

Movements of citizens in Albania

December 2024

Tirana, 24 January 2025: During the month of December 2024, it results that 1,442,193 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Republic of Albania territory. This indicator has increased by 5.8 %, compared to December 2023.

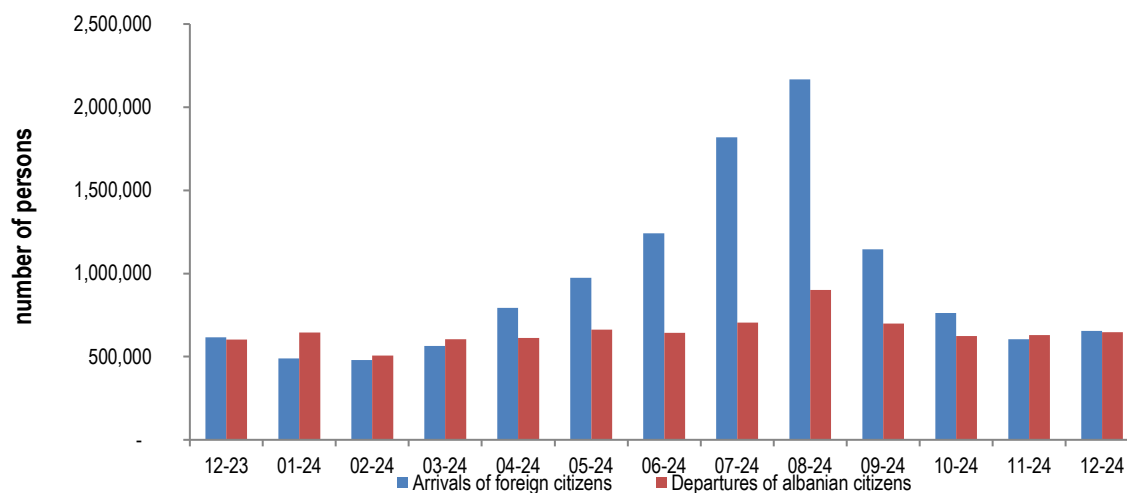
1,251,392 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 8.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In December 2024, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 787,851, increasing by 5.7 %, compared to December 2023.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 654.342. Compared to the same period in 2023, this number increased by 6.1 % (fig.1).

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



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

Citizen's departures

In December 2024, 646,178 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 7.3 %, compared to December 2023.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2024 are 605,214. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number increased by 10.0 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	December 2023	December 2024	Annual change (%)	January – December 2023	January – December 2024	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,362,511	1,442,193	5.8	17,125,595	19,703,020	15.1
Albanian	745,517	787,851	5.7	6,969,955	8,006,909	14.9
Foreign	616,994	654,342	6.1	10,155,640	11,696,111	15.2
Total departures	1,152,429	1,251,392	8.6	16,550,198	19,321,700	16.7
Albanian	602,346	646,178	7.3	6,913,347	7,878,384	14.0
Foreign	550,083	605,214	10.0	9,636,851	11,443,316	18.7

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

In December 2024, 97 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the region of Europe. Southern Europe accounts 84 % of the foreign citizens arrivals from the European continent, followed by Western Europe with 7 % (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Period	December 2023	December 2024	January - December 2023	January – December 2024
Total	616,994	654,342	10,155,640	11,696,111
I. Africa	835	1,385	11,120	31,466
II. America	9,845	11,338	240,925	306,116
III. East Asia and Pacific	2,617	3,848	66,689	95,991
IV. Middle East	755	1,001	40,446	30,156
V. South Asia	1,305	2,025	15,324	29,845
VI. Europe	571,348	634,235	9,727,538	11,146,979
- Central /Eastern Europe	19,216	20,981	643,332	850,679
- Northern Europe	20,090	22,383	380,476	491,694
- Southern Europe	498,067	533,415	7,743,693	8,468,557
- Western Europe	23,556	41,657	744,821	990,143
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	10,419	15,799	215,216	345,906
VII. Other countries not specified	30,289	510	53,598	55,558

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 December 2024, this indicator has marked an increase by 5.4 %, compared to December 2023. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes also increased significantly in December, by 73.3 % (tab.3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	December 2023	December 2024	Annual change (%)	January - December 2023	January – December 2024	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	616,994	654,342	6.1	10,155,640	11,696,111	15.2
I. Personal	606,847	636,759	4.9	10,030,612	11,484,245	14.5
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	580,311	611,591	5.4	9,543,452	11,079,872	16.1
2. Health treatment	54	14	- 74.1	949	637	- 32.9
3. Religious	29	9	- 69.0	417	360	- 13.7
4. Transit	26,453	25,145	- 4.9	485,794	403,376	- 17.0
II. Business and professional	10,147	17,583	73.3	125,028	211,866	69.5

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 monthly data from January to December 2024 have been revised.

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