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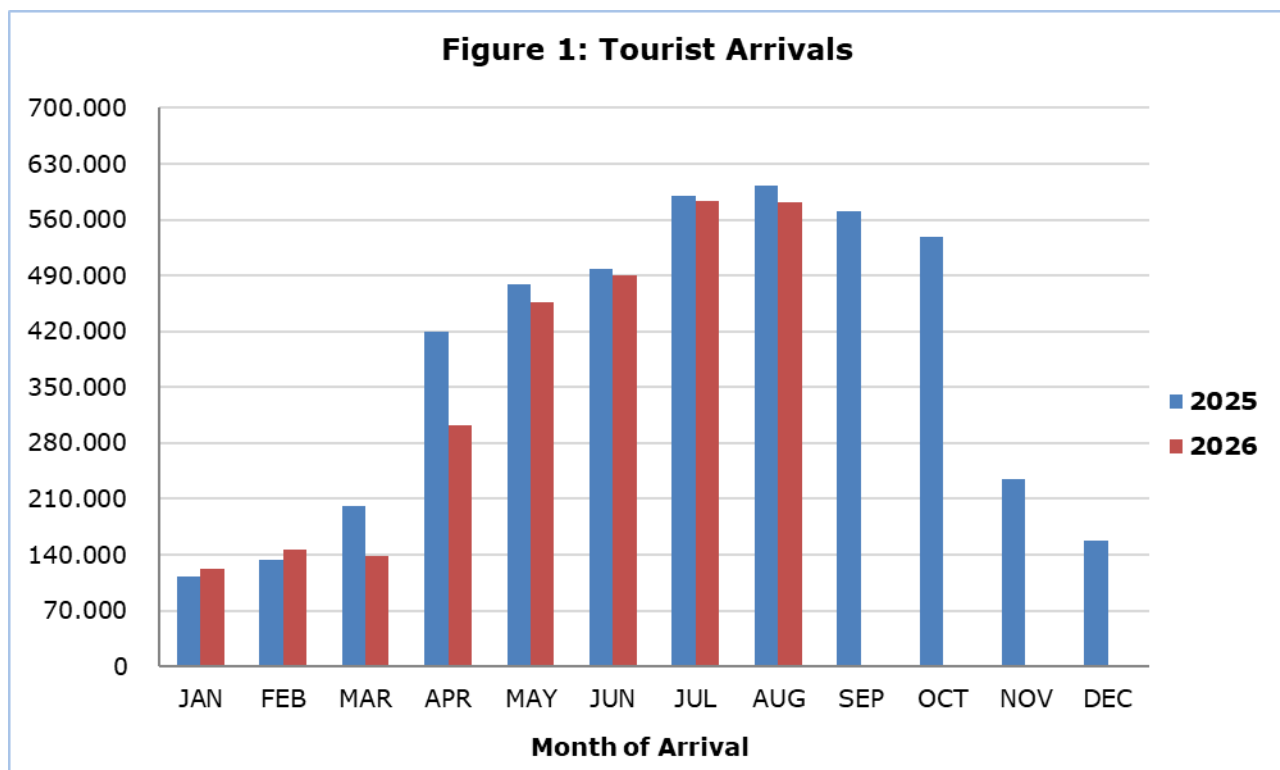
TOURIST ARRIVALS AND RETURNS OF RESIDENTS OF CYPRUS FROM TRIPS ABROAD: **AUGUST 2026**

Tourist Arrivals -3,3% and Returns of Residents of Cyprus 0,3%

Tourist Arrivals

The arrivals of tourists reached 581.880 in August 2026 compared to 602.026 in August 2025, recording a decrease of 3,3%.

For the period of January – August 2026, arrivals of tourists totaled 2.820.649 compared to 3.034.155 in the corresponding period of 2025, recording a decrease of 7,0%.



Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for August 2026, with a share of 30,5% (177.603) of total arrivals, followed by Israel with 23,3% (135.628), Poland with 6,3% (36.622), Germany with 4,4% (25.823) and Sweden with 3,0% (17.441) (Table 1).

Table 1

Country of Usual Residence	Tourist Arrivals			Percentage Change (%) Aug 2026/25
	August			
	2024	2025	2026	
	TOTAL	554.923	602.026	
Austria	10.620	11.935	10.389	-13,0
France	16.798	15.663	8.453	-46,0
Germany	23.068	27.665	25.823	-6,7
Denmark	8.816	9.984	9.733	-2,5
Switzerland	8.459	7.277	6.739	-7,4
Greece	14.307	15.294	13.810	-9,7
United Kingdom	192.424	193.091	177.603	-8,0
Israel	74.032	105.597	135.628	28,4
Lebanon	5.663	5.745	5.085	-11,5
Norway	6.782	7.896	8.006	1,4
Netherlands	6.740	7.672	6.331	-17,5
Hungary	8.960	9.378	8.465	-9,7
Poland	42.650	41.844	36.622	-12,5
Romania	14.448	18.300	15.317	-16,3
Sweden	22.508	18.636	17.441	-6,4
Other	98.648	106.049	96.435	-9,1

In August 2026, 84,5% of tourists travelled for holidays, 13,0% visited friends and relatives and 2,4% travelled for business purposes. Respectively, in August 2025, 86,5% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 11,4% visited friends or relatives and 2,1% visited Cyprus for business purposes (Table 2).

