

Movements of citizens in Albania

December 2025

Tirana, 23 January 2026: During the month of December 2025, it results that 1,542,889 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Republic of Albania territory. This indicator has increased by 7.0 %, compared to December 2024.

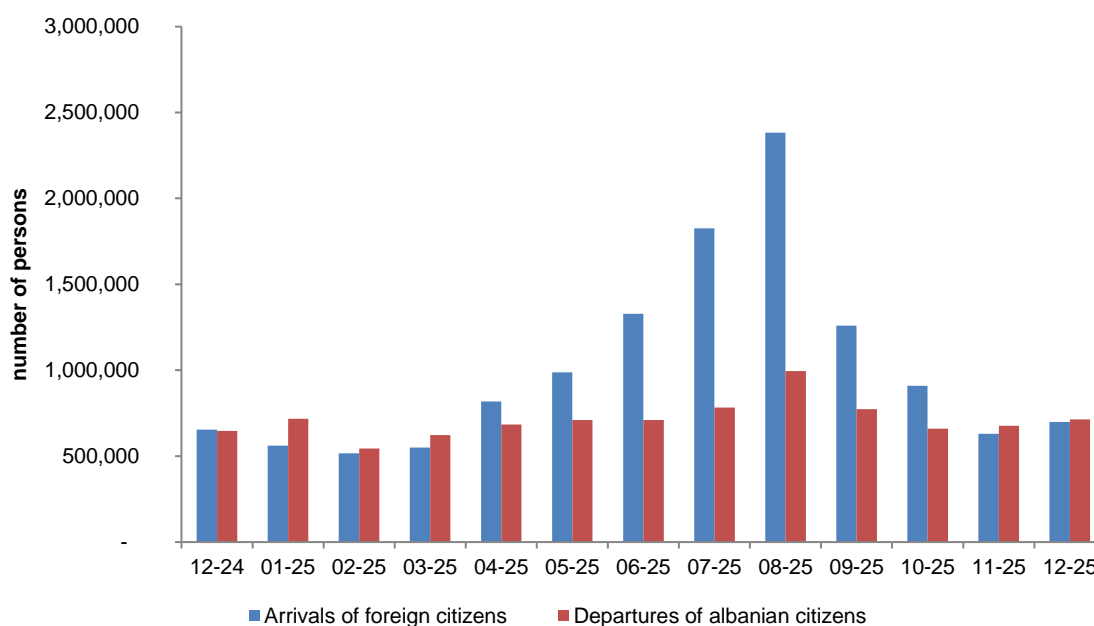
1,353,137 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 8.1 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In December 2025, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 844,147, increasing by 7.1 %, compared to December 2024.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 698,742. Compared to the same period in 2024, this number increased by 6.8 % (fig.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, December 2024 - December 2025



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

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Citizen's departures

In December 2025, 714,457 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 10.6 %, compared to December 2024.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2025 are 638,680. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number increased by 5.5 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	December 2024	December 2025	Annual change (%)	January – December 2024	January – December 2025	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,442,193	1,542,889	7.0	19,703,020	20,996,934	6.6
Albanian	787,851	844,147	7.1	8,006,909	8,530,896	6.5
Foreign	654,342	698,742	6.8	11,696,111	12,466,038	6.6
Total departures	1,251,392	1,353,137	8.1	19,321,700	20,929,830	8.3
Albanian	646,178	714,457	10.6	7,878,384	8,589,343	9.0
Foreign	605,214	638,680	5.5	11,443,316	12,340,487	7.8

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

In December 2025, 96 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the European region.

Southern Europe accounts 86 % of the foreign citizens arrivals from the European continent, followed by Western Europe by 6 % and Northern Europe by 4 % (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Period	December 2024	December 2025	January-December 2024	January-December 2025
Total	654,342	698,742	11,696,111	12,466,038
I. Africa	1,385	1,559	31,466	44,736
II. America	11,338	12,191	306,116	337,482
III. East Asia and Pacific	3,848	3,641	95,991	104,428
IV. Middle East	1,001	1,222	30,156	34,810
V. South Asia	2,025	2,328	29,845	44,837
VI. Europe	634,235	677,259	11,146,979	11,888,574
- Central /Eastern Europe	20,981	22,786	850,679	867,229
- Northern Europe	22,383	23,859	491,694	534,624
- Southern Europe	533,415	576,808	8,468,557	8,919,296
- Western Europe	41,657	40,902	990,143	1,183,377
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	15,799	12,904	345,906	384,048
VII. Other countries not specified	510	542	55,558	11,171

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

The purpose of arrivals of foreign citizens in the Albanian territory, in 97 % of cases, is for personal purposes. In December 2025, this indicator has marked an increase by 6.6 %, compared to December 2024. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes increased by 13.0 % (tab.3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	December 2024	December 2025	Annual change (%)	January - December 2024	January – December 2025	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	654,342	698,742	6.8	11,696,111	12,466,038	6.6
I. Personal	636,759	678,876	6.6	11,484,245	12,219,450	6.4
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	611,591	644,786	5.4	11,079,872	11,614,932	4.8
2. Health treatment	14	12	-14.3	637	375	-41.1
3. Religious	9	19	111.1	360	428	18.9
4. Transit	25,145	34,059	35.5	403,376	603,715	49.7
II. Business and professional	17,583	19,866	13.0	211,866	246,588	16.4

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