

Movements of citizens in Albania

January 2023

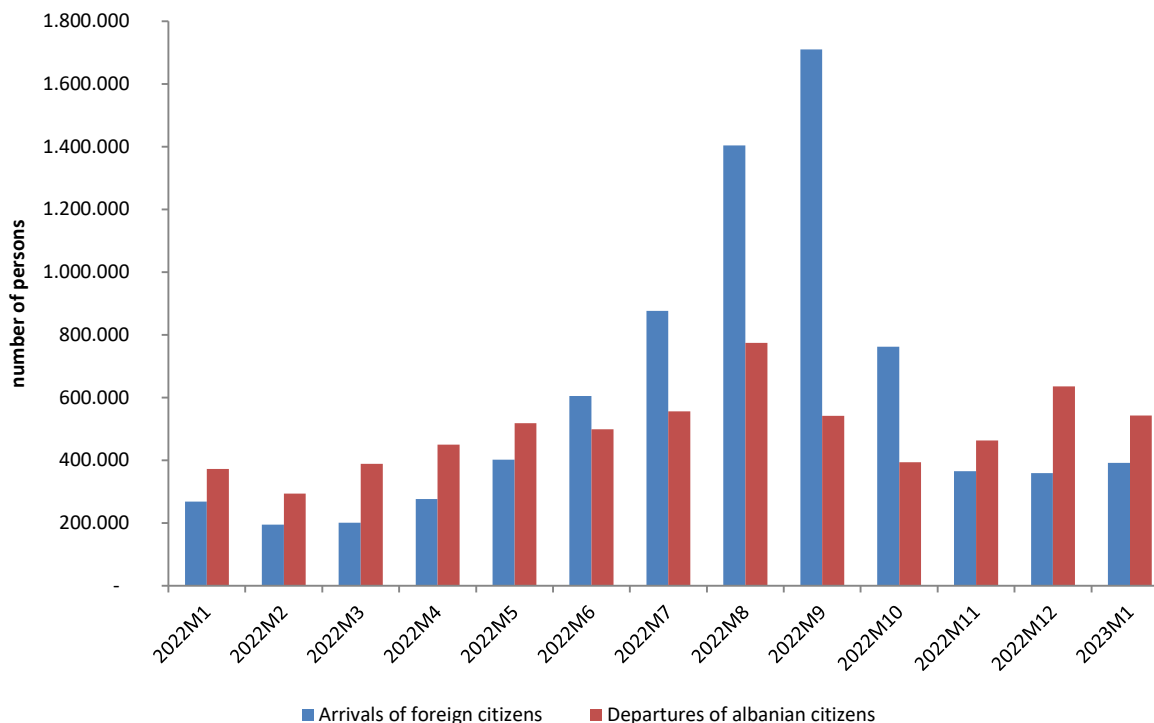
Tirana, 24 February 2023: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in January 2023 are 833,450. Compared to January 2022, this indicator increased by 83.6 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during January 2023 are 954,933 marking an increase by 57.2 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In January 2023, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 456,239. Compared to January 2022, this number increased by 75.6 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 377,211. Compared to January 2022, this number increased by 94.2 % (tab.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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

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Citizen's departures

Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during January 2023 are 542,113. Compared to January 2022, this number has increased by 45.8 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during January 2023 are 412,820. Compared to January 2022, this number increased by 75.3 % (tab.1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Periudha	Janar 2022	Janar 2023	Ndryshimi vjetor (%)
Total Arrivals	454,072	833,450	83.6
Albanian	259,835	456,239	75.6
Foreign	194,237	377,211	94.2
Total Departures	607,351	954,933	57.2
Albanian	371,920	542,113	45.8
Foreign	235,431	412,820	75.3

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

In January 2023, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 366,257 citizens, followed by America and East Asia/Pacific, respectively with 7,051 and 1,308 citizens (tab.2).

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Përshkrimi	Janar 2022	Janar 2023*
Total	194,237	377,211
I. Africa	92	841
II. America	4,544	7,051
III. East Asia and Pacific	640	1,308
IV. Middle East	408	445
V. South Asia	191	488
VI. Europe	187,511	366,257
- Central /Eastern Europe	4,769	8,694
- Northern Europe	5,595	7,918
- Southern Europe	164,226	328,554
- Western Europe	9,074	12,537
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	3,847	8,554
VII. Other countries not specified	851	821

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

* Time series of annual data on the entry of foreign nationals by country 1999 - 2022, accessible at the link: [Arrivals of foreign citizens at national borders by countries by Country, Type and Year. PxWeb \(instat.gov.al\)](http://www.instat.gov.al/Arrivals%20of%20foreign%20citizens%20at%20national%20borders%20by%20countries%20by%20Country,%20Type%20and%20Year.PxWeb%20(instat.gov.al))

Time series of monthly data on the entry of foreign nationals by country, January 2022 – January 2023, accessible at the link: [Arrivals of foreign citizens at national borders by countries by Country, Type and Year. PxWeb](#)

In January 2023 compared to January 2022, the arrivals of foreign citizens have increased:

- for personal purposes by 96.6%;
- for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 96.0%;
- for business and professional purposes by 22.5% (tab. 3).

Tab 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Periudha	Janar 2022	Janar 2023	Ndryshimi vjetor (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	194,237	377,211	94.2
I. Personal	188,031	369,606	96.6
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	179,971	352,752	96.0
2. Health treatment	135	115	-14.8
3. Religious	29	21	-27.6
4. Tranzit	7,896	16,718	111.7
II. Business and professional	6,206	7,605	22.5

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