

# Movements of citizens in Albania

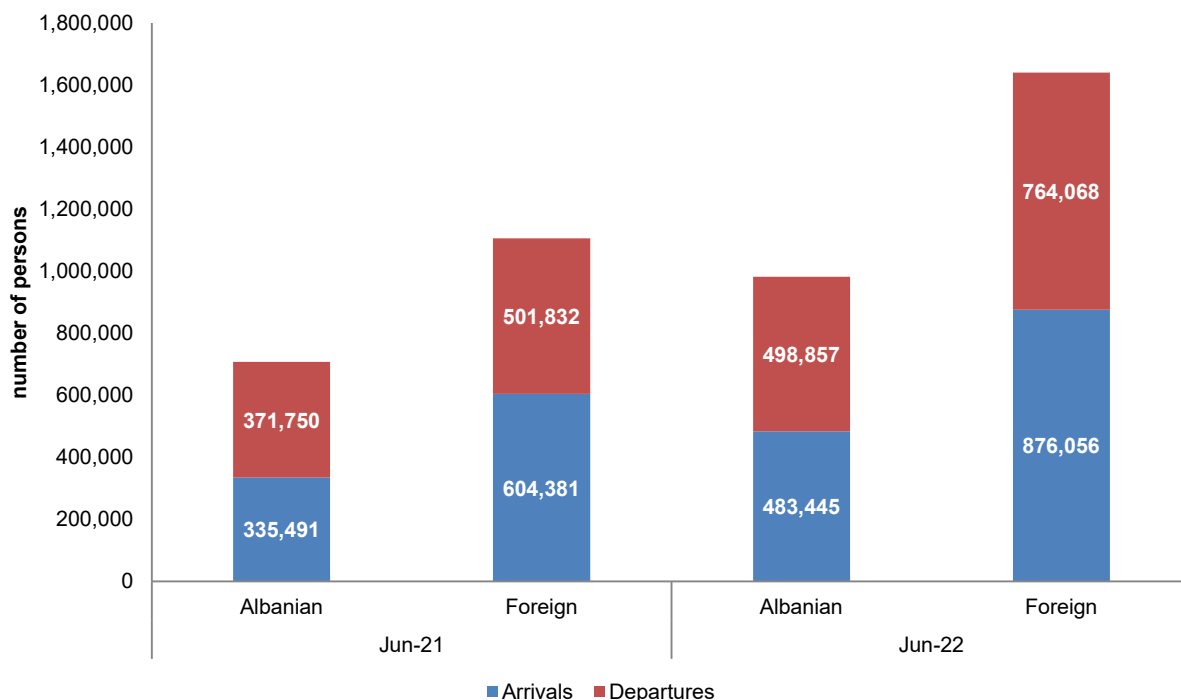
## June 2022

**Tirana, 25 July 2022:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in June 2022 are 1,359,501. This indicator increased by 44.6 %, compared to June 2021. In June 2022, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 876,056. This number increased by 45.0 %, compared to June 2021. (tab.1).

### Citizen's arrivals

During the first six months of 2022, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Greece has had the largest increase of 5.1 times, while Kosovo had the lowest growth with 12.6 %, compared with the same period of 2021 (tab.2).

**Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania**



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

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### Citizen's departures

Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during June 2022 are 1,262,925 marking an increase by 44.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during June 2022 are 498,857. Compared to June 2021, this number has increased by 34.2 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during June 2022 are 764,068. Compared to June 2021, this number increased by 52.3 % (tab.1).

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the first six months of 2022 is 2,519,533 increasing by 47.9 %, compared with the same period of 2021 (tab1).

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

Period	June 2021	June 2022	Annual change (%)	January- June 2021	January- June 2022	Annual change (%)
<b>Total Arrivals</b>	<b>939,872</b>	<b>1,359,501</b>	44.6	<b>3,172,440</b>	<b>4,813,233</b>	51.7
Albanian	335,491	483,445	44.1	1,484,458	2,259,486	52.2
Foreign	604,381	876,056	45.0	1,687,982	2,553,747	51.3
<b>Total Departures</b>	<b>873,582</b>	<b>1,262,925</b>	44.6	<b>3,210,305</b>	<b>5,009,065</b>	56.0
Albanian	371,750	498,857	34.2	1,703,123	2,519,533	47.9
Foreign	501,832	764,068	52.3	1,507,182	2,489,532	65.2

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

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens**

Countries	June 2021	June 2022	January- June 2021	January- June 2022
Kosovo	335,893	394,327	861,252	969,547
North Macedonia	68,522	76,373	235,100	289,025
Greece	15,797	42,232	43,725	199,943
Italy	27,482	43,275	88,294	198,031
United Kingdom	5,153	16,356	14,394	62,362
Montenegro	32,861	33,681	156,373	199,416
Poland	19,890	28,380	26,297	39,455
USA	12,620	19,833	27,300	50,637
Spain	812	4,219	2,140	10,955
Germany	10,267	26,084	28,440	73,636
Switzerland	4,315	5,080	14,780	19,685
Others	70,769	186,216	189,887	441,055
<b>Total</b>	<b>604,381</b>	<b>876,056</b>	<b>1,687,982</b>	<b>2,553,747</b>

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

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

Period	June 2021	June 2022	Annual change (%)	January- June 2021	January- June 2022	Annual change (%)
<b>Arrivals foreign citizens</b>	<b>604,381</b>	<b>876,056</b>	<b>45.0</b>	<b>1,687,982</b>	<b>2,553,747</b>	<b>51.3</b>
I. Personal	594,088	868,307	46.2	1,644,191	2,502,453	52.2
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	575,593	850,410	47.7	1,579,483	2,409,819	52.6
2. Health treatment	147	40	-72.8	913	498	-45.5
3. Religious	53	69	30.2	246	244	-0.8
4. Transit	18,295	17,788	-2.8	63,549	91,892	44.6
II. Business and professional	10,293	7,749	-24.7	43,791	51,294	17.1

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

**Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel**

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
June 2021	143,247	29,854	766,771	115,446	19,292	738,844
June 2022	268,123	56,449	1,034,929	234,892	45,824	982,209
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	<b>87.2</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>35.0</b>	<b>103.5</b>	<b>137.5</b>	<b>32.9</b>
January- June 2021	385,684	122,942	2,663,814	366,032	107,315	2,736,958
January- June 2022	1,043,172	183,883	3,586,178	1,044,552	181,659	3,782,854
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	<b>170.5</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>185.4</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>38.2</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. 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:

<http://www.instat.gov.al/en/documentation/quality-in-statistics/> statistical revision policy.

**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 crossing June declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.