

MOVEMENTS OF CITIZENS IN ALBANIA

April 2026

During April 2026, a total of 1,617,841 Albanian and foreign citizens entered the territory of the Republic of Albania. This represents an increase by 8.8 % compared to April 2025.

At the same time, 1,602,018 Albanian and foreign citizens departed from the territory of the Republic of Albania, marking an increase by 7.9 % compared to the same period last year.

Citizens' arrivals to Albania:

- Albanian citizens: 726,427 (increase by 8.7 %)
- Foreign citizens: 891,414 (increase by 8.8 %)

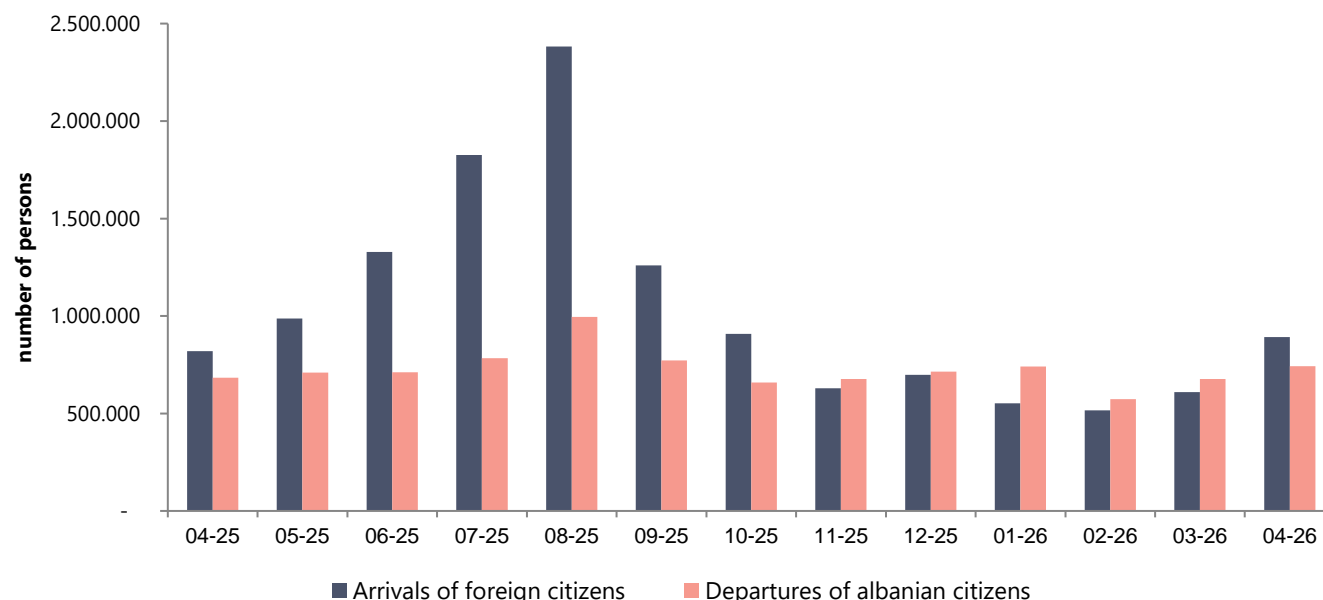
Citizens' departures from Albania:

- Albanian citizens: 742,088 (increase by 8.5 %)
- Foreign citizens: 859,930 (increase by 7.3 %)

Regions of foreign citizens' arrivals:

- Southern Europe accounts for 74 % and Western Europe for 11 % of entries from Europe.

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



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

TAB. 1 MOVEMENTS OF ALBANIAN AND FOREIGN CITIZENS

Period	April 2025	April 2026	Annual change (%)	January-April 2025	January-April 2026	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,487,149	1,617,841	8.8	4,858,912	5,204,540	7.1
Albanian	667,998	726,427	8.7	2,413,545	2,635,345	9.2
Foreign	819,151	891,414	8.8	2,445,367	2,569,195	5.1
Total departures	1,485,226	1,602,018	7.9	5,095,207	5,318,443	4.4
Albanian	683,983	742,088	8.5	2,567,261	2,732,573	6.4
Foreign	801,243	859,930	7.3	2,527,946	2,585,870	2.3

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

TAB. 2 ARRIVALS OF FOREIGN CITIZENS BY REGION

Period	April 2025	April 2026	January-April 2025	January-April 2026
Total	819,151	891,414	2,445,367	2,569,195
I. Africa	3,197	5,770	8,621	12,928
II. America	19,398	24,884	53,046	65,041
III. East Asia and Pacific	7,445	7,904	19,183	18,272
IV. Middle East	1,926	1,900	4,818	4,880
V. South Asia	3,927	8,333	12,072	17,804
VI. Europe	781,754	841,257	2,344,676	2,446,346
- Central /Eastern Europe	38,117	57,996	104,618	118,479
- Northern Europe	37,898	46,256	95,100	108,934
- Southern Europe	579,489	621,463	1,885,744	1,974,857
- Western Europe	97,962	95,773	182,932	180,463
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	28,288	19,769	76,282	63,613
VII. Other countries not specified	1,504	1,366	2,951	3,924

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

The purpose of arrivals of foreign citizens in the Albanian territory, in 98 % of cases, is for personal purposes. In April 2026, this indicator increased by 9.2 % compared with April 2025. Arrivals of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes decreased by 4.7 %.

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. 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:

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.