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<b>1.1. Contact organisation</b>	Statistical Service of Cyprus (CYSTAT)
<b>1.2. Contact organisation unit</b>	Demography, Social Statistics and Tourism
<b>1.5. Contact mail address</b>	Statistical Service of Cyprus CY-1444 Nicosia Cyprus

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<b>2.1. Metadata last certified</b>	30 September 2025
<b>2.2. Metadata last posted</b>	30 September 2025
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<b>3.1. Data description</b>	
The survey provides information on the participation of residents of Cyprus aged 15+ in domestic and outbound trips. Data on the duration of trips, destination, purpose of the trip, main means of transport, main means of accommodation and expenditure are collected for each trip.	
<b>3.2. Classification system</b>	
Not applicable.	
<b>3.3. Coverage - sector</b>	
National tourism: domestic tourism and outbound tourism (trips made by residents of the reporting country).	
<b>3.4. Statistical concepts and definitions</b>	
3.4.1 Statistical concepts and definitions	See <a href="#">Regulation 692/2011</a> , <a href="#">Delegated Regulation 2019/1681</a> and <a href="#">Methodological Manual for Tourism Statistics</a>
3.4.2 Additional comments (e.g. country-specific deviations)	
<b>3.5. Statistical unit</b>	
3.5.1 Statistical unit	Participation in tourism: the individual. Tourism trips: the tourism trip with at least one overnight stay made by the individual. Same-day visits: the SDV made by the individual.
3.5.2 Reporting unit	One person in the selected household (within the age scope)
3.5.3 If other or additional comments, please specify	
<b>3.6. Statistical population</b>	
3.6.1 Statistical population	Participation in tourism: All residents aged 15 or over. Tourism trips: All tourism trips of at least one overnight stay made outside the usual environment by the residents aged 15 or over. Same-day visits: All SDV made outside the usual environment by the residents aged 15 or over.
3.6.2 Additional comments (e.g. deviating coverage in terms of age groups, multiple surveys with different subpopulation, inclusion of domestic same-day visits in years where this is not compulsory)	
<b>3.7. Reference area</b>	
Government controlled areas of the Republic of Cyprus	
<b>3.8. Coverage - Time</b>	
Coverage - Time [data comparable since (YYYY)]	
3.8.1 Participation in tourism (Year)	2012
3.8.2 Tourism trips (Year)	2012
3.8.3 Same-day visits (outbound) (Year)	2014
3.8.4 Same-day visits (domestic) (Year)	2018
3.8.5 Additional comments (e.g. longer series for subgroups)	

### 3.9. Base period

Not applicable.

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Not applicable.

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### 6.1. Institutional Mandate - legal acts and other agreements

6.1.1 European level	<a href="#">Regulation 692/2011</a> <a href="#">Regulation 1051/2011</a> <a href="#">Delegated Regulation 2019/1681</a>
6.1.2 National level	Article 3 of the national Official Statistics Law, No. 25(I) of 2021 defines the functions of the Statistical Service of Cyprus regarding the production and dissemination of official statistics. Moreover, Article 13, explicitly stipulates the mandate for data collection and introduces a mandatory response to statistical enquiries by stipulating the obligation of respondents to reply to surveys and provide the data required. This relates not only to national but also to European statistics which, by virtue of Article 8 of the said Law, are incorporated in the annual and multiannual programmes of work without any further procedure.

### 6.2. Institutional Mandate - data sharing

Not applicable.

## 7. Confidentiality

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### 7.1. Confidentiality - policy

Official statistics are released in accordance to all confidentiality provisions of the following:

- National Official Statistics Law No. 25(I) of 2021 (especially Article 16 on statistical confidentiality).
- Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 on European statistics and its later amendments (especially Chapter 5 on statistical confidentiality).
- European Statistics Code of Practice (especially Principle 5 on statistical confidentiality).
- CYSTAT's Code of Practice for the Collection, Publication and Storage of Statistical Data.

