

Movements of citizens in Albania

August 2021

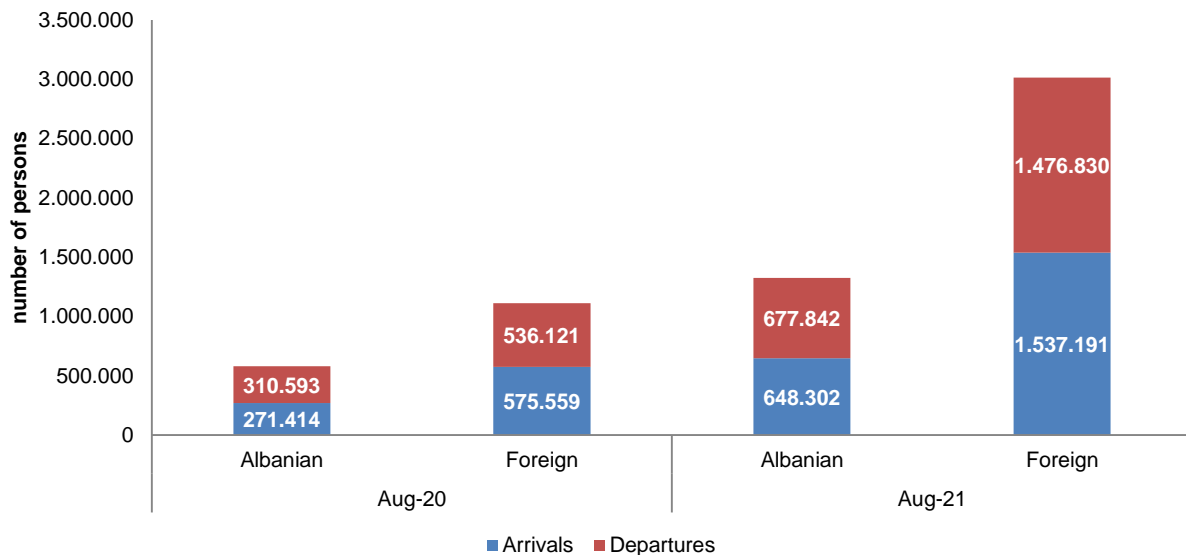
Tirana, 23 September 2021: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in August 2021 are 2,185,493. Compared with August 2020, this indicator results in a 2.6 times increase. In August 2021, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 1,537,191. Compared with August 2020, this indicator results in a 2.7 times increase.

Citizen's arrivals

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the eight months of 2021, is 4,384,072, increasing by 2.5 times, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.1).

During the eight months of 2021, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, United States of America had the largest increase by 4.6 times and Poland by 3.9 times, while the most significant decrease had Greece by 9.2 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.2).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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

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Citizen's departures

Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during August 2021 are 2,154,672 marking a 2.5 times increase, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during August 2021 are 677,842. Compared to August 2020, this number has increased by 2.2 times. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during August 2021 are 1,476,830. Compared to August 2020, this indicator results in a 2.8 times increase.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the eight months of 2021 is 2,856,861. This indicator increased by 47.5 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	August 2020	August 2021	January-August 2020	January-August 2021
Total Arrivals	846,973	2,185,493	3,530,238	7,004,833
Albanian	271,414	648,302	1,785,069	2,620,761
Foreign	575,559	1,537,191	1,745,169	4,384,072
Total Departures	846,714	2,154,672	3,614,519	6,824,439
Albanian	310,593	677,842	1,937,235	2,856,861
Foreign	536,121	1,476,830	1,677,284	3,967,578

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

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	August 2020	August 2021	January-August 2020	January-August 2021
Kosovo	356,327	795,880	859,925	2,177,412
North Macedonia	88,781	111,870	238,681	448,370
Greece	20,902	65,843	166,990	151,679
Italy	19,332	96,410	89,104	240,793
United Kingdom	11,257	23,691	39,078	60,331
Montenegro	6,914	33,385	101,782	217,132
Poland	10,692	30,398	22,083	86,596
USA	3,817	21,456	15,624	72,436
Spain	562	3,711	2,113	7,939
Germany	6,999	27,826	28,730	80,636
Switzerland	2,126	9,366	11,969	45,554
Others	47,850	317,355	169,090	795,194
Total	575,559	1,537,191	1,745,169	4,384,072

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

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	August 2020	August 2021	January-August 2020	January-August 2021
Arrivals foreign citizens	575,559	1,537,191	1,745,169	4,384,072
I. Personal	566,643	1,527,522	1,673,255	4,320,419
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	557,919	1,502,962	1,625,698	4,199,556
2. Religious	28	50	199	523
3. Tranzit	8,696	24,510	47,358	120,340
II. Business and professional	8,916	9,669	71,914	63,653

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

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
August 2020	95,939	30,461	720,573	113,614	36,584	696,516
August 2021	263,805	134,624	1,787,064	297,303	183,012	1,674,357
January- August 2020	467,926	153,412	2,908,900	449,522	171,114	2,993,883
January- August 2021	896,878	358,279	5,749,676	838,472	326,631	5,659,336

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).

An arrival 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, health treatment, etc.;
2. Religious;
3. Transit.

Visits for *Business category* include 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:

[http://www.instat.gov.al/en/documentation/quality-in-statistics/Statistical revision policy](http://www.instat.gov.al/en/documentation/quality-in-statistics/Statistical%20revision%20policy).

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 June declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.