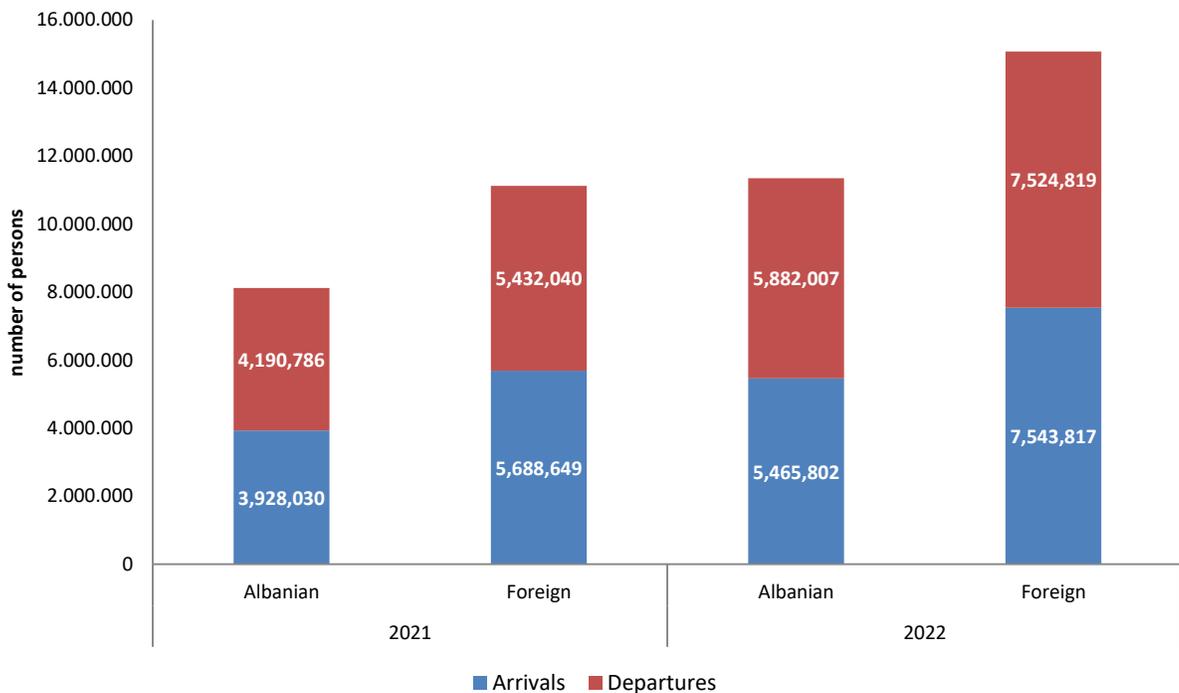


Movements of citizens in Albania

December 2022

Tirana, 25 January 2023: The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania in 2022, is 7,543,817 increasing by 32.6 %, compared with 2021. The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during 2022 is 5,882,007 increasing by 40.4 %, compared with the previous year (tab.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, 2021 – 2022



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

Citizen's arrivals

Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in December 2022 are 965,495. This indicator increased by 44.7 %, compared to December 2021. In December 2022, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 391,565. This number increased by 46.4 %, compared to December 2021 (tab.1).

