

# Movements of citizens in Albania

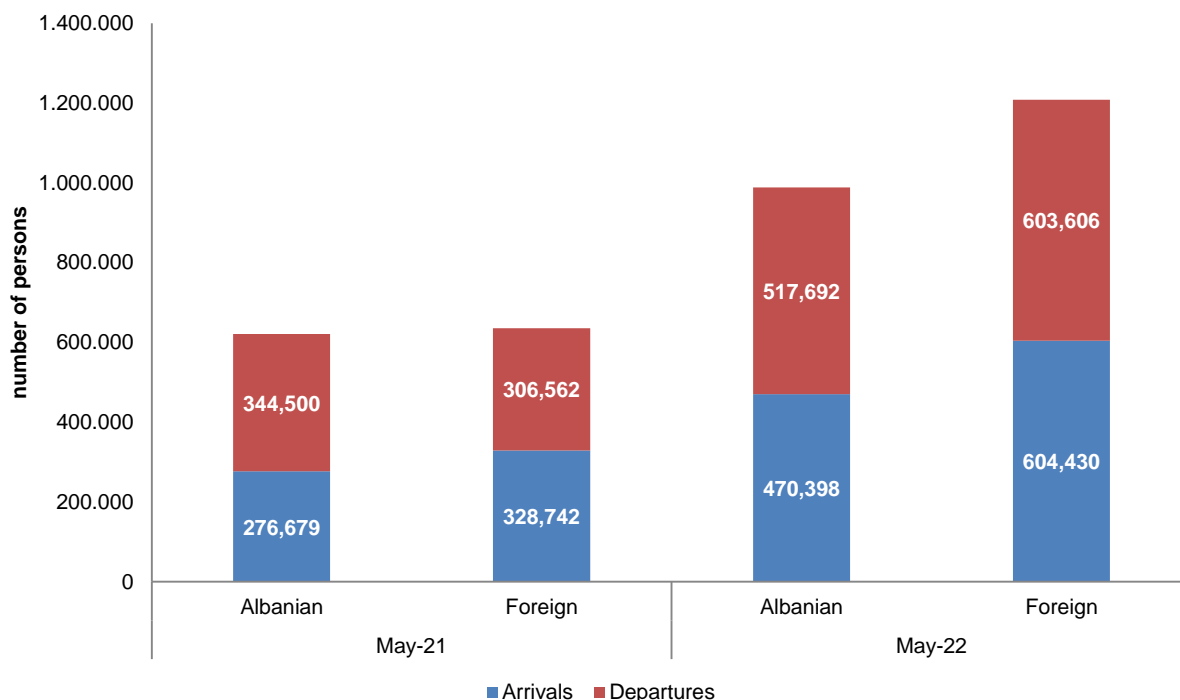
## May 2022

**Tirana, 27 June 2022:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in May 2022 are 1,074,828. Compared to May 2021, this indicator increased by 77.5 %. In May 2022, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 604,430. Compared to May 2021, this number increased by 83.9 % (tab.1).

### Citizen's arrivals

During the first five months of 2022, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Greece has had the largest increase of 5.6 times, while Kosovo had the lowest growth with 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 May 2022 are 1,121,298 marking an increase by 72.2 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during May 2022 are 517,692. Compared to May 2021, this number has increased by 50.3 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during May 2022 are 603,606. Compared to May 2021, this number increased by 2.0 times (tab.1).

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the first five months of 2022 is 2,020,676 increasing by 51.8 %, compared with the same period of 2021 (tab1).

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

Period	May 2021	May 2022	Annual change (%)	January- May 2021	January- May 2022	Annual change (%)
<b>Total Arrivals</b>	<b>605,421</b>	<b>1,074,828</b>	77.5	<b>2,232,568</b>	<b>3,453,732</b>	54.7
Albanian	276,679	470,398	70.0	1,148,967	1,776,041	54.6
Foreign	328,742	604,430	83.9	1,083,601	1,677,691	54.8
<b>Total Departures</b>	<b>651,062</b>	<b>1,121,298</b>	72.2	<b>2,336,723</b>	<b>3,746,140</b>	60.3
Albanian	344,500	517,692	50.3	1,331,373	2,020,676	51.8
Foreign	306,562	603,606	96.9	1,005,350	1,725,464	71.6

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

**Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens**

Countries	May 2021	May 2022	January- May 2021	January- May 2022
Kosovo	143,970	245,743	525,359	575,220
North Macedonia	46,192	60,951	166,578	212,652
Greece	7,578	34,684	27,928	157,711
Italy	17,211	40,994	60,812	154,756
United Kingdom	3,440	14,138	9,241	46,006
Montenegro	33,752	47,195	123,512	165,735
Poland	4,701	6,587	6,407	11,075
USA	5,835	11,907	14,680	30,804
Spain	470	2,181	1,328	6,736
Germany	7,644	19,768	18,173	47,552
Switzerland	3,955	3,787	10,465	14,605
Others	53,994	116,495	119,118	254,839
<b>Total</b>	<b>328,742</b>	<b>604,430</b>	<b>1,083,601</b>	<b>1,677,691</b>

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

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

Period	May 2021	May 2022	Annual change (%)	January- May 2021	January- May 2022	Annual change (%)
<b>Arrivals foreign citizens</b>	<b>328,742</b>	<b>604,430</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>1,083,601</b>	<b>1,677,691</b>	<b>54.8</b>
I. Personal	327,682	593,820	81.2	1,050,103	1,634,146	55.6
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	318,344	568,041	78.4	1,003,890	1,559,409	55.3
2. Health treatment	235	41	-82.6	766	458	-40.2
3. Religious	68	23	-66.2	193	175	-9.3
4. Transit	9,035	25,715	184.6	45,254	74,104	63.8
II. Business and professional	1,060	10,610	900.9	33,498	43,545	30.0

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
May 2021	78,767	22,949	503,705	72,483	19,403	559,176
May 2022	223,589	37,301	813,938	218,416	32,419	870,463
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	<b>183.9</b>	<b>62.5</b>	<b>61.6</b>	<b>201.3</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>55.7</b>
January- May 2021	242,437	93,088	1,897,043	250,586	88,023	1,998,114
January- May 2022	775,049	127,434	2,551,249	809,660	135,835	2,800,645
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	<b>219.7</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>223.1</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>40.2</b>

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.