

MOVEMENTS OF CITIZENS IN ALBANIA

February 2026

During February 2026, a total of 1,100,681 Albanian and foreign citizens entered the territory of the Republic of Albania. This represents an increase by 3.9 % compared to February 2025.

At the same time, 1,090,650 Albanian and foreign citizens departed from the territory of the Republic of Albania, marking an increase by 3.3 % compared to the same period last year.

Citizens' arrivals to Albania:

- Albanian citizens: 584,450 (increase by 7.6 %)
- Foreign citizens: 516,231 (increase by 0.03 %)

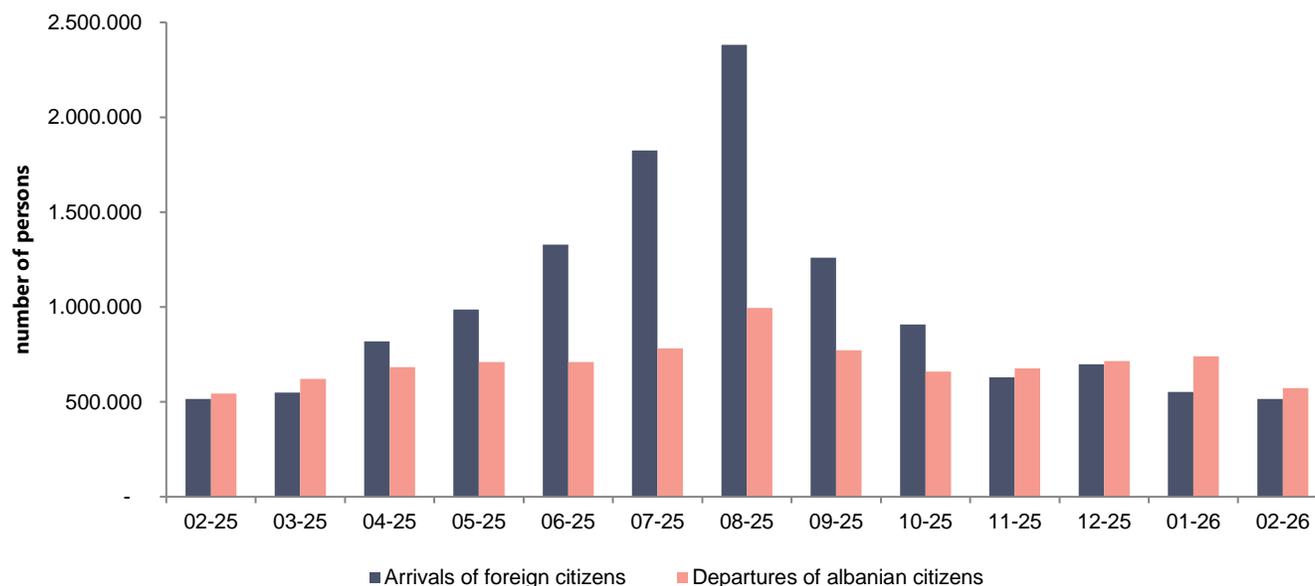
Citizens' departures from Albania:

- Albanian citizens: 572,854 (increase by 5.3 %)
- Foreign citizens: 517,796 (decrease by 1.0 %)

Regions of foreign citizens' arrivals:

- Southern Europe accounts for 85 % and Western Europe for 5 % of entries from Europe.

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



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

TAB. 1 MOVEMENTS OF ALBANIAN AND FOREIGN CITIZENS

Period	February 2025	February 2026	Annual change (%)	January-February 2025	January-February 2026	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,059,274	1,100,681	3.9	2,217,475	2,297,231	3.6
Albanian	543,216	584,450	7.6	1,141,024	1,228,813	7.7
Foreign	516,058	516,231	0.0	1,076,451	1,068,418	-0.7
Total departures	1,066,954	1,090,650	2.2	2,427,253	2,433,723	0.3
Albanian	543,803	572,854	5.3	1,261,501	1,313,014	4.1
Foreign	523,151	517,796	-1.0	1,165,752	1,120,709	-3.9

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

TAB. 2 ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN CITIZENS BY REGION

Period	February 2025	February 2026	January-February 2025	January-February 2026
Total	516,058	516,231	1,076,451	1,068,418
I. Africa	1,913	2,426	3,129	3,802
II. America	9,233	10,255	20,263	21,056
III. East Asia and Pacific	3,744	3,077	7,329	5,919
IV. Middle East	1,037	981	2,030	1,951
V. South Asia	2,464	2,988	4,551	5,349
VI. Europe	497,293	495,642	1,038,328	1,028,850
- Central /Eastern Europe	21,121	18,633	40,669	35,191
- Northern Europe	19,677	19,333	34,713	33,552
- Southern Europe	413,957	421,258	885,352	891,328
- Western Europe	27,963	23,919	47,644	43,088
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	14,575	12,499	29,950	25,691
VII. Other countries not specified	374	862	821	1,491

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

The purpose of arrivals of foreign citizens in the Albanian territory, in 96% of cases, is for personal purposes. In February 2026, this indicator decreased by 0.2 % compared with February 2025. Arrivals of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes increase by 7.9 %

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. Tranzit.

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.