

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## November 2025

**Tirana, 23 December 2025:** During the month of November 2025, it results that 1,282,118 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Republic of Albania territory. This indicator has increased by 1.4 %, compared to November 2024.

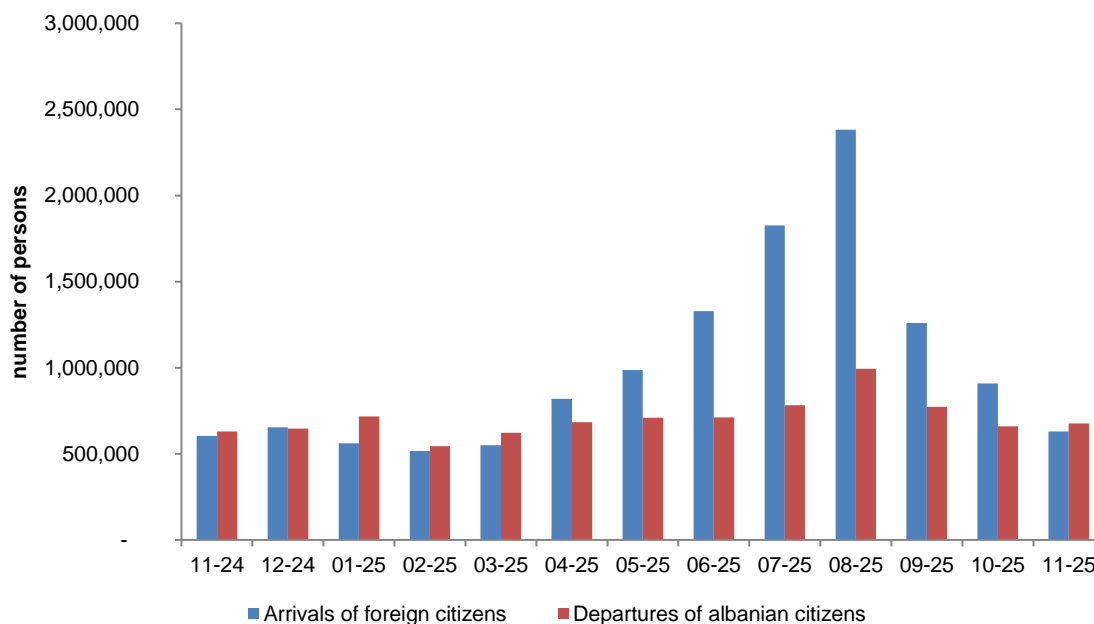
1,322,499 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 3.7 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

### Citizen's arrivals

In November 2025, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 652,150, increasing by 1.3 %, compared to November 2024.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 629,968. Compared to the same period in 2024, this number increased by 4.2 % (fig.1).

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



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

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### Citizen's departures

In November 2025, 677,065 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 7.5 %, compared to November 2024.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during November 2025 are 645,434. Compared with the same period of the previous year, this indicator remains almost unchanged, recording a very slight decrease of 0.01% (tab.1).

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

Period	November 2024	November 2025	Annual change (%)	January – November 2024	January – November 2025	Annual change (%)
<b>Total arrivals</b>	<b>1,265,009</b>	<b>1,282,118</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>18,260,827</b>	<b>19,454,010</b>	<b>6.5</b>
Albanian	660,677	652,150	-1.3	7,219,058	7,686,711	6.5
Foreign	604,332	629,968	4.2	11,041,769	11,767,299	6.6
<b>Total departures</b>	<b>1,275,333</b>	<b>1,322,499</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>18,070,308</b>	<b>19,576,507</b>	<b>8.3</b>
Albanian	629,845	677,065	7.5	7,232,206	7,874,819	8.9
Foreign	645,488	645,434	-0.01	10,838,102	11,701,688	8.0

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

In November 2025, 96 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the European region.

Southern Europe accounts 86 % of the foreign citizens arrivals from the European continent, followed by Western Europe by 5 % and Central /Eastern Europe and Northern Europe each by 4 % (tab.2).

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region**

Period	November 2024	November 2025	January–November 2024	January–November 2025
<b>Total</b>	<b>604,332</b>	<b>629,968</b>	<b>11,041,769</b>	<b>11,767,299</b>
<b>I. Africa</b>	<b>2,274</b>	<b>2,464</b>	<b>30,081</b>	<b>43,175</b>
<b>II. America</b>	<b>13,650</b>	<b>15,063</b>	<b>294,778</b>	<b>325,299</b>
<b>III. East Asia and Pacific</b>	<b>5,367</b>	<b>5,070</b>	<b>92,143</b>	<b>100,795</b>
<b>IV. Middle East</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>29,155</b>	<b>33,588</b>
<b>V. South Asia</b>	<b>3,067</b>	<b>3,521</b>	<b>27,820</b>	<b>42,509</b>
<b>VI. Europe</b>	<b>577,729</b>	<b>601,893</b>	<b>10,512,744</b>	<b>11,211,597</b>
- Central /Eastern Europe	21,167	21,806	829,698	844,735
- Northern Europe	18,469	21,240	469,311	510,765
- Southern Europe	491,624	515,199	7,935,142	8,342,478
- Western Europe	28,097	27,255	948,486	1,142,475
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	18,372	16,393	330,107	371,144
<b>VII. Other countries not specified</b>	<b>1,062</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>55,048</b>	<b>10,336</b>

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

The purpose of arrivals of foreign citizens in the Albanian territory, in 97 % of cases, is for personal purposes. In November 2025, this indicator has marked an increase by 4.5 %, compared to November 2024. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes decreased by 3.6 % (tab.3).

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

Period	November 2024	November 2025	Annual change (%)	January - November 2024	January – November 2025	Annual change (%)
<b>Arrivals foreign citizens</b>	<b>604,332</b>	<b>629,968</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>11,041,769</b>	<b>11,767,299</b>	<b>6.6</b>
<b>I. Personal</b>	<b>585,901</b>	<b>612,195</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>10,847,486</b>	<b>11,539,319</b>	<b>6.4</b>
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	567,862	590,896	4.1	10,468,281	10,968,888	4.8
2. Health treatment	20	39	95.0	623	366	-41.3
3. Religious	26	10	-61.5	351	409	16.5
4. Transit	17,993	21,250	18.1	378,231	569,656	50.6
<b>II. Business and professional</b>	<b>18,431</b>	<b>17,773</b>	<b>-3.6</b>	<b>194,283</b>	<b>227,980</b>	<b>17.3</b>

**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](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.