

MOVEMENTS OF CITIZENS IN ALBANIA

March 2026

During March 2026, a total of 1,289,468 Albanian and foreign citizens entered the territory of the Republic of Albania. This represents an increase by 11.7 % compared to March 2025.

At the same time, 1,282,702 Albanian and foreign citizens departed from the territory of the Republic of Albania, marking an increase by 8.5 % compared to the same period last year.

Citizens' arrivals to Albania:

- Albanian citizens: 680,105 (increase by 12.5 %)
- Foreign citizens: 609,363 (increase by 10.8 %)

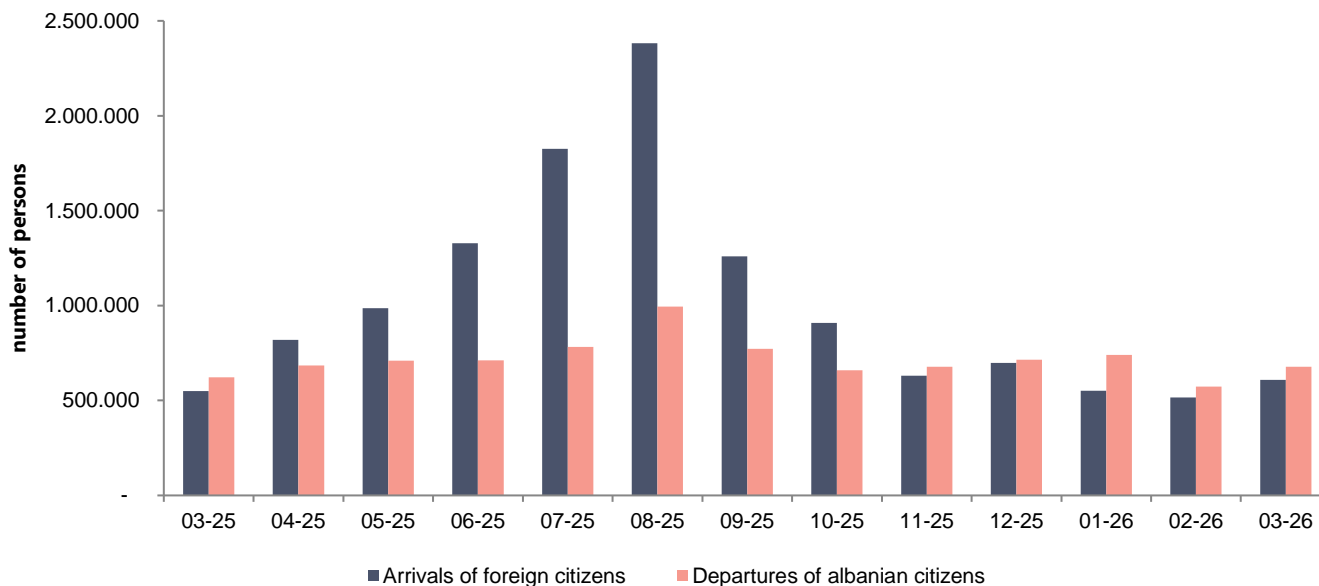
Citizens' departures from Albania:

- Albanian citizens: 677,471 (increase by 9.0 %)
- Foreign citizens: 605,231 (increase by 7.9 %)

Regions of foreign citizens' arrivals:

- Southern Europe accounts for 80 % and Western Europe for 7 % of entries from Europe.

FIG. 1 MOVEMENTS OF CITIZENS IN ALBANIA, MARCH 2025-MARCH 2026



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

TAB. 1 MOVEMENTS OF ALBANIAN AND FOREIGN CITIZENS

Period	March 2025	March 2026	Annual change (%)	January-March 2025	January-March 2026	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,154,288	1,289,468	11.7	3,371,763	3,586,699	6.4
Albanian	604,523	680,105	12.5	1,745,547	1,908,918	9.4
Foreign	549,765	609,363	10.8	1,626,216	1,677,781	3.2
Total departures	1,182,728	1,282,702	8.5	3,609,981	3,716,425	2.9
Albanian	621,777	677,471	9.0	1,883,278	1,990,485	5.7
Foreign	560,951	605,231	7.9	1,726,703	1,725,940	0.0

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

TAB. 2 ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN CITIZENS BY REGION

Period	March 2025	March 2026	January-March 2025	January-March 2026
Total	549,765	609,363	1,626,216	1,677,781
I. Africa	2,295	3,356	5,424	7,158
II. America	13,385	19,101	33,648	40,157
III. East Asia and Pacific	4,409	4,449	11,738	10,368
IV. Middle East	862	1,029	2,892	2,980
V. South Asia	3,594	4,122	8,145	9,471
VI. Europe	524,594	576,239	1,562,922	1,605,089
- Central /Eastern Europe	25,832	25,292	66,501	60,483
- Northern Europe	22,489	29,126	57,202	62,678
- Southern Europe	420,903	462,066	1,306,255	1,353,394
- Western Europe	37,326	41,602	84,970	84,690
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	18,044	18,153	47,994	43,844
VII. Other countries not specified	626	1,067	1,447	2,558

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 March 2026, this indicator increased by 11.2 % compared with March 2025. Arrivals of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes increased by 0.2 %.

Note to users:

Detailed monthly and annual data by groups are available in INSTAT's statistical database: [Movement of Citizens in Albania](#) as well as in the tables section of the website under the topic: [Movement of Citizens](#)

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.