#### *Related links:*

- [Official Statistics Law No. 25\(I\) of 2021](#)
- [Regulation \(EC\) No 223/2009 on European statistics \(consolidated text\)](#)
- [European Statistics Code of Practice](#)
- [Guidelines for the Protection of Confidential Data](#)

### 7.2. Confidentiality - data treatment

- The treatment of confidential data is regulated by CYSTAT's Code of Practice for the Collection, Publication and Storage of Statistical Data.
  - [Guidelines for the Protection of Confidential Data](#)
- CYSTAT interviewers conducting the survey as well as other officials processing the data, take a confirmation on oath, that they shall not disclose information which comes to their knowledge during the performance of their tasks, while the obligation of keeping statistical confidentiality continues to exist even after the termination of their functions or of their contract.
- Only aggregated data are published. Micro data files sent to Eurostat are anonymised and they do not include any personal information that could identify an individual directly or indirectly.

## 8. Release policy

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### 8.1. Release calendar

There are no scheduled release dates for the data. Once the data are available, they are uploaded on the CYSTAT database and an announcement is published accordingly in the [release calendar](#).

### 8.2. Release calendar access

CYSTAT's [release calendar](#)

### 8.3. Release policy - user access

According to the Dissemination and Pricing Policy of the Statistical Service of Cyprus (section 2.3) CYSTAT's main channel for dissemination of statistics is the web portal, which offers the same conditions to everyone and is updated at the same time every working day (12:00 noon). No privileged pre-released access is granted.

In addition to the annual release calendar, users are informed of the various statistical releases through the "Alert" service provided by CYSTAT.

- [Dissemination and Pricing Policy of the Statistical Service of Cyprus](#)

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Annually

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### 10.1. Dissemination format - News release

An electronic press release will be made available by the Statistical Service: [Tourism \(cystat.gov.cy\)](#)

### 10.2. Dissemination format - Publications

The annual results are available on Eurostat database.

### 10.3. Dissemination format - online database

Not available

### 10.4. Dissemination format - microdata access

**Statistical micro-data from CYSTAT's surveys are accessible for research purposes only and under strict provisions as described below:**

Under the provisions of the Official Statistics Law, CYSTAT may release microdata for the sole use of scientific research. Applicants have to submit the request form "APPLICATION FOR DATA FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES" giving thorough information on the project for which micro-data are needed.

The application is evaluated by CYSTAT's Confidentiality Committee and if the application is approved, a charge is fixed according to the volume and time consumed for preparation of the data. Micro-data may then be released after an anonymization process which ensures no direct

identification of the statistical units but, at the same time, ensures usability of the data. The link for the application is attached below.

- Link to the application for access to microdata on CYSTAT's website: [Contact Form - Tailor made requests](#)

#### 10.5. Dissemination format - other

Not applicable.

#### 10.6. Documentation on methodology

Not yet available.

#### 10.7. Quality management - documentation

Not yet available.

## 11. Quality management

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### 11.1. Quality assurance

The quality of statistics in CYSTAT is managed in the framework of the European Statistics Code of Practice, which sets the standards for developing, producing and disseminating European Statistics as well as the ESS Quality Assurance Framework (QAF). CYSTAT endorses the Quality Declaration of the European Statistical System. In addition, CYSTAT is guided by the requirements provided for in Article 11 of the Official Statistics Law No. 25(I) of 2021 as well as Article 12 of Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 on European statistics, which sets out the quality criteria to be applied in the development, production and dissemination of European statistics.

- [European Statistics Code of Practice](#)
- [ESS Quality Assurance Framework \(QAF\)](#)
- [Quality Declaration of the European Statistical System](#)
- [Official Statistics Law No. 25\(I\) of 2021](#)
- [Regulation \(EC\) No 223/2009 on European statistics \(consolidated text\)](#)

