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### TOURIST ARRIVALS: MAY 2022

The arrivals of tourists reached 315.018 in May 2022 compared to 100.852 arrivals that were recorded in May 2021.

For the period of January – May 2022, arrivals of tourists totaled 849.058 compared to 156.825 in the corresponding period of 2021, 246.556 in the period of January – May 2020 and 1.121.361 arrivals in the period of January – May 2019.

Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for May 2022, with a share of 40,1% (126.324) of total arrivals, followed by Poland with 7,4% (23.197), Israel with 6,9% (21.749), Germany with 6,5% (20.592), Sweden with 5,1% (15.943) and Greece with 4,4% (13.905).

For a percentage of 79,5% of tourists, the purpose of their trip in May 2022 was holidays, for 12,5% visit to friends and relatives and for 7,9% business. Respectively, in May 2021, 80,7% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 9,8% visited friends or relatives and 9,4% visited Cyprus for business reasons.

**Table 1**

Purpose of visit	Percentage (%)	
	May 21	May 22
Holidays	80,7	79,5
Visiting friends & relatives	9,8	12,5
Business	9,4	7,9

## **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](#)

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

[Predefined Tables](#) (Excel)

[Methodological Information](#)

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