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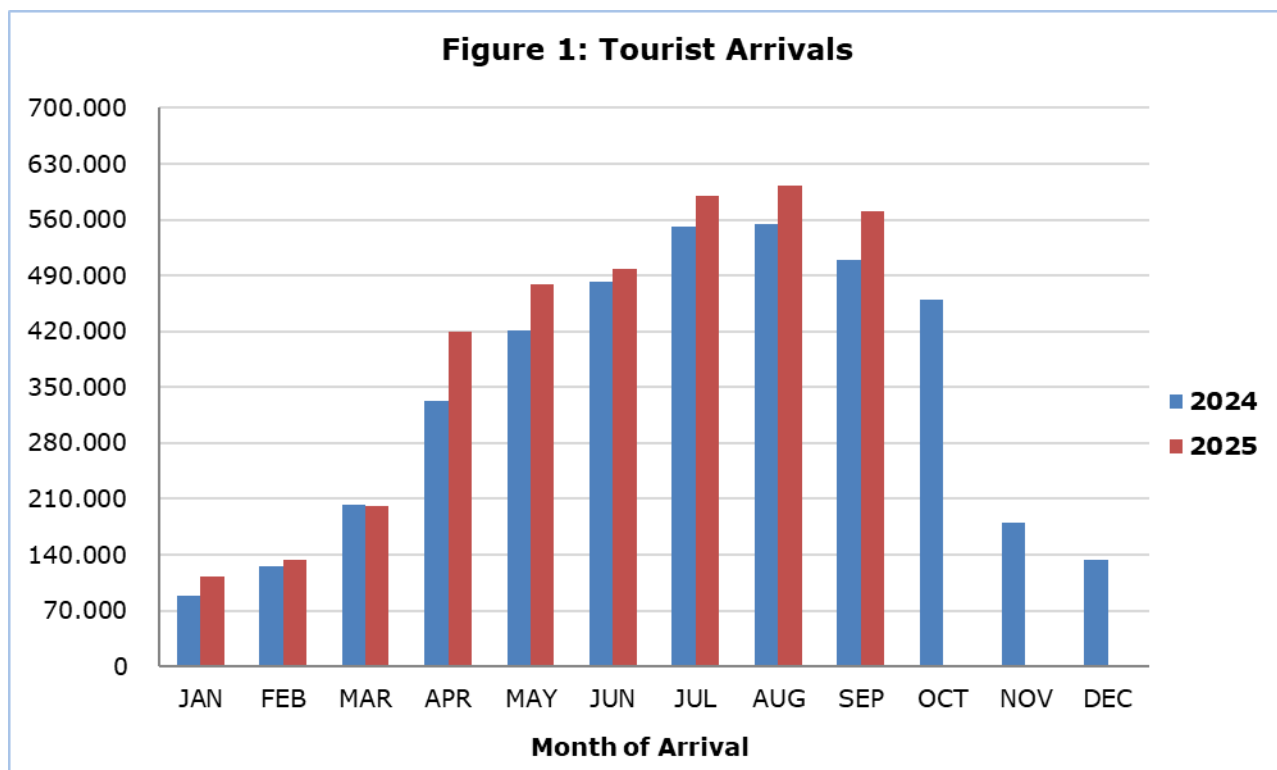
TOURIST ARRIVALS AND RETURNS OF RESIDENTS OF CYPRUS FROM TRIPS ABROAD: SEPTEMBER 2025

Tourist Arrivals 12,0% and Returns of Residents of Cyprus 6,4%

Tourist Arrivals

The arrivals of tourists reached 570.635 in September 2025 compared to 509.463 in September 2024, recording an increase of 12,0%.

For the period of January – September 2025, arrivals of tourists totaled 3.604.790 compared to 3.268.090 in the corresponding period of 2024, recording an increase of 10,3%.



Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for September 2025, with a share of 31,4% (179.293) of total arrivals, followed by Israel with 14,0% (80.115), Poland with 7,9% (45.019), Germany with 6,0% (34.348), Sweden with 3,6% (20.570), Romania with 3,1% (17.975) and Greece with 3,0% (17.217) (Table 1).

