

Movements of citizens in Albania

June 2024

Tirana, 25 July 2024: During the month of June 2024, it results that 1,921,208 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Albanian territory. This indicator has increased by 21.5 %, compared to June 2023.

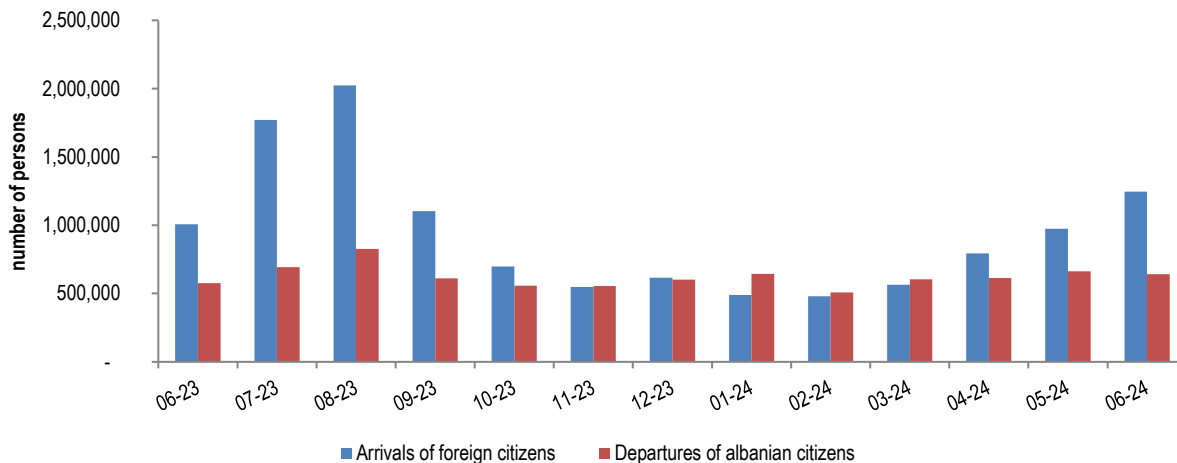
1,788,916 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 20.0 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In June 2024, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 676,241, increasing by 17.7 %, compared to June 2023.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 1,244,967. Compared to the same period of 2023, this number increased by 23.6 % (fig.1).

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



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

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Citizen's departures

In June 2024, 642,471 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 11.5 %, compared to June 2023.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during June 2024 are 1,146,445. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number increased by 25.4 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	June 2023	June 2024	Annual change (%)	January – June 2023	January – June 2024	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,581,731	1,921,208	21.5	6,348,966	8,092,959	27.5
Albanian	574,698	676,241	17.7	2,952,034	3,545,062	20.1
Foreign	1,007,033	1,244,967	23.6	3,396,932	4,547,897	33.9
Total departures	1,490,810	1,788,916	20.0	6,364,076	8,203,213	28.9
Albanian	576,383	642,471	11.5	3,068,573	3,673,727	19.7
Foreign	914,427	1,146,445	25.4	3,295,503	4,529,486	37.4

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

In June 2024, the region with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is the European region with 1,174,197 citizens followed by America, East Asia and Pacific, respectively with 41,921 and 11,103 citizens (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Period	June 2023	June 2024	January - June 2023	January – June 2024
Total	1,007,033	1,244,967	3,396,932	4,547,897
I. Africa	888	3,669	5,101	12,312
II. America	30,082	41,921	85,415	114,092
III. East Asia and Pacific	8,970	11,103	22,271	35,013
IV. Middle East	6,099	5,424	11,102	10,517
V. South Asia	1,800	3,438	6,278	12,990
VI. Europe	954,390	1,174,197	3,256,707	4,331,022
- Central /Eastern Europe	93,746	133,548	179,517	296,892
- Northern Europe	42,511	57,118	119,411	188,348
- Southern Europe	707,135	841,390	2,628,908	3,363,316
- Western Europe	82,512	100,629	242,478	346,646
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	28,486	41,512	86,393	135,820
VII. Other countries not specified	4,804	5,215	10,058	31,951

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

In June 2024 compared to June 2023, the arrivals of foreign citizens mark:

- increase, for personal purposes by 23.2 %;
- increase, for vacation purposes, visiting relatives, etc., by 25.1 %;
- increase, for business and professional purposes by 57.2 % (tab. 3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	June 2023	June 2024	Annual change (%)	January - June 2023	January – June 2024	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	1,007,033	1,244,967	23.6	3,396,932	4,547,897	33.9
I. Personal	994,713	1,225,601	23.2	3,333,751	4,447,645	33.4
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	959,520	1,200,816	25.1	3,166,371	4,301,251	35.8
2. Health treatment	12	108	800.0	362	430	18.8
3. Religious	27	13	-51.9	183	150	-18.0
4. Transit	35,154	24,664	-29.8	166,835	145,814	-12.6
II. Business and professional	12,320	19,366	57.2	63,181	100,252	58.7

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.