

Movements of citizens in Albania

November 2023

Tirana, 21 December 2023: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in November 2023 are 1,099,343. Compared to November 2022, this indicator increased by 35.9 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during November 2023 are 1,074,479 marking an increase by 28.2 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

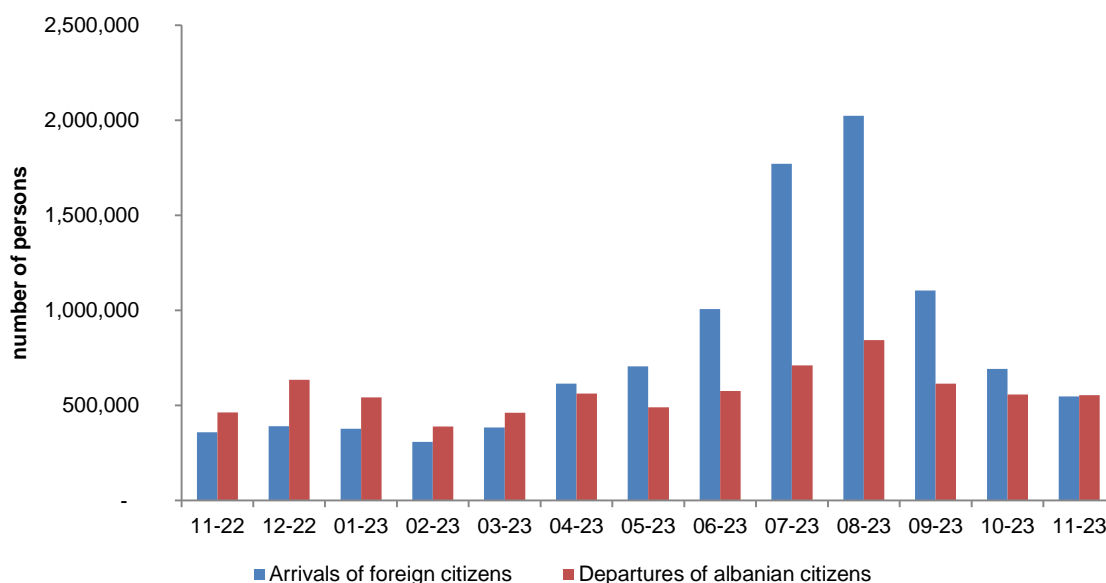
Citizen's arrivals

In November 2023, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 552,122. Compared to November 2022, this number increased by 22.6 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 547,221. Compared to November 2022, this number increased by 52.7 %.

During the eleven months of 2023, the number of arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania is 9,533,501. This number has increased by 33.3 %, compared to the same period of 2022 (tab.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, November 2022- November 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 November 2023 are 554,656. Compared to November 2022, this number has increased by 19.8 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during November 2023 are 519,823. Compared to November 2022, this number increased by 38.6 %.

The number of Albanian citizens departures from the territory of Albania during the eleven months of 2023 is 6,303,647 increasing by 20.1 %, compared to the same period a year ago (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	November 2022	November 2023	Annual change (%)	January- November 2022	January- November 2023	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	808,813	1,099,343	35.9	12,044,124	15,754,400	30.8
Albanian	450,463	552,122	22.6	4,891,872	6,220,899	27.2
Foreign	358,350	547,221	52.7	7,152,252	9,533,501	33.3
Total departures	838,056	1,074,479	28.2	12,336,432	15,405,189	24.9
Albanian	463,097	554,656	19.8	5,247,009	6,303,647	20.1
Foreign	374,959	519,823	38.6	7,089,423	9,101,542	28.4

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

In November 2023, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 525,182 citizens, followed by America and East Asia and Pacific, respectively with 14,100 and 3,577 citizens (tab.2).

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Description	November 2022	November 2023	January- November 2022	January- November 2023
Total	358,350	547,221	7,152,252	9,533,501
I. Africa	305	931	4,426	11,367
II. America	7,568	14,100	169,691	231,173
III. East Asia and Pacific	2,002	3,577	24,971	64,072
IV. Middle East	1,012	904	40,930	39,545
V. South Asia	1,045	1,564	9,793	14,019
VI. Europe	345,403	525,182	6,542,792	9,150,163
- Central /Eastern Europe	10,388	19,070	418,152	623,272
- Northern Europe	9,372	18,185	246,847	358,369
- Southern Europe	301,267	452,165	5,334,920	7,243,974
- Western Europe	14,495	21,912	449,901	719,741
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	9,881	13,850	92,972	204,807
VII. Other countries not specified	1,015	963	359,649	23,162

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

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

- increase ,for personal purposes by 52.5 %;
- increase, for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 53.9 %;
- increase, for business and professional purposes by 62.0 % (tab. 3).

Tab 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	November 2022	November 2023	Annual change (%)	January- November 2022	January- November 2023	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	358,350	547,221	52.7	7,152,252	9,533,501	33.3
I. Personal	352,344	537,492	52.5	7,054,341	9,418,620	33.5
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	337,484	519,380	53.9	6,716,079	8,958,043	33.4
2. Health treatment	101	71	-29.7	2,367	895	-62.2
3. Religious	27	23	-14.8	462	388	-16.0
4. Transit	14,732	18,018	22.3	335,433	459,294	36.9
II. Business and professional	6,006	9,729	62.0	97,911	114,881	17.3

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.