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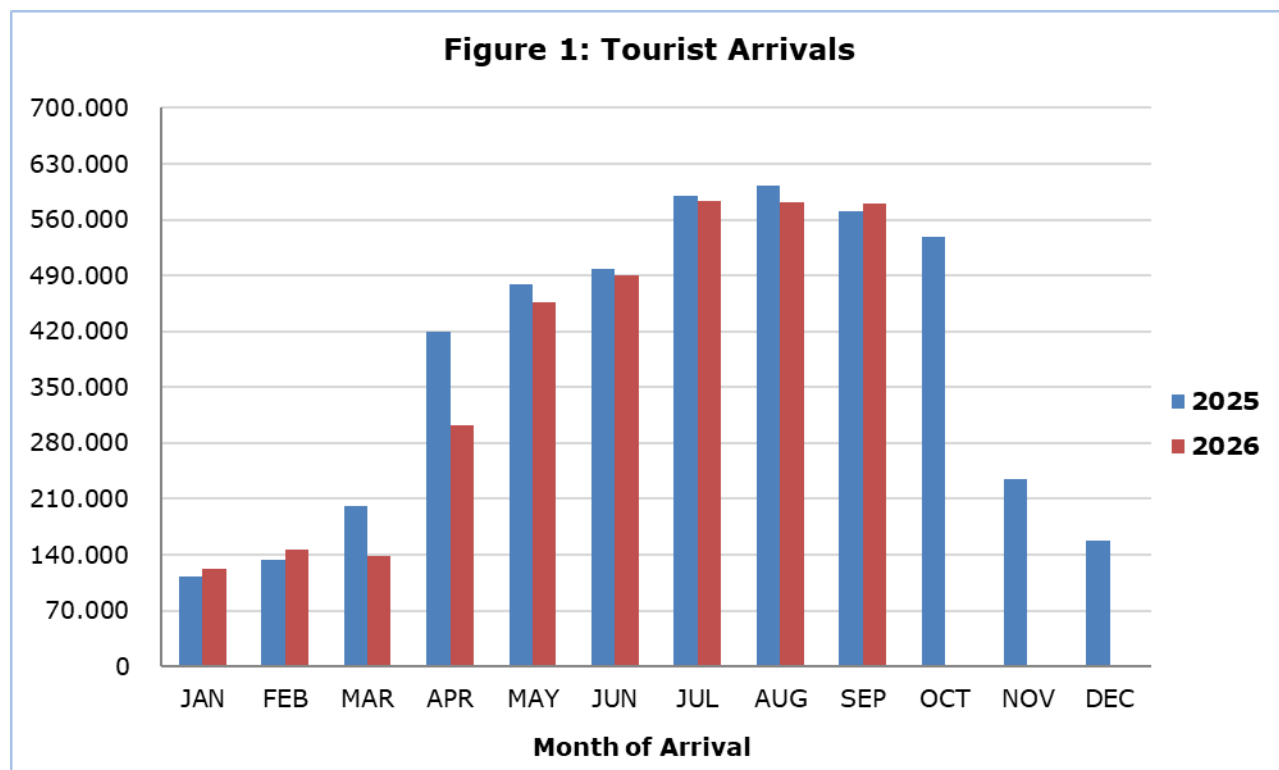
TOURIST ARRIVALS AND RETURNS OF RESIDENTS OF CYPRUS FROM TRIPS ABROAD: SEPTEMBER 2026

Tourist Arrivals 1,8% and Returns of Residents of Cyprus -0,4%

Tourist Arrivals

The arrivals of tourists reached 580.889 in September 2026 compared to 570.635 in September 2025, recording an increase of 1,8%.

For the period of January – September 2026, arrivals of tourists totaled 3.401.538 compared to 3.604.790 in the corresponding period of 2025, recording a decrease of 5,6%.



Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for September 2026, with a share of 31,7% (184.345) of total arrivals, followed by Israel with 18,1% (105.249), Poland with 7,2% (41.636), Germany with 5,2% (30.362), Greece with 3,4% (19.995) and Sweden with 3,2% (18.656) (Table 1).

