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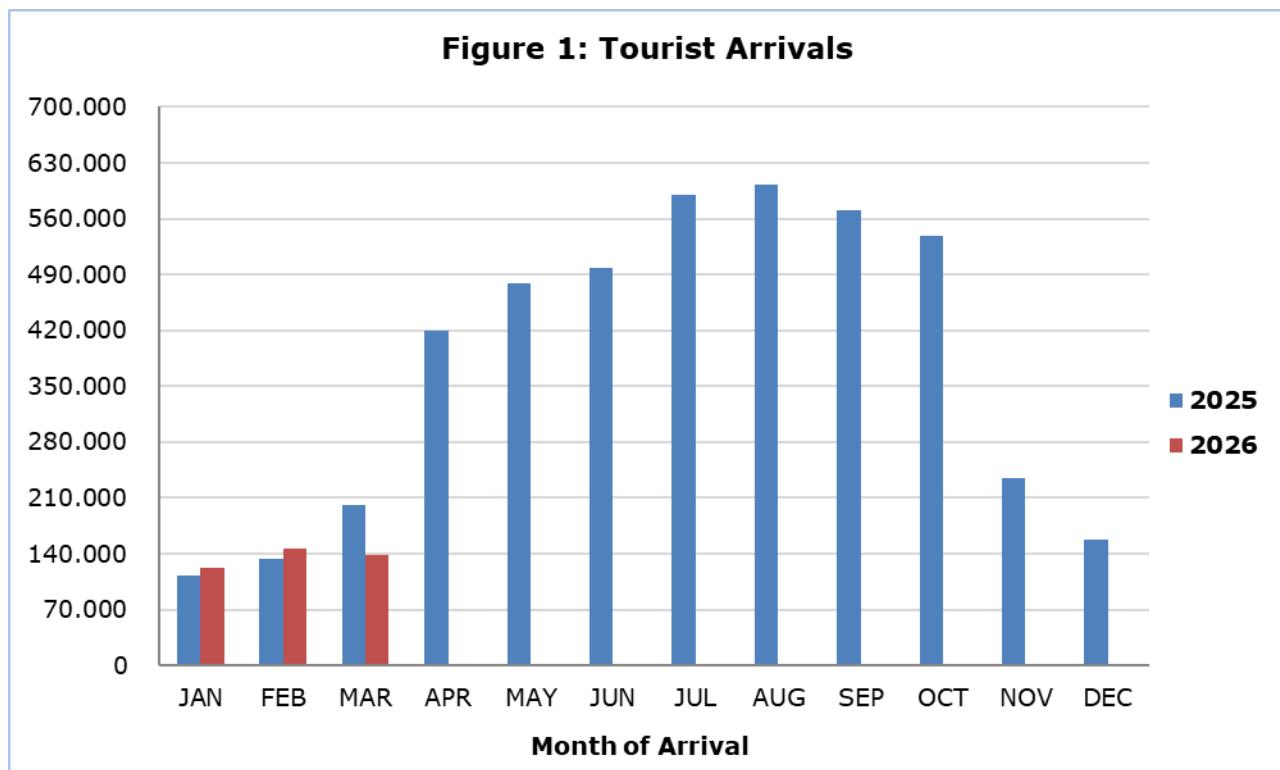
TOURIST ARRIVALS AND RETURNS OF RESIDENTS OF CYPRUS FROM TRIPS ABROAD: MARCH 2026

Tourist Arrivals -30,7% and Returns of Residents of Cyprus -8,8%

Tourist Arrivals

The arrivals of tourists reached 139.198 in March 2026 compared to 200.736 in March 2025, recording a decrease of 30,7%.

For the period of January – March 2026, arrivals of tourists totaled 407.339 compared to 446.596 in the corresponding period of 2025, recording a decrease of 8,8%.



Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for March 2026, with a share of 32,9% (45.763) of total arrivals, followed by Poland with 12,6% (17.604), Germany with 10,8% (14.999) and Greece with 6,5% (9.009) (Table 1).

