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# **Demographic indicators**

# Quarter IV - 2024

**Tiranë, on 12 February 2025:** The natural population increase for the fourth quarter of 2024 result positive by 652 births more than deaths, where:

- The number of births for the fourth quarter of 2024 is 5,605, marking a decrease by 10.0 %, compared to the fourth quarter of 2023.
- The number of deaths for the fourth quarter of 2024 is 4,953, marking a decrease by 4.0 %, compared to the fourth quarter of 2023.

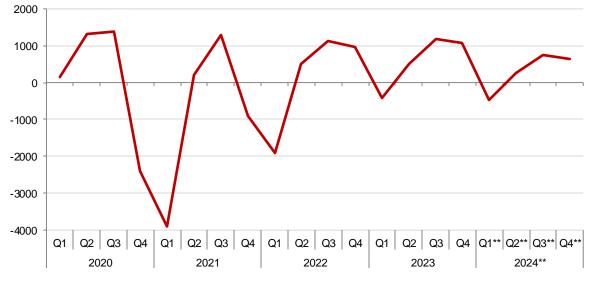


Fig. 1: Natural population increase

\*\* Preliminary data

Seven prefectures of the country record positive natural population increase, while in other five prefectures, natural population increase is negative.

The prefecture with the highest natural population increase is Tiranë, with 799 births more than deaths, while the prefecture with the lowest natural population increase is Korçë, with 211 deaths more than births.

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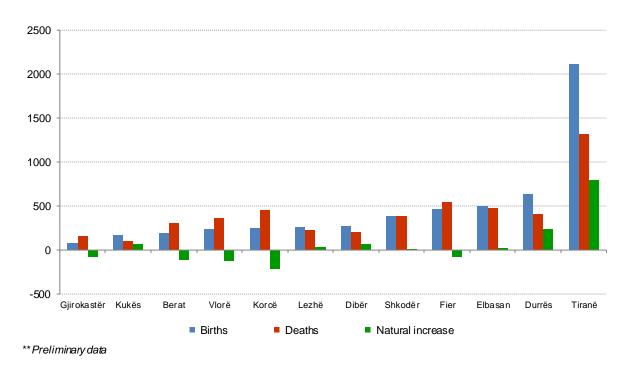


Fig. 2: Births, deaths and natural increase by prefectures, Q4-2024\*\*

#### **Births**

In the fourth quarter 2024, all prefectures of the country record decrease in the number of births, compared to the fourth quarter 2023.

The highest number of births is recorded in Tiranë prefecture with 2,115 births, while the lowest is recorded in Gjirokastër prefecture with 83 births.

In the fourth quarter 2024, the lowest decrease in percentage of births is recorded in Shkodër prefecture with 1.5 %, while the highest decrease is recorded in Korçë prefecture with 25.3 %, compared to the fourth quarter 2023.

No.	Prefecture	2023-4	2024-1**	2024-2**	2024-3**	2024-4**
	Albania	6,226	5,056	5,269	6,495	5,605
1	Berat	235	164	192	211	196
2	Dibër	280	234	245	309	273
3	Durrës	700	556	587	730	641
4	Elbasan	587	431	449	573	496
5	Fier	513	421	436	569	471
6	Gjirokastër	108	74	70	90	83
7	Korçë	332	282	310	315	248
8	Kukës	173	169	148	198	166
9	Lezhë	290	216	221	275	260
10	Shkodër	396	328	318	440	390
11	Tiranë	2,326	1,929	2,013	2,438	2,115
12	Vlorë	286	220	248	309	236
*	*Unknown		32	32	38	30

#### Tab. 1: Births by prefectures

\* Category "Unknown" means the number of live births, for which the information of prefecture in which the birth has been registered, is missing.<sup>1</sup>

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#### Deaths

In the fourth quarter 2024, ten prefectures of the country record decrease in the number of deaths, while two prefectures record increase, compared to the fourth quarter 2023.

The lowest number of deaths is recorded in Kukës prefecture with 99 deaths, while the highest is recorded in Tiranë prefecture with 1,316 deaths.

In the fourth quarter 2024, the highest decrease in percentage of deaths is recorded in Durrës prefecture with 19.0 %, while the highest increase is recorded in Berat prefecture with 13.2 %, compared to the fourth quarter 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Look at the methodology in the following link: <u>http://www.instat.gov.al/en/themes/demography-and-social-indicators/births-deaths-and-marriages/#tab4</u>

To consult with other publications, visit the INSTAT webpage: https://www.instat.gov.al/

No.	Prefecture	2023-4	2024-1**	2024-2**	2024-3**	2024-4**
	Albania	5,159	5,537	5,014	5,743	4,953
1	Berat	272	287	237	299	308
2	Dibër	210	225	192	200	201
3	Durrës	500	547	453	538	405
4	Elbasan	490	530	504	582	475
5	Fier	569	584	607	745	545
6	Gjirokastër	169	176	162	172	161
7	Korçë	485	499	497	474	459
8	Kukës	122	139	110	141	99
9	Lezhë	247	262	222	236	230
10	Shkodër	400	414	395	459	384
11	Tiranë	1,352	1,454	1,272	1,406	1,316
12	Vlorë	343	408	345	454	360
*Unknown		0	12	18	37	10

## Tab. 2: Deaths by prefectures

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# Methodology

Quarterly data for births and deaths, at national and prefecture level constitute an important link of the demography of the country. They represent data on population changes, which have an impact on the economic and social life of the country. These data are published based on the Official Statistics Program 2022-2026.

# Births

## Birth data

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## Late registered birth

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# Definitions:

*Natural population increase:* Expresses the increase/decrease of the population, as a result of the biological processes (births and deaths), over a period of time. It is expressed as the difference between the live births to deaths.

Live birth: Births of children that showed any sign of life.

*Death:* Means the permanent disappearance of all evidence of life, at any time after life birth has taken place (postnatal cessation of vital functions without capability of resuscitation).