

Movements of citizens in Albania

November 2024

Tirana, 23 December 2024: During the month of November 2024, it results that 1,265,009 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Republic of Albania territory. This indicator has increased by 15.1 %, compared to November 2023.

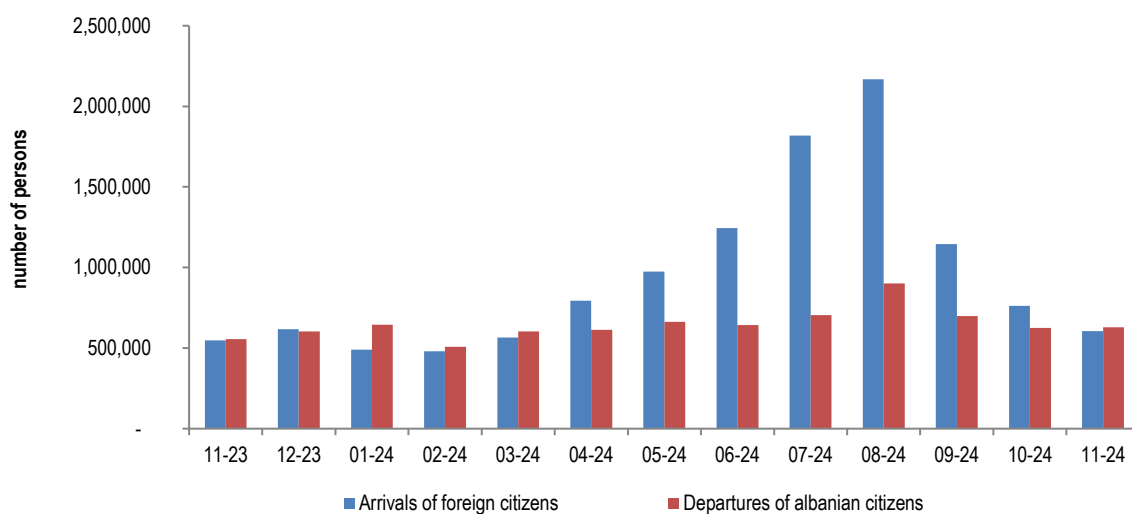
1,275,333 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 18.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In November 2024, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 660,677, increasing by 19.6 %, compared to November 2023.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 604,332. Compared to the same period of 2023, this number increased by 10.4 % (fig.1).

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



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

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Citizen's departures

In November 2024, 629,845 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 13.5 %, compared to November 2023.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during November 2024 are 645,488. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number increased by 24.1 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	November 2023	November 2024	Annual change (%)	January – November 2023	January – November 2024	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,099,481	1,265,009	15.1	15,763,084	18,265,056	15.9
Albanian	552,260	660,677	19.6	6,224,438	7,219,058	16.0
Foreign	547,221	604,332	10.4	9,538,646	11,045,998	15.8
Total departures	1,075,071	1,275,333	18.6	15,397,769	18,070,314	17.4
Albanian	555,019	629,845	13.5	6,311,001	7,232,206	14.6
Foreign	520,052	645,488	24.1	9,086,768	10,838,108	19.3

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

In November 2024, 96 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the region of Europe. Southern Europe accounts 85 % of the foreign citizens arrivals from the European continent, followed by Western Europe with 5 % (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Period	November 2023	November 2024	January - November 2023	January – November 2024
Total	547,221	604,332	9,538,646	11,045,998
I. Africa	931	2,274	10,285	30,081
II. America	14,100	13,650	231,080	294,778
III. East Asia and Pacific	3,577	5,367	64,072	92,143
IV. Middle East	904	1,183	39,691	29,155
V. South Asia	1,564	3,067	14,019	27,820
VI. Europe	525,182	577,729	9,156,190	10,516,971
- Central /Eastern Europe	19,070	21,167	624,116	829,701
- Northern Europe	18,185	18,469	360,386	469,313
- Southern Europe	452,165	491,624	7,245,626	7,939,355
- Western Europe	21,912	28,097	721,265	948,495
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	13,850	18,372	204,797	330,107
VII. Other countries not specified	963	1,062	23,309	55,050

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 November 2024, this indicator has marked an increase by 9.3 %, compared to November 2023. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes also increased significantly in November, by 89.4 % (tab.3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	November 2023	November 2024	Annual change (%)	January - November 2023	January - November 2024	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	547,221	604,332	10.4	9,538,646	11,045,998	15.8
I. Personal	537,492	585,901	9.0	9,423,765	10,851,709	15.2
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	519,380	567,862	9.3	8,963,141	10,472,504	16.8
2. Health treatment	71	20	-71.8	895	623	-30.4
3. Religious	23	26	13.0	388	351	-9.5
4. Transit	18,018	17,993	-0.1	459,341	378,231	-17.7
II. Business and professional	9,729	18,431	89.4	114,881	194,289	69.1

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 November declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.