

Movements of citizens in Albania

March 2023

Tirana, 25 April 2023: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in March 2023 are 846,645. Compared to March 2022, this indicator increased by 33.8 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during March 2023 are 842,428 marking an increase by 22.3 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

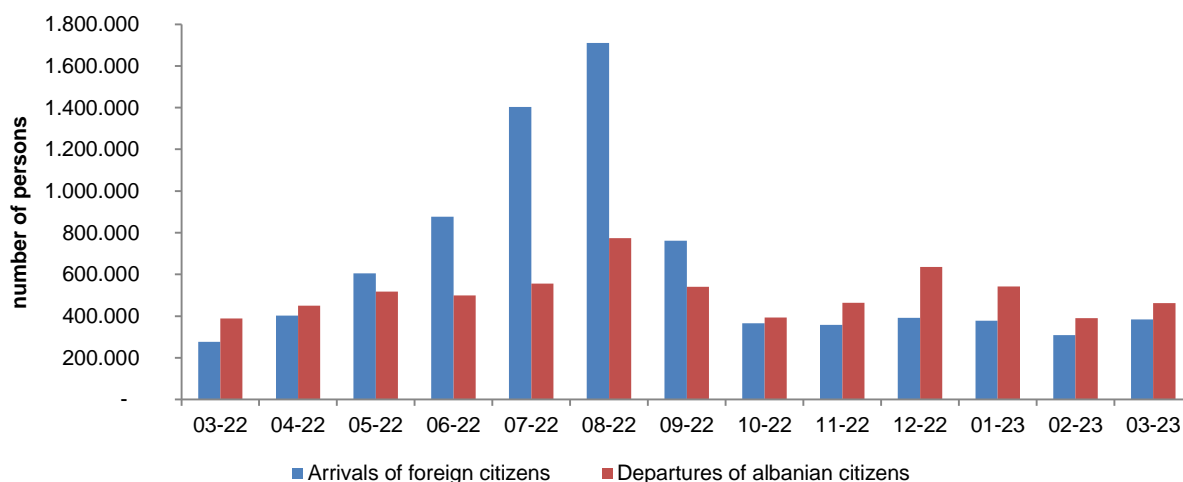
Citizen's arrivals

In March 2023, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 462,617. Compared to March 2022, this number increased by 29.6 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 384,028. Compared to March 2022, this number increased by 39.2 %.

During the first three months of 2023, the number of arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania is 1,070,564. This number has increased by 59.5 %, compared to the same period of 2022 (tab.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, March 2022- March 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 March 2023 are 462,483. Compared to March 2022, this number has increased by 19.2 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during March 2023 are 379,945. Compared to March 2022, this number increased by 26.2 %.

The number of Albanian citizens departures from the territory of Albania during the first three months of 2023 is 1,394,250, increasing by 32.3 %, compared to the same period a year ago (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	March 2022	March 2023	Annual change (%)	January-March 2022	January- March 2023	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	632,961	846,645	33.8	1,545,984	2,375,341	53.6
Albanian	356,985	462,617	29.6	874,774	1,304,777	49.2
Foreign	275,976	384,028	39.2	671,210	1,070,564	59.5
Total Departures	689,064	842,428	22.3	1,790,314	2,490,382	39.1
Albanian	388,067	462,483	19.2	1,053,690	1,394,250	32.3
Foreign	300,997	379,945	26.2	736,624	1,096,132	48.8

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

In March 2023, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 369,935 citizens, followed by America and East Asia/Pacific, respectively with 8,952 and 2,183 citizens (tab.2).

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Description	March 2022	March 2023	January- March 2022	January- March 2023
Total	275,976	384,028	671,210	1,070,564
I. Africa	168	450	500	1,475
II. America	5,948	8,952	14,463	22,253
III. East Asia and Pacific	906	2,183	2,482	4,854
IV. Middle East	643	562	1,382	1,428
V. South Asia	424	842	867	1,816
VI. Europe	267,508	369,935	650,247	1,036,249
- Central /Eastern Europe	8,161	11,737	18,539	28,829
- Northern Europe	9,836	12,461	22,644	30,059
- Southern Europe	231,636	319,348	565,136	910,107
- Western Europe	13,141	17,246	31,870	42,350
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	4,734	9,143	12,058	24,904
VII. Other countries not specified	379	1,104	1,269	2,489

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

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

- for personal purposes by 39.9 %;
- for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 38.9 %;
- for business and professional purposes by 20.4 % (tab. 3).

Tab 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	March 2022	March 2023	Annual change (%)	January-March 2022	January-March 2023	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	275,976	384,028	39.2	671,210	1,070,564	59.5
I. Personal	266,059	372,090	39.9	647,177	1,042,609	61.1
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	255,173	354,429	38.9	620,652	993,464	60.1
2. Health treatment	147	25	-83.0	385	180	-53.2
3. Religious	36	22	-38.9	81	80	-1.2
4. Transit	10,703	17,614	64.6	26,059	48,885	87.6
II. Business and professional	9,917	11,938	20.4	24,033	27,955	16.3

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