### 11.2. Quality management - assessment

11.2.1 Main strengths	<p>The use of Blaise software for data collection allows the use of validation and consistency checks during the interview.</p> <p>Once the ASCII data are extracted from Blaise, they undergo additional consistency and validation checks as well as checks for outliers in SPSS software.</p> <p>Call-backs are also randomly made to respondents for verification purposes.</p> <p>Finally, a metadata/quality report containing information on data sources, methods used, sampling/ non-sampling errors, etc, is prepared.</p> <p>Problems encountered are reported to senior management and actions aiming at improving the quality of the statistical product, taking into account possible trade-offs, are proposed and implemented.</p>
11.2.2 Main weaknesses	<p>It is not possible to cross-check the data obtained from the survey with data from other sources, in order to verify the truthfulness of respondents.</p> <p>There are no additional measures that could be undertaken to eliminate memory lapse, other than restricting the reference period of taking a trip to the past 4 weeks and reminding respondents of public or other special holidays on which they could have taken a trip.</p>

11.2.3 Quality improvements compared with previous reference year	-
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### 12.1. Relevance - User Needs

12.1.1 European level	See: <a href="#">Regulation 692/2011</a>
12.1.2 Main users on a national level	Government departments/ministries, The Central Bank, the academic community and other researchers are the main users of these statistics on a national level. In addition, CYSTAT prepares a quarterly report with statistics on the access to its website which is an indirect way of monitoring users' needs. The report on the website of the Statistical Service of Cyprus is communicated to Division Heads and discussed with the management. The analysis serves as an instrument in setting priorities and identifying actions to be included in the annual programme of work.

### 12.2. Relevance - User Satisfaction

Since 2008 (with the exception of 2010, 2013 and 2020) CYSTAT carries out an annual online "Users Satisfaction Survey". The results of the surveys are available on CYSTAT's web portal at the link attached below.

Overall, there is a high level of satisfaction of the users of statistical data published by CYSTAT.

- [Results of CYSTAT's User Satisfaction Surveys](#)

### 12.3. Completeness

12.3.1 Completeness	Compliant with the requirements of Regulation on tourism statistics 692/2011, Delegated Regulation 2019/1681, as well as recommendations laid down in the Methodological Manual for tourism statistics. Data completeness - rate: 100%
12.3.2 If not, please specify why and list deviations from Reg.	

## 13. Accuracy

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### 13.1. Accuracy - overall

The main types of error encountered in the survey are the following:

1. Non-response (unit and item): Efforts are made to reduce unit non-response by training interviewers to avoid refusals as much as possible. Item non-response is mainly observed for certain questions which are sensitive to respondents, such as expenditure questions.
2. Recall bias: To eliminate recall bias, there is a recall period of 4 weeks for obtaining information on each trip.

### 13.2. Sampling error

#### 13.2.1 Sampling errors - indicators

<i>Information on Sampling errors may also be provided in the attached file.</i>	Estimated value	Coefficient of variation
13.2.1.1 Participation in tourism for personal purposes: number of residents, aged 15 or over, having made at least 1 trip of at least 1 overnight stay (all age groups)	543526	0.008

13.2.1.2 Participation in tourism for personal purposes: number of residents, aged 65 or over, having made at least 1 trip of at least 1 overnight stay	70818	0.021
13.2.1.3 Tourism trips - Total number of trips	3366069	0.008
13.2.1.4 Domestic trips	1619371	0.016
13.2.1.5 Outbound trips	1746699	0.023
13.2.1.6 Private/Personal trips	3103435	0.009
13.2.1.7 Professional/business trips	262634	0.071
13.2.1.8 Domestic trips spent at rented accommodation	829630	0.021
13.2.1.9 Domestic trips spent at non-rented accommodation	789740	0.026
13.2.1.10 Tourism trips - Total expenditure excluding durables and valuable goods	2369299500	0.031
13.2.1.11 Expenditure on accommodation	600519333	0.037

13.2.2 Additional comments on sampling error

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### 13.3. Non-sampling error

13.3.1 Coverage errors

13.3.1.1 Over-coverage	Not applicable
13.3.1.2 Under-coverage	Not applicable

13.3.2 Unit non-response for TRIPS dataset

	Unit non-response
13.3.2.1 Number of ineligible units/ elements	Not available.
13.3.2.2 Number of eligible units/elements	29606
13.3.2.3 Number of non-contacts	3233
13.3.2.4 Number of refusals	1735
13.3.2.5 Number of rejected questionnaires	0
13.3.2.6 Number of other types of non-response	1998
13.3.2.7 Total non-response (= sum of 13.3.2.3 to 13.3.2.6)	6966

