

Movements of citizens in Albania

May 2024

Tirana, 24 June 2024: During the month of May 2024, it results that 1,606,520 Albanian citizens and foreigners entered the Albanian territory. This indicator has increased by 30.6 %, compared to May 2023.

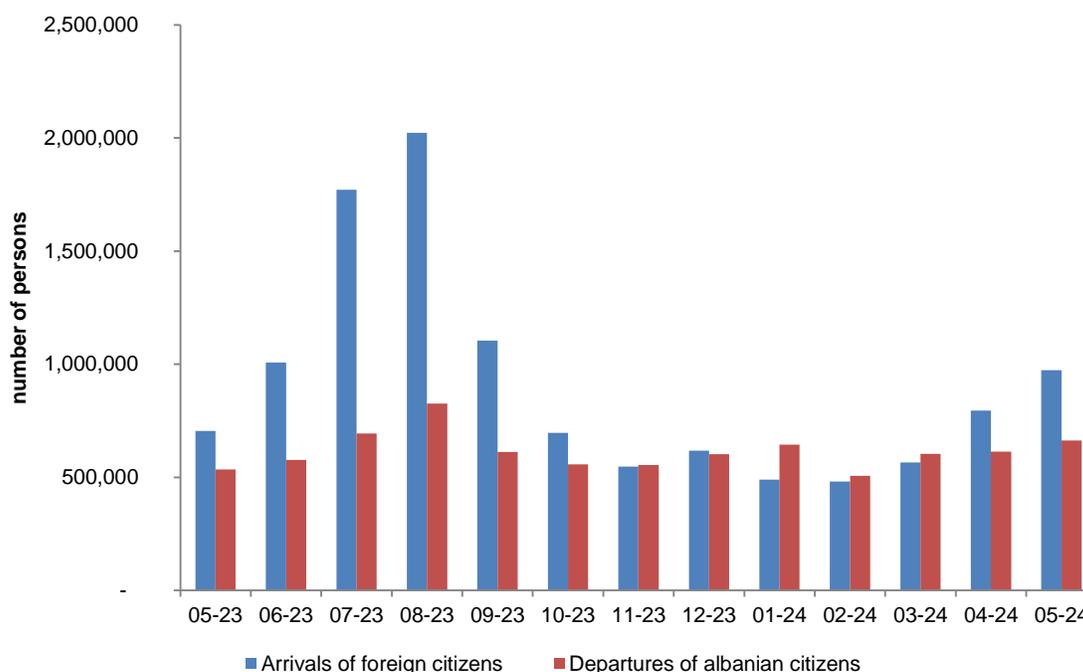
1,615,862 Albanian citizens and foreigners have left the territory of the Republic of Albania, marking an increase of 30.8 %, compared to the same period a year ago.

Citizen's arrivals

In May 2024, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 632,832, increasing by 20.5 %, compared to May 2023.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 973,688. Compared to the same period of 2023, this number increased by 38,1 % (fig.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, March 2023- March 2024



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

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Citizen's departures

In the month of May 2024, 662,095 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 23.9 %, compared to May 2023.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during May 2024 are 953,767. Compared to the same period of previous year, this number increased by 36,0 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

| Period | May 2023 | May 2024 | Annual change (%) | January – May 2023 | January – May 2024 | Annual change (%) |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Total arrivals | 1,230,165 | 1,606,520 | 30.6 | 4,767,235 | 6,171,751 | 29.5 |
| Albanian | 525,086 | 632,832 | 20.5 | 2,377,336 | 2,868,821 | 20.7 |
| Foreign | 705,079 | 973,688 | 38.1 | 2,389,899 | 3,302,930 | 38.2 |
| Total departures | 1,235,730 | 1,615,862 | 30.8 | 4,873,266 | 6,414,297 | 31.6 |
| Albanian | 534,512 | 662,095 | 23.9 | 2,492,190 | 3,031,256 | 21.6 |
| Foreign | 701,218 | 953,767 | 36.0 | 2,381,076 | 3,383,041 | 42.1 |

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

In May 2024, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 927,906 citizens followed by America, East Asia and Pacific, respectively with 24,191 and 8,219 citizens (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

| Period | May 2023 | May 2024 | January - May 2023 | January – May 2024 |
|---|----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total | 705,079 | 973,688 | 2,389,899 | 3,302,930 |
| I. Africa | 1,935 | 3,555 | 4,213 | 8,643 |
| II. America | 19,068 | 24,191 | 55,333 | 72,171 |
| III. East Asia and Pacific | 5,293 | 8,219 | 13,301 | 23,910 |
| IV. Middle East | 2,049 | 1,790 | 5,003 | 5,093 |
| V. South Asia | 1,345 | 3,252 | 4,478 | 9,552 |
| VI. Europe | 673,706 | 927,906 | 2,302,317 | 3,156,825 |
| - Central /Eastern Europe | 35,908 | 63,938 | 85,771 | 163,344 |
| - Northern Europe | 26,864 | 42,730 | 76,900 | 131,230 |
| - Southern Europe | 521,550 | 689,015 | 1,921,773 | 2,521,926 |
| - Western Europe | 73,287 | 105,276 | 159,966 | 246,017 |
| - East/ Mediterranean Europe | 16,097 | 26,947 | 57,907 | 94,308 |
| VII. Other countries not specified | 1,683 | 4,775 | 5,254 | 26,736 |

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

In May 2024 compared to May 2023. the arrivals of foreign citizens mark:

- increase, for personal purposes by 37.9 %;
- increase, for vacation purposes. visiting relatives. etc. by 45.0 %;
- increase, for business and professional purposes by 48.3 %. (tab. 3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

| Period | May 2023 | May 2024 | Annual change (%) | January - May 2023 | January – May 2024 | Annual change (%) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Arrivals foreign citizens | 705,079 | 973,688 | 38.1 | 2,389,899 | 3,302,930 | 38.2 |
| I. Personal | 692,313 | 954,753 | 37.9 | 2,339,038 | 3,222,044 | 37.8 |
| 1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc. | 640,717 | 928,977 | 45.0 | 2,206,851 | 3,100,435 | 40.5 |
| 2. Health treatment | 155 | 67 | -56.8 | 350 | 322 | -8.0 |
| 3. Religious | 33 | 16 | -51.5 | 156 | 137 | -12.2 |
| 4. Transit | 51,408 | 25,693 | -50.0 | 131,681 | 121,150 | -8.0 |
| II. Business and professional | 12,766 | 18,935 | 48.3 | 50,861 | 80,886 | 59.0 |

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:

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

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.