Table 1

Country of Usual Residence	Tourist Arrivals			Percentage Change (%)
	March			
	2024	2025	2026	Mar 2026/25
TOTAL	202.256	200.736	139.198	-30,7
Austria	2.766	2.841	3.617	27,3
France	3.923	3.367	1.782	-47,1
Germany	19.732	16.084	14.999	-6,7
Denmark	1.297	743	1.478	98,9
Switzerland	2.468	2.354	1.617	-31,3
Greece	18.361	13.053	9.009	-31,0
United Kingdom	64.414	61.545	45.763	-25,6
Israel	16.620	28.353	1.537	-94,6
Lebanon	2.101	2.042	1.193	-41,6
Norway	2.421	1.321	1.504	13,9
Netherlands	1.738	2.780	2.295	-17,4
Hungary	3.671	1.570	1.512	-3,7
Poland	21.054	19.827	17.604	-11,2
Romania	2.823	2.921	3.178	8,8
Sweden	1.274	3.449	2.557	-25,9
Other	37.593	38.486	29.553	-23,2

In March 2026, 65,7% of tourists travelled for holidays, 19,8% visited friends and relatives and 14,3% travelled for business purposes. Respectively, in March 2025, 69,4% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 15,7% visited friends or relatives and 14,7% visited Cyprus for business purposes (Table 2).

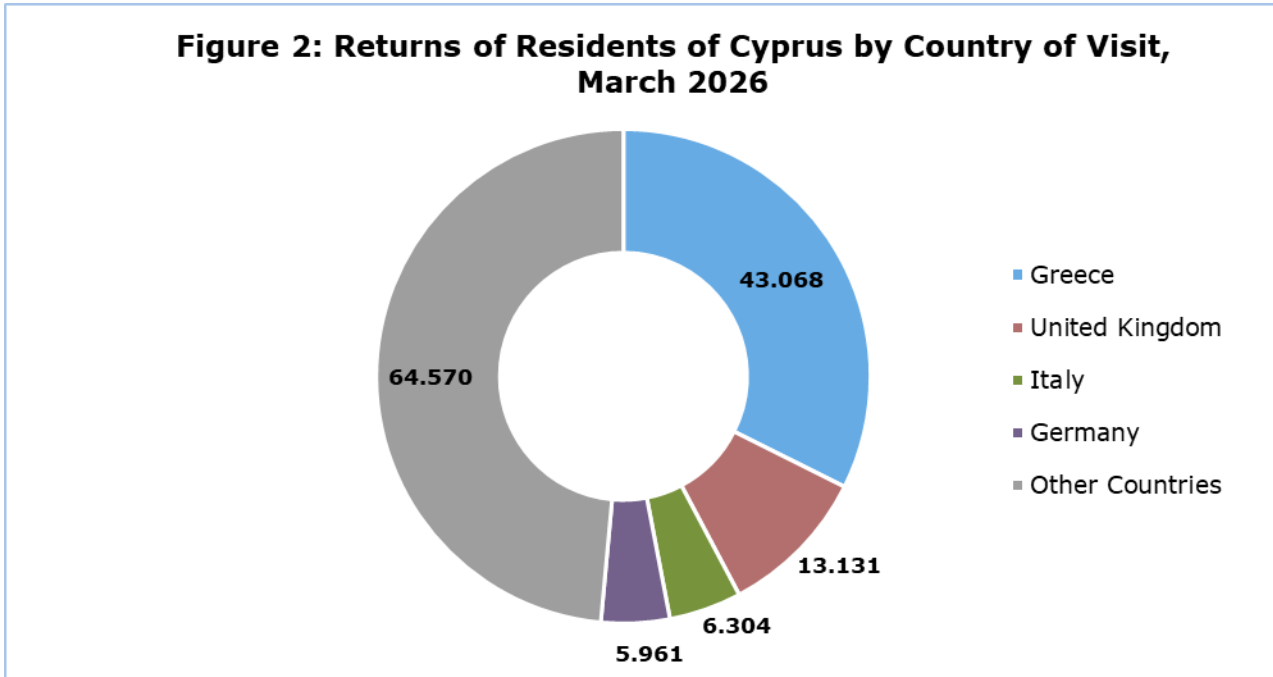
Table 2

Purpose of Visit	Percentage (%)		
	Mar 2024	Mar 2025	Mar 2026
Holidays	76,0	69,4	65,7
Visiting friends & relatives	13,1	15,7	19,8
Business	10,7	14,7	14,3

Returns of Residents of Cyprus

A total of 133.034 residents of Cyprus returned from a trip abroad in March 2026 compared to 145.940 in the corresponding month last year, recording a decrease of 8,8%.

The main countries from which residents of Cyprus returned in March 2026 were Greece with a share of 32,4% (43.068), the United Kingdom with 9,9% (13.131), Italy with 4,7% (6.304) and Germany with 4,5% (5.961).



The purpose of travel for the residents of Cyprus in March 2026 was mainly holidays, with a percentage of 72,5%, whilst business reasons held a percentage of 22,6%, studies 3,9% and other reasons 1,0%.

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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