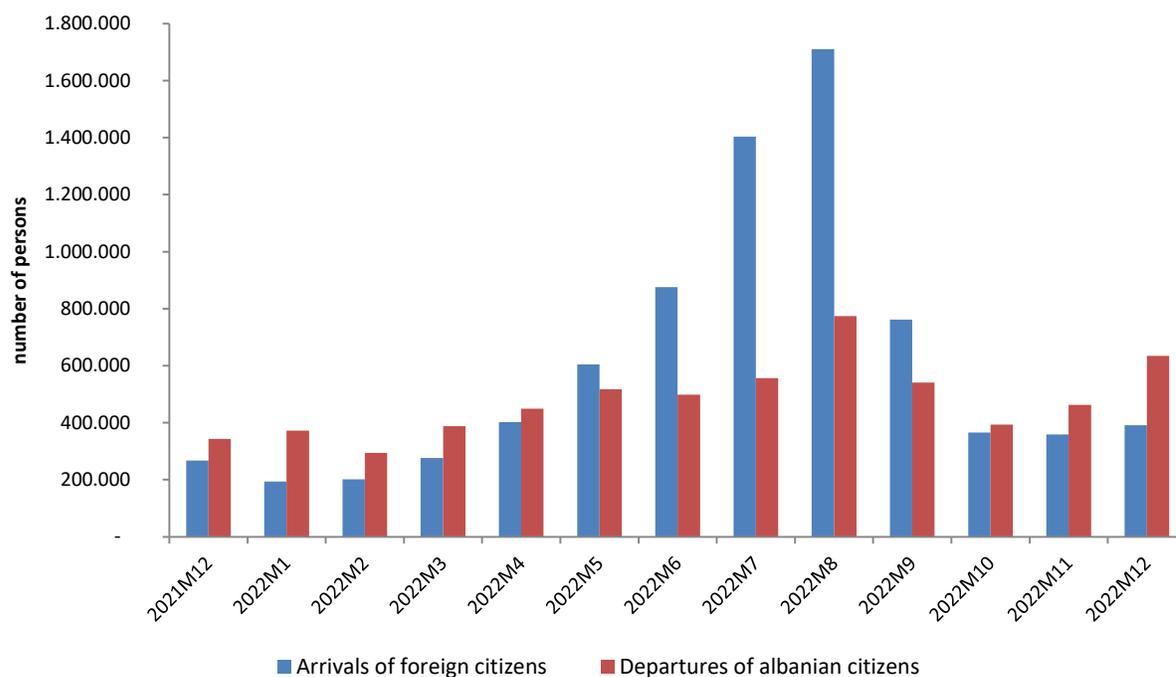
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In December 2022, from the countries with the highest inflows of citizens to Albania, Spain had the largest increase by 74.2 % times and Montenegro by 70.0 %, compared to December 2021.

During the year 2022, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Spain has had the largest increase of 3.6 times and United Kingdom by 85.9 %, while Switzerland had the lowest growth by 14.3 %, compared with the same period of 2021 (tab.2).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, December 2021-December 2022



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

Citizen's departures

Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during December 2022 are 1,070,394 marking an increase by 71.8 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2022 are 634,998. Compared to December 2021, this number has increased by 85.2 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2022 are 435,396. Compared to December 2021, this number increased by 55.5 % (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	December 2021	December 2022	Annual change (%)	January-December 2021	January-December 2022	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	667,432	965,495	44.7	9,616,679	13,009,619	35.3
Albanian	400,023	573,930	43.5	3,928,030	5,465,802	39.1
Foreign	267,409	391,565	46.4	5,688,649	7,543,817	32.6
Total Departures	622,896	1,070,394	71.8	9,622,826	13,406,826	39.3
Albanian	342,909	634,998	85.2	4,190,786	5,882,007	40.4
Foreign	279,987	435,396	55.5	5,432,040	7,524,819	38.5

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

In December 2022, the number of foreign nationals entering the territory of Albania for "Personal" purposes is 383,136, increasing by 48.3 %, compared to the same period of the previous year (tab2).

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	December 2021	December 2022	Annual change (%)	January-December 2021	January-December 2022	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	267,409	391,565	46.4	5,688,649	7,543,817	32.6
I. Personal	258,423	383,136	48.3	5,588,400	7,437,477	33.1
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	243,979	351,408	44.0	5,411,591	7,067,487	30.6
2. Health treatment	96	25	-74.0	1,504	2,392	59.0
3. Religious	21	33	57.1	488	495	1.4
4. Transit	14,327	31,670	121.1	174,817	367,103	110.0
II. Business and professional	8,986	8,429	-6.2	100,249	106,340	6.1

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

During the year 2022, the arrivals and departures of Albanian and foreign citizens according to the mode of travel are presented:

Number of citizen's arrivals:

- From air points has increased by 71.5 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From sea points has increased by 42.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From land border points has increased by 27.9 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

The number of citizen's departures:

- From air points has increased by 75.7 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From sea points has increased by 55.1 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From land border points has increased by 31.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year (tab3).

Tab 3. Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
December 2021	151,120	47,591	468,721	115,288	16,463	491,145
December 2022	215,775	56,474	693,246	193,997	22,890	853,507
Annual change (%)	42.8	18.7	47.9	68.3	39.0	73.8
January- December 2021	1,457,497	494,985	7,664,197	1,443,841	445,517	7,733,468
January- December 2022	2,499,021	705,951	9,804,647	2,537,223	690,783	10,178,820
Annual change (%)	71.5	42.6	27.9	75.7	55.1	31.6

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 may declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.