

DEMOGRAPHIC INDICATORS

Year 2025 and Q1 - 2026

In 2025, natural population increase was positive with 1,147 births more than deaths, but decreasing compared to 2024.

- During 2025, were born 22,541 babies and 21,394 deaths were recorded.
- During 2025, births and deaths decreased respectively by 3.3 % and 3.2 %, compared to 2024.

In the first quarter of 2026, natural population increase was negative with 368 deaths more than births.

- During first quarter of 2026, were born 5,146 babies and 5,514 deaths were recorded.
- In the first quarter of 2026, births increased by 1.0 %, while deaths decreased by 7.4 %, compared to the same quarter of 2025.

Births - Year 2025

- The prefecture with the highest number of births: Tiranë (10,866)
- The prefecture with the lowest number of births: Gjirokastër (292)
- Compared to 2024, the results are: increase in 1 prefecture; decrease in 11 prefectures
- Largest increase: Tiranë (+ 20.7 %)
- Largest decrease: Dibër (- 37.7 %)

Births - Quarter I / 2026

- The prefecture with the highest number of births: Tiranë (2,438)
- The prefecture with the lowest number of births: Gjirokastër (59)
- Compared to T1/2025, the results are: increase in 6 prefecture; 1 prefecture with no changes; decrease in 5 prefectures
- Largest increase: Berat (+ 14.5 %)
- Largest decrease: Gjirokastër (- 23.4 %)

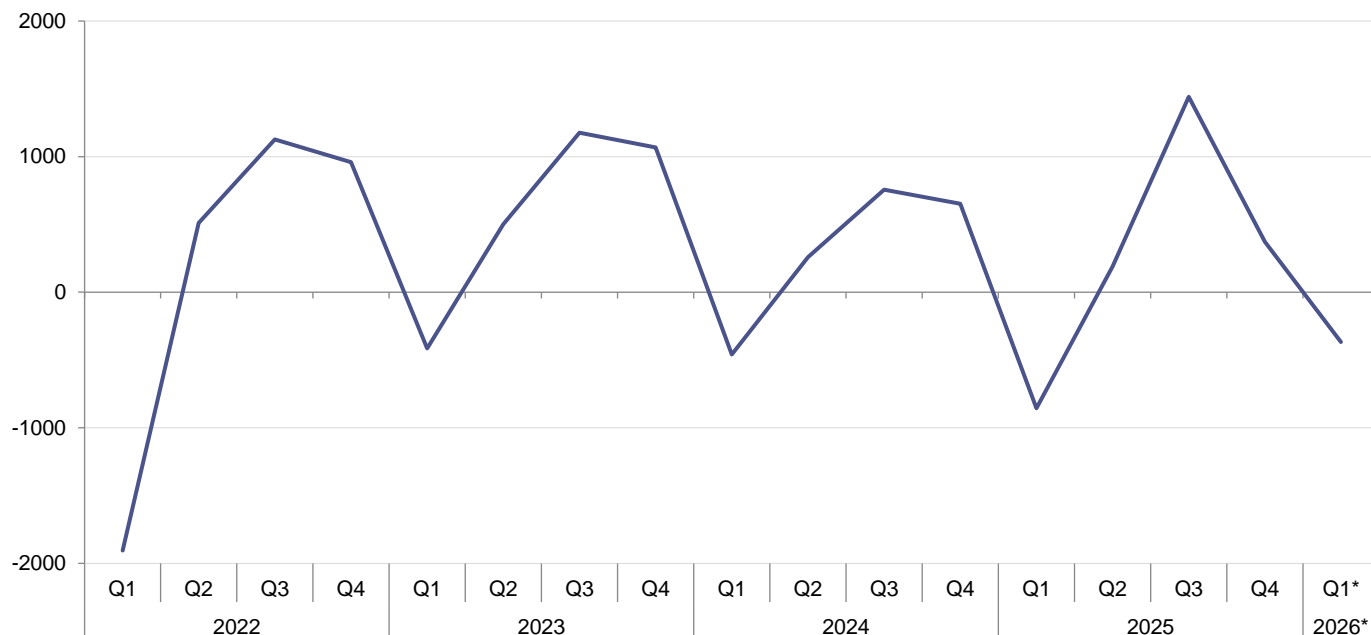
Deaths - 2025

- The prefecture with the highest number of deaths: Tiranë (5,483)
- The prefecture with the lowest number of deaths: Kukës (486)
- Compared to 2024 the results are: increase in 2 prefectures; decrease in 10 prefectures
- Largest increase: Korçë (+ 2.3 %)
- Largest decrease: Kukës (- 8.8 %)

