

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## June 2023

**Tirana, 25 July 2023:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in June 2023 are 1,581,731. Compared to June 2022, this indicator increased by 16.3 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during June 2023 are 1,490,810 marking an increase by 18.0 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

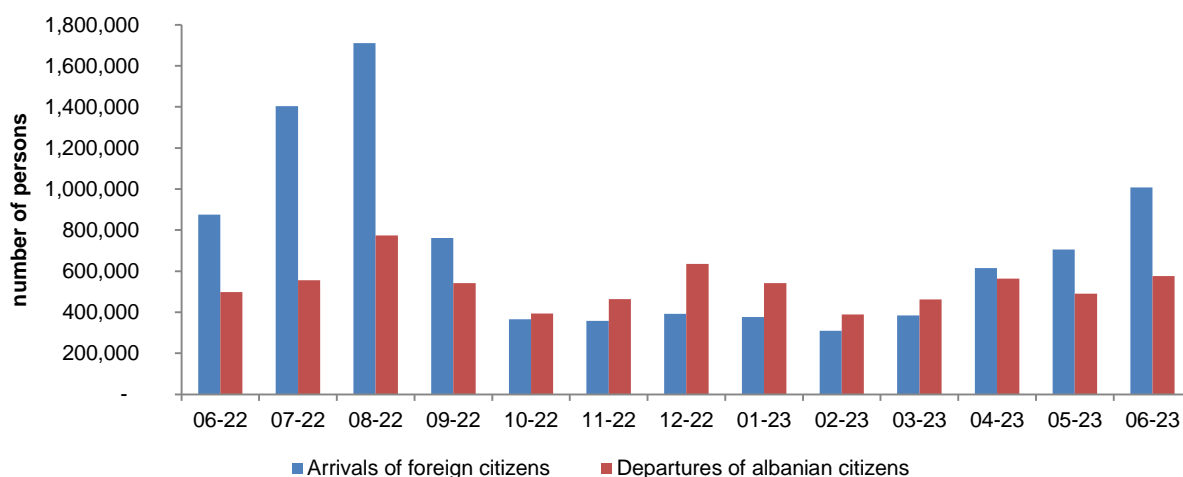
### Citizen's arrivals

In June 2023, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 574,698. Compared to June 2022, this number increased by 18.9 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 1,007,033. Compared to June 2022, this number increased by 15.0 %.

During the first six months of 2023, the number of arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania is 3,396,932. This number has increased by 33.0 %, compared to the same period of 2022 (tab.1).

**Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, June 2022- June 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 June 2023 are 576,383. Compared to June 2022, this number has increased by 15.5 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during June 2023 are 914,427. Compared to June 2022, this number increased by 19.7 %.

The number of Albanian citizens departures from the territory of Albania during the first six months of 2023 is 3,024,102, increasing by 20.0 %, compared to the same period a year ago (tab1).

**Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens**

Period	June 2022	June 2023	Annual change (%)	January- June 2022	January- June 2023	Annual change (%)
<b>Total arrivals</b>	<b>1,359,501</b>	<b>1,581,731</b>	16.3	<b>4,813,227</b>	<b>6,348,966</b>	31.9
Albanian	483,445	574,698	18.9	2,259,480	2,952,034	30.7
Foreign	876,056	1,007,033	15.0	2,553,747	3,396,932	33.0
<b>Total departures</b>	<b>1,262,925</b>	<b>1,490,810</b>	18.0	<b>5,009,066</b>	<b>6,248,733</b>	24.7
Albanian	498,857	576,383	15.5	2,519,534	3,024,102	20.0
Foreign	764,068	914,427	19.7	2,489,532	3,224,631	29.5

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

In June 2023, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 954,389 citizens, followed by America and East Asia and Pacific, respectively with 30,082 and 8,971 citizens (tab.2).

**Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by region**

Description	June 2022	June 2023	January- June 2022	January- June 2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>876,056</b>	<b>1,007,033</b>	<b>2,553,747</b>	<b>3,396,932</b>
<b>I. Africa</b>	661	888	1,601	5,101
<b>II. America</b>	26,680	30,082	66,055	85,415
<b>III. East Asia and Pacific</b>	3,128	8,971	9,243	24,031
<b>IV. Middle East</b>	4,166	6,099	8,734	11,102
<b>V. South Asia</b>	1,254	1,800	3,803	6,278
<b>VI. Europe</b>	782,598	954,389	2,369,541	3,254,947
- Central /Eastern Europe	64,929	93,746	123,329	179,517
- Northern Europe	32,151	42,511	93,925	119,411
- Southern Europe	617,910	707,134	1,940,795	2,627,148
- Western Europe	56,906	82,512	171,208	242,478
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	10,702	28,486	40,284	86,393
<b>VII. Other countries not specified</b>	57,569	4,804	94,770	10,058

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

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

- for personal purposes by 14.6 %;
- for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 12.8 %;
- for business and professional purposes by 59.0 % (tab. 3).

**Tab 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose**

Period	June 2022	June 2023	Annual change (%)	January-June 2022	January-June 2023	Annual change (%)
<b>Arrivals foreign citizens</b>	<b>876,056</b>	<b>1,007,033</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>2,553,747</b>	<b>3,396,932</b>	<b>33.0</b>
I. Personal	868,307	994,713	14.6	2,502,453	3,333,751	33.2
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	850,410	959,520	12.8	2,409,819	3,166,371	31.4
2. Health treatment	40	12	-70.0	498	362	-27.3
3. Religious	69	27	-60.9	244	183	-25.0
4. Transit	17,788	35,154	97.6	91,892	166,835	81.6
II. Business and professional	7,749	12,320	59.0	51,294	63,181	23.2

**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.