

# Movements of citizens in Albania

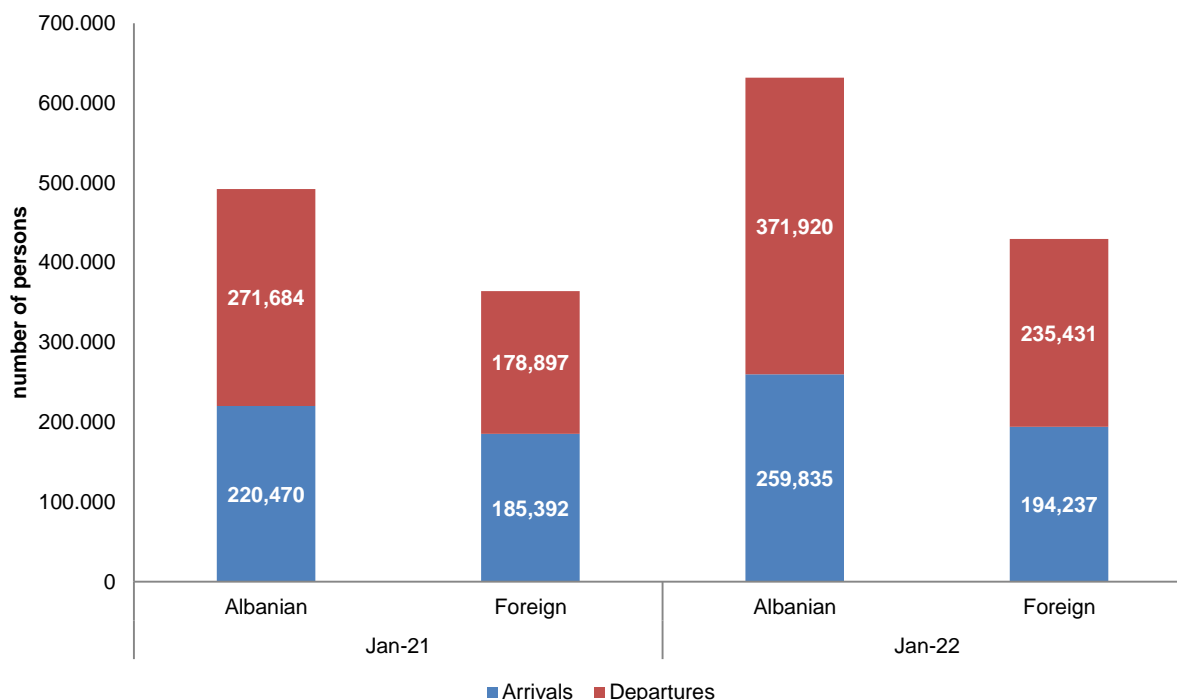
## January 2022

**Tirana, 25 February 2022:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in January 2022 are 454,072. Compared to January 2021, this indicator increased by 11.9 %. In January 2022, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 194,237. Compared to January 2021, this number increased by 4.8 % (tab.1).

### Citizen's arrivals

In January 2022, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Spain had the largest increase by 4.8 times and Greece by 3.8 times, while Switzerland had the highest decrease of arrivals by 33.8 %, 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 January 2022 are 607,351 marking an increase by 34.8 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during January 2022 are 371,920. Compared to January 2021, this number has increased by 36.9 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during January 2022 are 235,431. Compared to January 2021, this number increased by 31.6 % (tab.1).

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

Period	January 2021	January 2022	Annual change (%)
<b>Total arrivals</b>	<b>405,862</b>	<b>454,072</b>	<b>11.9</b>
Albanian	220,470	259,835	17.9
Foreign	185,392	194,237	4.8
<b>Total departures</b>	<b>450,581</b>	<b>607,351</b>	<b>34.8</b>
Albanian	271,684	371,920	36.9
Foreign	178,897	235,431	31.6

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

**Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens**

Countries	January 2021	January 2022	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	87,690	63,367	-27.7
North Macedonia	34,293	32,558	-5.1
Greece	5,018	18,961	277.9
Italy	9,929	21,281	114.3
United Kingdom	1,552	4,586	195.5
Montenegro	24,214	21,330	-11.9
Poland	223	470	110.8
USA	1,954	3,622	85.4
Spain	126	605	380.2
Germany	3,012	3,517	16.8
Switzerland	2,394	1,585	-33.8
Others	14,987	22,355	49.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>185,392</b>	<b>194,237</b>	<b>4.8</b>

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

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

Period	January 2021	January 2022	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	185,392	194,237	4.8
I. Personal	179,183	188,031	4.9
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, , etc.	169,073	179,971	6.4
2. Health treatment	137	135	-1.5
3. Religious	44	29	-34.1
4. Tranzit	9,929	7,896	-20.5
II. Business and professional	6,209	6,206	0.0

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
January 2021	36,764	15,325	353,773	48,934	25,385	376,262
January 2022	108,333	17,451	328,288	143,815	39,409	424,127
Annual change (%)	194.7	13.9	-7.2	193.9	55.2	12.7

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.