

Movements of citizens in Albania

October 2023

Tirana, 24 November 2023: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in October 2023 are 1,256,554. Compared to October 2022, this indicator increased by 66.6 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during October 2023 are 1,201,897 marking an increase by 60.4 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

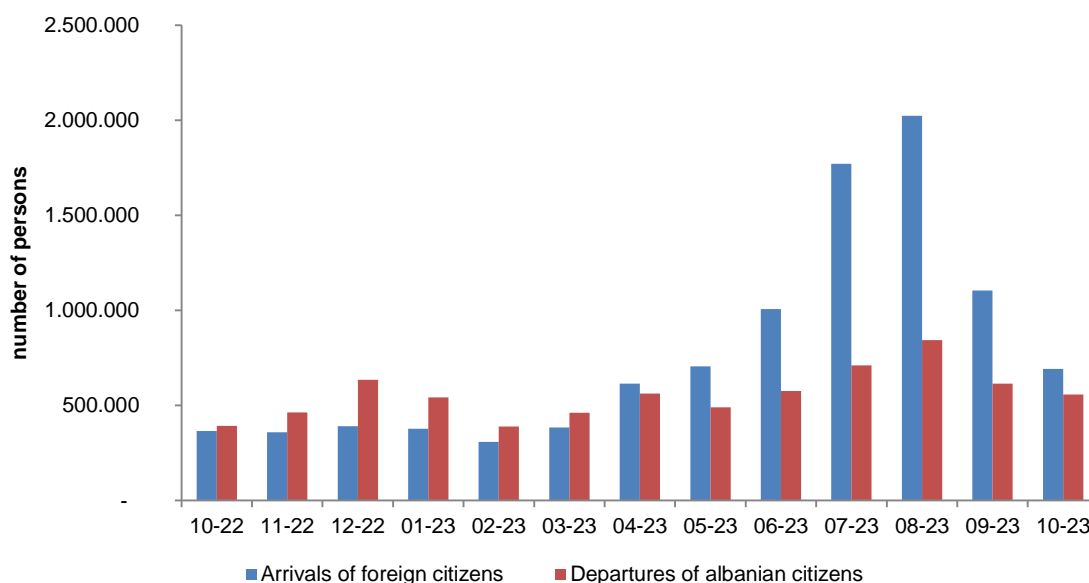
Citizen's arrivals

In October 2023, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 564,874. Compared to October 2022, this number increased by 45.2 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 691.680. Compared to October 2022, this number increased by 89.4 %.

During the ten months of 2023, the number of arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania is 8,986,280. This number has increased by 32.3 %, compared to the same period of 2022 (tab.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, October 2022- October 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 October 2023 are 557,152. Compared to October 2022, this number has increased by 41.7 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during October 2023 are 644,745. Compared to October 2022, this number increased by 81.1 %.

The number of Albanian citizens departures from the territory of Albania during the ten months of 2023 is 5,748,991 increasing by 20.2 %, compared to the same period a year ago (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	October 2022	October 2023	Annual change (%)	January-October 2022	January-October 2023	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	754,395	1,256,554	66.6	11,235,311	14,655,057	30.4
Albanian	389,158	564,874	45.2	4,441,409	5,668,777	27.6
Foreign	365,237	691,680	89.4	6,793,902	8,986,280	32.3
Total departures	749,252	1,201,897	60.4	11,498,376	14,330,710	24.6
Albanian	393,300	557,152	41.7	4,783,912	5,748,991	20.2
Foreign	355,952	644,745	81.1	6,714,464	8,581,719	27.8

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

In October 2023, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 660,057 citizens, followed by America and East Asia and Pacific, respectively with 16,495 and 8,355 citizens (tab.2).

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Description	October 2022	October 2023	January-October 2022	January-October 2023
Total	365,237	691,680	6,793,902	8,986,280
I. Africa	743	1,899	4,121	10,436
II. America	10,454	16,495	162,123	217,073
III. East Asia and Pacific	2,967	8,355	22,969	62,261
IV. Middle East	1,279	1,623	39,918	38,641
V. South Asia	1,213	1,557	8,748	12,455
VI. Europe	338,058	660,057	6,197,389	8,623,215
- Central /Eastern Europe	18,106	31,760	407,764	604,202
- Northern Europe	18,649	26,194	237,475	340,184
- Southern Europe	258,109	518,543	5,033,653	6,790,043
- Western Europe	33,811	63,119	435,406	697,829
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	9,383	20,441	83,091	190,957
VII. Other countries not specified	10,523	1,694	358,634	22,199

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

In October 2023 compared to October 2022, the arrivals of foreign citizens mark:

- Increase ,for personal purposes by 91.3 %;
- Increase, for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 93.4 %;
- Decrease, for business and professional purposes by 10.3 % (tab. 3).

Tab 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	October 2022	October 2023	Annual change (%)	January-October 2022	January-October 2023	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	365.237	691.680	89.4	6.793.902	8.986.280	32.3
I. Personal	358.398	685.543	91.3	6.701.997	8.881.128	32.5
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	334.680	647.435	93.4	6.378.595	8.438.663	32.3
2. Health treatment	313	205	-34.5	2.266	824	-63.6
3. Religious	41	18	-56.1	435	365	-16.1
4. Transit	23.364	37.885	62.2	320.701	441.276	37.6
II. Business and professional	6.839	6.137	-10.3	91.905	105.152	14.4

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.