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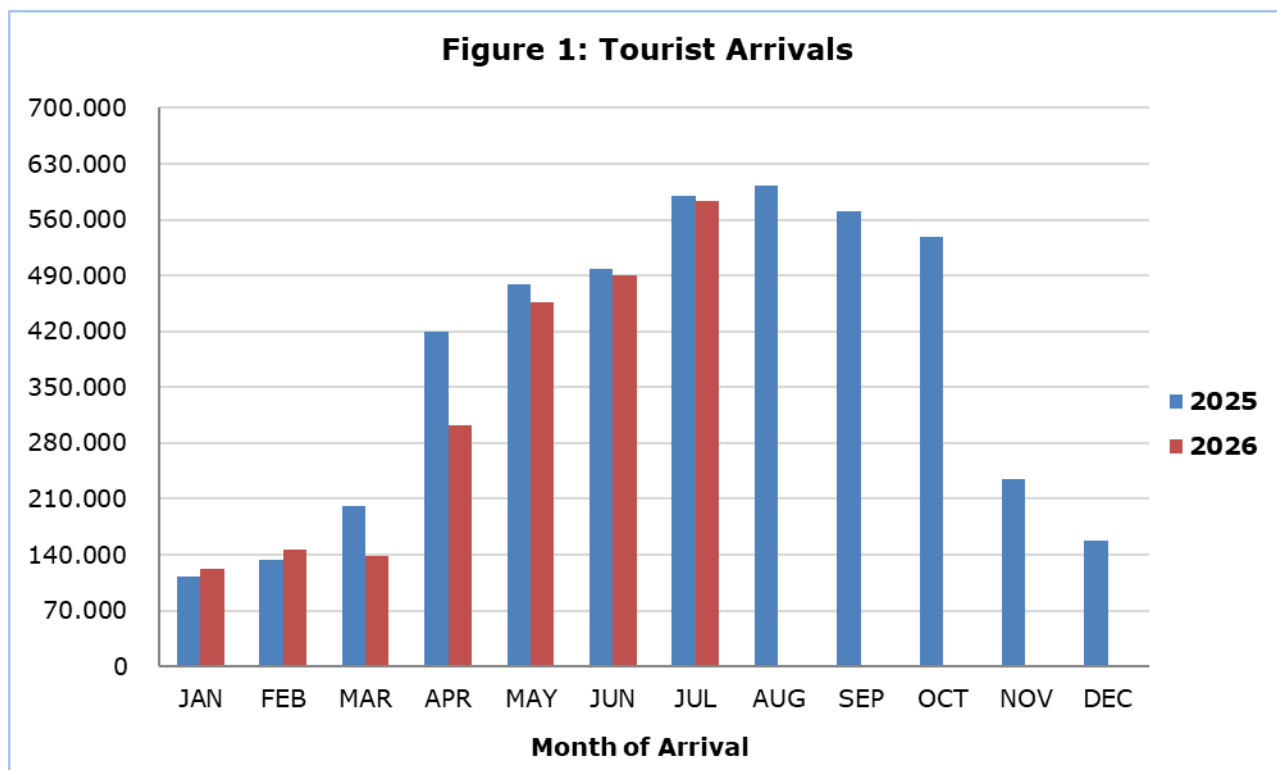
TOURIST ARRIVALS AND RETURNS OF RESIDENTS OF CYPRUS FROM TRIPS ABROAD: JULY 2026

Tourist Arrivals -1,1% and Returns of Residents of Cyprus 12,3%

Tourist Arrivals

The arrivals of tourists reached 582.754 in July 2026 compared to 589.116 in July 2025, recording a decrease of 1,1%.

For the period of January – July 2026, arrivals of tourists totaled 2.238.769 compared to 2.432.129 in the corresponding period of 2025, recording a decrease of 8,0%.



Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for July 2026, with a share of 31,9% (185.981) of total arrivals, followed by Israel with 20,5% (119.293), Poland with 6,3% (36.912), Germany with 3,7% (21.338) and Sweden with 3,4% (19.899) (Table 1).

