

Movements of citizens in Albania

May 2023

Tirana, 26 June 2023: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in May 2023 are 1,230,165. Compared to May 2022, this indicator increased by 14.5 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during May 2023 are 1,120,387 marking a decrease by 0.1 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

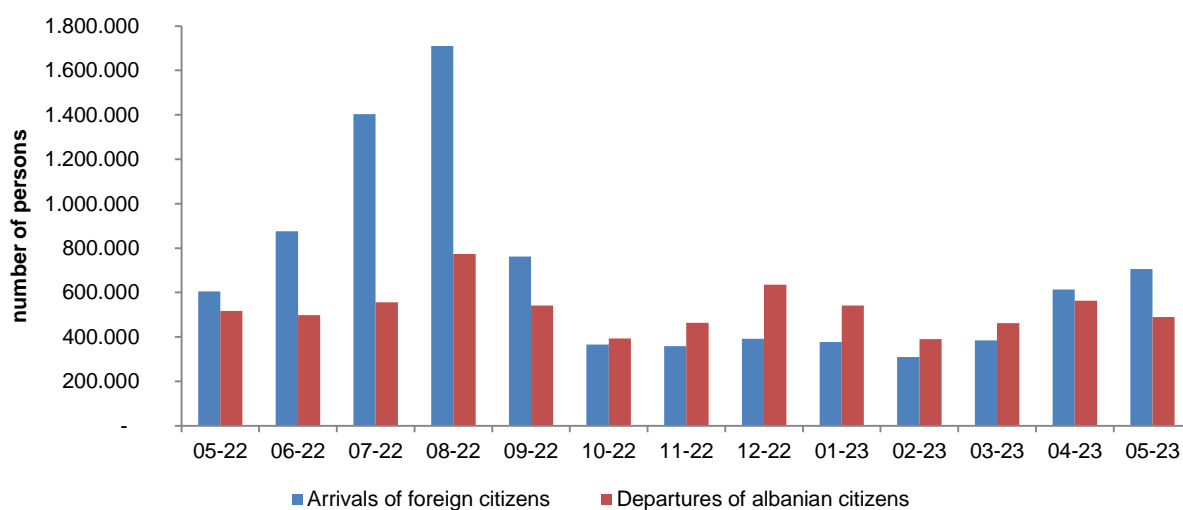
Citizen's arrivals

In May 2023, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 525,086. Compared to May 2022, this number increased by 11.6 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 705,079. Compared to May 2022, this number increased by 16.7 %.

During the first five months of 2023, the number of arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania is 2,389,899. This number has increased by 42.5 %, compared to the same period of 2022 (tab.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, May 2022- May 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 May 2023 are 490,041. Compared to May 2022, this number has decreased by 5.3 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during May 2023 are 630,346. Compared to May 2022, this number increased by 4.4 %.

The number of Albanian citizens departures from the territory of Albania during the first five months of 2023 is 2,447,719, increasing by 21.1 %, compared to the same period a year ago (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	May 2022	May 2023	Annual change (%)	January- May 2022	January- May 2023	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,074,828	1,230,165	14.5	3,453,726	4,767,235	38.0
Albanian	470,398	525,086	11.6	1,776,035	2,377,336	33.9
Foreign	604,430	705,079	16.7	1,677,691	2,389,899	42.5
Total departures	1,121,298	1,120,387	-0.1	3,746,141	4,757,923	27.0
Albanian	517,692	490,041	-5.3	2,020,677	2,447,719	21.1
Foreign	603,606	630,346	4.4	1,725,464	2,310,204	33.9

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

In May 2023, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 673,706 citizens, followed by America and East Asia and Pacific, respectively with 19,068 and 5,293 citizens (tab.2).

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Description	May 2022	May 2023	January- May 2022	January- May 2023
Total	604,430	705,079	1,677,691	2,389,899
I. Africa	314	1,935	940	4,213
II. America	15,167	19,068	39,375	55,333
III. East Asia and Pacific	2,216	5,293	6,115	15,060
IV. Middle East	2,751	2,049	4,568	5,003
V. South Asia	1,041	1,345	2,549	4,478
VI. Europe	551,784	673,706	1,586,943	2,300,558
- Central /Eastern Europe	25,917	35,908	58,400	85,771
- Northern Europe	20,781	26,864	61,774	76,900
- Southern Europe	446,455	521,550	1,322,885	1,920,014
- Western Europe	47,987	73,287	114,302	159,966
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	10,644	16,097	29,582	57,907
VII. Other countries not specified	31,157	1,683	37,201	5,254

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

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

- for personal purposes by 16.6 %;
- for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 12.8 %;
- for business and professional purposes by 20.3 % (tab. 3).

Tab 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	May 2022	May 2023	Annual change (%)	January-May 2022	January-May 2023	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	604,430	705,079	16.7	1,677,691	2,389,899	42.5
I. Personal	593,820	692,313	16.6	1,634,146	2,339,038	43.1
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	568,041	640,717	12.8	1,559,409	2,206,851	41.5
2. Health treatment	41	155	278.0	458	350	-23.6
3. Religious	23	33	43.5	175	156	-10.9
4. Transit	25,715	51,408	99.9	74,104	131,681	77.7
II. Business and professional	10,610	12,766	20.3	43,545	50,861	16.8

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