Table 1

Country of Usual Residence	Tourist Arrivals			Percentage Change (%) Sep 2026/25
	September			
	2024	2025	2026	
	TOTAL	509.463	570.635	
Austria	9.758	12.333	10.637	-13,8
France	9.870	9.771	4.994	-48,9
Germany	24.594	34.348	30.362	-11,6
Denmark	9.015	9.113	8.354	-8,3
Switzerland	11.366	10.663	10.599	-0,6
Greece	15.479	17.217	19.995	16,1
United Kingdom	180.961	179.293	184.345	2,8
Israel	54.557	80.115	105.249	31,4
Lebanon	4.512	3.827	4.166	8,9
Norway	10.439	9.495	9.457	-0,4
Netherlands	7.509	7.821	7.121	-9,0
Hungary	8.998	9.264	8.991	-2,9
Poland	42.295	45.019	41.636	-7,5
Romania	14.705	17.975	15.058	-16,2
Sweden	21.609	20.570	18.656	-9,3
Other	83.796	103.811	101.269	-2,4

In September 2026, 84,8% of tourists travelled for holidays, 9,8% visited friends and relatives and 5,2% travelled for business purposes. Respectively, in September 2025, 84,8% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 10,1% visited friends or relatives and 5,0% visited Cyprus for business purposes (Table 2).

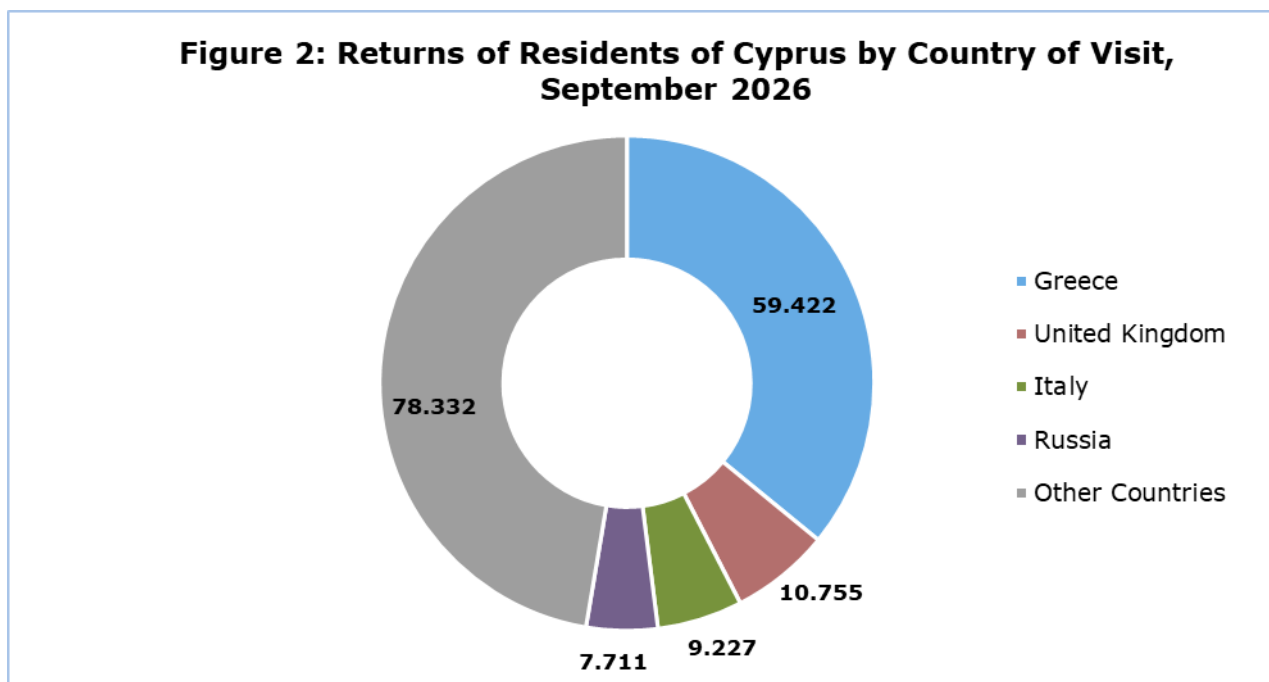
Table 2

Purpose of Visit	Percentage (%)		
	Sep 2024	Sep 2025	Sep 2026
Holidays	85,1	84,8	84,8
Visiting friends & relatives	9,6	10,1	9,8
Business	5,2	5,0	5,2

Returns of Residents of Cyprus

A total of 165.447 residents of Cyprus returned from a trip abroad in September 2026 compared to 166.129 in the corresponding month last year, recording a decrease of 0,4%.

The main countries from which residents of Cyprus returned in September 2026 were Greece with a share of 35,9% (59.422), the United Kingdom with 6,5% (10.755), Italy with 5,6% (9.227) and Russia with 4,7% (7.711).



The purpose of travel for the residents of Cyprus in September 2026 was mainly holidays, with a percentage of 82,9%, whilst business reasons held a percentage of 14,3%, studies 1,5% and other reasons 1,2%.

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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