

Movements of citizens in Albania

February 2025

Tirana, 25 March 2025: During the month of February 2025, it results that 1,059,274 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Republic of Albania territory. This indicator has increased by 7.9 %, compared to February 2024.

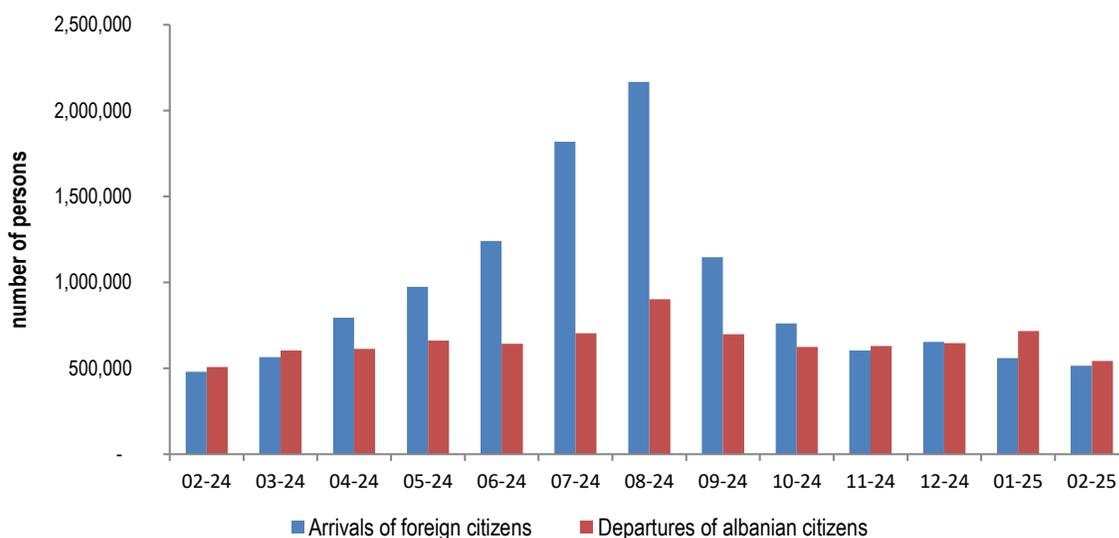
1,066,954 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 6.4 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In February 2025, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 543,216, increasing by 8.5 %, compared to February 2024.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 516,058. Compared to the same period in 2024, this number increased by 7.4 % (fig.1).

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



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

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Citizen's departures

In February 2025, 543,803 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 7.2 %, compared to February 2024.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during February 2025 are 523.151. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number increased by 5.5 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	February 2024	February 2025	Annual change (%)	January – February 2024	January – February 2025	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	981,295	1,059,274	7.9	2,011,309	2,217,478	10.3
Albanian	500,756	543,216	8.5	1,041,171	1,141,024	9.6
Foreign	480,539	516,058	7.4	970,138	1,076,454	11.0
Total departures	1,002,781	1,066,954	6.4	2,220,465	2,427,253	9.3
Albanian	507,095	543,803	7.2	1,151,863	1,261,501	9.5
Foreign	495,686	523,151	5.5	1,068,602	1,165,752	9.1

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

In February 2025, 96 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the region of Europe. Southern Europe accounts 83 % of the foreign citizens arrivals from the European continent, followed by Western Europe with 6 % (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Period	February 2024	February 2025	January - February 2024	January – February 2025
Total	480,539	516,058	970,138	1,076,454
I. Africa	914	1,920	1,434	3,142
II. America	8,147	9,233	17,014	20,263
III. East Asia and Pacific	2,979	3,737	5,136	7,324
IV. Middle East	735	1,037	1,336	2,030
V. South Asia	584	2,473	1,548	4,562
VI. Europe	459,700	497,293	935,263	1,038,328
- Central /Eastern Europe	20,226	21,121	36,334	40,669
- Northern Europe	18,596	19,677	31,317	34,713
- Southern Europe	387,776	413,957	807,286	885,352
- Western Europe	21,472	27,963	37,086	47,644
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	11,630	14,575	23,240	29,950
VII. Other countries not specified	7,480	365	8,407	805

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 February 2025, this indicator has marked an increase by 7.4 %, compared to February 2024. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes also increased significantly in February, by 29.6 % (tab.3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	February 2024	February 2025	Annual change (%)	January - February 2024	January – February 2025	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	480,539	516,058	7.4	970,138	1,076,454	11.0
I. Personal	467,591	499,278	6.8	948,919	1,043,953	10.0
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	449,269	482,513	7.4	910,476	1,005,711	10.5
2. Health treatment	57	26	-54.4	109	66	-39.4
3. Religious	30	39	30.0	43	68	58.1
4. Transit	18,235	16,700	-8.4	38,291	38,108	-0.5
II. Business and professional	12,948	16,780	29.6	21,219	32,501	53.2

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