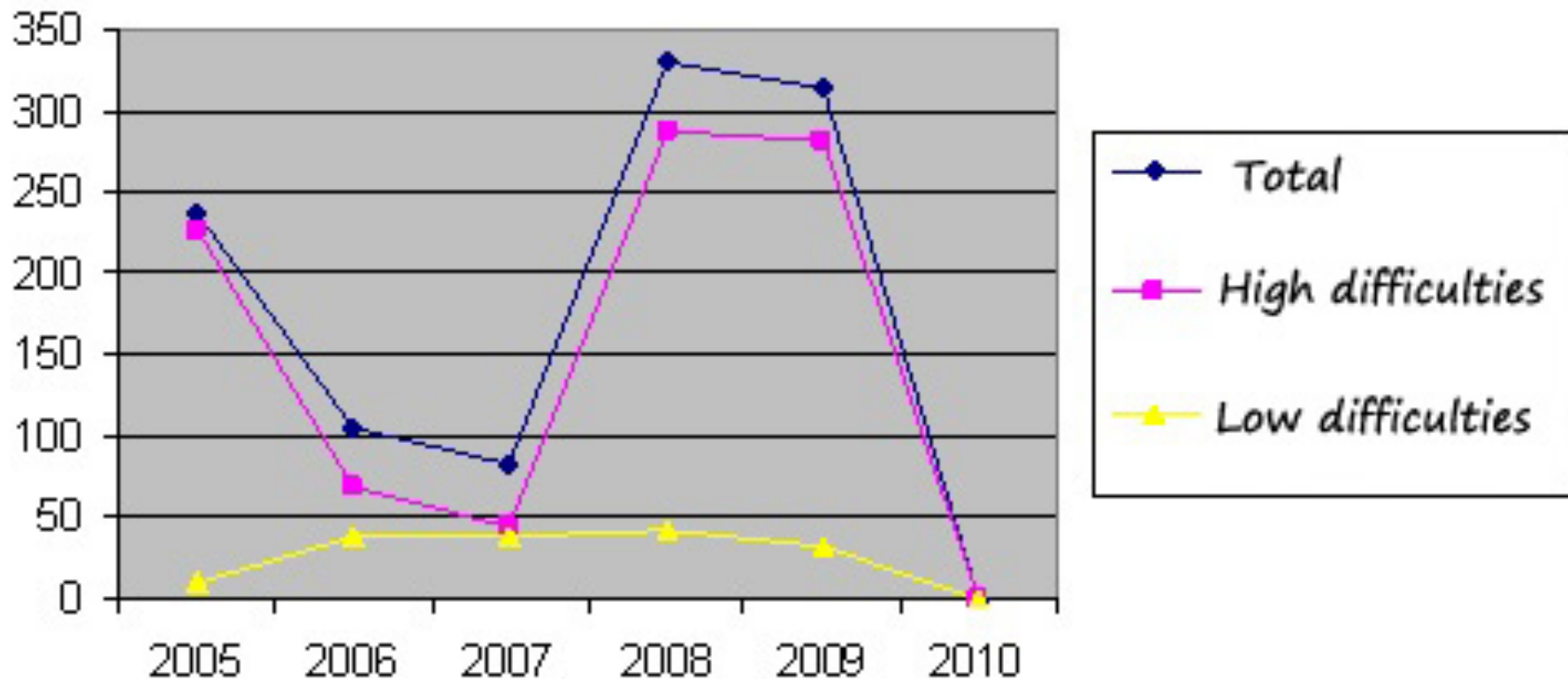


Number of hiking tours in Autonomous republic Crimea



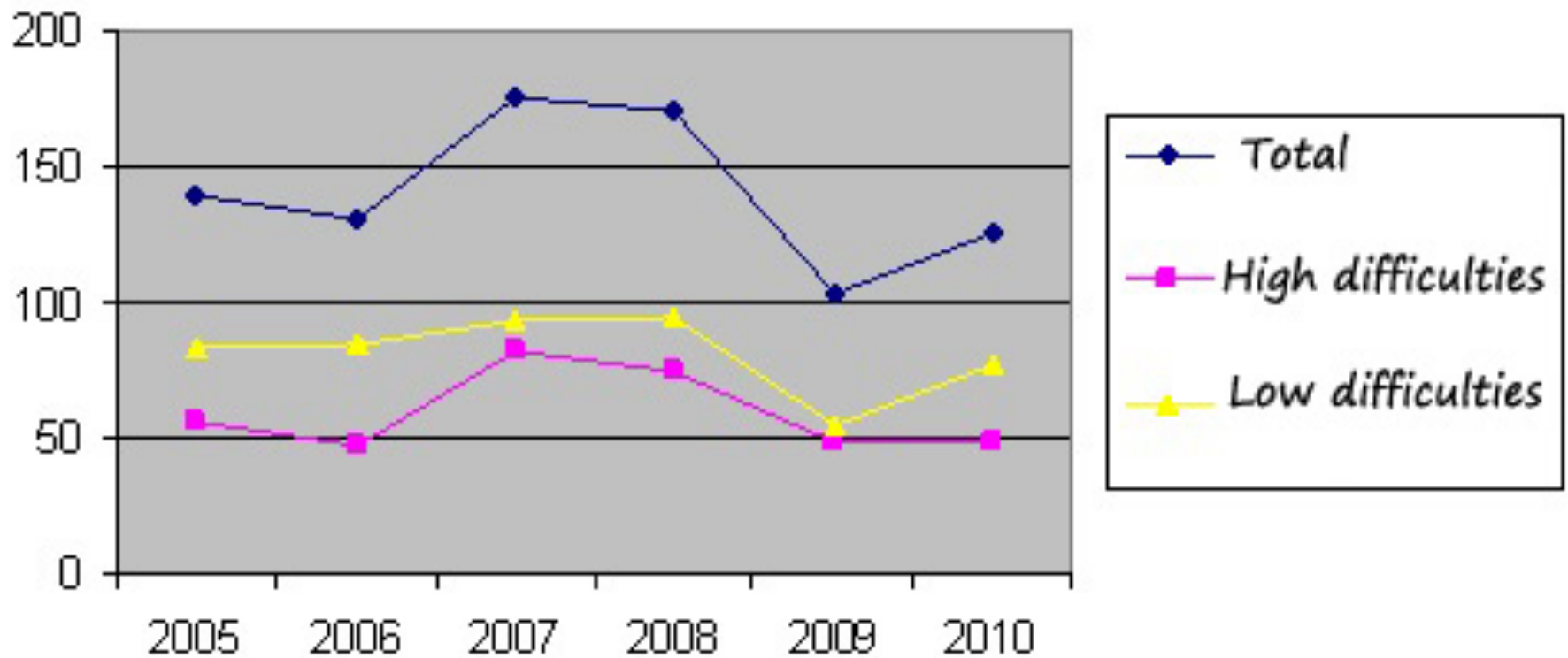


Number of hiking tours in Carpathians



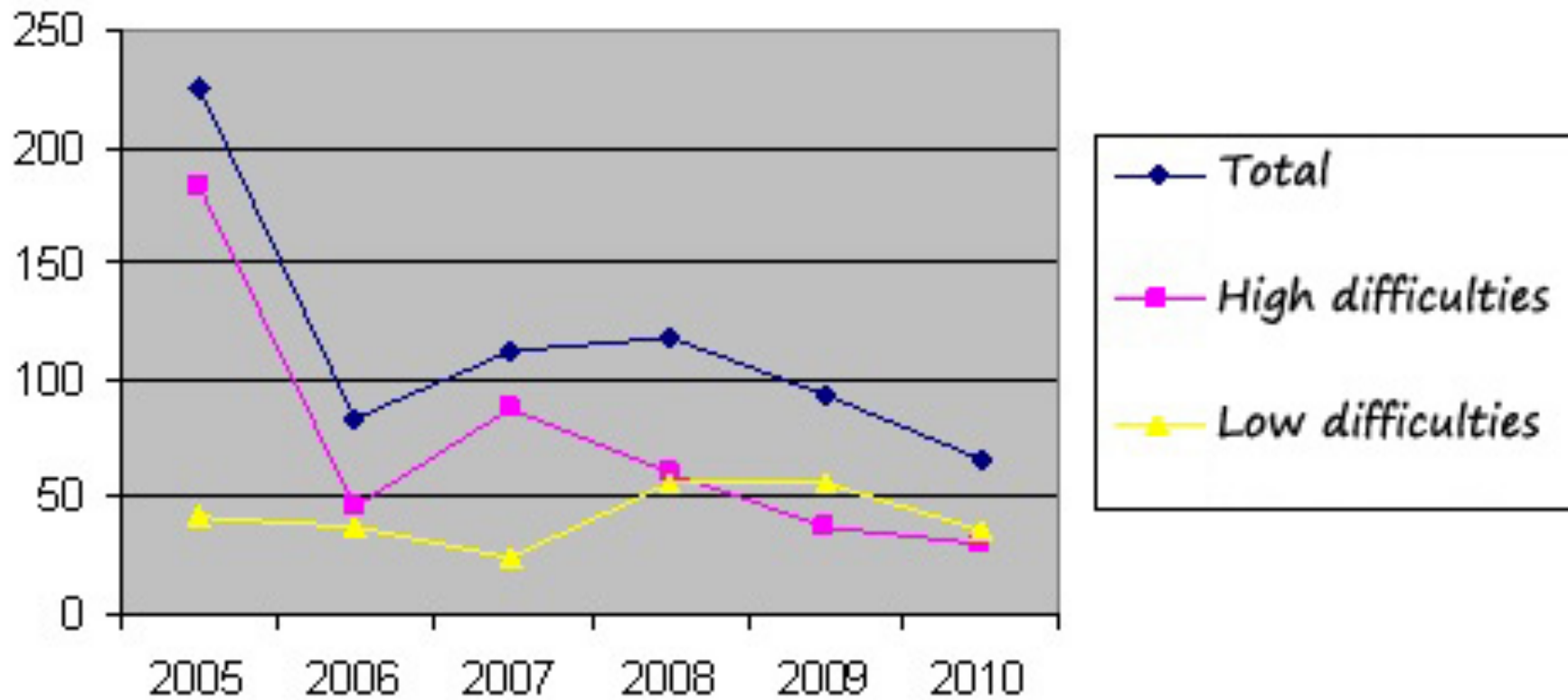


Number of hiking tours in Kyiv region





Number of hiking tours in Odessa





Demographic groups of hikers in Ukraine

Average profile of modern hikers
in Ukraine:

Young people 20-25 years old;

70% of the tourists are female;

Residents of large cities





More and more parents take their kids with them





Thank you !