Table 1

Country of Usual Residence	Tourist Arrivals			Percentage Change (%)
	September			
	2023	2024	2025	Sep. 2025/24
TOTAL	487.350	509.463	570.635	12,0
Austria	9.335	9.758	12.333	26,4
France	8.578	9.870	9.771	-1,0
Germany	26.907	24.594	34.348	39,7
Denmark	8.895	9.015	9.113	1,1
Switzerland	11.163	11.366	10.663	-6,2
Greece	15.520	15.479	17.217	11,2
United Kingdom	165.869	180.961	179.293	-0,9
Israel	57.088	54.557	80.115	46,8
Lebanon	4.017	4.512	3.827	-15,2
Norway	9.008	10.439	9.495	-9,0
Netherlands	5.777	7.509	7.821	4,2
Hungary	9.630	8.998	9.264	3,0
Poland	32.530	42.295	45.019	6,4
Romania	10.072	14.705	17.975	22,2
Sweden	22.196	21.609	20.570	-4,8
Other	90.765	83.796	103.811	23,9

For a percentage of 84,8% of tourists, the purpose of their trip in September 2025 was holidays, for 10,1% visit to friends and relatives and for 5,0% business. Respectively, in September 2024, 85,1% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 9,6% visited friends or relatives and 5,2% visited Cyprus for business reasons (Table 2).

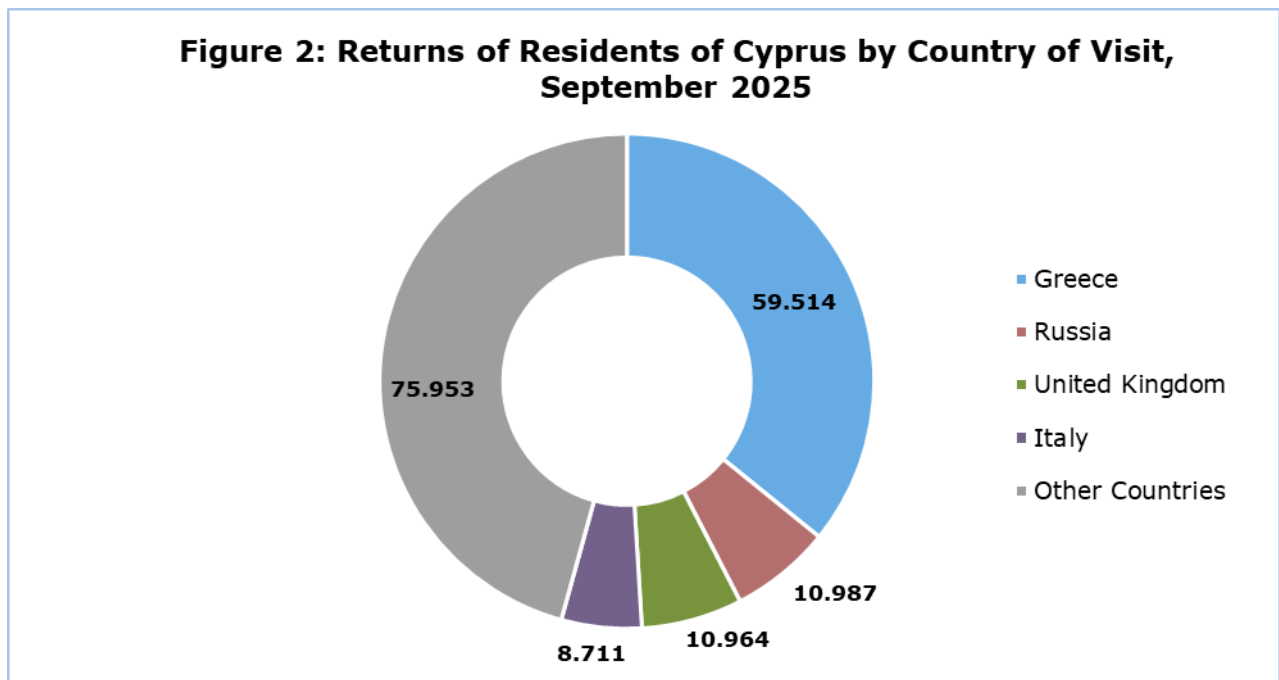
Table 2

Purpose of Visit	Percentage (%)		
	Sep. 2023	Sep. 2024	Sep. 2025
Holidays	84,1	85,1	84,8
Visiting friends & relatives	10,3	9,6	10,1
Business	5,5	5,2	5,0

Returns of Residents of Cyprus

A total number of 166.129 residents of Cyprus returned from a trip abroad in September 2025 compared to 156.153 in the corresponding month last year, recording an increase of 6,4%.

The main countries from which residents of Cyprus returned in September 2025 were Greece with a share of 35,8% (59.514), Russia with 6,6% (10.987), the United Kingdom with 6,6% (10.964) and Italy with 5,2% (8.711).



The purpose of travel for the residents of Cyprus in September 2025 was mainly holidays, with a percentage of 76,1%, whilst business reasons held a percentage of 21,0%, studies 1,6% and other reasons 1,3%.

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 [Tourism](#)

[CYSTAT-DB](#) (Online Database)

[Predefined Tables](#) (Excel)

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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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