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### TOURIST ARRIVALS: JANUARY 2021

#### **Tourist Arrivals -95,5%**

The arrivals of tourists reached 3.889 in January 2021 recording a decrease of 95,5% compared to January 2020, during which 85.622 arrivals were recorded, and 95,3% decrease compared to January 2019 (with 81.970 arrivals).

Arrivals from Greece were the main source of tourism for the month of January 2021, with a share of 48,4% of total arrivals, followed by Germany with 8,8%, while other countries accounted for smaller percentages.

Tourist arrivals from Greece decreased by 79,5% compared to January 2020 and tourist arrivals from Germany decreased by 79,7%.

For a percentage of 11,9% of tourists, the purpose of their trip in January 2021 was holidays, for 26,3% visit to friends and relatives and for 61,8% business. Respectively, in January 2020, 57,6% of tourists visited Cyprus for holidays, 22,9% visited friends or relatives and 19,2% visited Cyprus for business reasons.

**Table 1**

Purpose of visit	Percentage (%)		
	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21
Holidays	53,5	57,6	11,9
Visiting friends & relatives	25,2	22,9	26,3
Business	21,2	19,2	61,8

## **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 statistics for January 2021 were obtained from processing of the data of the electronic platform “Cyprus Flight Pass”. The passengers aiming to travel to Cyprus were required to submit in the above mentioned platform, information in relation to their flight, their country of residence, the purpose of their visit, as well as other demographic characteristics. This information was used by the Statistical Service, in order to estimate the number of tourist arrivals during the reference period.

The weighting of data was conducted based on the data sent to the Statistical Service by the Civil Aviation Department and from the ship manifests, as well as data sent by the Analysis and Statistics Office of the Cyprus Police.

Due to issues that arose from the self-declared information provided by the passengers, it was not possible to provide a more extensive analysis by country of usual residence.

### ***For more information:***

Statistical Service (CYSTAT) Website, subtheme [Tourism](#)

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