

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## October 2024

**Tirana, 25 November 2024:** During the month of October 2024, it results that 1,382,481 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Republic of Albania territory. This indicator has increased by 9.6 %, compared to October 2023.

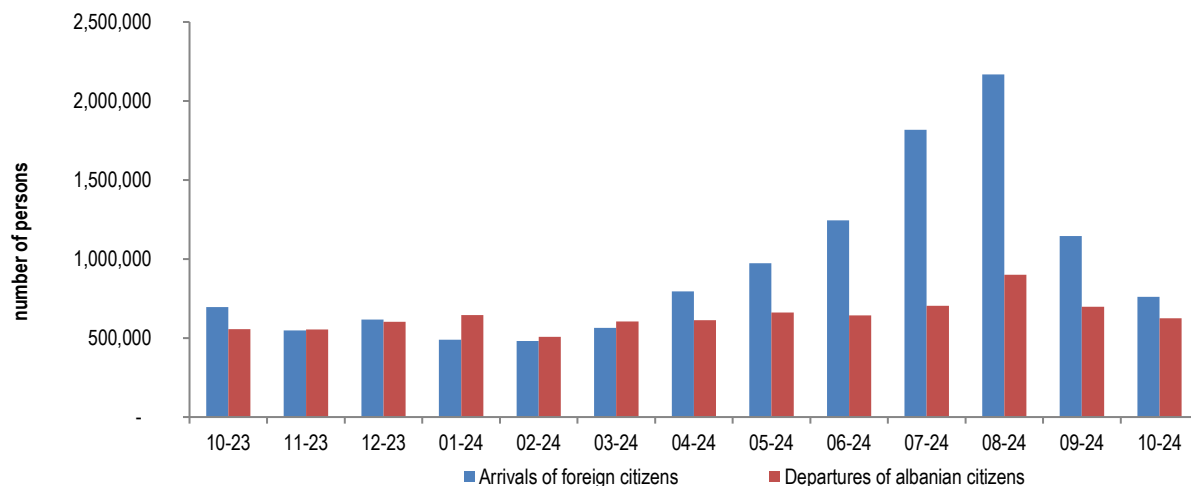
1,336,717 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 10.8 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

### Citizen's arrivals

In October 2024, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 620,845, increasing by 9.9 %, compared to October 2023.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 761,636. Compared to the same period of 2023, this number increased by 9.3 % (fig.1).

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



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

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### Citizen's departures

In October 2024, 624,227 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 12.0 %, compared to October 2023.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during October 2024 are 712,490. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number increased by 9.8 % (tab.1).

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

Period	October 2023	October 2024	Annual change (%)	January – October 2023	January – October 2024	Annual change (%)
<b>Total arrivals</b>	<b>1,261,688</b>	<b>1,382,481</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>14,663,603</b>	<b>17,000,047</b>	<b>15.9</b>
Albanian	564,863	620,845	9.9	5,672,178	6,558,381	15.6
Foreign	696,825	761,636	9.3	8,991,425	10,441,666	16.1
<b>Total departures</b>	<b>1,206,283</b>	<b>1,336,717</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>14,322,698</b>	<b>16,794,981</b>	<b>17.3</b>
Albanian	557,136	624,227	12.0	5,755,982	6,602,361	14.7
Foreign	649,147	712,490	9.8	8,566,716	10,192,620	19.0

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

In October 2024, 94 % 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 Western Europe with 13 % (tab.2).

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

Period	October 2023	October 2024	January - October 2023	January – October 2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>696,825</b>	<b>761,636</b>	<b>8,991,425</b>	<b>10,441,666</b>
I. Africa	817	3,317	9,354	27,807
II. America	16,446	23,851	216,980	281,128
III. East Asia and Pacific	6,589	9,533	60,495	86,776
IV. Middle East	1,725	2,009	38,787	27,972
V. South Asia	1,557	4,154	12,455	24,753
<b>VI. Europe</b>	<b>667,850</b>	<b>716,311</b>	<b>8,631,008</b>	<b>9,939,242</b>
- Central /Eastern Europe	32,604	50,026	605,046	808,534
- Northern Europe	28,211	43,416	342,201	450,844
- Southern Europe	521,961	507,904	6,793,461	7,447,731
- Western Europe	64,643	91,321	699,353	920,398
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	20,431	23,644	190,947	311,735
<b>VII. Other countries not specified</b>	<b>1,841</b>	<b>2,461</b>	<b>22,346</b>	<b>53,988</b>

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

The purpose of arrivals of foreign citizens in the Albanian territory, in 97 % of cases, is for personal purposes, dominated by arrivals for Holidays, visit to relatives, etc. In October 2024, this indicator has marked an increase by 8.7 %, compared to October 2023. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes also increased significantly in October, by 3.4 times (tab.3).

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

Period	October 2023	October 2024	Annual change (%)	January - October 2023	January – October 2024	Annual change (%)
<b>Arrivals foreign citizens</b>	<b>696,825</b>	<b>761,636</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>8,991,425</b>	<b>10,441,666</b>	<b>16.1</b>
<b>I. Personal</b>	<b>690,688</b>	<b>741,052</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>8,886,273</b>	<b>10,265,808</b>	<b>15.5</b>
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	652,533	709,437	8.7	8,443,761	9,904,642	17.3
2. Health treatment	205	58	- 71.7	824	603	- 26.8
3. Religious	18	22	22.2	365	325	- 11.0
4. Transit	37,932	31,535	- 16.9	441,323	360,238	- 18.4
<b>II. Business and professional</b>	<b>6,137</b>	<b>20,584</b>	<b>235.4</b>	<b>105,152</b>	<b>175,858</b>	<b>67.2</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. 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](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 October declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance. etc.