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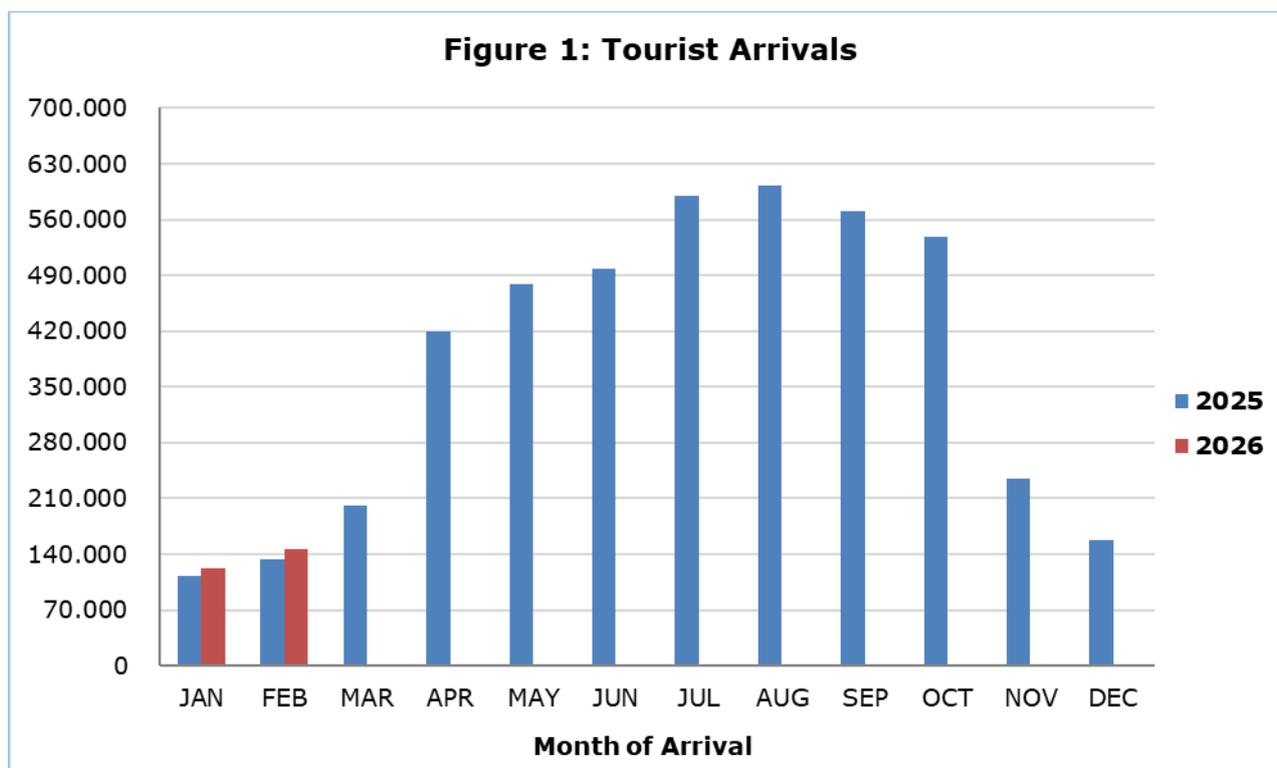
TOURIST ARRIVALS AND RETURNS OF RESIDENTS OF CYPRUS FROM TRIPS ABROAD: FEBRUARY 2026

Tourist Arrivals 9,5% and Returns of Residents of Cyprus 22,5%

Tourist Arrivals

The arrivals of tourists reached 146.516 in February 2026 compared to 133.760 in February 2025, recording an increase of 9,5%.

For the period of January – February 2026, arrivals of tourists totaled 268.141 compared to 245.860 in the corresponding period of 2025, recording an increase of 9,1%.



Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for February 2026, with a share of 19,3% (28.217) of total arrivals, followed by Poland with 18,4% (27.003), Israel with 12,6% (18.530), Greece with 9,3% (13.604) and Germany with 6,6% (9.723) (Table 1).

