

Movements of citizens in Albania

September 2024

Tirana, 25 October 2024: During the month of September 2024, it results that 1,794,274 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Republic of Albania territory. This indicator has increased by 8.7 %, compared to September 2023.

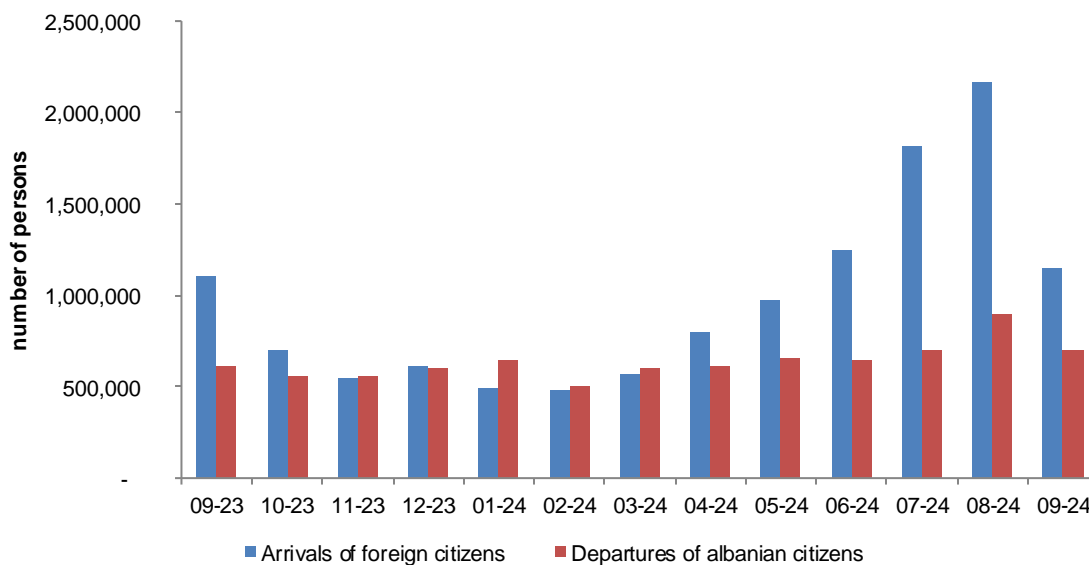
1,927,816 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 12.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In September 2024, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 648,184, increasing by 18.6 %, compared to September 2023.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 1,146,090. Compared to the same period of 2023, this number increased by 3.8 % (fig.1).

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



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

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Citizen's departures

In September 2024, 698,268 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 14.2 %, compared to September 2023.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during September 2024 are 1,229,548. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number decreased by 11.7 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	September 2023	September 2024	Annual change (%)	January – September 2023	January – September 2024	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,650,506	1,794,274	8.7	13,401,915	15,617,566	16.5
Albanian	546,316	648,184	18.6	5,107,315	5,937,536	16.3
Foreign	1,104,190	1,146,090	3.8	8,294,600	9,680,030	16.7
Total departures	1,711,815	1,927,816	12.6	13,116,415	15,458,264	17.9
Albanian	611,497	698,268	14.2	5,198,846	5,978,134	15.0
Foreign	1,100,318	1,229,548	11.7	7,917,569	9,480,130	19.7

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

In September 2024, 95 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the region of Europe. Southern Europe accounts 69 % of the foreign citizens arrivals from the European continent, followed by Western Europe with 12 % (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Period	September 2023	September 2024	January - September 2023	January – September 2024
Total	1,104,190	1,146,090	8,294,600	9,680,030
I. Africa	1,192	5,172	8,537	24,490
II. America	29,236	33,574	200,534	257,277
III. East Asia and Pacific	8,958	13,734	53,906	77,243
IV. Middle East	2,564	2,499	37,062	25,963
V. South Asia	1,342	3,467	10,898	20,599
VI. Europe	1,059,798	1,085,038	7,963,158	9,222,931
- Central /Eastern Europe	95,353	122,890	572,442	758,508
- Northern Europe	43,032	54,758	313,990	407,428
- Southern Europe	795,321	749,345	6,271,500	6,939,827
- Western Europe	100,987	125,784	634,710	829,077
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	25,105	32,261	170,516	288,091
VII. Other countries not specified	1,100	2,606	20,505	51,527

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

The purpose of arrivals of foreign citizens in the Albanian territory, in 98 % of cases, is for personal purposes, dominated by arrivals for Holidays, visit to relatives, etc. In September 2024, this indicator has marked an increase by 0.9 %, compared to September 2023. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes also increased significantly in September, by 60.9 % (tab.3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	September 2023	September 2024	Annual change (%)	January-September 2023	January-September 2024	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	1,104,190	1,146,090	3.8	8,294,600	9,680,030	16.7
I. Personal	1,092,968	1,128,033	3.2	8,195,585	9,524,756	16.2
1. Holidays s. visit to relatives. etc.	1,045,778	1,054,937	0.9	7,791,228	9,195,205	18.0
2. Health treatment	11	53	381.8	619	545	-12.0
3. Religious	24	17	-29.2	347	303	-12.7
4. Transit	47,155	73,026	54.9	403,391	328,703	-18.5
II. Business and professional	11,222	18,057	60.9	99,015	155,274	56.8

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 September declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance. etc.