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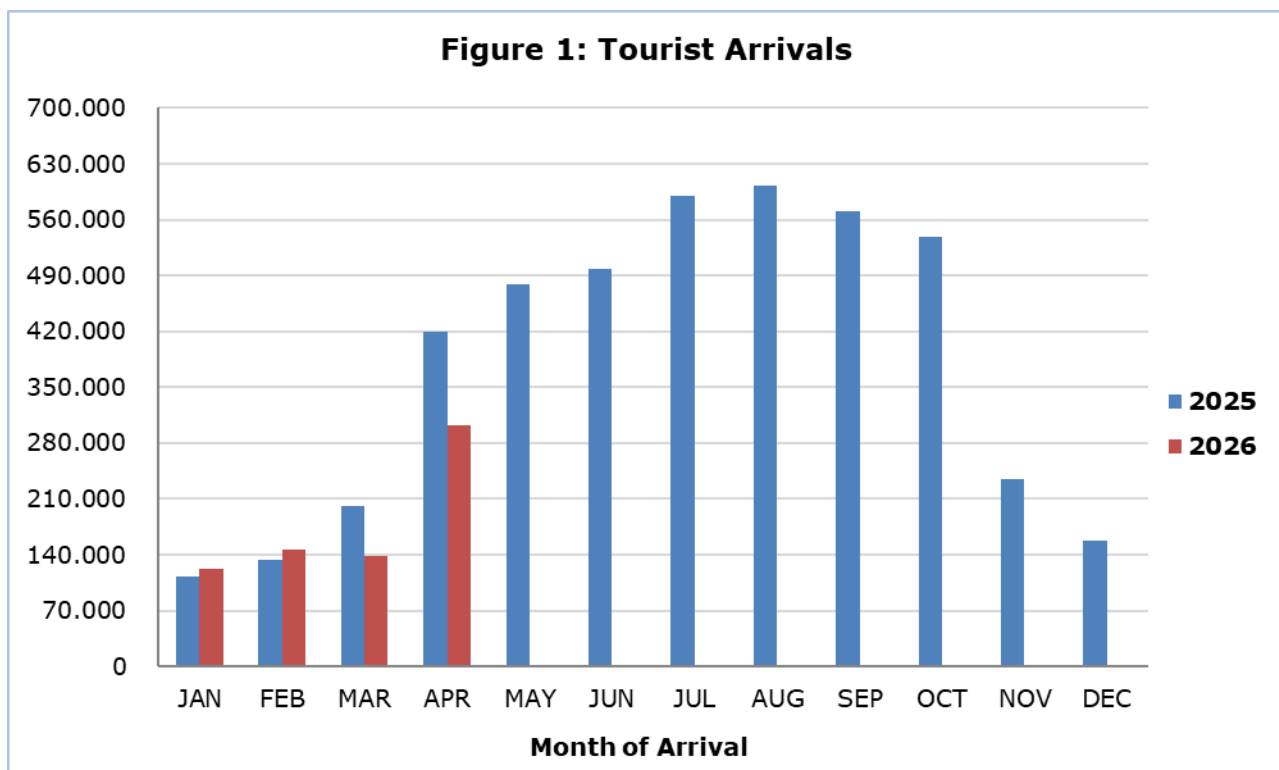
TOURIST ARRIVALS AND RETURNS OF RESIDENTS OF CYPRUS FROM TRIPS ABROAD: APRIL 2026

Tourist Arrivals -27,6% and Returns of Residents of Cyprus -0,3%

Tourist Arrivals

The arrivals of tourists reached 303.031 in April 2026 compared to 418.730 in April 2025, recording a decrease of 27,6%.

For the period of January – April 2026, arrivals of tourists totaled 710.370 compared to 865.326 in the corresponding period of 2025, recording a decrease of 17,9%.



Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for April 2026, with a share of 39,2% (118.742) of total arrivals, followed by Poland with 8,4% (25.371), Germany with 8,0% (24.178), Israel with 5,3% (15.997) and Greece with 4,7% (14.255) (Table 1).

Table 1

Country of Usual Residence	Tourist Arrivals			Percentage Change (%)
	April			
	2024	2025	2026	Apr 2026/25
TOTAL	333.563	418.730	303.031	-27,6
Austria	4.531	7.126	5.137	-27,9
France	11.984	8.113	5.855	-27,8
Germany	22.510	29.613	24.178	-18,4
Denmark	5.171	5.516	4.543	-17,6
Switzerland	6.475	6.647	3.985	-40,0
Greece	13.056	16.354	14.255	-12,8
United Kingdom	117.902	151.883	118.742	-21,8
Israel	35.673	63.474	15.997	-74,8
Lebanon	3.203	2.776	1.820	-34,4
Norway	3.853	3.957	3.128	-21,0
Netherlands	5.131	8.810	7.162	-18,7
Hungary	3.284	4.394	5.789	31,7
Poland	25.250	29.009	25.371	-12,5
Romania	6.176	8.357	5.103	-38,9
Sweden	12.011	13.967	10.612	-24,0
Other	57.353	58.734	51.354	-12,6

In April 2026, 73,0% of tourists travelled for holidays, 17,7% visited friends and relatives and 9,2% travelled for business purposes. Respectively, in April 2025, 80,3% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 12,7% visited friends or relatives and 6,9% visited Cyprus for business purposes (Table 2).

