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**PRESS RELEASE**

###### TOURIST ARRIVALS: AUGUST 2022

**Tourist Arrivals** **40,2%**

The arrivals of tourists reached 451.133 in August 2022 compared to 321.858 in August 2021, recording an increase of 40,2%.

For the period of January – August 2022, arrivals of tourists totaled 2.127.172 compared to 960.150 in the corresponding period of 2021, 424.850 in the period of January – August 2020 and 2.735.839 arrivals in the period of January – August 2019.

**Analysis of countries**

Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for August 2022, with a share of 41,2% (186.002) of total arrivals, followed by Israel with 9,6% (43.326), Poland with 5,2% (23.557), Germany with 4,7% (21.306), Sweden with 4,2% (18.759), Greece with 3,1% (13.991) and France with 3,0% (13.365).

**Purpose of visit**

For a percentage of 85,5% of tourists, the purpose of their trip in August 2022 was holidays, for 12,4% visit to friends and relatives and for 2,1% business. Respectively, in August 2021, 87,7% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 9,9% visited friends or relatives and 2,3% visited Cyprus for business reasons.

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| **Table 1** |
| **Purpose of visit** | **Percentage (%)**  |
| **Aug 20** | **Aug 21** | **Aug 22** |
| Holidays | 78,0 | 87,7 | 85,5 |
| Visiting friends & relatives | 17,9 | 9,9 | 12,4 |
| Business | 4,1 | 2,3 | 2,1 |
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**METHODOLOGICAL NOTES**

**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.

**Source of data and coverage**

The data are obtained from the Passengers Survey which is carried out at the points of arrival in Larnaca and Paphos 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](https://www.cystat.gov.cy/en/SubthemeStatistics?s=51)

[CYSTAT-DB](https://cystatdb.cystat.gov.cy/pxweb/en/8.CYSTAT-DB/8.CYSTAT-DB__Tourism__) (Online Database)

[Predefined Tables](https://www.cystat.gov.cy/en/KeyFiguresList?s=51) (Excel)

[Methodological Information](https://www.cystat.gov.cy/en/MethodologicalDetails?m=2172)

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