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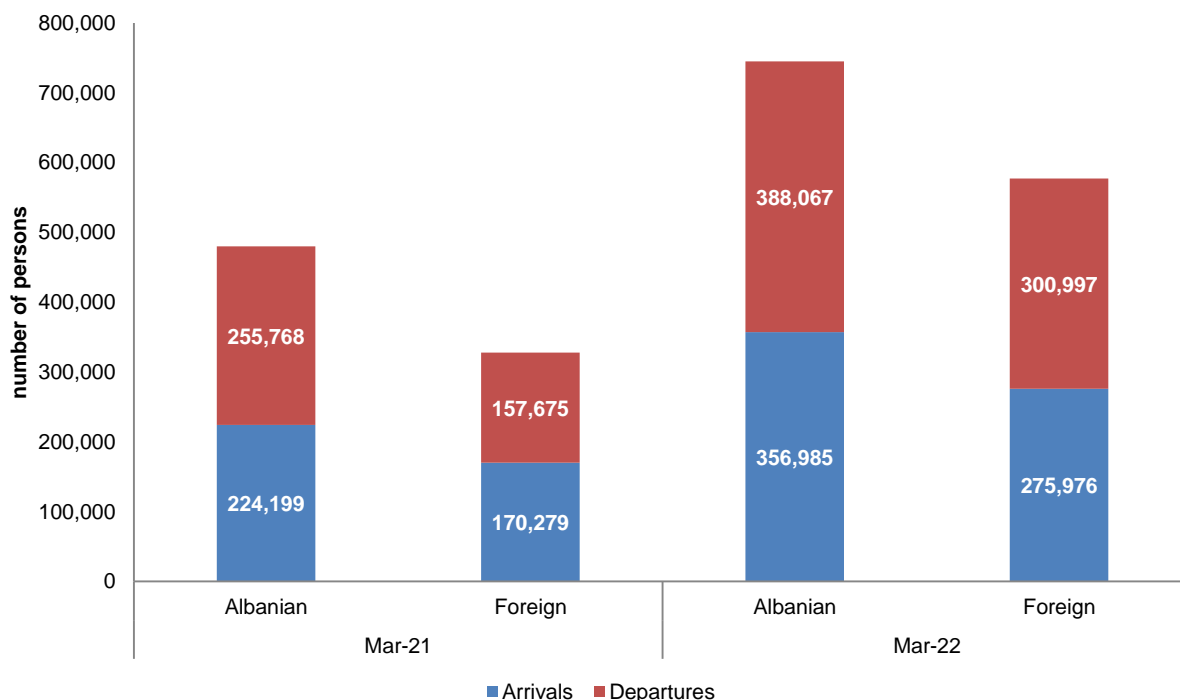Instituti i Statistikave

Movements of citizens in Albania

March 2022

Tirana, 26 April 2022: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in March 2022 are 632,961. Compared to March 2021, this indicator increased by 60.5 %. In March 2022, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 275,976. Compared to March 2021, this number increased by 62.1 % (tab.1).

Citizen's arrivals

During the first three months of 2022, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Greece has had the largest increase of 5 times, while Kosovo has had the most significant decline of 9.5 %, 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 March 2022 are 689,064 marking an increase by 66.7 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during March 2022 are 388,067. Compared to March 2021, this number has increased by 51.7 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during March 2022 are 300,997. Compared to March 2021, this number increased by 90.9 % (tab.1).

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the first three months of 2022 is 1,053,690 increasing by 39.3 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	March 2021	March 2022	Annual change (%)	January- March 2021	January- March 2022	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	**394,478**	**632,961**	60.5	**1,160,864**	**1,545,984**	33.2
Albanian	224,199	356,985	59.2	647,020	874,774	35.2
Foreign	170,279	275,976	62.1	513,844	671,210	30.6
Total Departures	**413,443**	**689,064**	66.7	**1,235,731**	**1,790,314**	44.9
Albanian	255,768	388,067	51.7	756,405	1,053,690	39.3
Foreign	157,675	300,997	90.9	479,326	736,624	53.7

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

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	March 2021	March 2022	January- March 2021	January- March 2022
Kosovo	82,493	93,577	245,367	222,041
North Macedonia	31,198	36,740	93,179	97,063
Greece	4,858	31,336	14,600	73,488
Italy	10,824	29,450	30,596	73,658
United Kingdom	1,336	7,952	4,285	18,638
Montenegro	18,094	31,688	62,994	75,945
Poland	313	1,038	802	2,128
USA	2,008	4,753	5,765	11,454
Spain	192	839	515	2,218
Germany	2,598	5,959	7,218	12,962
Switzerland	732	1,682	4,293	4,693
Others	15,633	30,962	44,230	76,922
Total	**170,279**	**275,976**	**513,844**	**671,210**

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

For more information, please visit the website: http://www.instat.gov.al/en/home.aspx

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	March 2021	March 2022	Annual change (%)	January- March 2021	January- March 2022	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	**170,279**	**275,976**	**62.1**	**513,844**	**671,210**	**30.6**
I. Personal	160,943	266,059	65.3	489,861	647,177	32.1
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	153,794	255,173	65.9	466,346	620,652	33.1
2. Health treatment	150	147	-2.0	426	385	-9.6
3. Religious	17	36	111.8	85	81	-4.7
4. Tranzit	6,982	10,703	53.3	23,004	26,059	13.3
II. Business and professional	9,336	9,917	6.2	23,983	24,033	0.2

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
March 2021	41,298	17,721	335,459	41,165	13,507	358,771
March 2022	145,301	22,797	464,863	147,852	20,717	520,495
Annual change (%)	**251.8**	**28.6**	**38.6**	**259.2**	**53.4**	**45.1**
January- March 2021	113,484	49,751	997,629	126,931	53,194	1,055,606
January- March 2022	361,545	58,944	1,125,495	399,004	75,008	1,316,302
Annual change (%)	**218.6**	**18.5**	**12.8**	**214.3**	**41.0**	**24.7**

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. 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: 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.