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MOVEMENTS OF CITIZENS IN ALBANIA

July 2026

During July 2026, a total of 2,826,615 Albanian and foreign citizens entered the territory of the Republic of Albania. This represents an increase by 6.1 % compared to July 2025.

At the same time, 2,661,504 Albanian and foreign citizens departed from the territory of the Republic of Albania, marking an increase by 3.3 % compared to the same period last year.

Citizens' arrivals to Albania:

- Albanian citizens: 871,516 (increase by 4.1 %)
- Foreign citizens: 1,955,099 (increase by 7.1 %)

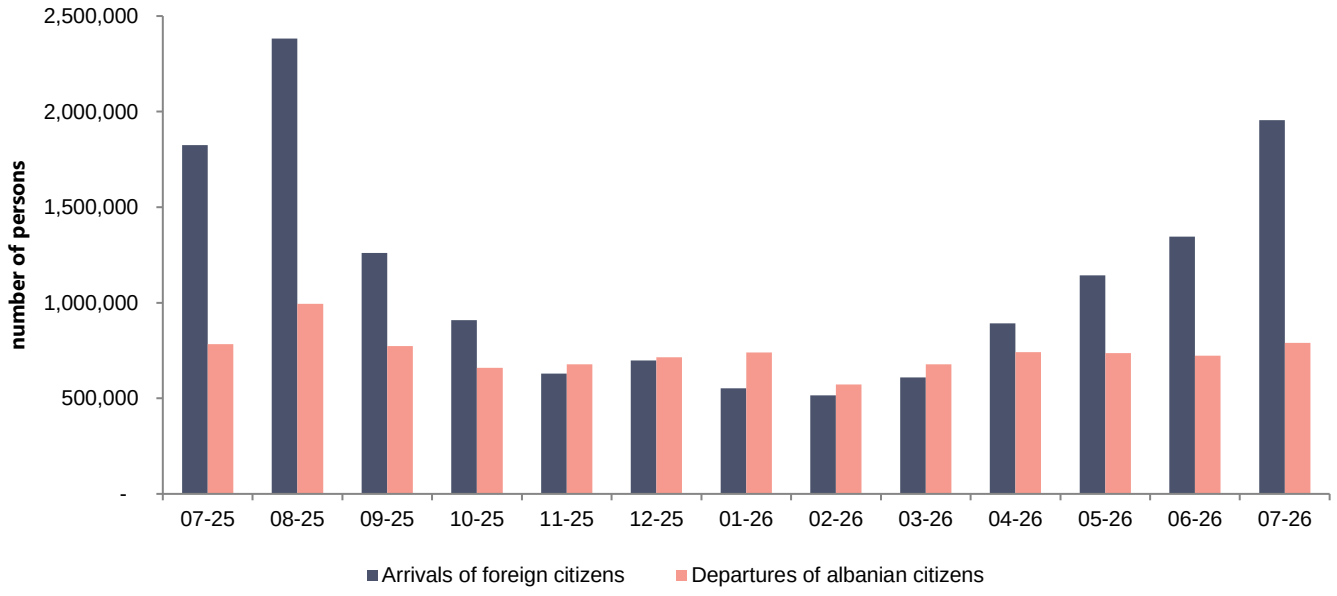
Citizens' departures from Albania:

- Albanian citizens: 790,261 (increase by 0.9 %)
- Foreign citizens: 1,871,243 (increase by 4.3 %)

Regions of foreign citizens' arrivals:

- Southern Europe accounts for 64 % and Central/Eastern Europe for 13 % of entries from Europe.

FIG. 1 MOVEMENTS OF CITIZENS IN ALBANIA, JULY 2025-JULY 2026



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

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TAB. 1 MOVEMENTS OF ALBANIAN AND FOREIGN CITIZENS

Period	July 2025	July 2026	Annual change (%)	January-July 2025	January-July 2026	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	**2,663,010**	**2,826,615**	**6.1**	**11,260,957**	**11,992,965**	**6.5**
Albanian	837,520	871,516	4.1	4,673,819	4,978,797	6.5
Foreign	1,825,490	1,955,099	7.1	6,587,138	7,014,168	6.5
Total departures	**2,576,342**	**2,661,504**	**3.3**	**11,245,404**	**11,791,560**	**4.9**
Albanian	782,849	790,261	0.9	4,771,188	4,982,078	4.4
Foreign	1,793,493	1,871,243	4.3	6,474,216	6,809,482	5.2

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

TAB. 2 ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN CITIZENS BY REGION

Period	July 2025	July 2026	January-July 2025	January-July 2026
Total	**1,825,490**	**1,955,099**	**6,587,138**	**7,014,168**
I. Africa	**5,592**	**9,041**	**24,644**	**37,742**
II. America	**63,411**	**67,928**	**193,364**	**225,194**
III. East Asia and Pacific	**15,969**	**16,723**	**60,364**	**65,962**
IV. Middle East	**7,425**	**8,533**	**20,232**	**20,213**
V. South Asia	**3,395**	**6,487**	**25,950**	**46,271**
VI. Europe	**1,728,437**	**1,833,396**	**6,255,487**	**6,599,053**
- Central /Eastern Europe	174,318	231,450	466,477	606,722
- Northen Europe	105,314	132,728	311,859	392,856
- Southern Europe	1,173,789	1,178,557	4,602,154	4,724,967
- Western Europe	210,196	224,975	652,943	660,669
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	64,820	65,686	222,054	213,839
VII. Other countries not specified	**1,261**	**12,991**	**7,097**	**19,733**

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. In July 2026, this indicator increased by 7.3 % compared with July 2025. Arrivals of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes decreased by 8.9 %.

Note to users:

- Detailed data are available in INSTAT's statistical database: Movement of Citizens in Albania
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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. Tranzit.

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