

Movements of citizens in Albania

August 2022

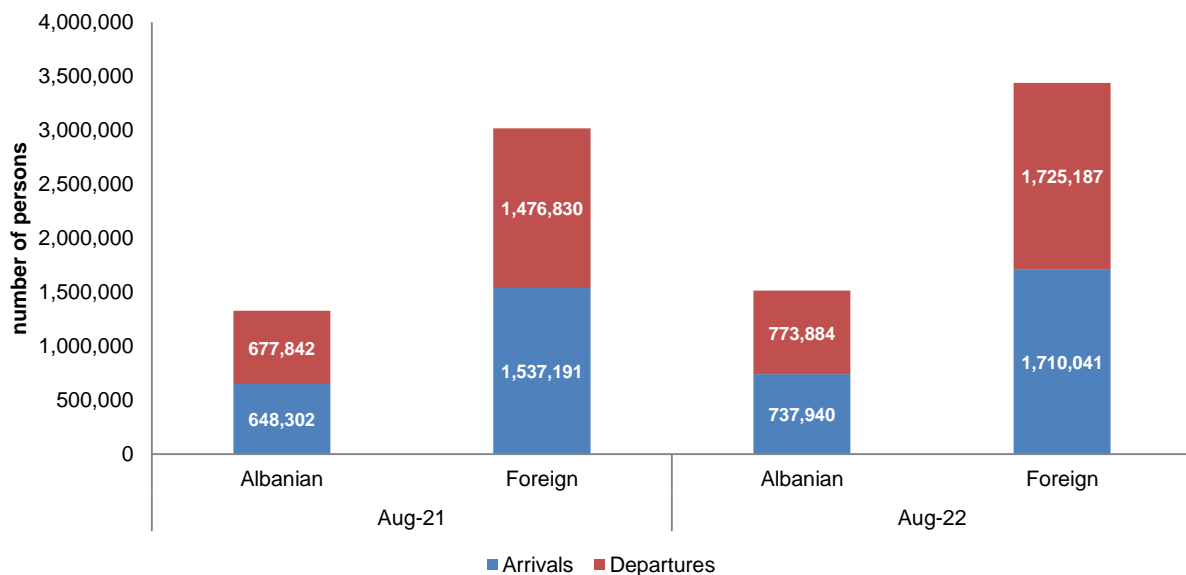
Tirana, 26 September 2022: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in August 2022 are 2,447,981. This indicator increased by 12.0 %, compared to August 2021. In August 2022, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 1,710,041. This number increased by 11.2 %, compared to August 2021 (tab.1).

Citizen's arrivals

In August 2022, from the countries with the highest inflows of citizens to Albania, Spain had the largest increase by 3.7 times and Poland by 92.1 %, compared to August 2021.

During the eight months of 2022, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Spain has had the largest increase of 4.1 times and Greece by 2.1 times, while North Macedonia had the lowest growth by 6.2 %, 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 August 2022 are 2,499,071 marking an increase by 16.0 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during August 2022 are 773,884. Compared to August 2021, this number has increased by 14.2 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during August 2022 are 1,725,187. Compared to August 2021, this number increased by 16.8 % (tab1).

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the eight months of 2022 is 3,849,395 increasing by 34.7 %, compared with the same period of 2021 (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	August 2021	August 2022	Annual change (%)	January-August 2021	January-August 2022	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	2,185,493	2,447,981	12.0	7,004,896	9,272,255	32.4
Albanian	648,302	737,940	13.8	2,620,761	3,605,134	37.6
Foreign	1,537,191	1,710,041	11.2	4,384,135	5,667,121	29.3
Total Departures	2,154,672	2,499,071	16.0	6,824,439	9,377,502	37.4
Albanian	677,842	773,884	14.2	2,856,861	3,849,395	34.7
Foreign	1,476,830	1,725,187	16.8	3,967,578	5,528,107	39.3

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

In August 2022, the number of foreign nationals entering the territory of Albania for "Personal" purposes is 1,701,527, increasing by 11.4 %, compared to the same period of the previous year (tab2).

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	August 2021	August 2022	Annual change (%)	January-August 2021	January-August 2022	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	1,537,191	1,710,041	11.2	4,384,135	5,667,121	29.3
I. Personal	1,527,522	1,701,527	11.4	4,320,482	5,599,233	29.6
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	1,502,940	1,556,248	3.5	4,198,803	5,328,262	26.9
2. Health treatment	22	11	-50.0	983	1,835	86.7
3. Religious	50	48	-4.0	356	341	-4.2
4. Tranzit	24,510	145,220	492.5	120,340	268,795	123.4
II. Business and professional	9,669	8,514	-11.9	63,653	67,888	6.7

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

During the eight 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 91.2 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From sea points has increased by 46.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From land border points has increased by 22.3 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

The number of citizen's departures:

- From air points has increased by 2.0 times, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From sea points has increased by 55.5 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From land border points has increased by 27.0 %, compared to the same period of the previous year (tab3).

Tab 3. Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
August 2021	263,805	134,624	1,787,064	297,303	183,012	1,674,357
August 2022	328,921	194,581	1,924,479	368,570	249,404	1,881,097
Annual change (%)	24.7	44.5	7.7	24.0	36.3	12.3
January- August 2021	898,907	358,283	5,747,706	839,693	326,631	5,658,115
January- August 2022	1,718,572	525,292	7,028,391	1,685,427	507,813	7,184,262
Annual change (%)	91.2	46.6	22.3	100.7	55.5	27.0

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 may declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.