

Movements of citizens in Albania

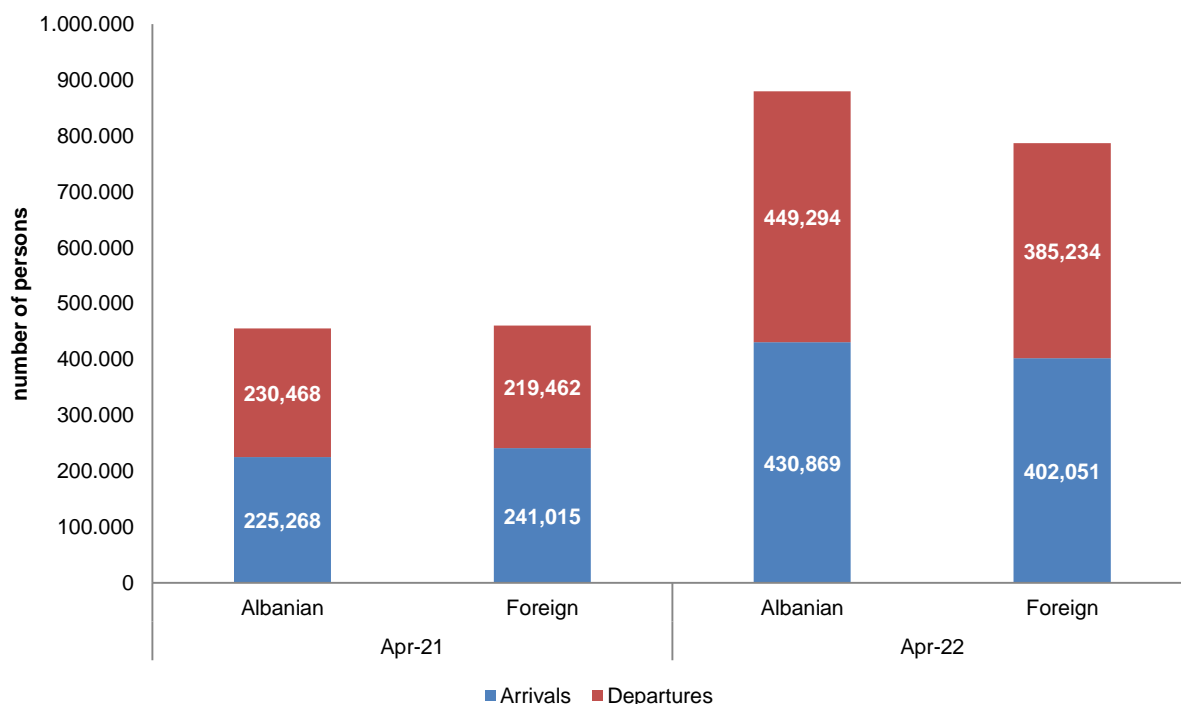
April 2022

Tirana, 26 May 2022: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in April 2022 are 832,920. Compared to April 2021, this indicator increased by 78.6 %. In April 2022, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 402,051. Compared to April 2021, this number increased by 66.8 % (tab.1).

Citizen's arrivals

During the first four months of 2022, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Greece has had the largest increase of 6 times, while Kosovo has had the most significant decline of 13.6 %, 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 April 2022 are 834,528 marking an increase by 85.5 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during April 2022 are 449,294. Compared to April 2021, this number has increased by 2 times. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during April 2022 are 385,234. Compared to April 2021, this number increased by 75.5 % (tab.1).

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the fourth months of 2022 is 1,502,984 increasing by 52.3 %, compared with the same period of 2021 (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	April 2021	April 2022	Annual change (%)	January- April 2021	January- April 2022	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	466,283	832,920	78.6	1,627,147	2,378,904	46.2
Albanian	225,268	430,869	91.3	872,288	1,305,643	49.7
Foreign	241,015	402,051	66.8	754,859	1,073,261	42.2
Total Departures	449,930	834,528	85.5	1,685,661	2,624,842	55.7
Albanian	230,468	449,294	94.9	986,873	1,502,984	52.3
Foreign	219,462	385,234	75.5	698,788	1,121,858	60.5

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

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	April 2021	April 2022	January- April 2021	January- April 2022
Kosovo	136,022	107,436	381,389	329,477
North Macedonia	27,207	54,638	120,386	151,701
Greece	5,750	49,539	20,350	123,027
Italy	13,005	40,104	43,601	113,762
United Kingdom	1,516	13,230	5,801	31,868
Montenegro	26,766	42,595	89,760	118,540
Poland	904	2,360	1,706	4,488
USA	3,080	7,443	8,845	18,897
Spain	343	2,337	858	4,555
Germany	3,311	14,822	10,529	27,784
Switzerland	2,217	6,125	6,510	10,818
Others	20,894	61,422	65,124	138,344
Total	241,015	402,051	754,859	1,073,261

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

Tab 3. Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	April 2021	April 2022	Annual change (%)	January- April 2021	January- April 2022	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	241,015	402,051	66.8	754,859	1,073,261	42.2
I. Personal	232,560	393,149	69.1	722,421	1,040,326	44.0
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	219,200	370,716	69.1	685,546	991,368	44.6
2. Health treatment	105	32	-69.5	531	417	-21.5
3. Religious	40	71	77.5	125	152	21.6
4. Tranzit	13,215	22,330	69.0	36,219	48,389	33.6
II. Business and professional	8,455	8,902	5.3	32,438	32,935	1.5

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
April 2021	50,186	20,388	395,709	51,172	15,426	383,332
April 2022	189,915	31,189	611,816	192,240	28,408	613,880
Annual change (%)	278.4	53.0	54.6	275.7	84.2	60.1
January- April 2021	163,670	70,139	1,393,338	178,103	68,620	1,438,938
January- April 2022	551,460	90,133	1,737,311	591,244	103,416	1,930,182
Annual change (%)	236.9	28.5	24.7	232.0	50.7	34.1

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.