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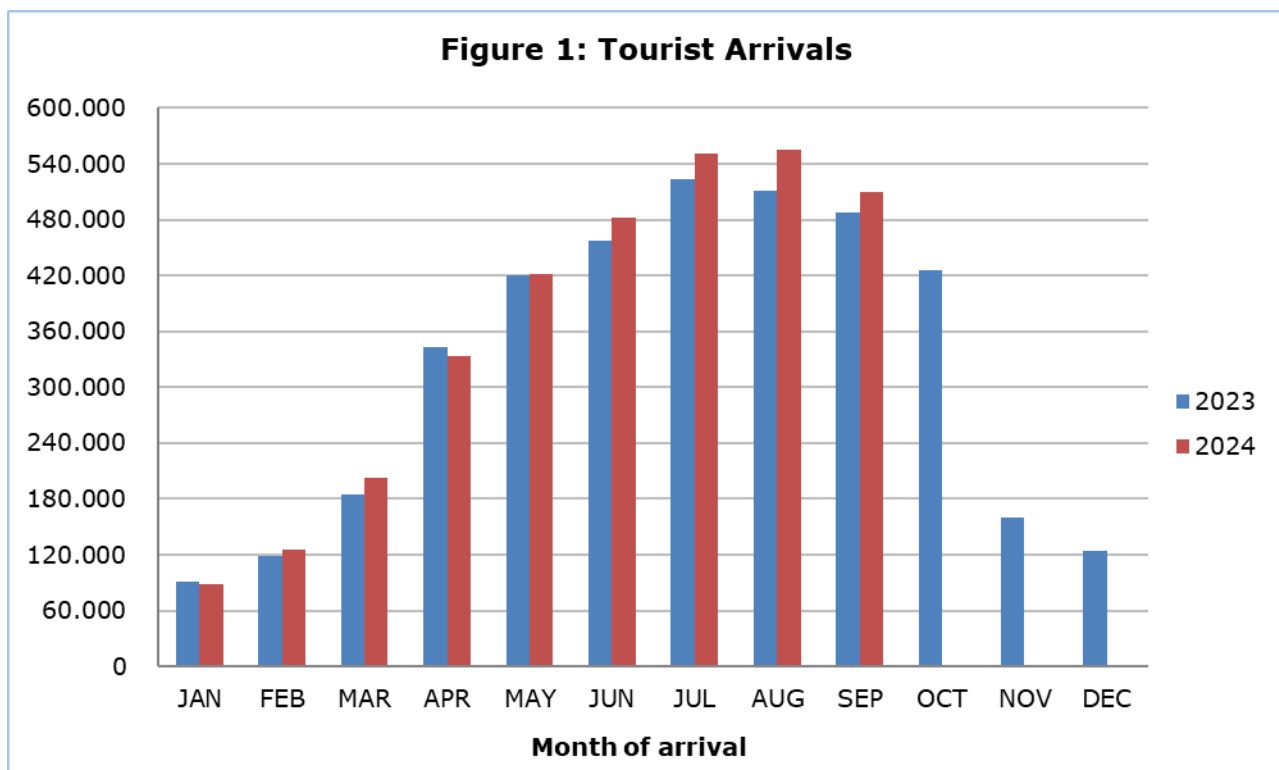
### TOURIST ARRIVALS AND RETURNS OF RESIDENTS OF CYPRUS FROM TRIPS ABROAD: SEPTEMBER 2024

#### **Tourist Arrivals 4,5% and Returns of Residents of Cyprus 11,4%**

##### **Tourist Arrivals**

The arrivals of tourists reached 509.463 in September 2024 compared to 487.350 in September 2023, recording an increase of 4,5%.

For the period of January – September 2024, arrivals of tourists totaled 3.268.090 compared to 3.136.145 in the corresponding period of 2023, recording an increase of 4,2%.



Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for September 2024, with a share of 35,5% (180.961) of total arrivals, followed by Israel with 10,7% (54.557), Poland with 8,3% (42.295), Germany with 4,8% (24.594) and Sweden with 4,2% (21.609).

