

Movements of citizens in Albania

July 2024

Tirana, 26 August 2024: During the month of July 2024, it results that 2,624,207 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Albanian territory. This indicator has increased by 2.7 %, compared to July 2023.

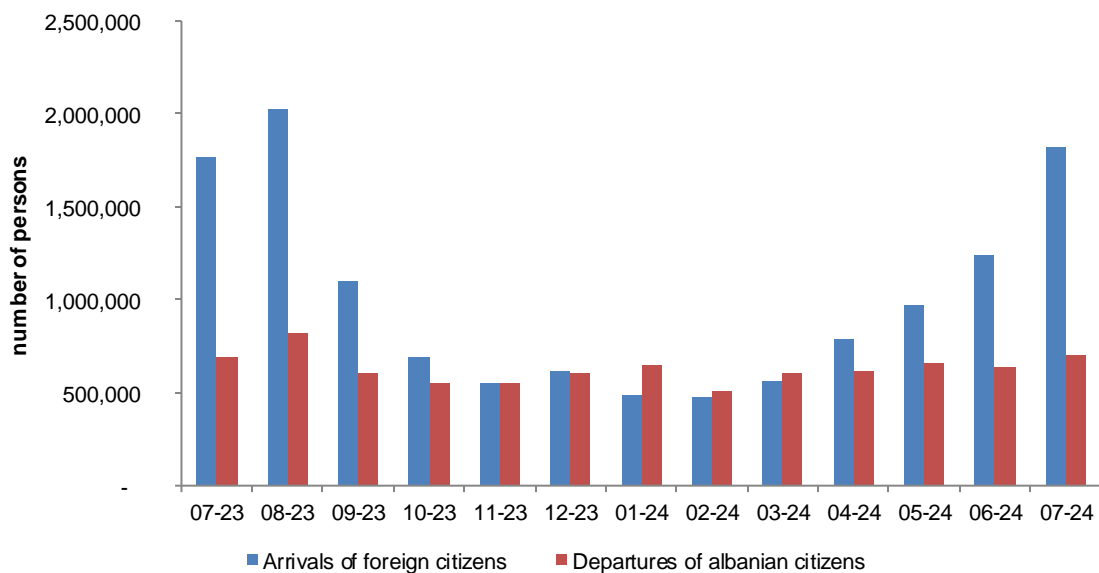
2,350,448 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 10.2 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In July 2024, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 805,829, increasing by 2.8 %, compared to July 2023.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 1,818,378. Compared to the same period of 2023, this number increased by 2.7 % (fig.1).

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



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

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Citizen's departures

In July 2024, 704,699 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 1.7 %, compared to July 2023.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during July 2024 are 1,645,749. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number increased by 14.3 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	July 2023	July 2024	Annual change (%)	January – July 2023	January – July 2024	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	2,554,392	2,624,207	2.7	8,903,358	10,717,166	20.4
Albanian	783,668	805,829	2.8	3,735,702	4,350,891	16.5
Foreign	1,770,724	1,818,378	2.7	5,167,656	6,366,275	23.2
Total departures	2,133,197	2,350,448	10.2	8,497,273	10,553,661	24.2
Albanian	693,160	704,699	1.7	3,761,733	4,378,426	16.4
Foreign	1,440,037	1,645,749	14.3	4,735,540	6,175,235	30.4

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

In July 2024, 95 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the region of Europe. Southern Europe accounts 71 % of the foreign citizens arrivals from the European continent, followed by Central/ Eastern Europe with 10 % (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Period	July 2023	July 2024	January - July 2023	January – July 2024
Total	1,770,724	1,818,378	5,167,656	6,366,275
I. Africa	1,433	3,177	6,026	15,489
II. America	45,821	56,840	131,192	170,932
III. East Asia and Pacific	10,341	12,618	32,613	47,631
IV. Middle East	14,805	8,086	25,951	18,603
V. South Asia	1,516	2,334	7,794	15,324
VI. Europe	1,694,657	1,722,403	4,951,871	6,053,425
- Central /Eastern Europe	134,334	168,858	313,851	465,750
- Northern Europe	73,652	90,571	193,063	278,919
- Southern Europe	1,318,641	1,219,109	3,947,548	4,582,425
- Western Europe	135,049	166,440	378,035	513,086
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	32,981	77,425	119,374	213,245
VII. Other countries not specified	2,151	12,920	12,209	44,871

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

The purpose of arrivals of foreign citizens in the Albanian territory, in 99 % of cases, is for personal purposes, dominated by arrivals for Holidays, visit to relatives, etc. In July 2024, this indicator has marked an increase by 3.7 %, compared to July 2023. The arrivals of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes also increased significantly in July, by 50.9 % (tab.3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	July 2023	July 2024	Annual change (%)	January- July 2023	January – July 2024	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	1,770,724	1,818,378	2.7	5,167,656	6,366,275	23.2
I. Personal	1,757,528	1,798,470	2.3	5,091,279	6,246,115	22.7
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	1,672,318	1,734,238	3.7	4,838,689	6,035,489	24.7
2. Health treatment	130	53	-59.2	492	483	-1.8
3. Religious	73	80	9.6	256	230	-10.2
4. Transit	85,007	64,099	-24.6	251,842	209,913	-16.6
II. Business and professional	13,196	19,908	50.9	76,377	120,160	57.3

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:

https://www.instat.gov.al/media/2940/revision_policy_2016.pdf

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.