

Movements of citizens in Albania

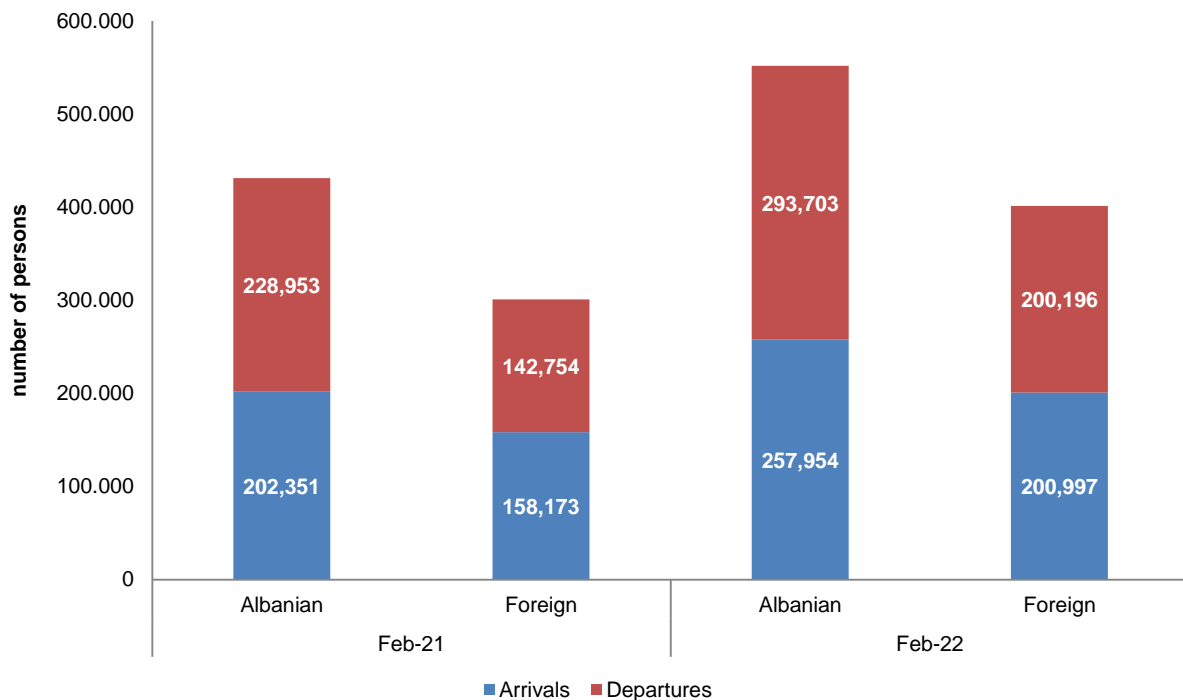
February 2022

Tirana, 25 March 2022: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in February 2022 are 458,951. Compared to February 2021, this indicator increased by 27.3 %. In February 2022, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 200,997. Compared to February 2021, this number increased by 27,1 % (tab.1).

Citizen's arrivals

During the first two months of 2022, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Spain and Greece have had the largest increase of 4.3 times, while Kosovo has had the most significant decline of 21.1%, compared with the same period of 2021 (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 February 2022 are 493,899 marking an increase by 32.9 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during February 2022 are 293,703. Compared to February 2021, this number has increased by 28.3 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during February 2022 are 200,196. Compared to February 2021, this number increased by 40.2 % (tab.1).

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the first two months of 2022 is 665,623 increasing by 33.0 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	February 2021	February 2022	Annual change (%)	January-February 2021	January-February 2022	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	360,524	458,951	27.3	766,386	913,023	19.1
Albanian	202,351	257,954	27.5	422,821	517,789	22.5
Foreign	158,173	200,997	27.1	343,565	395,234	15.0
Total Departures	371,707	493,899	32.9	822,288	1,101,250	33.9
Albanian	228,953	293,703	28.3	500,637	665,623	33.0
Foreign	142,754	200,196	40.2	321,651	435,627	35.4

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

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	February 2021	February 2022	Annual change (%)	January-February 2021	January-February 2022	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	75,184	65,097	-13.4	162,874	128,464	-21.1
North Macedonia	27,688	27,765	0.3	61,981	60,323	-2.7
Greece	4,724	23,191	390.9	9,742	42,152	332.7
Italy	9,843	22,927	132.9	19,772	44,208	123.6
United Kingdom	1,397	6,100	336.6	2,949	10,686	262.4
Montenegro	20,686	22,927	10.8	44,900	44,257	-1.4
Poland	266	620	133.1	489	1,090	122.9
USA	1,803	3,079	70.8	3,757	6,701	78.4
Spain	197	774	292.9	323	1,379	326.9
Germany	1,608	3,486	116.8	4,620	7,003	51.6
Switzerland	1,167	1,426	22.2	3,561	3,011	-15.4
Others	13,610	23,605	73.4	28,597	45,960	60.7
Total	158,173	200,997	27.1	343,565	395,234	15.0

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

Tab 3. Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	February 2021	February 2022	Annual change (%)	January-February 2021	January-February 2022	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	158,173	200,997	27.1	343,565	395,234	15.0
I. Personal	149,735	193,087	29.0	328,918	381,118	15.9
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	143,479	185,508	29.3	312,552	365,479	16.9
2. Health treatment	139	103	-25.9	276	238	-13.8
3. Religious	24	16	-33.3	68	45	-33.8
4. Transit	6,093	7,460	22.4	16,022	15,356	-4.2
II. Business and professional	8,438	7,910	-6.3	14,647	14,116	-3.6

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
February 2021	35,422	16,705	308,397	36,832	14,302	320,573
February 2022	107,911	18,696	332,344	107,337	14,882	371,680
Annual change (%)	204.6	11.9	7.8	191.4	4.1	15.9
January- February 2021	72,186	32,030	662,170	85,766	39,687	696,835
January- February 2022	216,244	36,147	660,632	251,152	54,291	795,807
Annual change (%)	199.6	12.9	-0.2	192.8	36.8	14.2

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:

<http://www.instat.gov.al/en/documentation/quality-in-statistics/> statistical revision policy.

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.