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*MOVEMENTS OF CITIZENS IN ALBANIA

October 2026

During October 2026, a total of 1,457,940 Albanian and foreign citizens entered the territory of the Republic of Albania. This represents a decrease by 7.6 % compared to October 2025.

At the same time, 1,562,077 Albanian and foreign citizens departed from the territory of the Republic of Albania, marking an increase by 1.1 % compared to the same period last year.

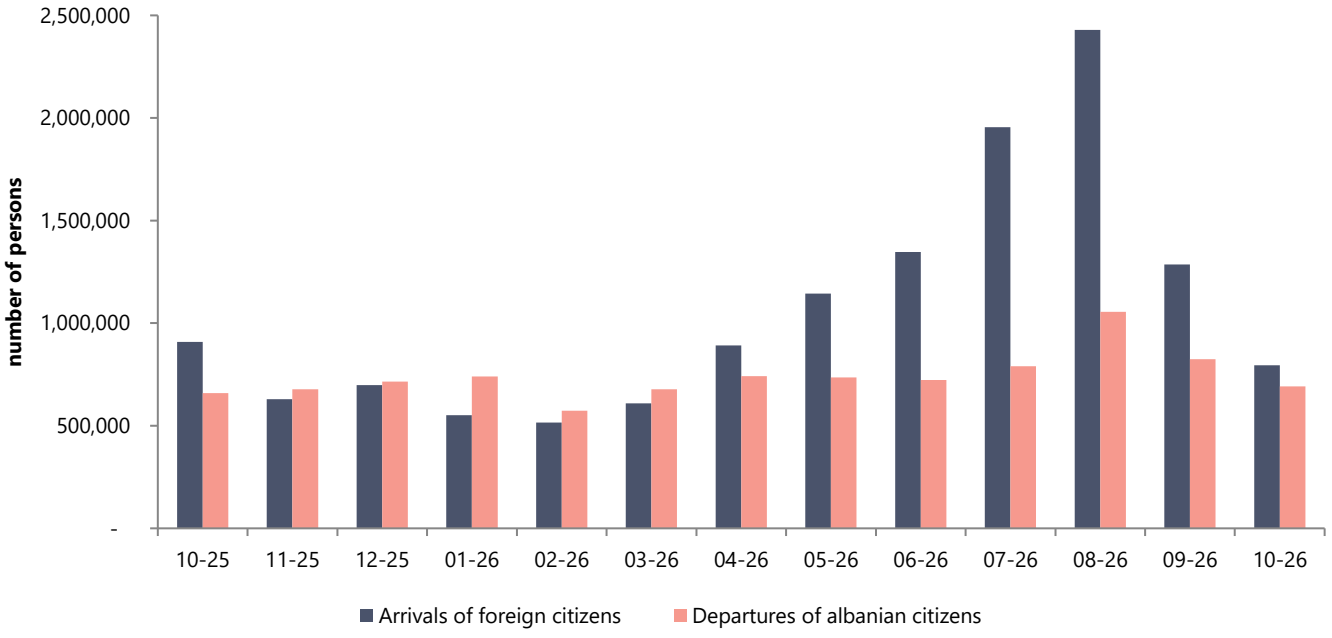
Citizens' arrivals to Albania:

- Albanian citizens: 662,437 (decrease by 0.9 %)
- Foreign citizens: 795,503 (decrease by 12.5 %)

Citizens' departures from Albania:

- Albanian citizens: 692,374 (increase by 5.0 %)
- Foreign citizens: 869,703 (decrease by 1.9 %)

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



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

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TAB. 1 MOVEMENTS OF ALBANIAN AND FOREIGN CITIZENS

Period	October 2025	October 2026	Annual change (%)	January-October 2025	January-October 2026	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	**1,577,265**	**1,457,940**	**-7.6**	**18,171,927**	**18,934,813**	**4.2**
Albanian	668,623	662,437	-0.9	7,034,599	7,408,919	5.3
Foreign	908,642	795,503	-12.5	11,137,328	11,525,894	3.5
Total departures	**1,545,580**	**1,562,077**	**1.1**	**18,254,194**	**19,066,455**	**4.4**
Albanian	659,405	692,374	5.0	7,197,821	7,553,304	4.9
Foreign	886,175	869,703	-1.9	11,056,373	11,513,151	4.1

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

***Note to users:**

Following certain changes in the reporting of data from the administrative source, during the process of control and validation INSTAT has identified some inconsistencies in specific disaggregated indicators of the statistics on the movements of citizens.

In order to guarantee the quality, comparability and reliability of the statistical information, in the publication for the month of October 2026 these indicators will temporarily be presented only at a more aggregated level where the data meet the reliability conditions of the variables.

INSTAT, in cooperation with the administrative source, is continuing the process of verification and harmonisation of the time series. The detailed indicators will be published upon completion of this process and once the consistency of the data has been ensured.

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 month 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 month 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.