

Asylum seekers in Albania, 2024

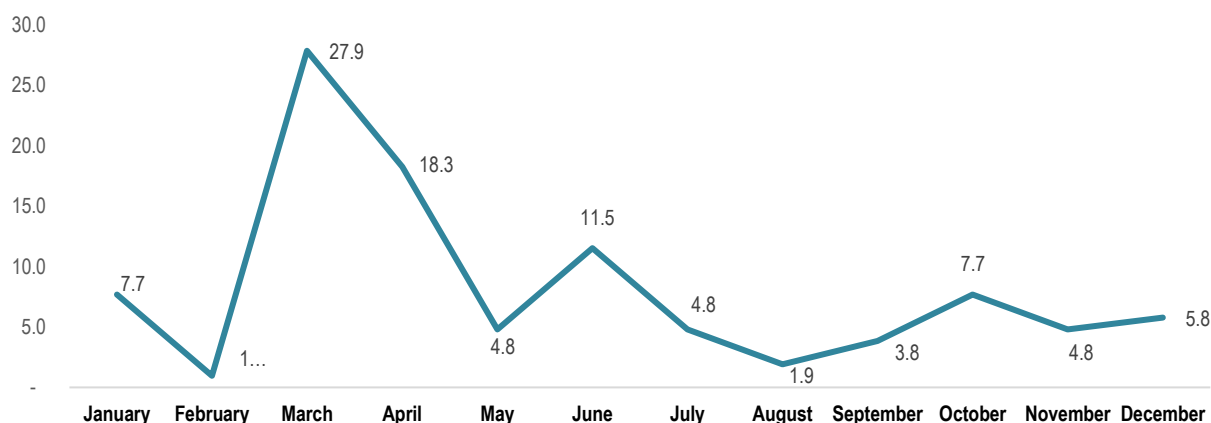
Tiranë, on 04 July 2025: In 2024, there are 104 asylum seekers, marking a decrease compared to 261 asylum seekers in 2023.

Asylum seekers in Albania main country of origin from:

- Afghanistan 27.9 %;
- Syria 17.3 %;
- Pakistan 10.6 %.

The concentration of asylum applications: the months with the highest number of applications were March, April and June, which account 57.7% of the total applications.

Fig. 1: Distribution of asylum applications by month, in %



Source: Department for Border and Migration at the General Directorate of State Police

Acquisition and loss of Albanian citizenship

In 2024, result 919 persons who have acquired Albanian citizenship, marking a decrease by 33.5 %, compared to 2023.

While 472 persons have lost Albanian citizenship, marking a decrease by 45.7 %, compared to 2023.

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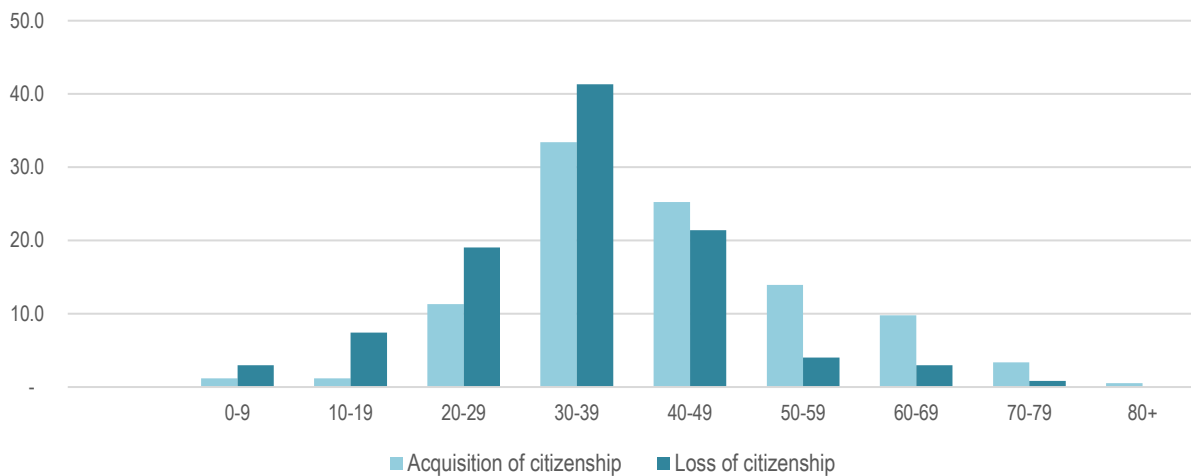
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Analysing the country of origin of persons who have acquired Albanian citizenship, it is noted that:

- 49.1 % from Kosovo;
- 13.8 % from Turkey;
- 6.2 % from North Macedonia.

During 2024, 33.4% of those who have acquired Albanian citizenship and 41.3% who have lost Albanian citizenship belong to the 30-39 age group.

Fig. 2: Acquisition and loss of Albanian citizenship by age group, in %



Source: Directorate of Citizenship Policies at the Ministry of Interior

For more information, please visit the statistical database on INSTAT webpage: [Asylum seekers in Albania 2024](https://www.instat.gov.al/)

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Methodology

The purpose of the yearly publication for asylum seekers in Albania is to present the results and indicators by sex, month of application, countries of origin, as well as the annual number of persons that acquired or lost the Albanian Citizenship.

Data on Asylum Seekers and the acquisition or loss of citizenship in Albania are provided by the Department for Border and Migration at the General Directorate of State Police, Directorate of Citizenship Policies and Directorate of Migration, Asylum and Anti-Trafficking Policies at the Ministry of Interior.

Definitions:

Asylum is the form of international protection that the Republic of Albania grants to refugees and persons under subsidiary protection.

Asylum seeker is any foreigner or stateless person that expresses in any way that he or she does not wish to return to his or her country, as well as any foreigner or stateless person who has applied for asylum in the Republic of Albania for whom no final decision has been made yet.

Asylum application is the official request of a foreigner or stateless person to the responsible authority for asylum and refugees, which is considered as a request for international protection under the UN Geneva Convention on Refugee Status. Any application for international protection is considered as an application for asylum, unless the foreigner clearly requires another type of protection, which applies separately.

Request for asylum is any statement by a foreigner or stateless person, expressed in any way and at any time before the competent authorities at the border crossing points or within the territory of the Republic of Albania, which requires international protection under international conventions and Albanian legislation.

Albanian citizenship is acquired, regained, lost or terminated of in accordance with the provisions of the law, which respects the recognized norms and principles of international law in the field of citizenship accepted by the Republic of Albania.

Albanian citizenship is acquired by: a) birth; b) naturalization; c) adoption.

Acquisition of citizenship is taken by a foreigner who has applied for Albanian citizenship, and acquires it if he meets the conditions set forth in the law.

Loss of Albanian citizenship means that the acquisition of Albanian citizenship ends upon the request of the person when he meets the conditions laid down in the law.

Foreign national means a person who is not a national of the Republic of Albania and holds a foreign nationality.

Stateless person means a person who is not a national of any state due to the lack of a durable legal connection between him and a state.

Refugee means a person who, owing to a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, political opinion or membership of a particular social group, is outside the country of nationality or outside of the country of former habitual residence and is unable or unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of that country or to return to it as a result of such circumstances, in accordance with the requirements of Article 1(A) of the Geneva Convention.

State or country of origin means the applicant's state of nationality, or, for stateless persons, the country of their former habitual residence.

Subsidiary protection status means the recognition by the Republic of Albania of a foreign person or a stateless person as eligible for subsidiary protection

Refugee status means the recognition by the Republic of Albania of a foreign national or a stateless person as a refugee.