

Movements of citizens in Albania

November 2022

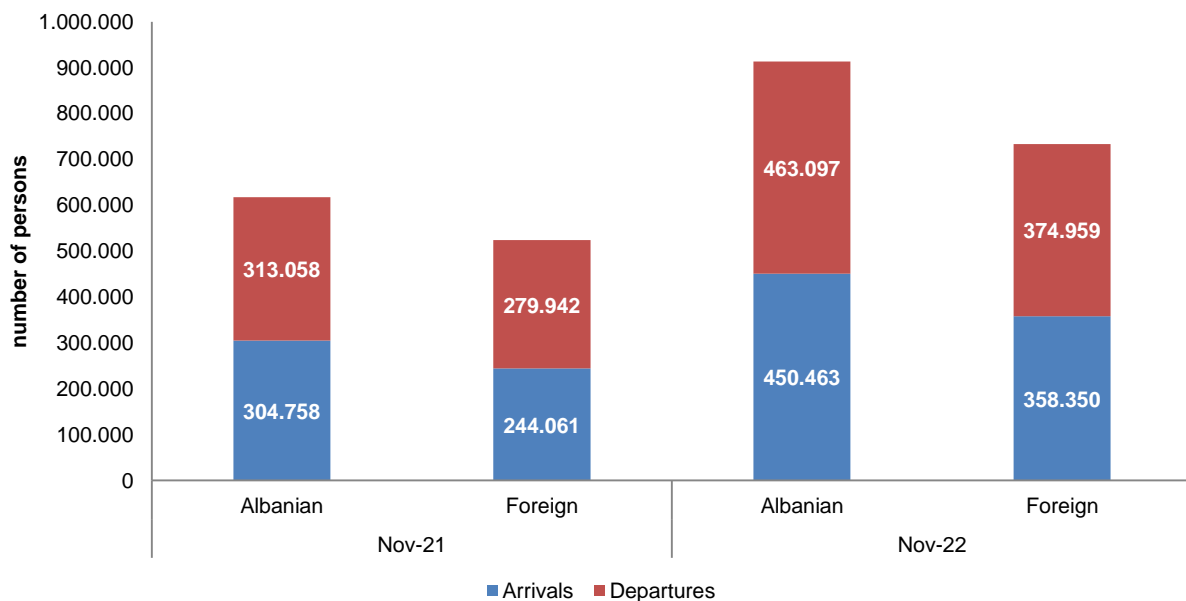
Tirana, 22 December 2022: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in November 2022 are 808,813. This indicator increased by 47.4 %, compared to November 2021. In November 2022, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 358,350. This number increased by 46.8 %, compared to November 2021 (tab.1).

Citizen's arrivals

In November 2022, from the countries with the highest inflows of citizens to Albania, Spain had the largest increase by 2.4 times and Italy by 62.9 %, compared to November 2021.

During the eleven months of 2022, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Spain has had the largest increase of 3.7 times and United Kingdom by 93.8, while Switzerland had the lowest growth by 13.1 %, 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 November 2022 are 838,056 marking an increase by 41.3 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during November 2022 are 463,097. Compared to November 2021, this number has increased by 47.9 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during November 2022 are 374,959. Compared to November 2021, this number increased by 33.9 % (tab1).

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the eleven months of 2022 is 5,247,008 increasing by 36.4 %, compared with the same period of 2021 (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	November 2021	November 2022	Annual change (%)	January-November 2021	January-November 2022	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	548,819	808,813	47.4	8,949,247	12,044,120	34.6
Albanian	304,758	450,463	47.8	3,528,007	4,891,878	38.7
Foreign	244,061	358,350	46.8	5,421,240	7,152,242	31.9
Total Departures	593,000	838,056	41.3	8,999,930	12,336,431	37.1
Albanian	313,058	463,097	47.9	3,847,877	5,247,008	36.4
Foreign	279,942	374,959	33.9	5,152,053	7,089,423	37.6

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

In November 2022, the number of foreign nationals entering the territory of Albania for "Personal" purposes is 352,344, increasing by 49.7 %, compared to the same period of the previous year (tab2).

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	November 2021	November 2022	Annual change (%)	January-November 2021	January-November 2022	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	244,061	358,350	46.8	5,421,240	7,152,242	31.9
I. Personal	235,380	352,344	49.7	5,329,977	7,054,331	32.4
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	224,678	337,484	50.2	5,167,612	6,716,069	30.0
2. Health treatment	143	101	-29.4	1,408	2,367	68.1
3. Religious	46	27	-41.3	467	462	-1.1
4. Tranzit	10,513	14,732	40.1	160,490	335,433	109.0
II. Business and professional	8,681	6,006	-30.8	91,263	97,911	7.3

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

During the eleven 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 74.8 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From sea points has increased by 45.2 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From land border points has increased by 26.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

The number of citizen's departures:

- From air points has increased by 76.4 %, compared to the same period of the previous year;
- From sea points has increased by 55.7 %, 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
November 2021	109,150	20,797	418,872	119,837	17,308	455,855
November 2022	185,639	20,332	602,842	203,286	19,319	615,451
Annual change (%)	70.1	-2.2	43.9	69.6	11.6	35.0
January- November 2021	1,306,377	447,394	7,195,476	1,328,553	429,054	7,242,323
January- November 2022	2,283,246	649,477	9,111,397	2,343,226	667,893	9,325,312
Annual change (%)	74.8	45.2	26.6	76.4	55.7	28.8

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.