For a percentage of 85,1% of tourists, the purpose of their trip in September 2024 was holidays, for 9,6% visit to friends and relatives and for 5,2% business. Respectively, in September 2023, 84,1% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 10,3% visited friends or relatives and 5,5% visited Cyprus for business reasons (Table).

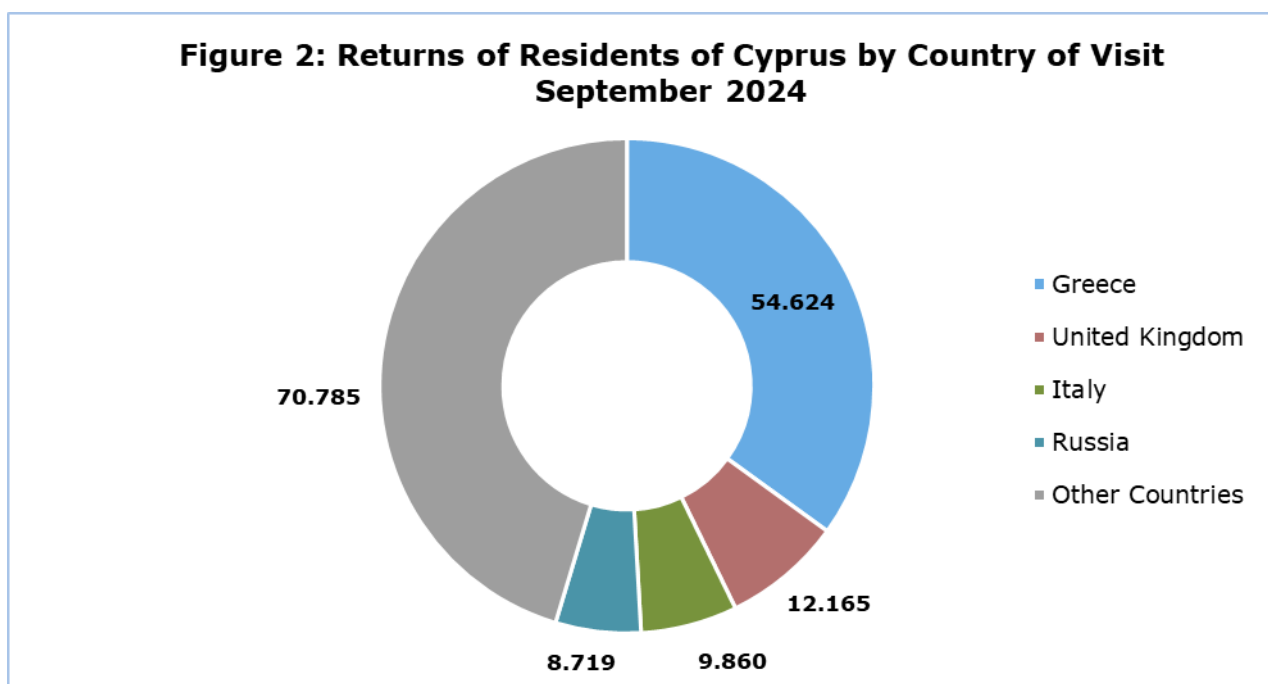
**Table**

Purpose of Visit	Percentage (%)		
	Sep. 2022	Sep. 2023	Sep. 2024
Holidays	86,1	84,1	85,1
Visiting friends & relatives	9,1	10,3	9,6
Business	4,7	5,5	5,2

**Returns of Residents of Cyprus**

A total number of 156.153 residents of Cyprus returned from a trip abroad in September 2024 compared to 140.187 in the corresponding month last year, recording an increase of 11,4%.

The main countries from which residents of Cyprus returned in September 2024 were Greece with a share of 35,0% (54.624), the United Kingdom with 7,8% (12.165), Italy with 6,3% (9.860) and Russia with 5,6% (8.719).



The purpose of travel for the residents of Cyprus in September 2024 was mainly holidays, with a percentage of 73,0%, whilst business reasons held a percentage of 23,4%, studies 1,8% and other reasons 1,8%.

## **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:***

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