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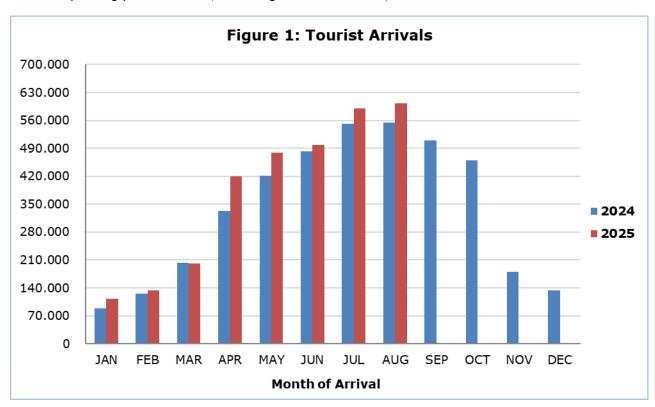
TOURIST ARRIVALS AND RETURNS OF RESIDENTS OF CYPRUS FROM TRIPS ABROAD: **AUGUST 2025**

Tourist Arrivals 8,5% and Returns of Residents of Cyprus 23,9%

Tourist Arrivals

The arrivals of tourists reached 602.026 in August 2025 compared to 554.923 in August 2024, recording an increase of 8,5%.

For the period of January – August 2025, arrivals of tourists totaled 3.034.155 compared to 2.758.627 in the corresponding period of 2024, recording an increase of 10,0%.



Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for August 2025, with a share of 32,1% (193.091) of total arrivals, followed by Israel with 17,5% (105.597), Poland with 7,0% (41.844), Germany with 4,6% (27.665), Sweden with 3,1% (18.636) and Romania with 3,0% (18.300) (Table 1).

Table 1

Country of Usual Residence —	Tourist Arrivals				
	August			Percentage Change (%)	
	2023	2024	2025	Aug. 2025/24	
TOTAL	511.387	554.923	602.026	8,5	
Austria	11.583	10.620	11.935	12,4	
France	14.765	16.798	15.663	-6,8	
Germany	23.178	23.068	27.665	19,9	
Denmark	8.199	8.816	9.984	13,2	
Switzerland	7.969	8.459	7.277	-14,0	
Greece	12.058	14.307	15.294	6,9	
United Kingdom	183.642	192.424	193.091	0,3	
Israel	76.130	74.032	105.597	42,6	
Lebanon	6.714	5.663	5.745	1,4	
Norway	6.211	6.782	7.896	16,4	
Netherlands	6.237	6.740	7.672	13,8	
Hungary	9.198	8.960	9.378	4,7	
Poland	29.495	42.650	41.844	-1,9	
Romania	9.467	14.448	18.300	26,7	
Sweden	18.218	22.508	18.636	-17,2	
Other	88.323	98.648	106.049	7,5	

For a percentage of 86,5% of tourists, the purpose of their trip in August 2025 was holidays, for 11,4% visit to friends and relatives and for 2,1% business. Respectively, in August 2024, 87,3% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 10,2% visited friends or relatives and 2,5% visited Cyprus for business reasons (Table 2).

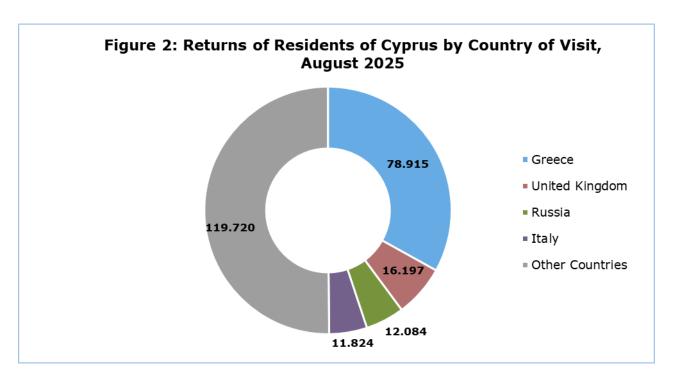
Table 2

	Percentage (%)			
Purpose of Visit	Aug. 2023	Aug. 2024	Aug. 2025	
Holidays	86,0	87,3	86,5	
Visiting friends & relatives	11,9	10,2	11,4	
Business	2,0	2,5	2,1	

Returns of Residents of Cyprus

A total number of 238.740 residents of Cyprus returned from a trip abroad in August 2025 compared to 192.756 in the corresponding month last year, recording an increase of 23,9%.

The main countries from which residents of Cyprus returned in August 2025 were Greece with a share of 33,1% (78.915), the United Kingdom with 6,8% (16.197), Russia with 5,1% (12.084) and Italy with 5,0% (11.824).



The purpose of travel for the residents of Cyprus in August 2025 was mainly holidays, with a percentage of 91,6%, whilst business reasons held a percentage of 6,7%, studies 1,3% and other reasons 0,4%.

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 trips 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.

For more information:

CYSTAT Portal, subtheme <u>Tourism</u> <u>CYSTAT-DB</u> (Online Database) <u>Predefined Tables</u> (Excel) <u>Methodological Information</u>

The Predefined Tables available in Excel format, include data up to December 2024. As of January 2025, data will only be available in the Online Database CYSTAT-DB.

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