

Movements of citizens in Albania

March 2025

Tirana, 25 April 2025: During the month of March 2025, it results that 1,154,288 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Republic of Albania territory. This indicator has increased by 0.3 %, compared to March 2024.

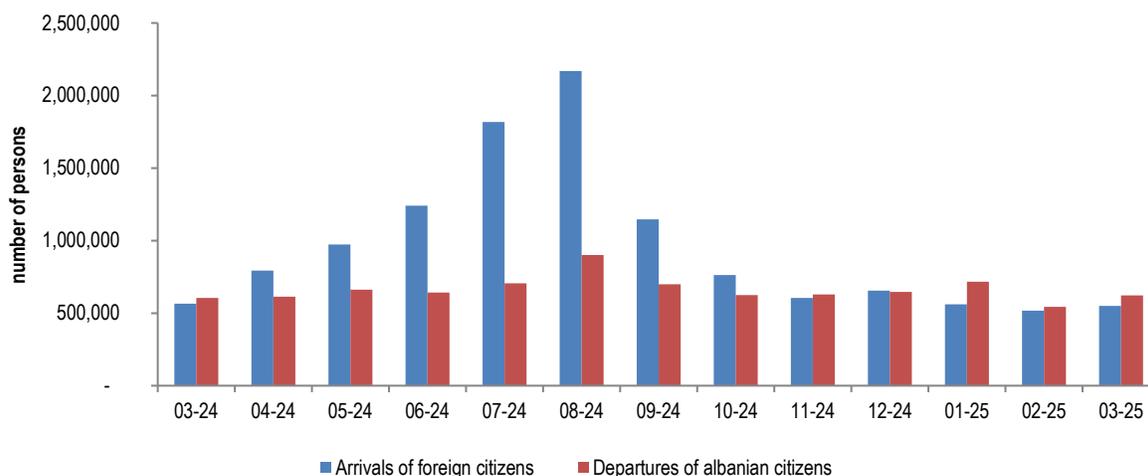
The number of Albanian and foreign citizens that have left the Republic of Albania territory is 1,182,728, marking an increase by 0.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In March 2025, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 604,523, increasing by 3.3 %, compared to March 2024.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 549,765. Compared to the same period in 2024, this number decreased by 2.7 % (fig.1).

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



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

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Citizen's departures

In March 2025, 621,777 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 2.9 %, compared to March 2024.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during March 2025 are 560,951. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number decreased by 1.9 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	March 2024	March 2025	Annual change (%)	January – March 2024	January – March 2025	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,150,442	1,154,288	0.3	3,161,751	3,371,766	6.6
Albanian	585,467	604,523	3.3	1,626,638	1,745,547	7.3
Foreign	564,975	549,765	-2.7	1,535,113	1,626,219	5.9
Total departures	1,175,710	1,182,728	0.6	3,396,175	3,609,981	6.3
Albanian	604,102	621,777	2.9	1,755,965	1,883,278	7.3
Foreign	571,608	560,951	-1.9	1,640,210	1,726,703	5.3

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

In February 2025, 95 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the region of Europe. Southern Europe accounts 80 % 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	March 2024	March 2025	January - March 2024	January – March 2025
Total	564,975	549,765	1,535,113	1,626,219
I. Africa	1,648	2,297	3,082	5,439
II. America	14,267	13,385	31,281	33,648
III. East Asia and Pacific	5,254	4,409	10,390	11,733
IV. Middle East	721	862	2,057	2,892
V. South Asia	2,344	3,594	3,892	8,156
VI. Europe	539,683	524,594	1,474,946	1,562,922
- Central /Eastern Europe	33,137	25,832	69,471	66,501
- Northern Europe	25,274	22,489	56,591	57,202
- Southern Europe	426,950	420,903	1,234,236	1,306,255
- Western Europe	39,215	37,326	76,301	84,970
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	15,107	18,044	38,347	47,994
VII. Other countries not specified	1,058	624	9,465	1,429

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

The purpose of arrivals of foreign citizens in the Albanian territory, in 96 % of cases, is for personal purposes, dominated by arrivals for Holidays, visit to relatives, etc. In March 2025, this indicator has marked a decrease by 1.1 %, compared to March 2024. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes also decreased significantly in February, by 17.8 % (tab.3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	March 2024	March 2025	Annual change (%)	January - March 2024	January - March 2025	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	564,975	549,765	-2.7	1,535,113	1,626,219	5.9
I. Personal	540,205	529,397	-2.0	1,489,124	1,573,350	5.7
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	512,990	507,317	-1.1	1,423,466	1,513,028	6.3
2. Health treatment	70	24	-65.7	179	90	-49.7
3. Religious	55	37	-32.7	98	105	7.1
4. Transit	27,090	22,019	-18.7	65,381	60,127	-8.0
II. Business and professional	24,770	20,368	-17.8	45,989	52,869	15.0

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.