

Movements of citizens in Albania

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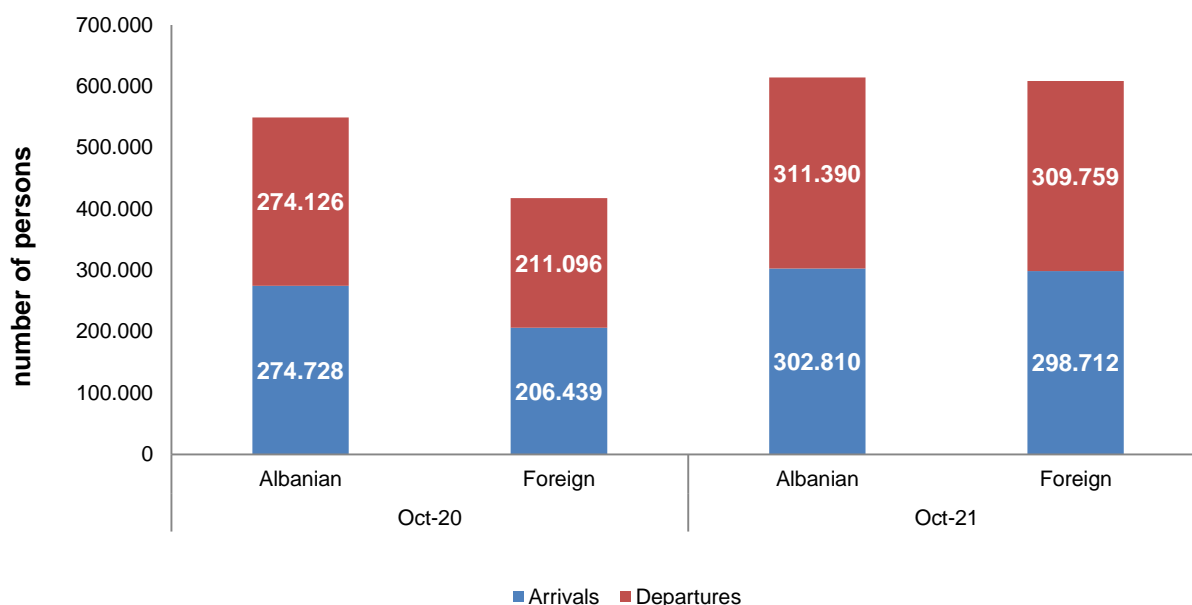
Tirana, 23 November 2021: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in October 2021 are 601,522. Compared with October 2020, this indicator increased by 25.0 %. In October 2021, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 298,712. Compared with October 2020, this indicator increased by 44.7 %.

Citizen's arrivals

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the ten months of 2021, is 5,177,116 increasing by 2.2 times, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.1).

During the ten months of 2021, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Poland had the largest increase by 4.6 times and Spain by 4.4 times, while the lowest increase had Greece by 11.6 %, 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 October 2021 are 621,149 marking an increase by 28.0 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during October 2021 are 311,390. Compared to October 2020, this number has increased by 13.6 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during October 2021 are 309,759. Compared to October 2020, this indicator increased by 46.7 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the ten months of 2021 is 3,534,819. This indicator increased by 42.4 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	October 2020	October 2021	January-October 2020	January-October 2021
Total Arrivals	481,167	601,522	4,616,108	8,400,365
Albanian	274,728	302,810	2,287,467	3,223,249
Foreign	206,439	298,712	2,328,641	5,177,116
Total Departures	485,222	621,149	4,805,886	8,406,930
Albanian	274,126	311,390	2,482,947	3,534,819
Foreign	211,096	309,759	2,322,939	4,872,111

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

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	October 2020	October 2021	January-October 2020	January-October 2021
Kosovo	124,492	105,192	1,223,770	2,470,295
North Macedonia	11,401	33,879	309,751	502,148
Greece	20,500	27,910	193,330	215,685
Italy	7,149	28,584	107,162	300,368
United Kingdom	3,973	8,154	47,298	76,000
Montenegro	17,134	25,454	135,500	266,494
Poland	450	3,055	23,955	110,320
USA	2,001	5,463	20,761	86,583
Spain	44	1,387	2,545	11,076
Germany	3,516	10,497	35,058	108,923
Switzerland	1,289	3,817	14,040	52,793
Others	14,490	45,320	215,471	976,431
Total	206,439	298,712	2,328,641	5,177,116

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

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	October 2020	October 2021	January-October 2020	January-October 2021
Arrivals foreign citizens	206,439	298,712	2,328,641	5,177,116
I. Personal	194,030	289,656	2,234,574	5,094,534
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	185,926	275,012	2,170,444	4,943,969
2. Religious	30	36	247	588
3. Tranzit	8,074	14,608	63,883	149,977
II. Business and professional	12,409	9,056	94,067	82,582

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
October 2020	50,817	20,143	410,207	55,137	15,009	415,076
October 2021	135,879	27,086	438,557	143,621	24,549	452,979
January- October 2020	572,071	189,818	3,854,219	579,288	203,293	4,023,305
January- October 2021	1,195,198	426,593	6,778,574	1,207,495	411,746	6,787,689

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.