

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## September 2022

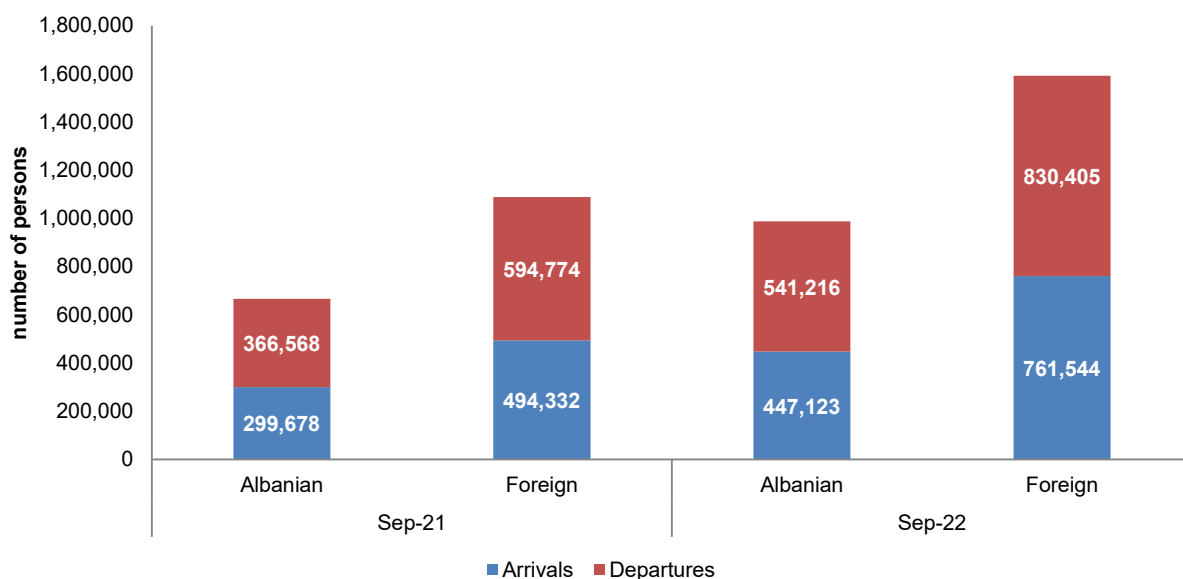
**Tirana, 25 October 2022:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in September 2022 are 1,208,667. This indicator increased by 52.2 %, compared to September 2021. In September 2022, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 761,544. This number increased by 54.1 %, compared to September 2021 (tab.1).

### Citizen's arrivals

In September 2022, from the countries with the highest inflows of citizens to Albania, Spain had the largest increase by 3.8 times and North Macedonia by 3.3 times, compared to September 2021.

During the nine months of 2022, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Spain has had the largest increase of 4.0 times and United Kingdom by 2.0 times, while Switzerland had the lowest growth by 11.5 %, 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 September 2022 are 1,371,621 marking an increase by 42.7 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during September 2022 are 541,216. Compared to September 2021, this number has increased by 47.6 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during September 2022 are 830,405. Compared to September 2021, this number increased by 39.6 % (tab1).

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the nine months of 2022 is 4,390,611 increasing by 36.2 %, compared with the same period of 2021 (tab1).

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

Period	September 2021	September 2022	Annual change (%)	January-September 2021	January-September 2022	Annual change (%)
<b>Total Arrivals</b>	<b>794,010</b>	<b>1,208,667</b>	52.2	<b>7,798,906</b>	<b>10,480,922</b>	34.4
Albanian	299,678	447,123	49.2	2,920,439	4,052,257	38.8
Foreign	494,332	761,544	54.1	4,878,467	6,428,665	31.8
<b>Total Departures</b>	<b>961,342</b>	<b>1,371,621</b>	42.7	<b>7,785,781</b>	<b>10,749,123</b>	38.1
Albanian	366,568	541,216	47.6	3,223,429	4,390,611	36.2
Foreign	594,774	830,405	39.6	4,562,352	6,358,512	39.4

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

In September 2022, the number of foreign nationals entering the territory of Albania for "Personal" purposes is 744,366, increasing by 53.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year (tab2).

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose**

Period	September 2021	September 2022	Annual change (%)	January-September 2021	January-September 2022	Annual change (%)
<b>Arrivals foreign citizens</b>	<b>494,332</b>	<b>761,544</b>	54.1	<b>4,878,467</b>	<b>6,428,665</b>	31.8
I. Personal	484,459	744,366	53.6	4,804,941	6,343,599	32.0
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	469,223	715,653	52.5	4,668,026	6,043,915	29.5
2. Health treatment	178	118	-33.7	1,161	1,953	68.2
3. Religious	29	53	82.8	385	394	2.3
4. Transit	15,029	28,542	89.9	135,369	297,337	119.6
II. Business and professional	9,873	17,178	74.0	73,526	85,066	15.7

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

During the nine 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 83.9 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From sea points has increased by 47.3 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From land border points has increased by 25.3 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

**The number of citizen's departures:**

- From air points has increased by 86.5 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From sea points has increased by 57.0 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From land border points has increased by 28.8 %, 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
September 2021	162,441	41,228	590,341	225,402	60,566	675,374
September 2022	232,802	63,067	912,798	300,505	100,102	971,014
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	<b>43.3</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>54.6</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>65.3</b>	<b>43.8</b>
January- September 2021	1,061,348	399,511	6,338,047	1,065,095	387,197	6,333,489
January- September 2022	1,951,374	588,359	7,941,189	1,985,932	607,915	8,155,276
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>86.5</b>	<b>57.0</b>	<b>28.8</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 may declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.