

Movements of citizens in Albania

April 2024

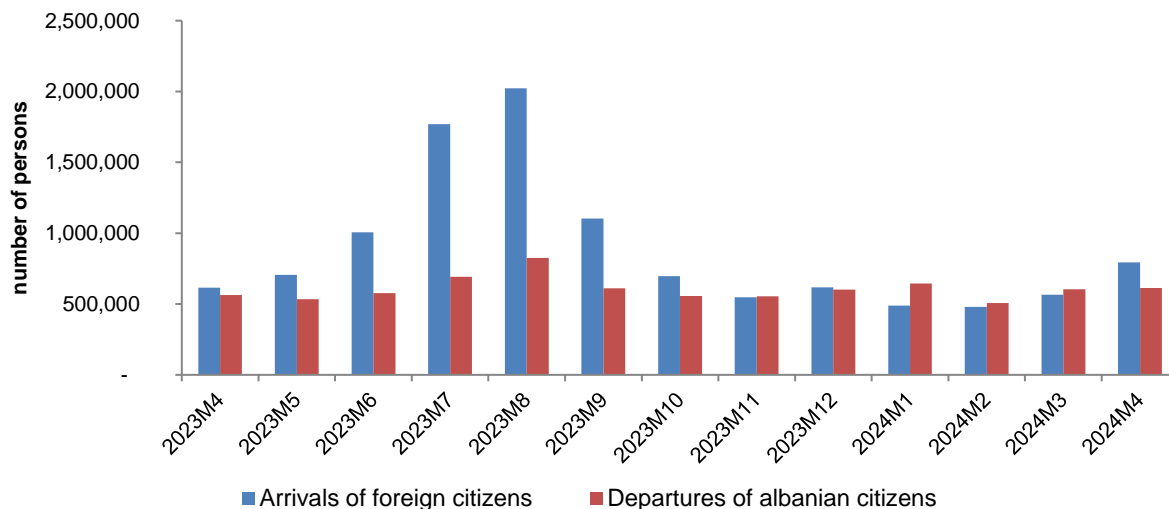
Tirana, 27 May 2024: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in April 2024 are 1,403,480. Compared to April 2023, this indicator increased by 20.8 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during April 2024 are 1,402,260 marking an increase by 22.2 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In April 2024, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 609,351. Compared to April 2023, this number increased by 11.3 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 794,129. Compared to the same period of 2023, this number increased by 29.3 % (fig.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, March 2023- March 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 April 2024 are 613,196. Compared to April 2023, this number has increased by 8.8 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during April 2024 are 789,064. Compared to the same period of previous year, this number increased by 35.2 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	April 2023	April 2024	Annual change (%)	January – April 2023	January – April 2024	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,161,729	1,403,480	20.8	3,537,070	4,565,231	29.1
Albanian	547,473	609,351	11.3	1,852,250	2,235,989	20.7
Foreign	614,256	794,129	29.3	1,684,820	2,329,242	38.2
Total departures	1,147,154	1,402,260	22.2	3,637,536	4,798,435	31.9
Albanian	563,428	613,196	8.8	1,957,678	2,369,161	21.0
Foreign	583,726	789,064	35.2	1,679,858	2,429,274	44.6

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

In April 2024, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 753,973 citizens followed by America, East Asia and Pacific, respectively with 16,699 and 5,301 citizens (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Period	April 2023	April 2024	January - April 2023	January – April 2024
Total	614,256	794,129	1,684,820	2,329,242
I. Africa	803	2,006	2,278	5,088
II. America	14,012	16,699	36,265	47,980
III. East Asia and Pacific	3,154	5,301	8,008	15,691
IV. Middle East	1,526	1,246	2,954	3,303
V. South Asia	1,317	2,408	3,133	6,300
VI. Europe	592,362	753,973	1,628,611	2,228,919
- Central /Eastern Europe	21,034	29,935	49,863	99,406
- Northern Europe	19,977	31,909	50,036	88,500
- Southern Europe	490,116	598,675	1,400,223	1,832,911
- Western Europe	44,329	64,440	86,679	140,741
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	16,906	29,014	41,810	67,361
VII. Other countries not specified	1,082	12,496	3,571	21,961

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

In April 2024 compared to April 2023. the arrivals of foreign citizens mark:

- Increase, for personal purposes by 28.8 %;
- Increase, for vacation purposes. visiting relatives. etc. by 30.6 %;
- Increase, for business and professional purposes by 57.4 %. (tab. 3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	April 2023	April 2024	Annual change (%)	January - April 2023	January - April 2024	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	614,256	794,129	29.3	1,684,820	2,329,242	38.2
I. Personal	604,116	778,167	28.8	1,646,725	2,267,291	37.7
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	572,670	747,992	30.6	1,566,134	2,171,458	38.7
2. Health treatment	15	76	406.7	195	255	30.8
3. Religious	43	23	-46.5	123	121	-1.6
4. Transit	31,388	30,076	-4.2	80,273	95,457	18.9
II. Business and professional	10,140	15,962	57.4	38,095	61,951	62.6

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.