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TOURIST ARRIVALS AND RETURNS OF RESIDENTS OF CYPRUS FROM TRIPS ABROAD: FEBRUARY 2024

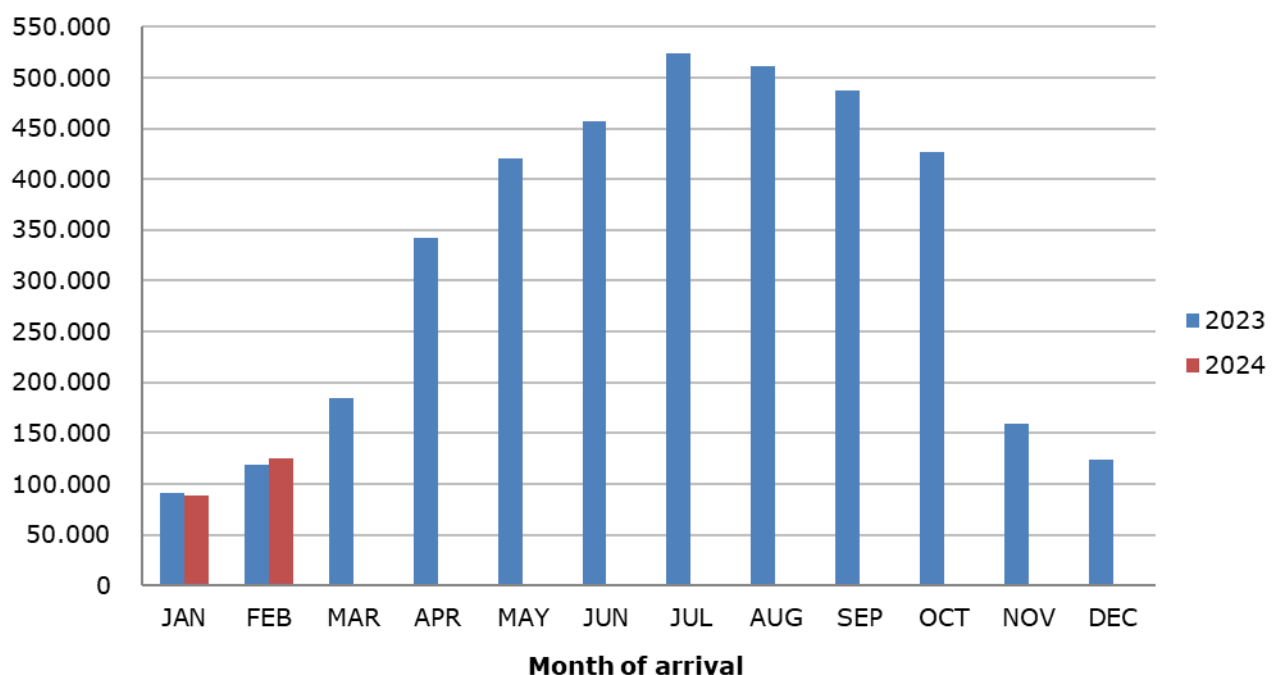
Tourist Arrivals +5,0% and Returns of Residents of Cyprus + 11,9%

Tourist Arrivals

The arrivals of tourists reached 125.034 in February 2024 compared to 119.081 in February 2023, recording an increase of 5,0%.

For the period of January – February 2024, arrivals of tourists totaled 212.995 compared to 209.630 in the corresponding period of 2023, recording an increase of 1,6%.

Figure 1: Tourist Arrivals



Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for February 2024, with a share of 24,6% (30.774) of total arrivals, followed by Poland with 13,3% (16.591), Israel with 10,6% (13.290), and Greece with 10,3% (12.835).

For a percentage of 66,8% of tourists, the purpose of their trip in February 2024 was holidays, for 17,8% visit to friends and relatives and for 14,2% business. Respectively, in February 2023, 66,7% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 20,1% visited friends or relatives and 13,0% visited Cyprus for business reasons (Table).

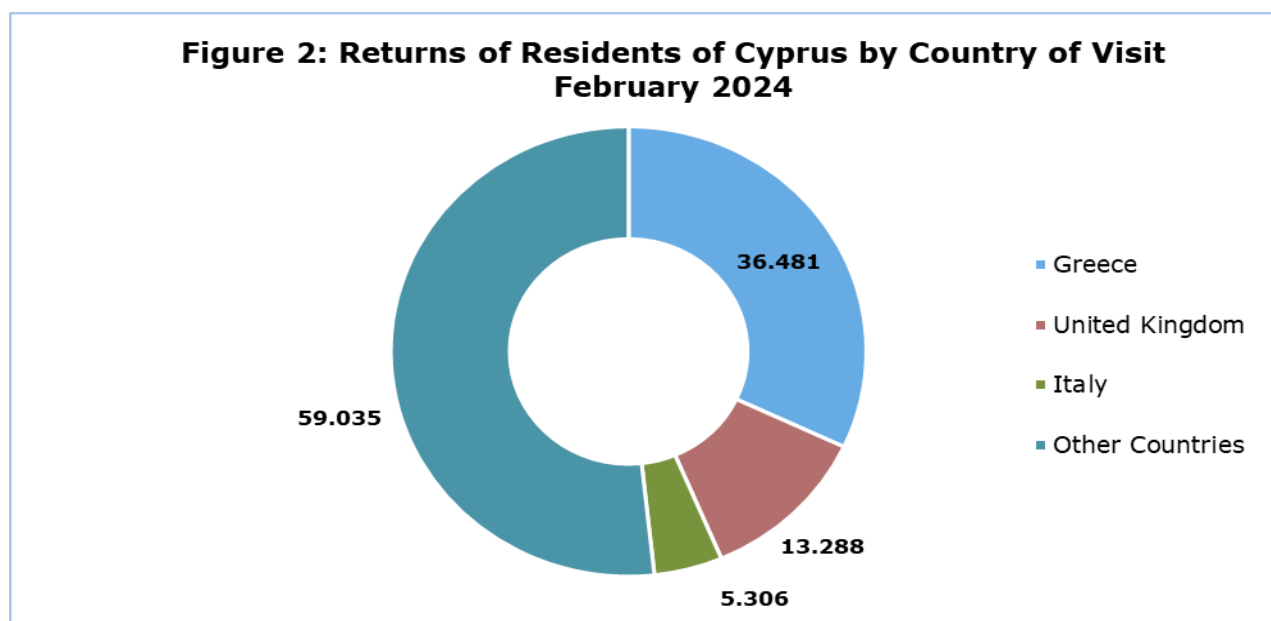
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Purpose of Visit	Percentage (%)		
	Feb. 2022	Feb. 2023	Feb. 2024
Holidays	64,0	66,7	66,8
Visiting friends & relatives	21,5	20,1	17,8
Business	14,5	13,0	14,2

Returns of Residents of Cyprus

A total number of 114.110 residents of Cyprus returned from a trip abroad in February 2024 compared to 102.001 in the corresponding month last year, recording an increase of 11,9%.

The main countries from which residents of Cyprus returned in February 2024 were Greece with a share of 32,0% (36.481), the United Kingdom with 11,6% (13.288) and Italy with 4,6% (5.306).



The purpose of travel for the residents of Cyprus in February 2024 was mainly holidays, with a percentage of 70,6%, whilst business reasons held a percentage of 23,4%, studies 4,6% and other reasons 1,4%.

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.

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](#)

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