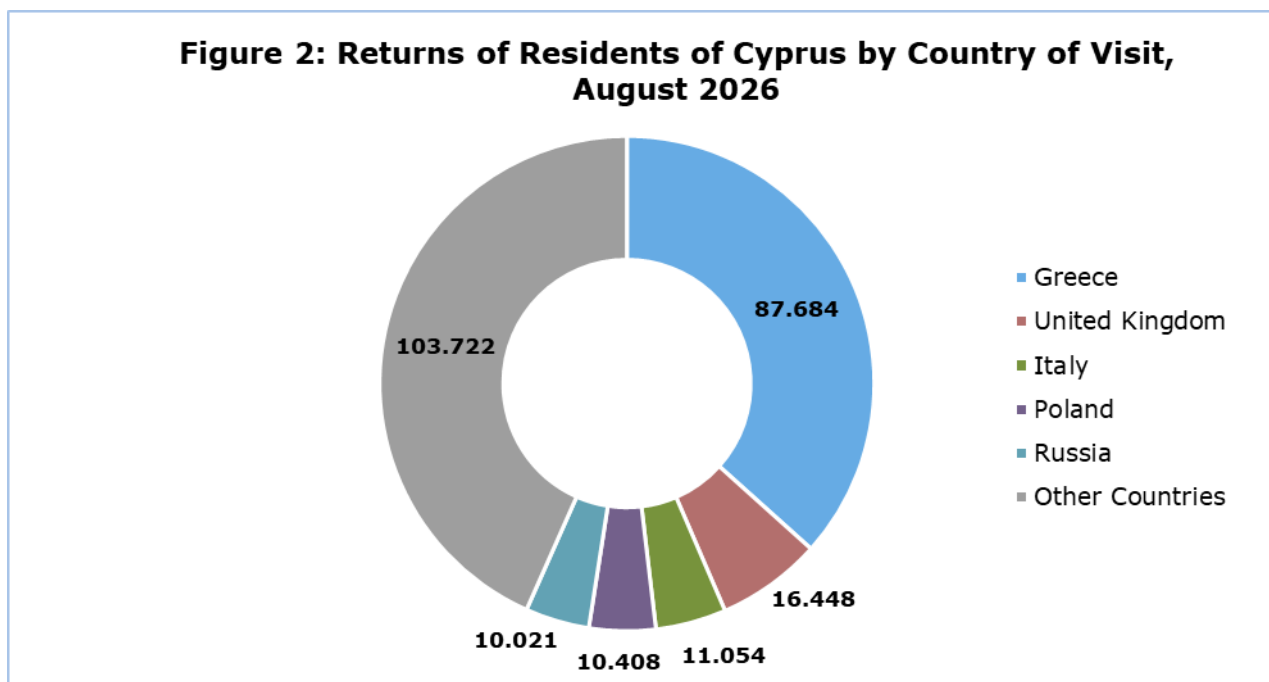
Table 2

Purpose of Visit	Percentage (%)		
	Aug 2024	Aug 2025	Aug 2026
Holidays	87,3	86,5	84,5
Visiting friends & relatives	10,2	11,4	13,0
Business	2,5	2,1	2,4

Returns of Residents of Cyprus

A total of 239.337 residents of Cyprus returned from a trip abroad in August 2026 compared to 238.740 in the corresponding month last year, recording an increase of 0,3%.

The main countries from which residents of Cyprus returned in August 2026 were Greece with a share of 36,6% (87.684), the United Kingdom with 6,9% (16.448), Italy with 4,6% (11.054), Poland with 4,3% (10.408) and Russia with 4,2% (10.021).



The purpose of travel for the residents of Cyprus in August 2026 was mainly holidays, with a percentage of 93,1%, whilst business reasons held a percentage of 5,9%, studies 0,8% and other reasons 0,2%.

METHODOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Definitions

Tourists – Visitors who stay for at least one night in Cyprus.

Tourist arrivals – The term refers to the number of trips and not to the number of persons. This differs in the sense that one person can take more than one trip during the reference period.

Residents of Cyprus - This category includes persons who have resided in Cyprus for at least 12 months or who have come to Cyprus with the intention of staying for at least 12 months, prior to their travel.

Source of Data and Coverage

The data are obtained from the Passengers Survey which is carried out at the points of arrival in Larnaka and Pafos airports. Additionally, data are also collected from administrative sources, such as the monthly arrivals from ports.

The data covers all persons who pass through passport control at the ports and airports in the Government controlled area of Cyprus. It does not include travelers who arrive and depart illegally via ports and airports in the occupied part of Cyprus.

The weighting was conducted based on the data sent to the Statistical Service by the Civil Aviation Department and from the ship manifests, as well as on the data sent by the Analysis and Statistics Office of the Cyprus Police.

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