

Movements of citizens in Albania

April 2023

Tirana, 25 May 2023: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in April 2023 are 1,161,729. Compared to April 2022, this indicator increased by 39.5 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during April 2023 are 1,147,154 marking an increase by 37.5 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

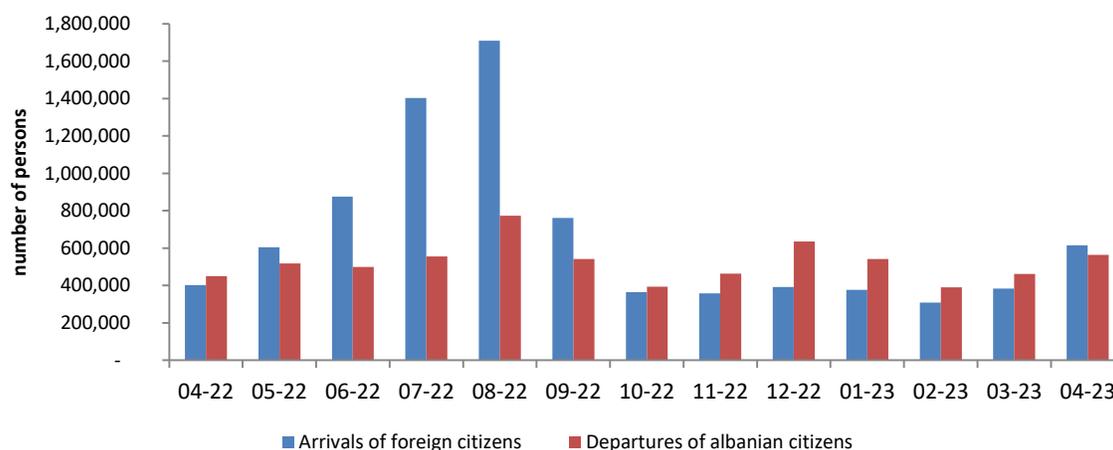
Citizen's arrivals

In April 2023, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 547,473. Compared to April 2022, this number increased by 27.1 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 614,256. Compared to April 2022, this number increased by 52.8 %.

During the first four months of 2023, the number of arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania is 1,684,820. This number has increased by 57.0 %, 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 April 2023 are 563,428. Compared to April 2022, this number has increased by 25.4 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during April 2023 are 583,726. Compared to April 2022, this number increased by 51.5 %.

The number of Albanian citizens departures from the territory of Albania during the first four months of 2023 is 1,957,678, increasing by 30.3 %, compared to the same period a year ago (tab1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	April 2022	April 2023	Annual change (%)	January- April 2022	January- April 2023	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	832,914	1,161,729	39.5	2,378,898	3,537,070	48.7
Albanian	430,863	547,473	27.1	1,305,637	1,852,250	41.9
Foreign	402,051	614,256	52.8	1,073,261	1,684,820	57.0
Total departures	834,529	1,147,154	37.5	2,624,843	3,637,536	38.6
Albanian	449,295	563,428	25.4	1,502,985	1,957,678	30.3
Foreign	385,234	583,726	51.5	1,121,858	1,679,858	49.7

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

In April 2023, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 590,603 citizens, followed by America and East Asia/Pacific, respectively with 14,012 and 4,913 citizens (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Description	April 2022	April 2023	January- April 2022	January- April 2023
Total	402,051	614,256	1,073,261	1,684,820
I. Africa	126	803	626	2,278
II. America	9,745	14,012	24,208	36,265
III. East Asia and Pacific	1,417	4,913	3,899	9,767
IV. Middle East	435	1,526	1,817	2,954
V. South Asia	641	1,317	1,508	3,133
VI. Europe	384,912	590,603	1,035,159	1,626,852
- Central /Eastern Europe	13,944	21,034	32,483	49,863
- Northern Europe	18,349	19,977	40,993	50,036
- Southern Europe	311,294	488,357	876,430	1,398,464
- Western Europe	34,445	44,329	66,315	86,679
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	6,880	16,906	18,938	41,810
VII. Other countries not specified	4,775	1,082	6,044	3,571

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

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

- for personal purposes by 53.7 %;
- for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 54.5 %;
- for business and professional purposes by 13.9 % (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	402,051	614,256	52.8	1,073,261	1,684,820	57.0
I. Personal	393,149	604,116	53.7	1,040,326	1,646,725	58.3
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	370,716	572,670	54.5	991,368	1,566,134	58.0
2. Health treatment	32	15	-53.1	417	195	-53.2
3. Religious	71	43	-39.4	152	123	-19.1
4. Transit	22,330	31,388	40.6	48,389	80,273	65.9
II. Business and professional	8,902	10,140	13.9	32,935	38,095	15.7

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.