

Movements of citizens in Albania

August 2025

Tirana, 25 September 2025: During the month of August 2025, it results that 3,368,104 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Republic of Albania territory. This indicator has increased by 8.4 %, compared to August 2024.

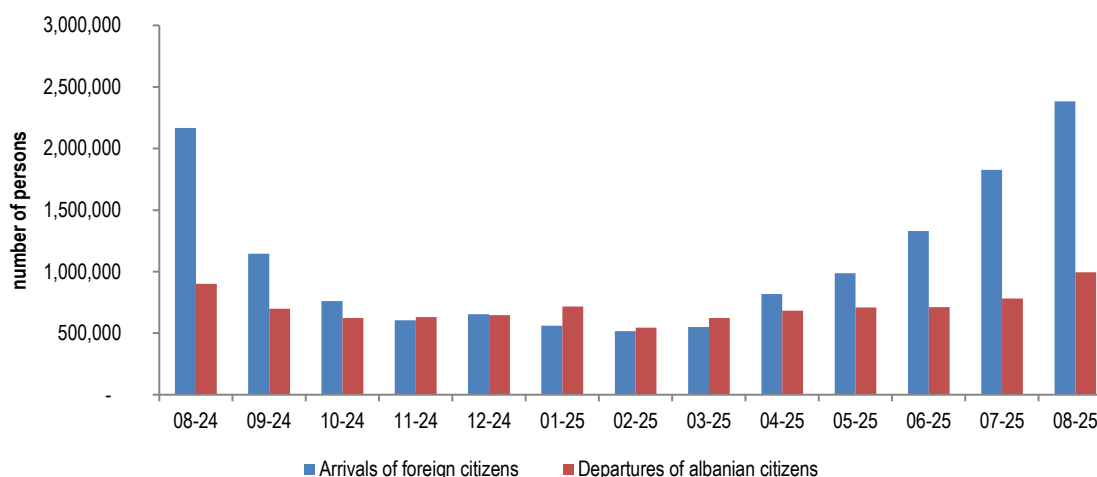
3,335,824 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 12.1 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In August 2025, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 986,240, increasing by 5.1 %, compared to August 2024.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 2,381,864. Compared to the same period in 2024, this number increased by 9.9 % (fig.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, August 2024 - August 2025



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

Citizen's departures

In August 2025, 994,573 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 10.3 %, compared to August 2024.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during August 2025 are 2,341,251. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number increased by 12.8 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	August 2024	August 2025	Annual change (%)	January – August 2024	January – August 2025	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	3,106,126	3,368,104	8.4	13,819,063	14,629,026	5.9
Albanian	938,461	986,240	5.1	5,289,352	5,660,021	7.0
Foreign	2,167,665	2,381,864	9.9	8,529,711	8,969,005	5.2
Total departures	2,976,787	3,335,824	12.1	13,530,442	14,581,042	7.8
Albanian	901,440	994,573	10.3	5,279,866	5,765,694	9.2
Foreign	2,075,347	2,341,251	12.8	8,250,576	8,815,348	6.8

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

In August 2025, 97 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the European region. Southern Europe accounts 77 % of the foreign citizens arrivals from the European continent, followed by Western Europe by 9 % and Central /Eastern Europe by 8 % (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Period	August 2024	August 2025	January-August 2024	January-August 2025
Total	2,167,665	2,381,864	8,529,711	8,969,005
I. Africa	3,829	6,222	19,318	30,903
II. America	52,771	52,283	223,703	245,647
III. East Asia and Pacific	15,878	12,935	63,509	73,284
IV. Middle East	4,861	6,023	23,464	26,255
V. South Asia	1,808	2,314	17,132	28,290
VI. Europe	2,084,468	2,301,226	8,133,666	8,556,713
- Central /Eastern Europe	169,868	178,931	635,615	645,408
- Northern Europe	73,751	75,461	352,668	387,320
- Southern Europe	1,608,057	1,781,308	6,186,269	6,383,462
- Western Europe	190,207	207,321	703,284	860,264
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	42,585	58,205	255,830	280,259
VII. Other countries not specified	4,050	861	48,919	7,913

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

The purpose of arrivals of foreign citizens in the Albanian territory, in 99 % of cases, is for personal purposes. In August 2025, this indicator has marked an increase by 9.8 %, compared to August 2024. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes increased by 23.3 % (tab.3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	August 2024	August 2025	Annual change (%)	January - August 2024	January – August 2025	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	2,167,665	2,381,864	9.9	8,529,711	8,969,005	5.2
I. Personal	2,150,608	2,360,833	9.8	8,392,500	8,800,969	4.9
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	2,104,779	2,238,739	6.4	8,136,045	8,338,619	2.5
2. Health treatment	9	49	444.4	492	294	-40.2
3. Religious	56	38	-32.1	286	335	17.1
4. Transit	45,764	122,007	166.6	255,677	461,721	80.6
II. Business and professional	17,057	21,031	23.3	137,211	168,036	22.5

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:

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 Declaration declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance. etc.