

Movements of citizens in Albania

July 2022

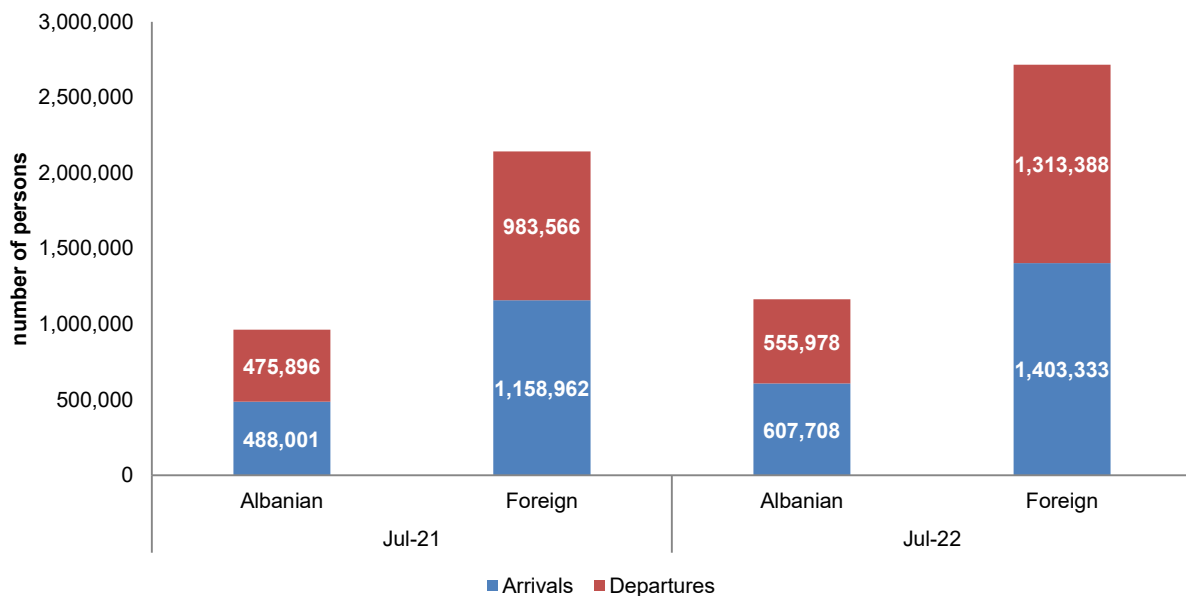
Tirana, 26 August 2022: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in July 2022 are 2,011,041. This indicator increased by 22.1 %, compared to July 2021. In July 2022, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 1,403,333. This number increased by 21.1 %, compared to July 2021. (tab.1).

Citizen's arrivals

In July 2022, from the countries with the highest inflows of citizens to Albania, Spain had the largest increase by 3.8 times and Italy by 48.0%, compared to July 2021.

During the seven months of 2022, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Spain has had the largest increase of 4.5 times and Greece by 3.0 times, while Switzerland had the lowest growth by 4.2 %, 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 July 2022 are 1,869,366 marking an increase by 28.1 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during July 2022 are 555,978. Compared to July 2021, this number has increased by 16.8 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during July 2022 are 1,313,388. Compared to July 2021, this number increased by 33.5 % (tab.1).

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the seven months of 2022 is 3,075,511 increasing by 41.1 %, compared with the same period of 2021 (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	July 2021	July 2022	Annual change (%)	January- July 2021	January- July 2022	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	1,646,963	2,011,041	22.1	4,819,403	6,824,274	41.6
Albanian	488,001	607,708	24.5	1,972,459	2,867,194	45.4
Foreign	1,158,962	1,403,333	21.1	2,846,944	3,957,080	39.0
Total Departures	1,459,462	1,869,366	28.1	4,669,767	6,878,431	47.3
Albanian	475,896	555,978	16.8	2,179,019	3,075,511	41.1
Foreign	983,566	1,313,388	33.5	2,490,748	3,802,920	52.7

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

In July 2022, the number of foreign nationals entering the territory of Albania for "Personal" purposes is 1,395,253, increasing by 21.5%, compared to the same period of the previous year (tab2).

Tab 3. Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	July 2021	July 2022	Annual change (%)	January- July 2021	January- July 2022	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	1,158,962	1,403,333	21.1	2,846,944	3,957,080	39.0
I. Personal	1,148,769	1,395,253	21.5	2,792,960	3,897,706	39.6
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment etc.	1,116,428	1,363,521	22.1	2,696,824	3,773,838	39.9
2. Religious	60	49	-18.3	306	293	-4.2
3. Transit	32,281	31,683	-1.9	95,830	123,575	29.0
II. Business and professional	10,193	8,080	-20.7	53,984	59,374	10.0

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

During the seven months of 2022, the arrivals and departures of Albanian and foreign citizens according to the mode of travel are presented:

Number of citizen's arrivals:

- From air points has increased by 2.2 times, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From sea points has increased by 47.9%, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From land border points has increased by 28.9%, compared to the same period of the previous year.

The number of citizen's departures:

- From air points has increased by 2.4 times, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From sea points has increased by 79.9%, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From land border points has increased by 33.1%, compared to the same period of the previous year (tab3).

Tab 4. Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
July 2021	249,418	100,717	1,296,828	176,358	36,304	1,246,800
July 2022	346,479	146,828	1,517,734	272,305	76,750	1,520,311
Annual change (%)	38.9	45.8	17.0	54.4	111.4	21.9
January- July 2021	635,102	223,659	3,960,642	542,390	143,619	3,983,758
January- July 2022	1,389,651	330,711	5,103,912	1,316,857	258,409	5,303,165
Annual change (%)	118.8	47.9	28.9	142.8	79.9	33.1

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, health treatment etc.;
2. Religious;
3. 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 may declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.