

Movements of citizens in Albania

August 2024

Tirana, 25 September 2024: During the month of August 2024, it results that 3,106,126 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Albanian territory. This indicator has increased by 29.1 %, compared to August 2023.

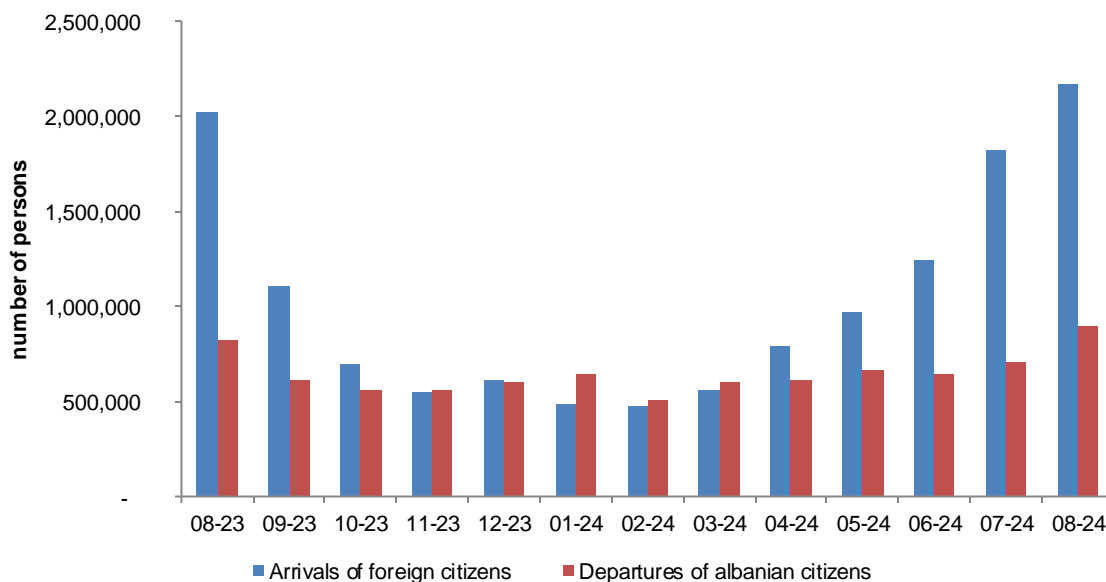
2,976,787 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 2.4 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In August 2024, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 938,461, increasing by 13.7 %, compared to August 2023.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 2,167,665. Compared to the same period of 2023, this number increased by 7.2 % (fig.1).

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



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

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Citizen's departures

In August 2024, 901,440 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 9.2 %, compared to August 2023.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during August 2024 are 2,075,347. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number decreased by 0.3 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	August2023	August2024	Annual change (%)	January – August2023	January – August 2024	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	2,848,051	3,106,126	9.1	11,751,409	13,823,292	17.6
Albanian	825,297	938,461	13.7	4,560,999	5,289,352	16.0
Foreign	2,022,754	2,167,665	7.2	7,190,410	8,533,940	18.7
Total departures	2,907,327	2,976,787	2.4	11,404,600	13,530,448	18.6
Albanian	825,616	901,440	9.2	4,587,349	5,279,866	15.1
Foreign	2,081,711	2,075,347	-0.3	6,817,251	8,250,582	21.0

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

In August 2024, 96 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the region of Europe.

Southern Europe accounts 77 % of the foreign citizens arrivals from the European continent, followed by Western Europe with 9 % (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Period	August2023	August2024	January - August2023	January – August 2024
Total	2,022,754	2,167,665	7,190,410	8,533,940
I. Africa	1,319	3,829	7,345	19,318
II. America	40,106	52,771	171,298	223,703
III. East Asia and Pacific	12,335	15,878	44,948	63,509
IV. Middle East	8,547	4,861	34,498	23,464
V. South Asia	1,762	1,808	9,556	17,132
VI. Europe	1,951,489	2,084,468	6,903,360	8,137,893
- Central /Eastern Europe	163,238	169,868	477,089	635,618
- Northern Europe	77,895	73,751	270,958	352,670
- Southern Europe	1,528,631	1,608,057	5,476,179	6,190,482
- Western Europe	155,688	190,207	533,723	703,293
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	26,037	42,585	145,411	255,830
VII. Other countries not specified	7,196	4,050	19,405	48,921

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 August 2024, this indicator has marked an increase by 10.4 %, compared to August 2023. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes also increased significantly in August, by 49.4 % (tab.3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	August2023	August2024	Annual change (%)	January- August 2023	January-August 2024	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	2,022,754	2,167,665	7.2	7,190,410	8,533,940	18.7
I. Personal	2,011,338	2,150,608	6.9	7,102,617	8,396,723	18.2
1. Holidays s. visit to relativ es. etc.	1,906,761	2,104,779	10.4	6,745,450	8,140,268	20.7
2. Health treatment	116	9	-92.2	608	492	-19.1
3. Religious	67	56	-16.4	323	286	-11.5
4. Transit	104,394	45,764	-56.2	356,236	255,677	-28.2
II. Business and professional	11,416	17,057	49.4	87,793	137,217	56.3

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 August declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance. etc.