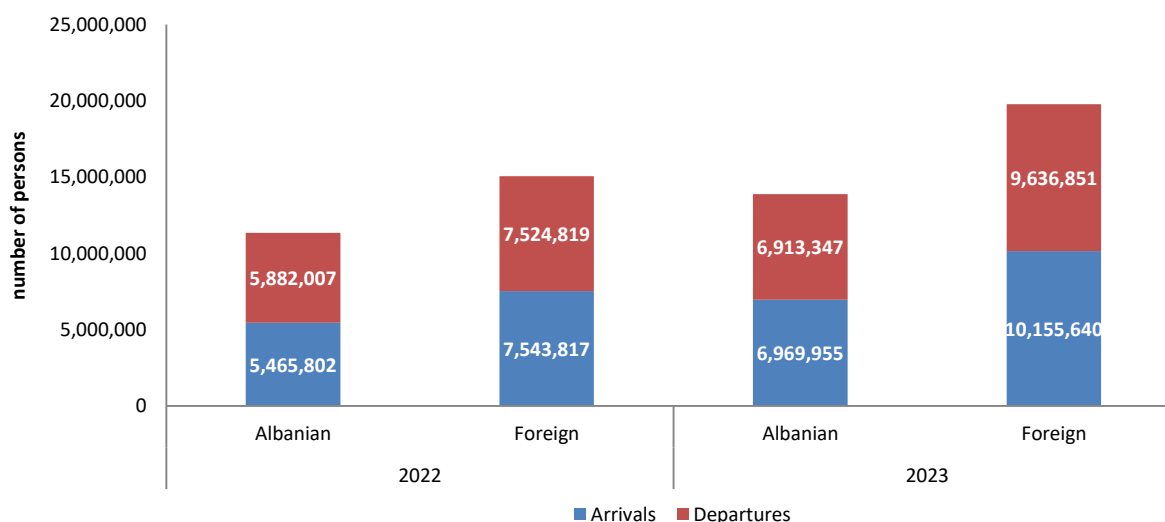


Movements of citizens in Albania

December 2023

Tirana, 25 January 2023: The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania in 2023, is 10,155,640 increasing by 34.6 %, compared with 2022. The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during 2023 is 6,913,347 increasing by 17.5 %, compared with the previous year (tab.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, 2022 – 2023



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

Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in December 2023 are 1,362,511. Compared to December 2022, this indicator increased by 41.1 %. Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during December 2023 are 1,152,429 marking an increase by 7.7 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

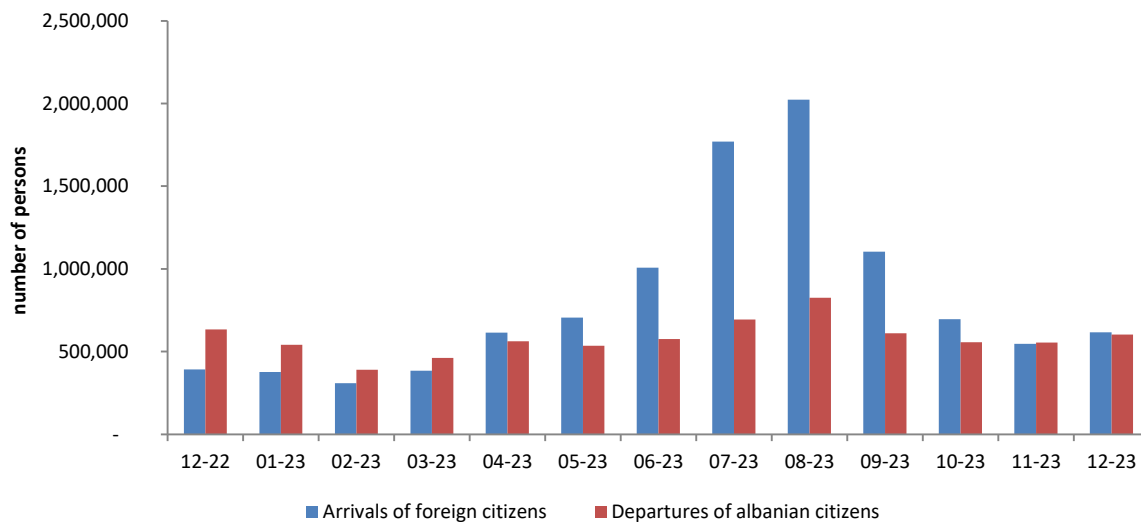
Citizen's arrivals

In December 2023, arrivals of Albanian citizens to the territory of Albania are 745,517. Compared to December 2022, this number increased by 29.9 %.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 616,994. Compared to December 2022, this number increased by 57.6 %.

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Fig. 2 Movements of citizens in Albania, December 2022- December 2023



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

Citizen's departures

Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2023 are 602,346. Compared to December 2022, this number decreased by 5.1 %.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2023 are 550,083. Compared to December 2022, this number increased by 26.3 %.

The number of Albanian citizens departures from the territory of Albania during the twelve months of 2023 is 6,913,347 increasing by 17.5 %, compared to the same period a year ago (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	December 2022	December 2023	Annual change (%)	January-December 2022	January-December 2023	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	965,495	1,362,511	41.1	13,009,619	17,125,595	31.6
Albanian	573,930	745,517	29.9	5,465,802	6,969,955	27.5
Foreign	391,565	616,994	57.6	7,543,817	10,155,640	34.6
Total departures	1,070,394	1,152,429	7.7	13,406,826	16,550,198	23.4
Albanian	634,998	602,346	-5.1	5,882,007	6,913,347	17.5
Foreign	435,396	550,083	26.3	7,524,819	9,636,851	28.1

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

In December 2023, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 571,348 citizens, followed by America and East Asia and Pacific, respectively with 9,845 and 2,617 citizens (tab.2).

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Description	December 2022	December 2023	January- December 2022	January- December 2023
Total	391,565	616,994	7,543,817	10,155,640
I. Africa	188	835	4,614	11,120
II. America	7,728	9,845	177,419	240,925
III. East Asia and Pacific	1,869	2,617	26,840	66,689
IV. Middle East	932	755	41,862	40,446
V. South Asia	1,115	1,305	10,908	15,324
VI. Europe	378,941	571,348	6,921,733	9,727,538
- Central /Eastern Europe	11,149	19,216	429,301	643,332
- Northern Europe	11,520	20,090	258,367	380,476
- Southern Europe	326,958	498,067	5,661,878	7,743,693
- Western Europe	18,842	23,556	468,743	744,821
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	10,472	10,419	103,444	215,216
VII. Other countries not specified	792	30,289	360,441	53,598

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

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

- increase, for personal purposes by 58.4 %;
- increase, for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc. by 65.1 %;
- increase, for business and professional purposes by 20.4 % (tab. 3).

Tab 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	December 2022	December 2023	Annual change (%)	January- December 2022	January- December 2023	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	391,565	616,994	57.6	7,543,817	10,155,640	34.6
I. Personal	383,136	606,847	58.4	7,437,477	10,030,612	34.9
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	351,408	580,311	65.1	7,067,487	9,543,452	35.0
2. Health treatment	25	54	116.0	2,392	949	-60.3
3. Religious	33	29	-12.1	495	417	-15.8
4. Transit	31,670	26,453	-16.5	367,103	485,794	32.3
II. Business and professional	8,429	10,147	20.4	106,340	125,028	17.6

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 reference periode 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 the reference periode 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. Tranzit.

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:

https://www.instat.gov.al/media/2940/revision_policy_2016.pdf

Monthly data from January – December 2023 are revised.

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.