13.3.3 Unit non-response rate

13.3.3.1 Unit non-response rate for TRIPS dataset (= 13.3.2.7 divided by 13.3.2.2)	23.53%
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13.3.3.2 Unit non-response rate for PARTIC dataset	26.35%
13.3.3.3 Unit non-response rate for SDVOUT dataset	23.53%
13.3.3.4 Methods used for dealing with/minimising unit non-response	Interviewers would make up to 7 phonecalls to each person in order to maximise their response. They were instructed to make calls at different times of the day in order to be able to find the subject at his/her most convenient time and day.
13.3.4 Item non-response	
13.3.4.1 Item non-response	The variables: expenditure on transport, expenditure on accommodation and expenditure on food & drinks have non-response rates less than 1%.
13.3.4.2 Methods used for dealing with/minimising item non-response	Respondents are assured that information collected for expenditure variables (as well as all information collected for the survey) are treated as strictly confidential and will only be used in aggregated form for statistical purposes.
13.3.5 Additional comments on non-sampling error	
<p>Since the data are collected through telephone interviews, there are some cases when respondents tend to give quick answers, not taking enough time to recall on all the required information carefully.</p> <p>The sampling frame for the Trips dataset is based on the Census of Population of 2021.</p>	
(in case of second survey please briefly describe 13.3.1-13.3.4 here)	

<b>14. Timeliness and punctuality</b>		<a href="#">Top</a>
<b>14.1. Timeliness</b>		
14.1.1 Participation in tourism		181
14.1.2 Tourism trips		181
14.1.3 Same-day visits (outbound)		181
<b>14.2. Punctuality</b>		
14.2.1 Participation in tourism		0
14.2.2 Tourism trips		0
14.2.3 Same-day visits (outbound)		0

<b>15. Coherence and comparability</b>		<a href="#">Top</a>
<b>15.1. Comparability - geographical</b>		
No regional statistics are produced for Cyprus. The collection of data is conducted at national level.		
<b>15.2. Comparability - over time</b>		
15.2.1 Participation in tourism	<p>See 3.8.1</p> <p>Comparable time series for participation in tourism are available from the year 2012.</p>	



15.2.2 Tourism trips	See 3.8.2 Comparable time series for tourism trips are available from the year 2012.
15.2.3 Same-day visits (outbound)	Comparable time series for same-day outbound visits are available from the year 2014.

### 15.3. Coherence - cross domain

In the micro-data file, the number of trips abroad was weighted according to the results of the Passengers Survey conducted by the Statistical Service. Domestic trips were weighted according to information obtained from the Deputy Ministry of Tourism. The results presented in the micro-data file are therefore reconciled with other sources available.

### 15.4. Coherence - internal

Not applicable.

## 16. Cost and Burden

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Cost and burden are not systematically collected.

## 17. Data revision

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### 17.1. Data revision - policy

A data revision policy is in place at CYPSTAT. It is published on CYPSTAT's web portal, at the following link: [Revision Policy](#)

CYPSTAT also publishes a list of scheduled revisions (regular or major revisions), also published on its web portal, at the following link: [Release Calendar](#)

### 17.2. Data revision - practice

No revisions on tourism demand side data were made up to the present.

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### 18.1. Source data

#### 18.1.1. Source data

18.1.1.1 Source data	<a href="#">Survey on the Trips of Residents</a>
18.1.1.2 Name of data collection in national language	Έρευνα για τα Ταξίδια Κατοίκων Κύπρου 2024
18.1.1.3 Name of data collection in English	Survey on the Trips of Residents 2024
18.1.1.4 Survey vehicle	Stand-alone survey
18.1.1.5 If "Embedded in another survey", please indicate which other survey. In case both options were ticked, please describe here separately the approach for PARTIC, TRIPS, SDVOUT	For PARTIC data: Stand-alone survey: "Έρευνα για τα Ταξίδια Κατοίκων Κύπρου 2025"/ "Survey on the Trips of Residents 2025"

