

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## January 2024

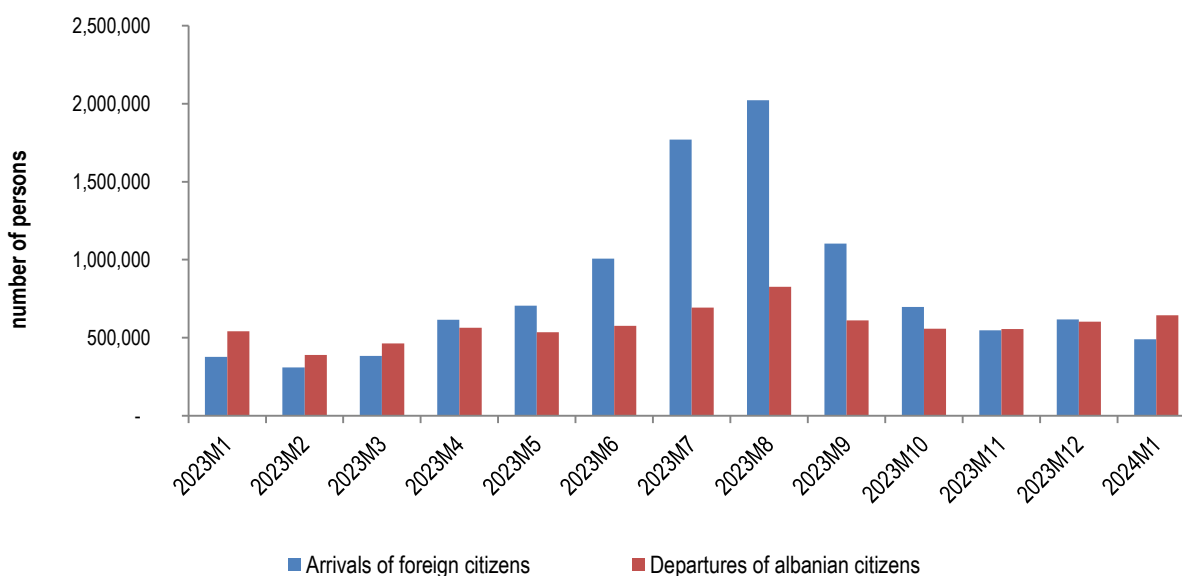
**Tirana, 26 February 2024:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in January 2024 are 1,030,014. Compared to January 2023, this indicator increased by 23.6 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during January 2024 are 1,217,684 marking an increase by 27.5 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

### Citizen's arrivals

In January 2024, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 540,415. Compared to January 2023, this number increased by 18.4 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 489,599. Compared to the same period of 2023, this number increased by 29.8 % (fig.1).

**Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, January 2023- January 2024**



Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

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### Citizen's departures

Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during January 2024 are 644,768. Compared to January 2023, this number has increased by 18.9 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during January 2024 are 572,916. Compared to the same period of previous year, this number increased by 38.8 % (tab.1).

**Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens**

Period	January 2023	January 2024	Annual change (%)
<b>Total arrivals</b>	<b>833,450</b>	<b>1,030,014</b>	<b>23.6</b>
Albanian	456,239	540,415	18.4
Foreign	377,211	489,599	29.8
<b>Total departures</b>	<b>954,933</b>	<b>1,217,684</b>	<b>27.5</b>
Albanian	542,113	644,768	18.9
Foreign	412,820	572,916	38.8

Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

In January 2024, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 475,563 citizens, followed by America and East Asia and Pacific, respectively with 8,867 and 2,157 citizens (tab.2).

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region**

Description	January 2023	January 2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>377,211</b>	<b>489,599</b>
<b>I. Africa</b>	<b>841</b>	<b>520</b>
<b>II. America</b>	<b>7,051</b>	<b>8,867</b>
<b>III. East Asia and Pacific</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>2,157</b>
<b>IV. Middle East</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>601</b>
<b>V. South Asia</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>964</b>
<b>VI. Europe</b>	<b>366,257</b>	<b>475,563</b>
- Central /Eastern Europe	8,694	16,108
- Northern Europe	7,918	12,721
- Southern Europe	328,554	419,510
- Western Europe	12,537	15,614
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	8,554	11,610
<b>VII. Other countries not specified</b>	<b>821</b>	<b>927</b>

Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

In January 2024 compared to January 2023, the arrivals of foreign citizens mark:

- increase, for personal purposes by 30.2 %;
- increase, for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 30.7 %;
- increase, for business and professional purposes by 8.8 % (tab. 3).

**Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose**

Period	January 2023	January 2024	Annual change (%)
<b>Arrivals foreign citizens</b>	<b>377,211</b>	<b>489,599</b>	<b>29.8</b>
I. Personal	369,606	481,328	30.2
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	352,752	461,207	30.7
2. Health treatment	115	52	- 54.8
3. Religious	21	13	- 38.1
4. Transit	16,718	20,056	20.0
II. Business and professional	<b>7,605</b>	<b>8,271</b>	<b>8.8</b>

**Source:** General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

# Methodology

The purpose of the publication for arrivals and departures of Albanian and foreign citizens, by means of transport (sea, air, land and border points), is the measurement of some statistical indicators related to tourism.

## Definitions

**Arrivals :** Include all entries at the border points (by, air, sea and land).

Arrivals is a concept that refers to all entries. A person who visits some countries simultaneously during the year is counted every time as a new entry.

**Departures:** Includes all exits at the border points. Departures measure the flow of citizens who leave the country of reference. A person who leaves the country of reference several times during a year is always counted as a new exit.

**Visitor:** For statistical purposes on tourism, the term "visitor" represents a "person who travels in a different place from that in which he resides, in a period shorter than 12 months and major aim of travel in the place visited is a non-profit activity".

The purpose of the trip includes visits of visitors and tourists for:

Visits for *personal purposes* grouped as follows:

1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.;
2. Health treatment,
3. Religious;
4. Tranzit.

Visits for *Business category* includes all business and professional activities outside the usual environment.

**Data Source:** Administrative data are provided by the Ministry of Internal Affairs (State Police, Border and Migration Directorate).

The data are preliminary and subject of revisions. For more information refer to:

<http://www.instat.gov.al/en/documentation/quality-in-statistics/> statistical revision policy.

## The statistical differences between arrivals and departures of Albanian or foreign nationals come mainly from:

- Law No.71 / 2016 "On Border Control", Article 17 "Facilitation of Border Verifications", where during the tourist season or increased inflow, at the moment of entry of citizens at the border, does not register all the incoming citizens;
- The facilitating procedures applied to residents of border areas crossing the border due to their commercial activity, when they cross several times a day, are not registered at the entrance;
- A good share of Albanians hold dual citizenship, who at the time of border crossing July declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.