

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## January 2025

**Tirana, 25 February 2025:** During the month of January 2025, it results that 1,158,204 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Republic of Albania territory. This indicator has increased by 12.4 %, compared to January 2024.

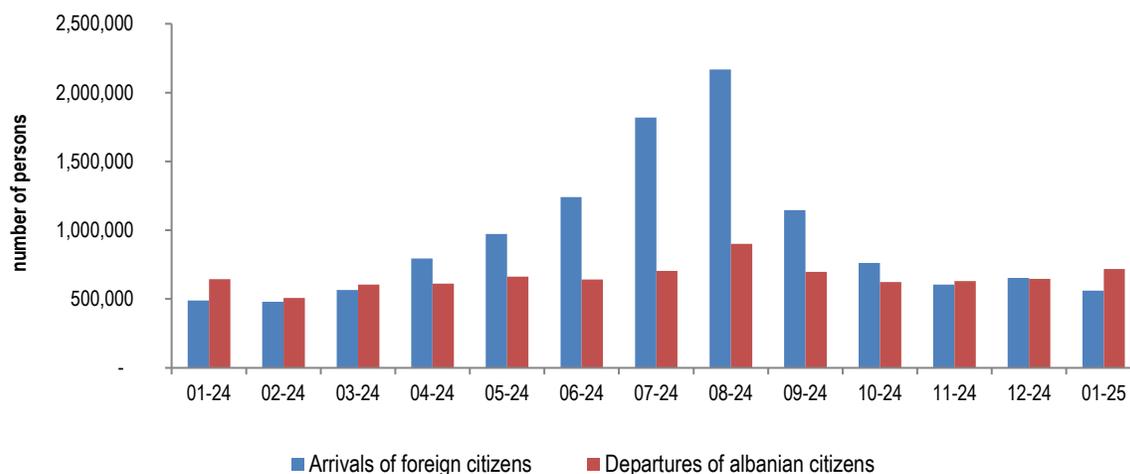
1,360,299 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 11.7 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

### Citizen's arrivals

In January 2025, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 597,808, increasing by 10.6 %, compared to January 2024.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 560,396. Compared to the same period in 2024, this number increased by 14.5 % (fig.1).

**Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, January 2024-January 2025**



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

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### Citizen's departures

In January 2025, 717,698 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 11.3 %, compared to January 2024.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during January 2025 are 642,601. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number increased by 12.2 % (tab.1).

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

Period	January 2024	January 2025	Annual change (%)
<b>Total arrivals</b>	<b>1,030,014</b>	<b>1,158,204</b>	<b>12.4</b>
Albanian	540,415	597,808	10.6
Foreign	489,599	560,396	14.5
<b>Total departures</b>	<b>1,217,684</b>	<b>1,360,299</b>	<b>11.7</b>
Albanian	644,768	717,698	11.3
Foreign	572,916	642,601	12.2

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

In January 2025, 97 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the region of Europe. Southern Europe accounts 87 % of the foreign citizens arrivals from the European continent, followed by Western Europe with 4 % (tab.2).

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

Period	January 2024	January 2025
<b>Total</b>	<b>489,599</b>	<b>560,396</b>
<b>I. Africa</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>1,222</b>
<b>II. America</b>	<b>8,867</b>	<b>11,030</b>
<b>III. East Asia and Pacific</b>	<b>2,157</b>	<b>3,587</b>
<b>IV. Middle East</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>993</b>
<b>V. South Asia</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>2,089</b>
<b>VI. Europe</b>	<b>475,563</b>	<b>541,035</b>
- Central /Eastern Europe	16,108	19,548
- Northern Europe	12,721	15,036
- Southern Europe	419,510	471,395
- Western Europe	15,614	19,681
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	11,610	15,375
<b>VII. Other countries not specified</b>	<b>927</b>	<b>440</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 January 2025, this indicator has marked an increase by 13.4 %, compared to January 2024. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes also increased significantly in January, by 90.1 % (tab.3).

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

Period	January 2024	January 2025	Annual change (%)
<b>Arrivals foreign citizens</b>	<b>489,599</b>	<b>560,396</b>	<b>14.5</b>
<b>I. Personal</b>	<b>481,328</b>	<b>544,675</b>	<b>13.2</b>
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	461,207	523,198	13.4
2. Health treatment	52	40	- 23.1
3. Religious	13	29	123.1
4. Transit	20,056	21,408	6.7
<b>II. Business and professional</b>	<b>8,271</b>	<b>15,721</b>	<b>90.1</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 December declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance. etc.