Deaths - Quarter I / 2026

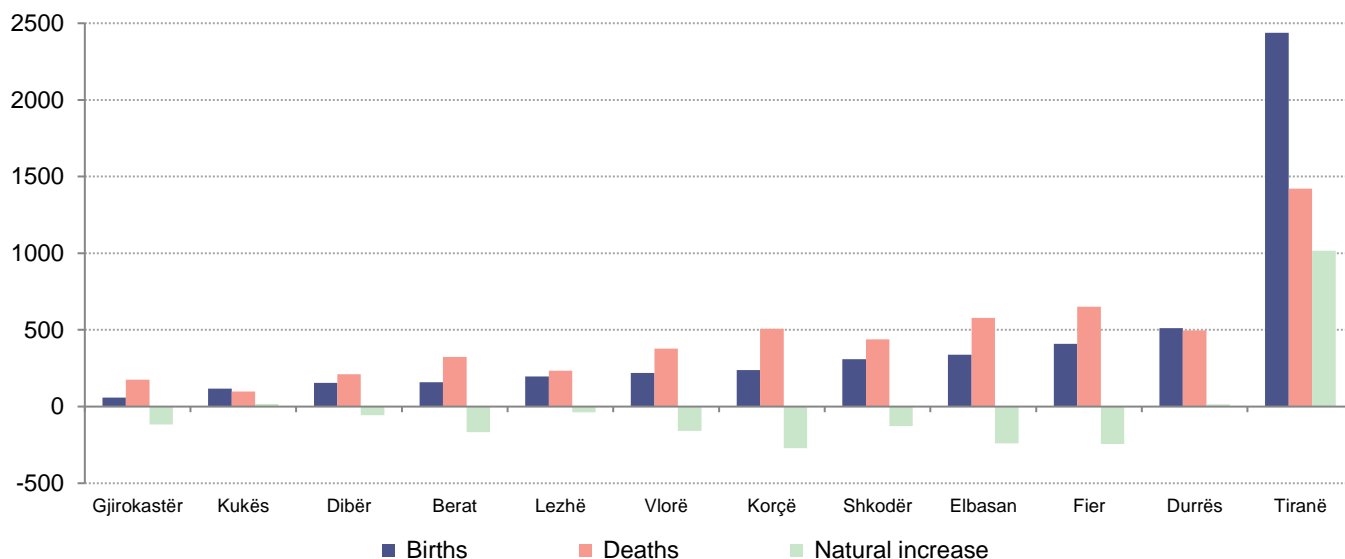
- The prefecture with the highest number of deaths: Tiranë (1,422)
- The prefecture with the lowest number of deaths: Kukës (99)
- Compared to T1/2025, the results are: increase in 1 prefecture; decrease in 11 prefectures
- Largest increase: Elbasan (+ 3.2 %)
- Largest decrease: Kukës (- 28.3 %)

FIG. 1 NATURAL INCREASE - QUARTERLY



* Preliminary data

FIG. 2 BIRTHS, DEATHS AND NATURAL INCREASE BY PREFECTURES, Q1 – 2026*



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Note to users:

Detailed data are available in INSTAT’s statistical database: [Births, deaths](#)

Methodology

Methodological notes

Quarterly data for births and deaths, at national and prefecture level constitute an important link of the demography of the country. They represent data on population changes, which have an impact on the economic and social life of the country. These data are published based on the Official Statistics Program 2022-2026.

Births

Birth data

Data for birth by demographic characteristic are provided by the General Directorate of Civil Status, which sends to INSTAT only the number of births of the residents in Albania.

All births of Albanian residents are considered during the reference period, by not taking into account the births of residents outside Albania (emigrants), even though they may be registered in the civil status offices, near their former settlements.

Late registered birth

A small adjustment is made in the number of the late registered births for the actual year, in order to include all occurred births in a reference period.

The number of late registered births, from the previous year are considered as proxy for late registration of the actual year, considering the assumption (as a result of our continuous analyses) that the number of late registered births does not change a lot from year to year.

Deaths

Death data

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Definitions¹

Natural population increase: Expresses the increase/decrease of the population, as a result of the biological processes (births and deaths), over a period of time.

It is expressed as the difference between the live births to deaths.

Live birth: Birth of child that shows any sign of life.

Death: Means the permanent disappearance of all evidence of life, at any time after life birth has taken place (postnatal cessation of vital functions without capability of resuscitation).

¹ Look at the methodology in the following link: <http://www.instat.gov.al/en/themes/demography-and-social-indicators/births-deaths-and-marriages/#tab4>