

Movements of citizens in Albania

February 2024

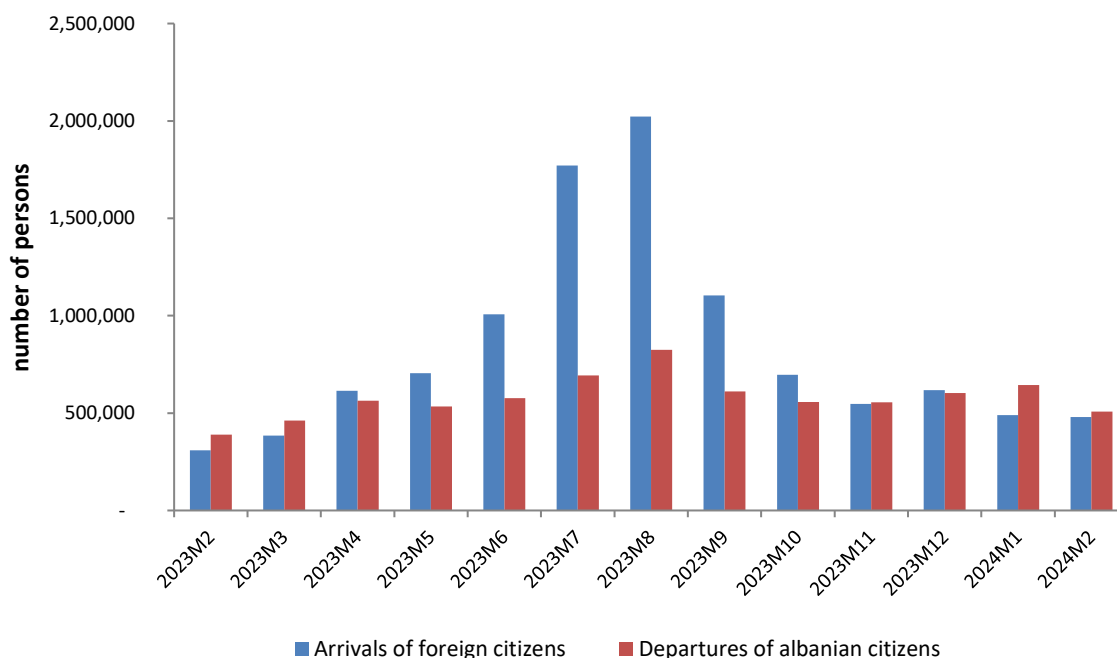
Tirana, 25 March 2024: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in February 2024 are 981,295. Compared to February 2023, this indicator increased by 41.1 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during February 2024 are 1,002,781 marking an increase by 44.7 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In February 2024, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 500,756. Compared to February 2023, this number increased by 29.8 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 480,539. Compared to the same period of 2023, this number increased by 55.4 % (fig.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, February 2023- February 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 February 2024 are 507,095. Compared to February 2023, this number has increased by 30.1 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during February 2024 are 495,686. Compared to the same period of previous year, this number increased by 63.4 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	February 2023	February 2024	Annual change (%)	January - February 2023	January - February 2024	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	695,246	981,295	41.1	1,528,696	2,011,309	31.6
Albanian	385,921	500,756	29.8	842,160	1,041,171	23.6
Foreign	309,325	480,539	55.4	686,536	970,138	41.3
Total departures	693,021	1,002,781	44.7	1,647,954	2,220,465	34.7
Albanian	389,654	507,095	30.1	931,767	1,151,863	23.6
Foreign	303,367	495,686	63.4	716,187	1,068,602	49.2

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

In February 2024, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 459,700 citizens, followed by America and East Asia and Pacific, respectively with 8,147 and 2,979 citizens (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Period	February 2023	February 2024	January - February 2023	January - February 2024
Total	309,325	480,539	686,536	970,138
I. Africa	184	914	1,025	1,434
II. America	6,250	8,147	13,301	17,014
III. East Asia and Pacific	1,363	2,979	2,671	5,136
IV. Middle East	421	735	866	1,336
V. South Asia	486	584	974	1,548
VI. Europe	300,057	459,700	666,314	935,263
- Central /Eastern Europe	8,398	20,226	17,092	36,334
- Northern Europe	9,680	18,596	17,598	31,317
- Southern Europe	262,205	387,776	590,759	807,286
- Western Europe	12,567	21,472	25,104	37,086
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	7,207	11,630	15,761	23,240
VII. Other countries not specified	564	7,480	1,385	8,407

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

In February 2024 compared to February 2023, the arrivals of foreign citizens marked an increase:

- for personal purposes by 55.4 %;
- for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 56.9 %;
- for business and professional purposes by 53.9 % (tab. 3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	February 2023	February 2024	Annual change (%)	January - February 2023	January - February 2024	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	309,325	480,539	55.4	686,536	970,138	41.3
I. Personal	300,913	467,591	55.4	670,519	948,919	41.5
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	286,283	449,269	56.9	639,035	910,476	42.5
2. Health treatment	40	57	42.5	155	109	-29.7
3. Religious	37	30	-18.9	58	43	-25.9
4. Transit	14,553	18,235	25.3	31,271	38,291	22.4
II. Business and professional	8,412	12,948	53.9	16,017	21,219	32.5

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. Transit.

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.