Table 1

Country of Usual Residence	Tourist Arrivals			Percentage Change (%) July 2026/25
	July			
	2024	2025	2026	
	TOTAL	551.229	589.116	
Austria	12.510	12.295	9.068	-26,2
France	14.076	12.648	6.797	-46,3
Germany	20.726	23.694	21.338	-9,9
Denmark	14.136	14.857	14.494	-2,4
Switzerland	12.307	12.033	8.609	-28,5
Greece	16.888	13.383	12.385	-7,5
United Kingdom	186.751	189.730	185.981	-2,0
Israel	71.238	76.557	119.293	55,8
Lebanon	7.073	6.396	5.481	-14,3
Norway	12.690	12.704	14.055	10,6
Netherlands	5.980	8.630	6.973	-19,2
Hungary	10.723	11.292	8.521	-24,5
Poland	35.456	43.713	36.912	-15,6
Romania	13.751	17.000	14.339	-15,7
Sweden	23.511	20.455	19.899	-2,7
Other	93.413	113.729	98.609	-13,3

In July 2026, 85,2% of tourists travelled for holidays, 11,7% visited friends and relatives and 3,0% travelled for business purposes. Respectively, in July 2025, 85,5% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 11,6% visited friends or relatives and 2,8% visited Cyprus for business purposes (Table 2).

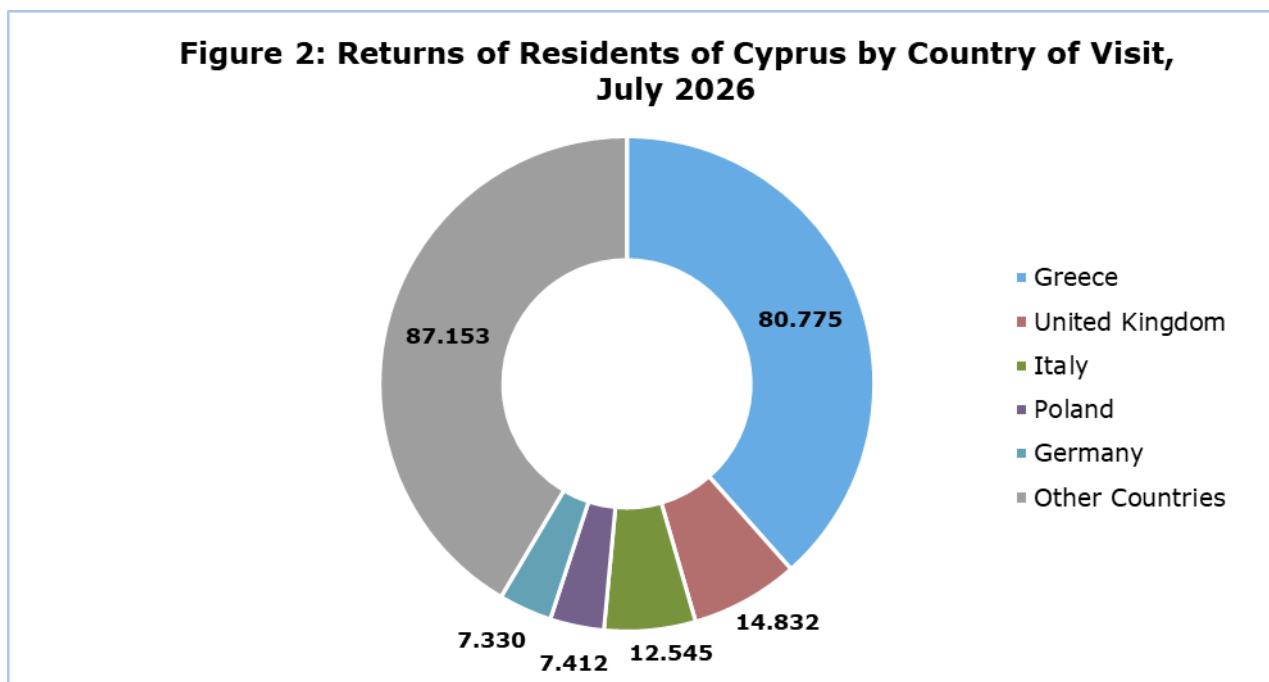
Table 2

Purpose of Visit	Percentage (%)		
	July 2024	July 2025	July 2026
Holidays	88,7	85,5	85,2
Visiting friends & relatives	8,6	11,6	11,7
Business	2,7	2,8	3,0

Returns of Residents of Cyprus

A total of 210.047 residents of Cyprus returned from a trip abroad in July 2026 compared to 186.987 in the corresponding month last year, recording an increase of 12,3%.

The main countries from which residents of Cyprus returned in July 2026 were Greece with a share of 38,5% (80.775), the United Kingdom with 7,1% (14.832), Italy with 6,0% (12.545), Poland with 3,5% (7.412) and Germany with 3,5% (7.330).



The purpose of travel for the residents of Cyprus in July 2026 was mainly holidays, with a percentage of 75,2%, whilst business reasons held a percentage of 13,7%, studies 10,3% and other reasons 0,7%.

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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