Table 1

Country of Usual Residence	Tourist Arrivals			Percentage Change (%)
	February			
	2024	2025	2026	Feb. 2026/25
TOTAL	125.034	133.760	146.516	9,5
Austria	2.178	1.957	2.848	45,5
France	3.928	1.796	2.851	58,7
Germany	7.359	8.093	9.723	20,1
Denmark	785	669	u	u
Switzerland	1.208	1.231	1.394	13,2
Greece	12.835	10.978	13.604	23,9
United Kingdom	30.774	33.115	28.217	-14,8
Israel	13.290	19.194	18.530	-3,5
Lebanon	1.905	1.918	1.988	3,6
Norway	935	800	u	u
Netherlands	1.536	2.238	1.872	-16,4
Hungary	1.720	659	1.350	104,9
Poland	16.591	20.165	27.003	33,9
Romania	2.011	2.424	3.658	50,9
Sweden	644	1.488	1.219	-18,1
Other	27.335	27.035	30.885	14,2

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In February 2026, 61,5% of tourists travelled for holidays, 21,6% visited friends and relatives and 16,7% travelled for business purposes. Respectively, in February 2025, 60,3% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 20,4% visited friends or relatives and 19,1% visited Cyprus for business purposes (Table 2).

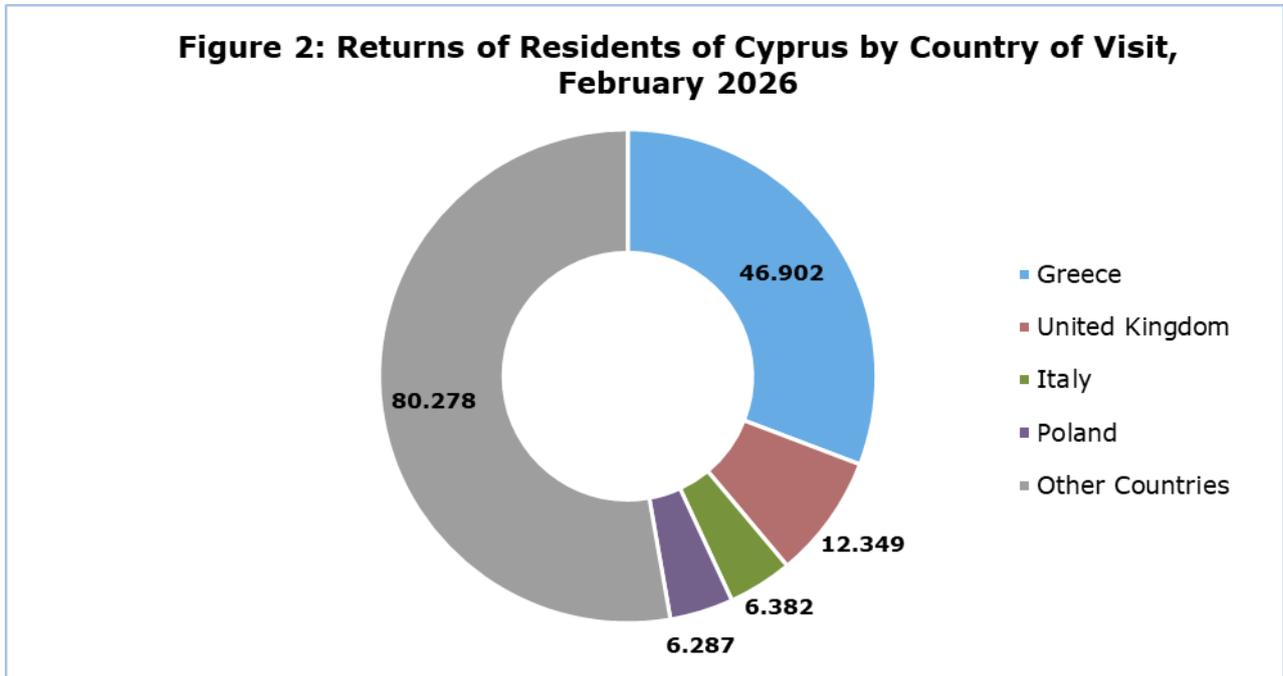
Table 2

Purpose of Visit	Percentage (%)		
	Feb. 2024	Feb. 2025	Feb. 2026
Holidays	66,8	60,3	61,5
Visiting friends & relatives	17,8	20,4	21,6
Business	14,2	19,1	16,7

Returns of Residents of Cyprus

A total of 152.198 residents of Cyprus returned from a trip abroad in February 2026 compared to 124.232 in the corresponding month last year, recording an increase of 22,5%.

The main countries from which residents of Cyprus returned in February 2026 were Greece with a share of 30,8% (46.902), the United Kingdom with 8,1% (12.349), Italy with 4,2% (6.382) and Poland with 4,1% (6.287).



The purpose of travel for the residents of Cyprus in February 2026 was mainly holidays, with a percentage of 78,7%, whilst business reasons held a percentage of 19,2%, studies 1,5% and other reasons 0,6%.

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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