

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## November 2021

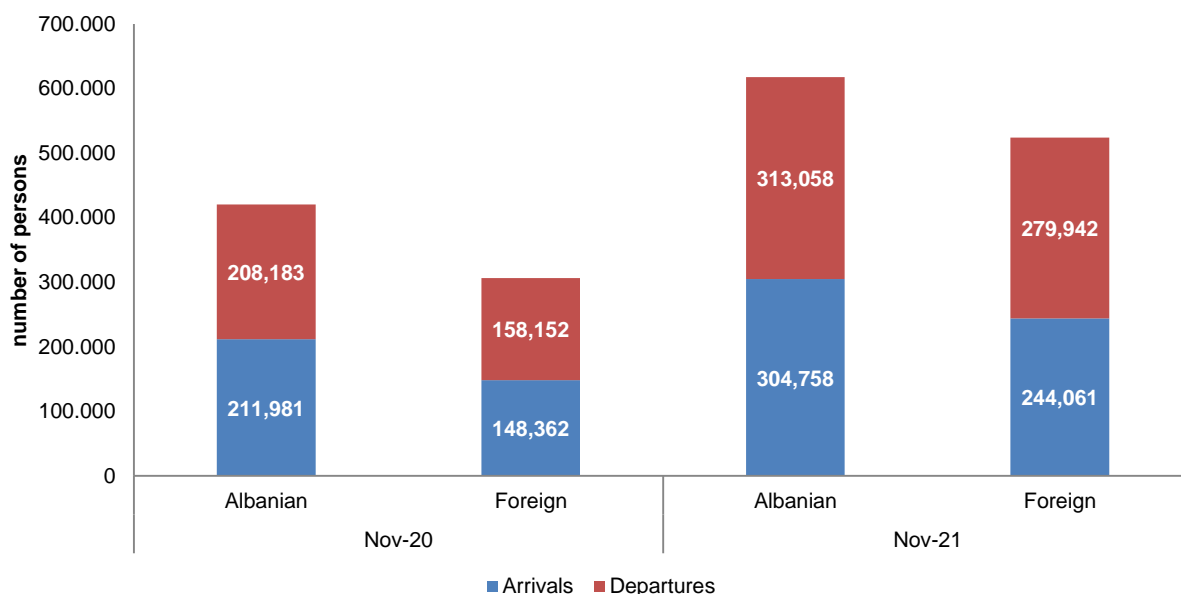
**Tirana, 22 December 2021:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in November 2021 are 548,819. Compared with November 2020, this indicator increased by 52.3 %. In November 2021, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 244,061. Compared with November 2020, this indicator increased by 64.5 %.

### Citizen's arrivals

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the eleven months of 2021, is 5,421,177 increasing by 2.2 times, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.1).

During the eleven 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 4.5 times, while the lowest increase had Greece by 22.4 %, 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 November 2021 are 593,000 marking an increase by 61.9 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during November 2021 are 313,058. Compared to November 2020, this number has increased by 50.4 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during November 2021 are 279,942. Compared to November 2020, this indicator increased by 77.0 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the eleven months of 2021 is 3,847,877. This indicator increased by 43.0 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.1).

**Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens**

Period	November 2020	November 2021	January-November 2020	January-November 2021
<b>Total Arrivals</b>	<b>360,343</b>	<b>548,819</b>	<b>4,976,451</b>	<b>8,949,184</b>
Albanian	211,981	304,758	2,499,448	3,528,007
Foreign	148,362	244,061	2,477,003	5,421,177
<b>Total Departures</b>	<b>366,335</b>	<b>593,000</b>	<b>5,172,221</b>	<b>8,999,930</b>
Albanian	208,183	313,058	2,691,130	3,847,877
Foreign	158,152	279,942	2,481,091	5,152,053

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

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens**

Countries	November 2020	November 2021	January-November 2020	January-November 2021
Kosovo	69,942	90,896	1,293,712	2,561,191
North Macedonia	28,558	26,327	338,309	528,475
Greece	4,401	26,407	197,731	242,092
Italy	6,679	22,505	113,841	322,873
United Kingdom	2,255	5,288	49,553	81,288
Montenegro	19,987	27,644	155,487	294,138
Poland	132	1,155	24,087	111,475
USA	1,739	4,271	22,500	90,854
Spain	68	616	2,613	11,692
Germany	1,151	4,641	36,209	113,564
Switzerland	882	1,369	14,922	54,162
Others	12,568	32,942	228,039	1,009,373
<b>Total</b>	<b>148,362</b>	<b>244,061</b>	<b>2,477,003</b>	<b>5,421,177</b>

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

**Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose**

Period	November 2020	November 2021	January-November 2020	January-November 2021
Arrivals foreign citizens	148,362	244,061	2,477,003	5,421,177
I. Personal	137,758	235,380	2,372,332	5,329,914
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	133,417	224,821	2,303,861	5,168,790
2. Religious	51	46	298	634
3. Tranzit	4,290	10,513	68,173	160,490
II. Business and professional	10,604	8,681	104,671	91,263

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
November 2020	34,580	15,054	310,709	36,007	10,031	320,297
November 2021	109,150	20,797	418,872	119,837	17,308	455,855
January- November 2020	606,651	204,872	4,164,928	615,295	213,324	4,343,602
January- November 2021	1,304,348	447,390	7,197,446	1,327,332	429,054	7,243,544

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.