

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## July 2023

**Tirana, 25 August 2023:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in July 2023 are 2,536,841. Compared to July 2022, this indicator increased by 26.1 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during July 2023 are 2,150,748 marking an increase by 15.1 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

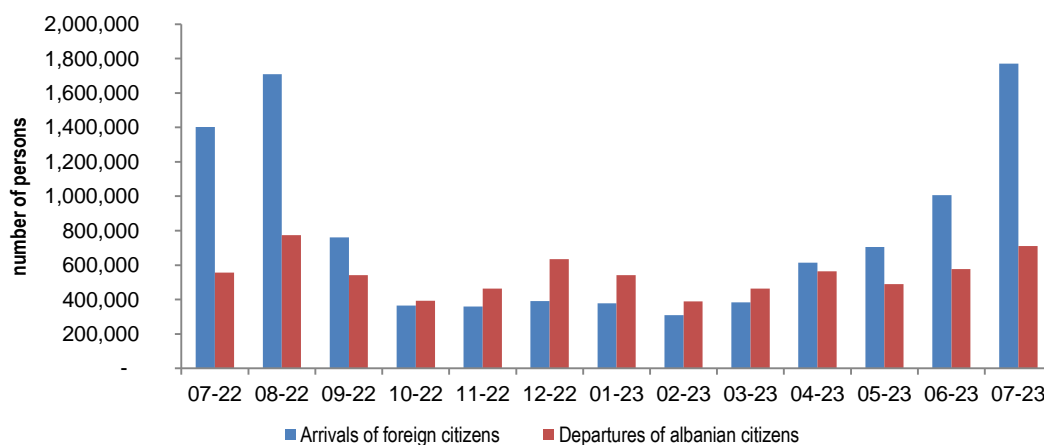
### Citizen's arrivals

In July 2023, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 766,117. Compared to July 2022, this number increased by 26.1 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 1,770,724. Compared to July 2022, this number increased by 26.2 %.

During the seven months of 2023, the number of arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania is 5,167,656. This number has increased by 30.6 %, compared to the same period of 2022 (tab.1).

**Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, July 2022- July 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 July 2023 are 710,711. Compared to July 2022, this number has increased by 27.8 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during July 2023 are 1,440,037. Compared to July 2022, this number increased by 9.6 %.

The number of Albanian citizens departures from the territory of Albania during the seven months of 2023 is 3,734,813, increasing by 21.4 %, compared to the same period a year ago (tab1).

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

Period	July 2022	July 2023	Annual change (%)	January- July 2022	January- July 2023	Annual change (%)
<b>Total arrivals</b>	<b>2,011,041</b>	<b>2,536,841</b>	26.1	<b>6,824,268</b>	<b>8,885,807</b>	30.2
Albanian	607,708	766,117	26.1	2,867,188	3,718,151	29.7
Foreign	1,403,333	1,770,724	26.2	3,957,080	5,167,656	30.6
<b>Total departures</b>	<b>1,869,366</b>	<b>2,150,748</b>	15.1	<b>6,878,432</b>	<b>8,399,481</b>	22.1
Albanian	555,978	710,711	27.8	3,075,512	3,734,813	21.4
Foreign	1,313,388	1,440,037	9.6	3,802,920	4,664,668	22.7

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

In July 2023, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 1,694,657 citizens, followed by America and East Asia and Pacific, respectively with 45,821 and 14,805 citizens (tab.2).

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

Description	July 2022	July 2023	January- July 2022	January- July 2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,403,333</b>	<b>1,770,724</b>	<b>3,957,080</b>	<b>5,167,656</b>
I. Africa	518	1,433	2,119	6,534
II. America	32,905	45,821	98,960	131,236
III. East Asia and Pacific	3,414	10,341	12,657	34,372
IV. Middle East	13,725	14,805	22,459	25,907
V. South Asia	1,785	1,516	5,588	7,794
VI. Europe	1,118,668	1,694,657	3,488,209	4,949,604
- Central /Eastern Europe	80,038	134,334	203,367	313,851
- Northern Europe	50,369	73,652	144,294	193,063
- Southern Europe	896,057	1,318,641	2,836,852	3,945,789
- Western Europe	81,945	135,049	253,153	377,527
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	10,259	32,981	50,543	119,374
VII. Other countries not specified	232,318	2,151	327,088	12,209

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

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

- for personal purposes by 26.0 %;
- for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 22.8 %;
- for business and professional purposes by 63.3 % (tab. 3).

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

Period	July 2022	July 2023	Annual change (%)	January-July 2022	January-July 2023	Annual change (%)
<b>Arrivals foreign citizens</b>	<b>1,403,333</b>	<b>1,770,724</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>3,957,080</b>	<b>5,167,656</b>	<b>30.6</b>
I. Personal	1,395,253	1,757,528	26.0	3,897,706	5,091,279	30.6
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	1,362,195	1,672,318	22.8	3,772,014	4,838,689	28.3
2. Health treatment	1,326	130	-90.2	1,824	492	-73.0
3. Religious	49	73	49.0	293	256	-12.6
4. Transit	31,683	85,007	168.3	123,575	251,842	103.8
II. Business and professional	8,080	13,196	63.3	59,374	76,377	28.6

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