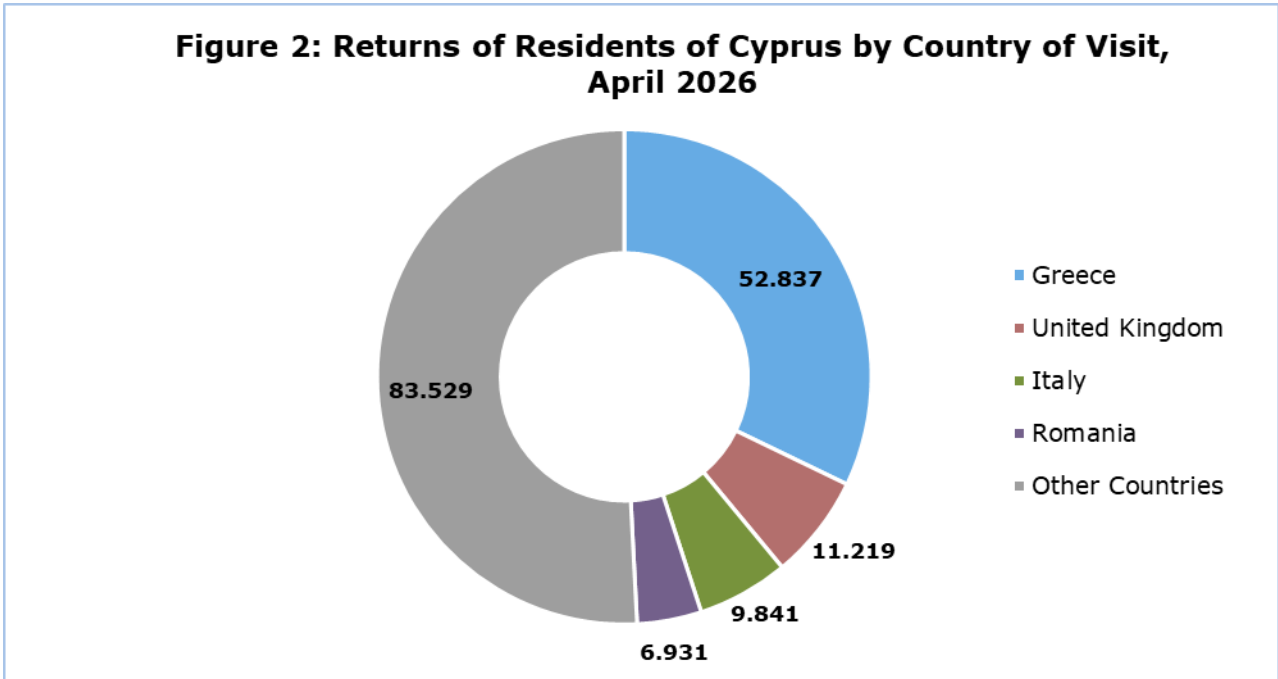
Table 2

Purpose of Visit	Percentage (%)		
	Apr 2024	Apr 2025	Apr 2026
Holidays	82,1	80,3	73,0
Visiting friends & relatives	9,4	12,7	17,7
Business	8,3	6,9	9,2

Returns of Residents of Cyprus

A total of 164.357 residents of Cyprus returned from a trip abroad in April 2026 compared to 164.844 in the corresponding month last year, recording a decrease of 0,3%.

The main countries from which residents of Cyprus returned in April 2026 were Greece with a share of 32,1% (52.837), the United Kingdom with 6,8% (11.219), Italy with 6,0% (9.841) and Romania with 4,2% (6.931).



The purpose of travel for the residents of Cyprus in April 2026 was mainly holidays, with a percentage of 74,7%, whilst business reasons held a percentage of 17,5%, studies 6,8% and other reasons 1,0%.

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 trip 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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TOURIST ARRIVALS

ARRIVALS										
	2018	2019	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	% 26/25	% 26/24	% 26/19
Jan	75,867	81,970	43,944	90,549	87,961	112,100	121,625	8.50	38.27	48.38
Feb	101,481	105,571	71,921	119,081	125,034	133,760	146,516	9.54	17.18	38.78
Mar	192,090	169,934	128,840	184,263	202,256	200,736	139,198	-30.66	-31.18	-18.09
Apr	314,143	329,308	289,335	342,736	333,563	418,730	303,031	-27.63	-9.15	-7.98
May										
Jun										
Jul										
Aug										
Sep										
Oct										
Nov										
Dec										
TOTAL	683,581	686,783	534,040	736,629	748,814	865,326	710,370	-17.91	-5.13	3.43

SOURCE: CYSTAT
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TOURIST ARRIVALS (Jan - Apr)

