

Movements of citizens in Albania

April 2025

Tirana, 23 May 2025: During the month of April 2025, it results that 1,487,149 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Republic of Albania territory. This indicator has increased by 6.0 %, compared to April 2024.

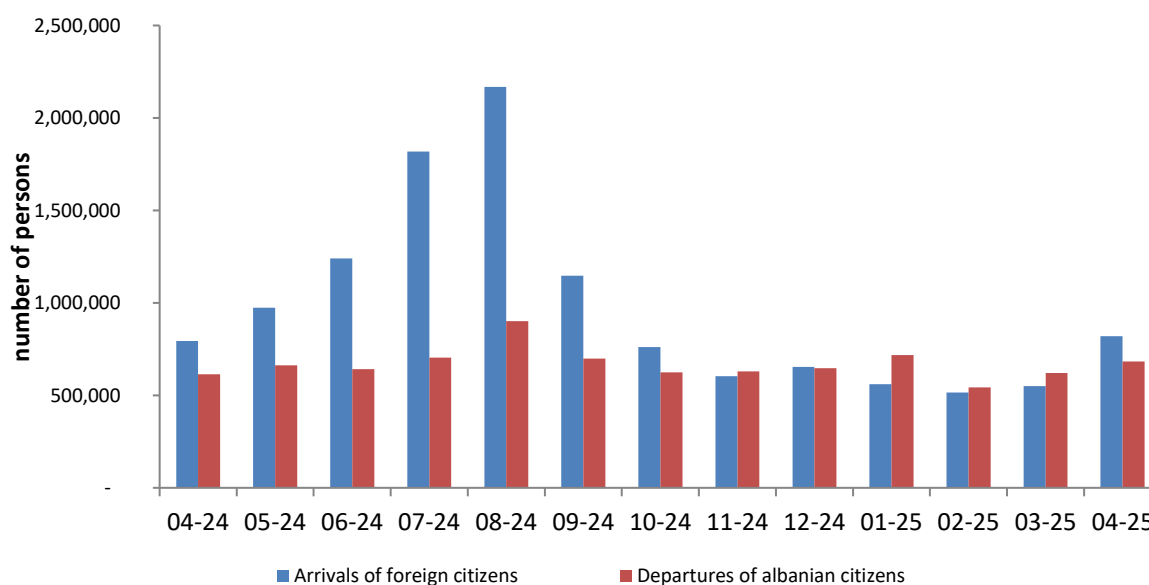
1,485,226 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 5.9 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In April 2025, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 667,998, increasing by 9.6 %, compared to April 2024.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 819,151. Compared to the same period in 2024, this number increased by 3.2 % (fig.1).

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



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

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Citizen's departures

In April 2025, 683,983 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 11.5 %, compared to April 2024.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during April 2025 are 801.243. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number increased by 1.5 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	April 2024	April 2025	Annual change (%)	January – April 2024	January – April 2025	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,403,480	1,487,149	6.0	4,565,231	4,858,915	6.4
Albanian	609,351	667,998	9.6	2,235,989	2,413,545	7.9
Foreign	794,129	819,151	3.2	2,329,242	2,445,370	5.0
Total departures	1,402,260	1,485,226	5.9	4,798,435	5,095,207	6.2
Albanian	613,196	683,983	11.5	2,369,161	2,567,261	8.4
Foreign	789,064	801,243	1.5	2,429,274	2,527,946	4.1

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

In April 2025, 95 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the region of Europe.

Southern Europe accounts 74 % 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	April 2024	April 2025	January - April 2024	January – April 2025
Total	794,129	819,151	2,329,242	2,445,370
I. Africa	2,006	3,204	5,088	8,643
II. America	16,699	19,398	47,980	53,046
III. East Asia and Pacific	5,301	7,440	15,691	19,173
IV. Middle East	1,246	1,926	3,303	4,818
V. South Asia	2,408	3,934	6,300	12,090
VI. Europe	753,973	781,754	2,228,919	2,344,676
- Central /Eastern Europe	29,935	38,117	99,406	104,618
- Northern Europe	31,909	37,898	88,500	95,100
- Southern Europe	598,675	579,489	1,832,911	1,885,744
- Western Europe	64,440	97,962	140,741	182,932
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	29,014	28,288	67,361	76,282
VII. Other countries not specified	12,496	1,495	21,961	2,924

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 April 2025, this indicator has marked an increase by 0.8 %, compared to April 2024. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes also increased significantly in February, by 40.8 % (tab.3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	April 2024	April 2025	Annual change (%)	January - April 2024	January – April 2025	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	794,129	819,151	3.2	2,329,242	2,445,370	5.0
I. Personal	778,167	796,674	2.4	2,267,291	2,370,024	4.5
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	747,992	753,830	0.8	2,171,458	2,266,858	4.4
2. Health treatment	76	21	-72.4	255	111	-56.5
3. Religious	23	19	-17.4	121	124	2.5
4. Transit	30,076	42,804	42.3	95,457	102,931	7.8
II. Business and professional	15,962	22,477	40.8	61,951	75,346	21.6

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