

Movements of citizens in Albania

August 2023

Tirana, 25 August 2023: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in August 2023 are 2,861,545. Compared to August 2022, this indicator increased by 16.9 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during August 2023 are 3,014,747 marking an increase by 20.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

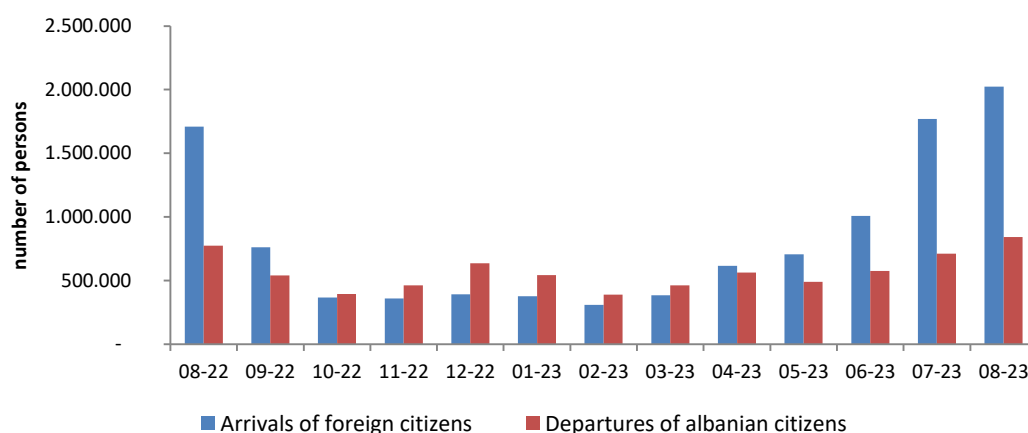
Citizen's arrivals

In August 2023, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 838,791. Compared to August 2022, this number increased by 13.7 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 2,022,754. Compared to August 2022, this number increased by 18.3 %.

During the eight months of 2023, the number of arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania is 7,190,410. This number has increased by 26.9 %, compared to the same period of 2022 (tab.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, August 2022- August 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 August 2023 are 842,940. Compared to August 2022, this number has increased by 8.9 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during August 2023 are 2,171,807. Compared to August 2022, this number increased by 25.9 %.

The number of Albanian citizens departures from the territory of Albania during the eight months of 2023 is 4,577,753, increasing by 18.9 %, compared to the same period a year ago (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	August 2022	August 2023	Annual change (%)	January- August 2022	January- August 2023	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	2,447,981	2,861,545	16.9	9,272,249	11,747,352	26.7
Albanian	737,940	838,791	13.7	3,605,128	4,556,942	26.4
Foreign	1,710,041	2,022,754	18.3	5,667,121	7,190,410	26.9
Total departures	2,499,071	3,014,747	20.6	9,377,503	11,414,228	21.7
Albanian	773,884	842,940	8.9	3,849,396	4,577,753	18.9
Foreign	1,725,187	2,171,807	25.9	5,528,107	6,836,475	23.7

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

In August 2023, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 1,951,489 citizens, followed by America and East Asia and Pacific, respectively with 40,106 and 12,335 citizens (tab.2).

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Description	August 2022	August 2023	January- August 2022	January- August 2023
Total	1,710,041	2,022,754	5,667,121	7,190,410
I. Africa	650	1,319	2,769	7,345
II. America	31,696	40,106	130,656	171,342
III. East Asia and Pacific	3,823	12,335	16,480	44,948
IV. Middle East	11,167	8,547	33,626	34,454
V. South Asia	920	1,762	6,508	9,556
VI. Europe	1,644,032	1,951,489	5,132,241	6,903,360
- Central /Eastern Europe	121,203	163,238	324,570	477,089
- Northern Europe	44,724	77,895	189,018	270,958
- Southern Europe	1,371,849	1,528,631	4,208,701	5,476,179
- Western Europe	93,173	155,688	346,326	533,723
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	13,083	26,037	63,626	145,411
VII. Other countries not specified	17,753	7,196	344,841	19,405

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

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

- for personal purposes by 18.2 %;
- for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 22.5 %;
- for business and professional purposes by 34.1 % (tab. 3).

Tab 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	August 2022	August 2023	Annual change (%)	January-August 2022	January-August 2023	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	1,710,041	2,022,754	18.3	5,667,121	7,190,410	26.9
I. Personal	1,701,527	2,011,338	18.2	5,599,233	7,102,617	26.8
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	1,556,248	1,906,761	22.5	5,328,262	6,745,450	26.6
2. Health treatment	11	116	954.5	1,835	608	-66.9
3. Religious	48	67	39.6	341	323	-5.3
4. Transit	145,220	104,394	-28.1	268,795	356,236	32.5
II. Business and professional	8,514	11,416	34.1	67,888	87,793	29.3

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