

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## May 2025

**Tirana, 24 June 2025:** During the month of May 2025, it results that 1,676,222 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Republic of Albania territory. This indicator has increased by 4.3 %, compared to May 2024.

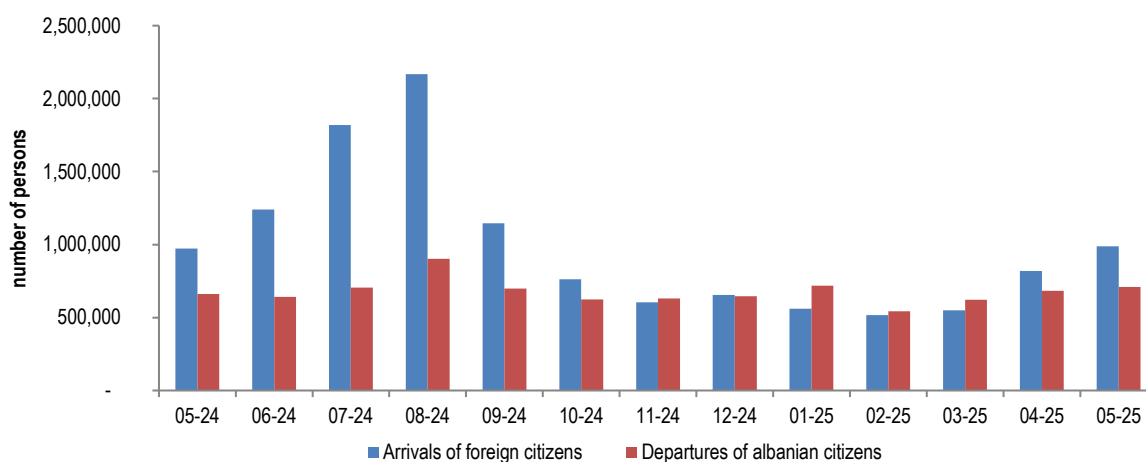
1,655,100 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 2.4 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

### Citizen's arrivals

In May 2025, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 689,145, increasing by 8.9 %, compared to May 2024.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 987,077. Compared to the same period in 2024, this number increased by 1.4 % (fig.1).

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



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

### Citizen's departures

In May 2025, 710,048 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 7.2 %, compared to May 2024.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during May 2025 are 945,052. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number decreased by 0.9 % (tab.1).

**Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens**

Period	May 2024	May 2025	Annual change (%)	January – May 2024	January – May 2025	Annual change (%)
<b>Total arrivals</b>	<b>1,606,520</b>	<b>1,676,222</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>6,171,751</b>	<b>6,535,137</b>	<b>5.9</b>
Albanian	632,832	689,145	8.9	2,868,821	3,102,690	8.2
Foreign	973,688	987,077	1.4	3,302,930	3,432,447	3.9
<b>Total departures</b>	<b>1,615,862</b>	<b>1,655,100</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>6,414,297</b>	<b>6,750,307</b>	<b>5.2</b>
Albanian	662,095	710,048	7.2	3,031,256	3,277,309	8.1
Foreign	953,767	945,052	-0.9	3,383,041	3,472,998	2.7

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

In May 2025, 95 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the region of Europe. Southern Europe accounts 72 % of the foreign citizens arrivals from the European continent, followed by Western Europe with 14 % (tab.2).

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region**

Period	May 2024	May 2025	January-May 2024	January-May 2025
<b>Total</b>	<b>973,688</b>	<b>987,077</b>	<b>3,302,930</b>	<b>3,432,447</b>
<b>I. Africa</b>	<b>3,555</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>8,643</b>	<b>13,311</b>
<b>II. America</b>	<b>24,191</b>	<b>28,496</b>	<b>72,171</b>	<b>81,542</b>
<b>III. East Asia and Pacific</b>	<b>8,219</b>	<b>10,397</b>	<b>23,910</b>	<b>29,570</b>
<b>IV. Middle East</b>	<b>1,790</b>	<b>2,807</b>	<b>5,093</b>	<b>7,625</b>
<b>V. South Asia</b>	<b>3,252</b>	<b>4,822</b>	<b>9,552</b>	<b>16,912</b>
<b>VI. Europe</b>	<b>927,906</b>	<b>934,532</b>	<b>3,156,825</b>	<b>3,279,208</b>
- Central /Eastern Europe	63,938	55,197	163,344	159,815
- Northern Europe	42,730	47,692	131,230	142,792
- Southern Europe	689,015	670,518	2,521,926	2,556,262
- Western Europe	105,276	126,282	246,017	309,214
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	26,947	34,843	94,308	111,125
<b>VII. Other countries not specified</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>1,355</b>	<b>26,736</b>	<b>4,279</b>

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

The purpose of arrivals of foreign citizens in the Albanian territory, in 98 % of cases, is for personal purposes, dominated by arrivals for Holidays, visit to relatives, etc. In May 2025, this indicator has marked an increase by 0.9 %, compared to May 2024. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes also increased significantly in February, by 26.1 % (tab.3).

**Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose**

Period	May 2024	May 2025	Annual change (%)	January - May 2024	January – May 2025	Annual change (%)
<b>Arrivals foreign citizens</b>	<b>973,688</b>	<b>987,077</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>3,302,930</b>	<b>3,432,447</b>	<b>3.9</b>
<b>I. Personal</b>	<b>954,753</b>	<b>963,203</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>3,222,044</b>	<b>3,333,227</b>	<b>3.5</b>
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	928,977	916,778	-1.3	3,100,435	3,183,636	2.7
2. Health treatment	67	49	-26.9	322	160	-50.3
3. Religious	16	26	62.5	137	150	9.5
4. Transit	25,693	46,350	80.4	121,150	149,281	23.2
<b>II. Business and professional</b>	<b>18,935</b>	<b>23,874</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>80,886</b>	<b>99,220</b>	<b>22.7</b>

**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. 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](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.