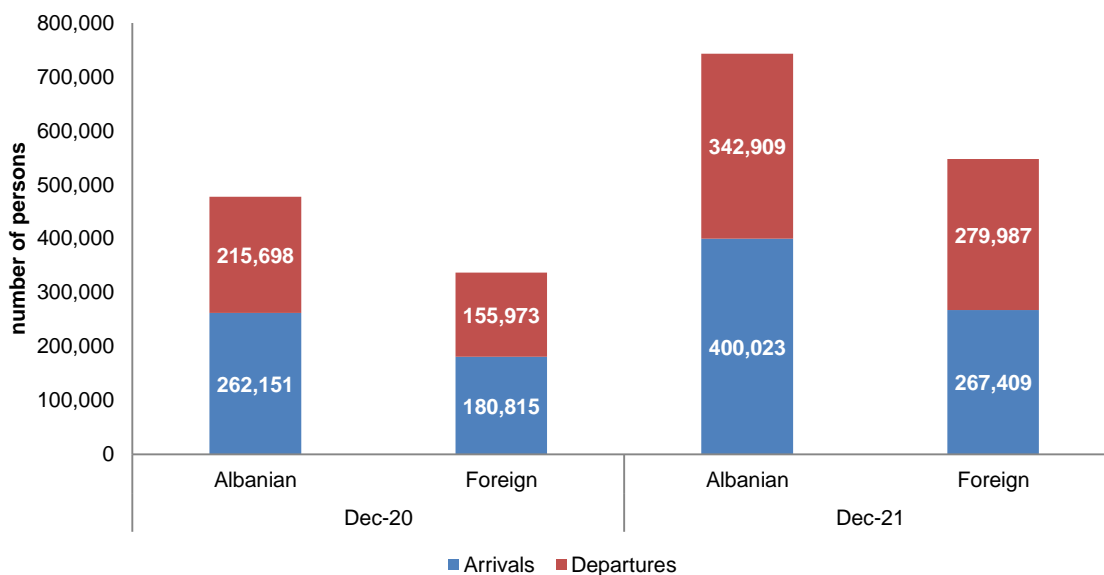


Movements of citizens in Albania

December 2021

Tiranë 25 January 2022: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in December 2021 are 667,432. Compared to December 2020, this indicator increased by 50.7 %. In December 2021, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 267,409, compared to December 2020, this number increased by 47.9 % .

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, December 2021



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

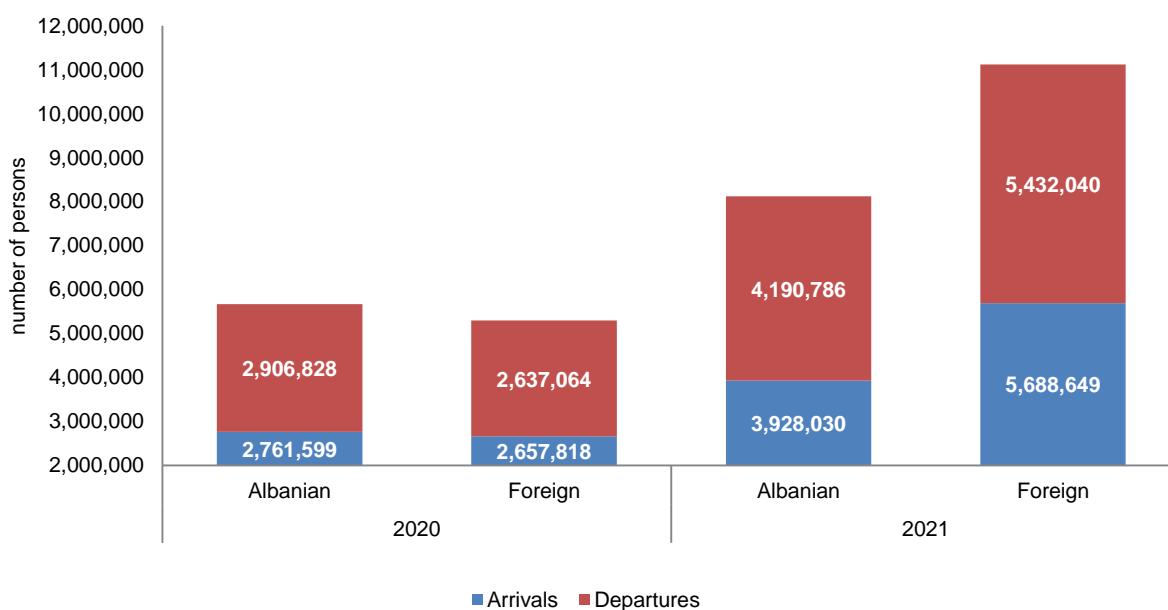
The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania in 2021, is 5,688,649 increasing by 2.1 times, compared with 2020. The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during 2021 is 4,190,786 increasing by 44.2 %, compared with the previous year (tab.1).

During 2021, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Poland had the largest increase of arrivals by 4.6 times, Spain by 4.5 times and USA by 3.9 times, compared with 2020 (tab.2).

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Fig. 2 Movements of citizens in Albania, 2020 – 2021



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

Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2021 are 342,909. Compared to December 2020, this number has increased by 59.0 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2021 are 279,987. Compared to December 2020, this number increased by 79.5 %.

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	December 2020	December 2021	Annual change (%)	January-December 2020	January-December 2021	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	442,966	667,432	50.7	5,419,417	9,616,679	77.4
Albanian	262,151	400,023	52.6	2,761,599	3,928,030	42.2
Foreign	180,815	267,409	47.9	2,657,818	5,688,649	114.0
Total Departures	371,671	622,896	67.6	5,543,892	9,622,826	73.6
Albanian	215,698	342,909	59.0	2,906,828	4,190,786	44.2
Foreign	155,973	279,987	79.5	2,637,064	5,432,040	106.0

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

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	December 2020	December 2021	January- December 2020	January- December 2021
Kosovo	85,648	78,271	1,379,360	2,640,447
North Macedonia	31,826	31,738	370,135	560,213
Greece	5,714	34,835	203,445	276,915
Italy	9,648	31,597	123,489	354,370
United Kingdom	3,849	8,545	53,402	89,624
Montenegro	18,746	25,632	174,233	319,770
Poland	317	748	24,404	112,223
USA	2,070	4,523	24,570	95,377
Spain	188	875	2,801	12,567
Germany	3,252	5,395	39,461	119,009
Switzerland	3,466	2,850	18,388	57,011
Others	16,091	42,400	244,130	1,051,123
Total	180,815	267,409	2,657,818	5,688,649

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

Tab 3. Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	December 2020	December 2021	Annual change (%)	January-December 2020	January-December 2021	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	180,815	267,409	47.9	2,657,818	5,688,649	114.0
I. Personal	170,162	258,423	51.9	2,542,494	5,588,400	119.8
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	155,022	244,075	57.4	2,458,883	5,413,095	120.1
2. Religious	28	21	-25.0	326	488	49.7
3. Transit	15,112	14,327	-5.2	83,285	174,817	109.9
II. Business and professional	10,653	8,986	-15.6	115,324	100,249	-13.1

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
December 2020	50,816	28,666	363,484	33,749	10,566	327,356
December 2021	151,120	47,591	468,721	115,288	16,463	491,145
Annual change (%)	197.4	66.0	29.0	241.6	55.8	50.0
January- December 2020	657,467	233,538	4,528,412	649,044	223,890	4,670,958
January- December 2021	1,457,497	494,985	7,664,197	1,443,841	445,517	7,733,468
Annual change (%)	121.7	112.0	69.2	122.5	99.0	65.6

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