

Movements of citizens in Albania

February 2023

Tirana, 24 March 2023: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in February 2023 are 695,246. Compared to February 2022, this indicator increased by 51.5 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during February 2023 are 693,021 marking an increase by 40.3 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

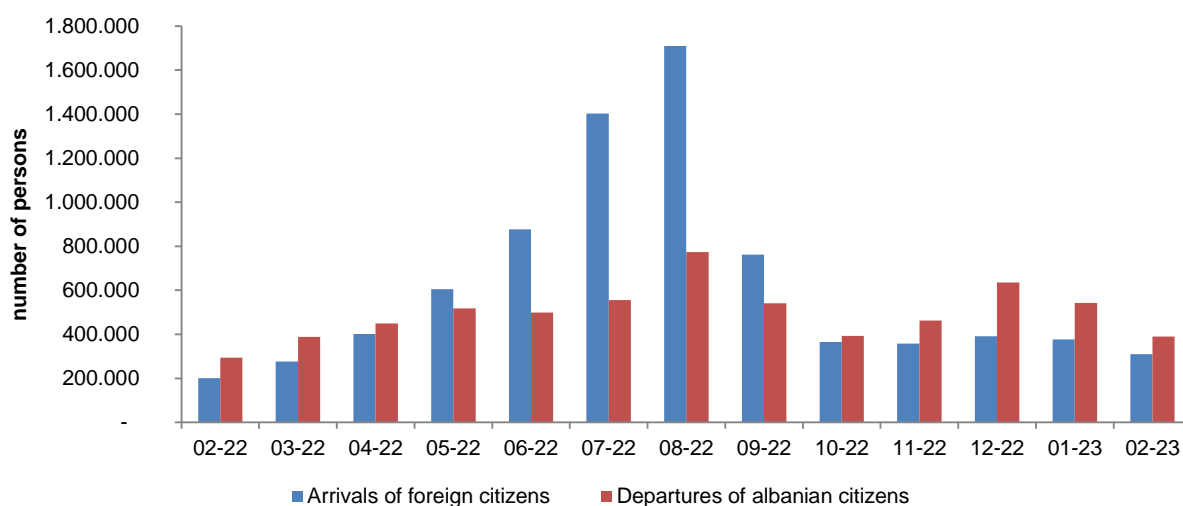
Citizen's arrivals

In February 2023, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 385,921. Compared to February 2022, this number increased by 49.6 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 309,325. Compared to February 2022, this number increased by 53,9 %.

During the first two months of 2023, the number of arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania is 686,536. This number has increased by 73.7%, compared to the same period of 2022 (tab.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, February 2022- February 2023



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 February 2023 are 389,654. Compared to February 2022, this number has increased by 32.7 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during February 2023 are 303,367. Compared to February 2022, this number increased by 51.5 %.

The number of Albanian citizens departures from the territory of Albania during the first two months of 2023 is 931,767, increasing by 40.0%, compared to the same period a year ago (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	February 2022	February 2023	Annual change (%)	January- February 2022	January- February 2023	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	458,951	695,246	51.5	913,023	1,528,696	67.4
Albanian	257,954	385,921	49.6	517,789	842,160	62.6
Foreign	200,997	309,325	53.9	395,234	686,536	73.7
Total Departures	493,899	693,021	40.3	1,101,250	1,647,954	49.6
Albanian	293,703	389,654	32.7	665,623	931,767	40.0
Foreign	200,196	303,367	51.5	435,627	716,187	64.4

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

In February 2023, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 300,057 citizens, followed by America and East Asia/Pacific, respectively with 6,250 and 1,363 citizens (tab.2).

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Description	February 2022	February 2023	January- February 2022	January- February 2023
Total	200,997	309,325	395,234	686,536
I. Africa	240	184	332	1,025
II. America	3,971	6,250	8,515	13,301
III. East Asia and Pacific	936	1,363	1,576	2,671
IV. Middle East	331	421	739	866
V. South Asia	252	486	443	974
VI. Europe	195,228	300,057	382,739	666,314
- Central /Eastern Europe	5,609	8,398	10,378	17,092
- Northern Europe	7,213	9,680	12,808	17,598
- Southern Europe	169,274	262,205	333,500	590,759
- Western Europe	9,655	12,567	18,729	25,104
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	3,477	7,207	7,324	15,761
VII. Other countries not specified	39	564	890	1385

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

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

- for personal purposes by 55.8 %;
- for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 54.3 %;
- for business and professional purposes by 6.3 % (tab. 3).

Tab 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	February 2022	February 2023	Annual change (%)	January-February 2022	January-February 2023	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	200,997	309,325	53.9	395,234	686,536	73.7
I. Personal	193,087	300,913	55.8	381,118	670,519	75.9
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	185,508	286,283	54.3	365,479	639,035	74.8
2. Health treatment	103	40	-61.2	238	155	-34.9
3. Religious	16	37	131.3	45	58	28.9
4. Transit	7,460	14,553	95.1	15,356	31,271	103.6
II. Business and professional	7,910	8,412	6.3	14,116	16,017	13.5

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.