

Movements of citizens in Albania

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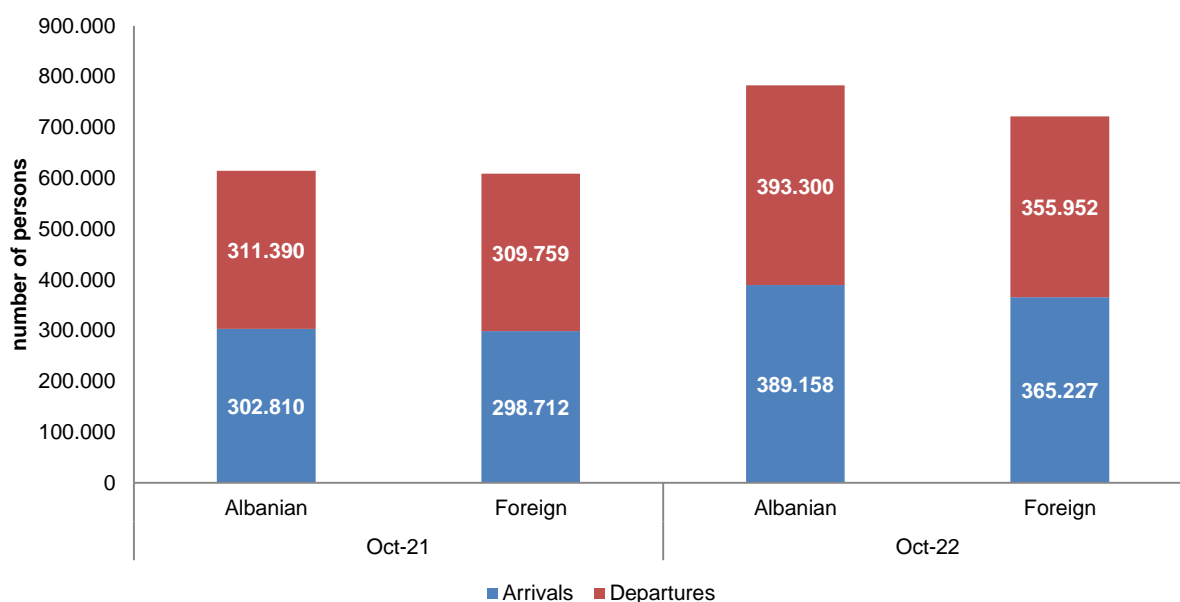
Tirana, 25 November 2022: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in October 2022 are 754,385. This indicator increased by 25.4 %, compared to October 2021. In October 2022, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 365,227. This number increased by 22.3 %, compared to October 2021 (tab.1).

Citizen's arrivals

In October 2022, from the countries with the highest inflows of citizens to Albania, Spain had the largest increase by 2.2 times and United Kingdom by 50.5 %, compared to October 2021.

During the ten months of 2022, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Spain has had the largest increase of 3.8 times and United Kingdom by 97.6, while Switzerland had the lowest growth by 13.3 %, 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 October 2022 are 749,252 marking an increase by 20.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during October 2022 are 393,300. Compared to October 2021, this number has increased by 26.3 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during October 2022 are 355,952. Compared to October 2021, this number increased by 14.9 % (tab1).

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the ten months of 2022 is 4,783,911 increasing by 35.3 %, compared with the same period of 2021 (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	October 2021	October 2022	Annual change (%)	January-October 2021	January-October 2022	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	601,522	754,385	25.4	8,400,428	11,235,307	33.7
Albanian	302,810	389,158	28.5	3,223,249	4,441,415	37.8
Foreign	298,712	365,227	22.3	5,177,179	6,793,892	31.2
Total Departures	621,149	749,252	20.6	8,406,930	11,498,375	36.8
Albanian	311,390	393,300	26.3	3,534,819	4,783,911	35.3
Foreign	309,759	355,952	14.9	4,872,111	6,714,464	37.8

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

In October 2022, the number of foreign nationals entering the territory of Albania for "Personal" purposes is 358,388, increasing by 23.7 %, compared to the same period of the previous year (tab2).

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	October 2021	October 2022	Annual change (%)	January-October 2021	January-October 2022	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	298,712	365,227	22.3	5,177,179	6,793,892	31.2
I. Personal	289,656	358,388	23.7	5,094,597	6,701,987	31.6
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	274,908	334,670	21.7	4,942,934	6,378,585	29.0
2. Health treatment	104	313	201.0	1,265	2,266	79.1
3. Religious	36	41	13.9	421	435	3.3
4. Tranzit	14,608	23,364	59.9	149,977	320,701	113.8
II. Business and professional	9,056	6,839	-24.5	82,582	91,905	11.3

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

During the ten 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 75.2 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From sea points has increased by 47.5 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From land border points has increased by 25.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

The number of citizen's departures:

- From air points has increased by 77.0 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From sea points has increased by 57.5 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From land border points has increased by 28.3 %, 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
October 2021	135,879	27,086	438,557	143,621	24,549	452,979
October 2022	146,233	40,786	567,366	154,008	40,659	554,585
Annual change (%)	7.6	50.6	29.4	7.2	65.6	22.4
January- October 2021	1,197,227	426,597	6,776,604	1,208,716	411,746	6,786,468
January- October 2022	2,097,607	629,145	8,508,555	2,139,940	648,574	8,709,861
Annual change (%)	75.2	47.5	25.6	77.0	57.5	28.3

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.