#### 18.1.2. Population frame

18.1.2.1 Population frame	Population census
18.1.2.2 Update of population frame	Other frequency

18.1.2.3 If other frequency or additional comments, please specify	Updating of the telephone numbers used to contact respondents is planned to take place at regular time intervals based on the availability of information by administrative sources.
18.1.2.4 Coverage errors of population frame	Not applicable

#### 18.1.3. Gross sample size (year, individuals)

18.1.3.1 Gross sample size for trips (= 13.3.2.1 + 13.3.2.2)	29606
18.1.3.2 Gross sample size for participation in tourism	12403
18.1.3.3 Gross sample size for (outbound) same-day visits	29606
18.1.3.4 Additional comments	

#### 18.1.4. Net sample size (year, individuals)

18.1.4.1 Net sample size for trips (= 13.3.2.2 – 13.3.2.7)	22640
18.1.4.2 Net sample size for participation in tourism	9135
18.1.4.3 Net sample size for (outbound) same-day visits	22640
18.1.4.4 Additional comments	

#### 18.1.5. Sampling design

18.1.5.1 Sampling design	Stratified sampling Random sampling
18.1.5.2 If other or additional comments (also when more than one options is chosen in 18.1.5.1), please specify. Links to national methodology documentation can also be inserted here.	The sample was stratified based on the 9 geographical areas of Cyprus (4 urban and 5 rural). Within each stratum, a simple random sample was selected.

#### 18.1.6. Second survey or source

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### 18.2. Frequency of data collection

18.2.1 Frequency of data collection	Continuously
18.2.2 Other frequency or additional comments	

### 18.3. Data collection

#### 18.3.1. Type of survey

Household survey
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#### 18.3.2. Data collection methods

18.3.2.1 Data collection methods	CATI (computer-assisted telephone interview)
18.3.2.2 If other or additional comments, please specify. In case a combination of data collection methods is used, please give an indication of the importance of the different methods (in terms of number of respondents)	Data were collected with the use of CATI questionnaires. The questionnaires were constructed with BLAISE software.
18.3.2.3 Questionnaire in national language (Annex/Link)	See Annexes

18.3.2.4 Questionnaire in English (Annex/Link)	See Annexes
18.3.2.5 Interviewer instructions in English (Annex/Link)	Not available

#### 18.3.3. Proxy interviews

18.3.3.1 Proxy interviews	Never
18.3.3.2 If "Allowed" or "Only in exceptional cases", please indicate for which variables in particular proxy interviews were used (it not all questions); If 4. "Not applicable", please explain why.	

#### 18.3.4. Average interview time (The average interview time is X minutes.)

18.3.4.1 Average interview time	6 minutes
18.3.4.2 Average interview time for respondents that reported trips	8 minutes

#### 18.3.5 Second survey or source

### 18.4. Data validation

18.4.1 Data validation	<p>The electronic questionnaire facilitates the inclusion of validation and consistency checks and thus validation of data is possible during the data collection phase. Once the data is collected, it is transferred to the responsible officer/supervisor for further checking. The main aim of this second stage is to assess completeness and item non-response.</p> <p>Some data validation rules were performed with the use of SPSS in order to ensure that the results were correct and consistent. These rules were mainly based on the definitions provided in the methodological manual prepared by Eurostat.</p>
18.4.2 Second survey or source (In case a second survey or source is used for collecting data on participation, trips or same-day visits, please briefly describe 18.4.1 here in relation to those surveys/sources)	

### 18.5. Data compilation

18.5.1 Data compilation	<p>After the dataset was edited according to the above mentioned validation and consistency rules, imputation methods were performed in order to complete missing cases: the averages of certain groups of cases were used to impute missing data for cases that belonged to the same group.</p>
18.5.2 Second survey or source (In case a second survey or source is used for collecting data on participation, trips or same-day visits, please briefly describe 18.5.1 here in relation to those surveys/sources)	

### 18.6. Adjustment

Not applicable.

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