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

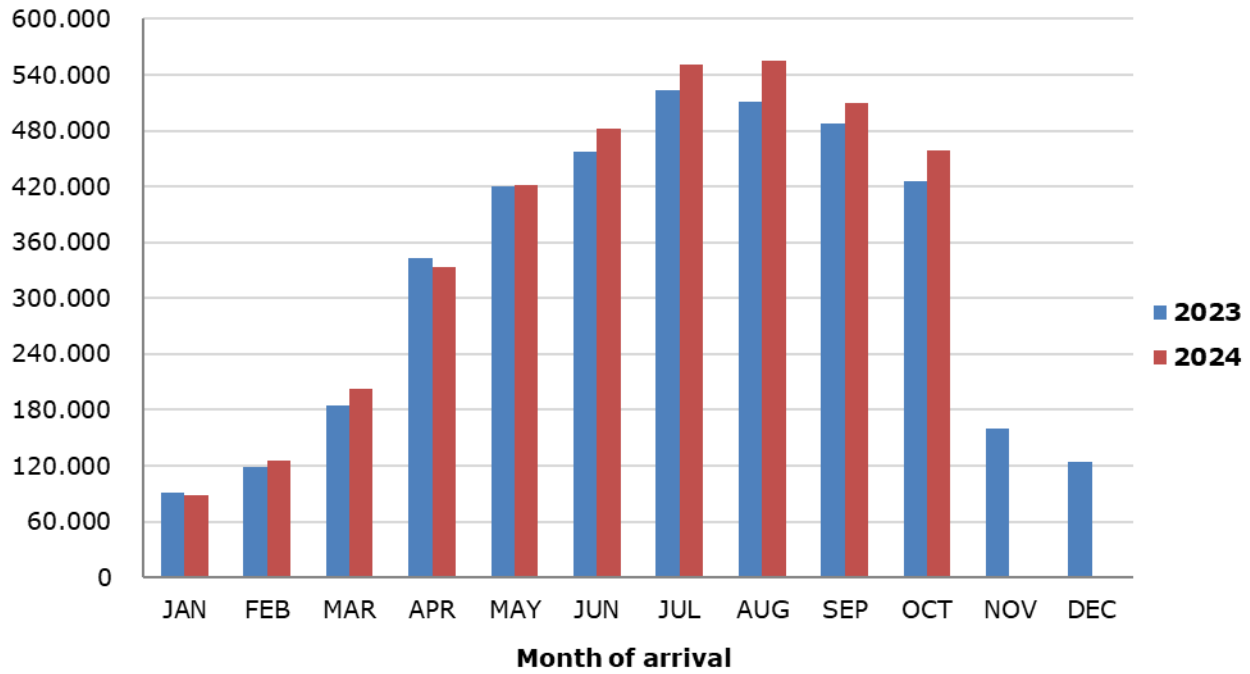
Tourist Arrivals 7,7% and Returns of Residents of Cyprus 4,4%

Tourist Arrivals

The arrivals of tourists reached 459.106 in October 2024 compared to 426.272 in October 2023, recording an increase of 7,7%.

For the period of January – October 2024, arrivals of tourists totaled 3.727.196 compared to 3.562.417 in the corresponding period of 2023, recording an increase of 4,6%.

Figure 1: Tourist Arrivals



Arrivals from the United Kingdom were the main source of tourism for October 2024, with a share of 36,3% (166.588) of total arrivals, followed by Poland with 8,1% (37.010), Germany with 7,6% (34.822), Israel with 5,2% (24.088) and Sweden with 4,1% (18.713).

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For a percentage of 79,9% of tourists, the purpose of their trip in October 2024 was holidays, for 11,9% visit to friends and relatives and for 8,1% business. Respectively, in October 2023, 82,5% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 10,9% visited friends or relatives and 6,4% visited Cyprus for business reasons (Table).

Table

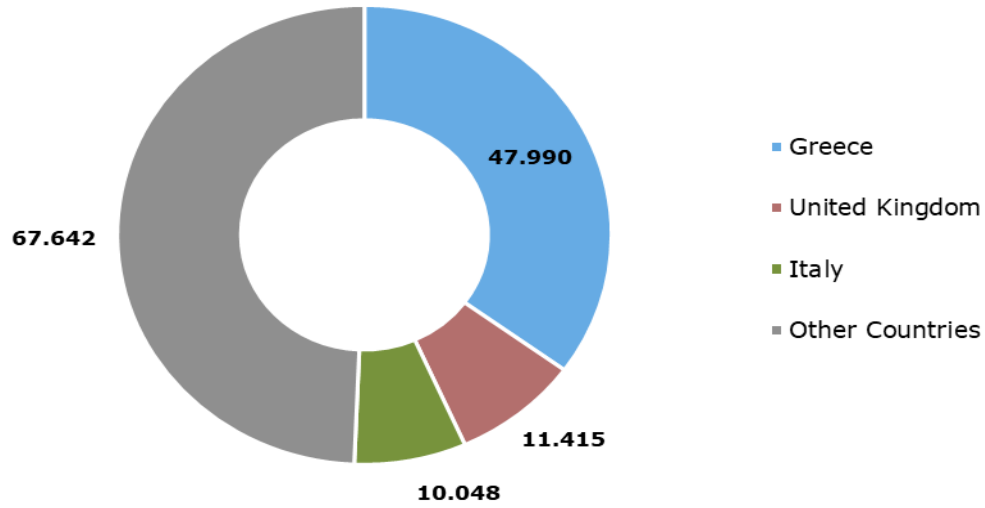
Purpose of Visit	Percentage (%)		
	Oct. 2022	Oct. 2023	Oct. 2024
Holidays	83,1	82,5	79,9
Visiting friends & relatives	11,5	10,9	11,9
Business	5,3	6,4	8,1

Returns of Residents of Cyprus

A total number of 137.095 residents of Cyprus returned from a trip abroad in October 2024 compared to 131.327 in the corresponding month last year, recording an increase of 4,4%.

The main countries from which residents of Cyprus returned in October 2024 were Greece with a share of 35,0% (47.990), the United Kingdom with 8,3% (11.415) and Italy with 7,3% (10.048).

Figure 2: Returns of Residents of Cyprus by Country of Visit October 2024



The purpose of travel for the residents of Cyprus in October 2024 was mainly holidays, with a percentage of 66,5%, whilst business reasons held a percentage of 30,8%, studies 1,0% and other reasons 1,7%.

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.

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Methodological Information

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