

MOVEMENTS OF CITIZENS

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3. Statistical presentation	
3.1. Data description	Tourism has a potential role in the development of specific country regions, thus contributing to employment and welfare, sustainable development of the regions, local infrastructure, etc. Movement of Citizens in Albania Statistics include data on: Entries of Albanian citizens by: • Mode of travel (by sea, air, land) Entries of foreign citizens by: • Mode of travel (by sea, air, land) • Purpose of travel • Country of residence

	Departures of Albanian citizens by: • Mode of travel (by sea, air, land) Departures of foreign citizens by: • Mode of travel (by sea, air, land)
3.2. Classification system	Not applicable.
3.3. Sector coverage	The statistical information covers data in the territory of the Republic of Albania.
3.4. Statistical concepts and definitions	Entry and exit includes all entries and exists of persons in the border crossing 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 <i>Business category</i> include all business and professional activities outside the usual environment.
3.5. Statistical unit	The number of Albanian and foreign citizens arrivals and departures to the territory of Albania.
3.6. Statistical population	All Albanian and foreign citizens arrivals and departures to the territory of Albania.
3.7. Reference area	Data cover the entire territory of the country.
3.8. Time coverage	Dates are covered from 1999.
3.9. Base period	Not applicable.

4. Unit of measure	
4.1 Unit of measure	Data on Movements of Citizens are published in absolute figures, and percentages regarding arrivals and departures number of Albanian citizens and foreigners.
5. Reference period	
5.1 Reference period	The reference period of statistical information on Movements of Citizens is monthly. This report is based on reference year 2025.
6. Institutional mandate	
6.1. Legal acts and other agreements	Legal basis in country level for the production of Movements of Citizens Indicators is: • Law No.17/2018 on Official Statistics; • Official Statistics Program 2022-2026;
6.2. Data sharing	Statistics on Movements of Citizens are transmitted to United Nations World Tourism Organization (hereinafter referred to as UNWTO).
7. Confidentiality	
7.1. Confidentiality - policy	Data collected by statistical units are considered strictly confidential and are used only for statistical and research purposes based on national Statistical Law No.17/2018 “On Official Statistics”, and on Law No.124/2024, “Personal Data Protection”. Article 31 on Statistics Law reads as follows: Data collected for the production of official statistics shall be treated by INSTAT as confidential and shall be used only in aggregated tables that will not identify the source information unit. Direct identification means when a statistical unit is directly identified from its name or address or any officially allocated and commonly known identification number. When data processing is made in a manner that allows the identification of the data subject, the data should immediately be encrypted in order for the subjects to be no longer identifiable.
7.2. Confidentiality - data treatment	Albanian Institute of Statistics protects and does not disseminate data it has obtained or it has access to, which enable the direct or indirect identification of the statistical units. Albania Institute of Statistics takes all appropriate preventive measures so as to render impossible the identification of individual statistical units by technical or other means that might reasonably be used by a third party. Statistical data that could potentially enable the identification of the statistical unit are disseminated by Albania Institute of Statistics if and only if: a) these data have been treated, as it is specifically set out in the Regulation, in such a way that their dissemination does not prejudice statistical confidentiality or

	b) the statistical unit has given its consent, without any reservations, for the disclosure of data. The confidential data that are transmitted to Albania Institute of Statistics are used exclusively for statistical purposes and the only persons who have the right to have access to these data are the personnel engaged in this task. Issues referring to the observance of statistical confidentiality are examined by the staff working in Albania Institute of Statistics. The responsibilities of this staff are to recommend on: which detailed level the statistical data can be disseminated, so as the identification, either directly or indirectly, of the surveyed statistical unit is not possible; the anonymization criteria for the microdata provided to users; the access granting to researchers on confidential data for scientific purposes.
8. Release policy	
8.1. Release calendar	Notifications about the dissemination of statistics are published in the release calendar, which is available on the website. The announcements and delays are per-announced in this calendar. In the case of delays, the date of the next publication and the explanation of the reasons for the delays are specified.
8.2. Release calendar access	The calendar of publications is available on INSTAT website.
8.3. User access	In line with the article 34 of Law No.17/2018 “On Official Statistics”, INSTAT disseminates statistics on INSTSAT website and other media for simultaneous access, respecting professional independence and in an objective, professional and transparent manner in which all users are treated equitably. The following dissemination channels are used to release the results of Balance of Electricity: 1. Website – online release; 2. Written requests, (by mail or email); 3. Special publications; 4. Data request, section available for external users
9. Frequency of dissemination	
9.1 Frequency of dissemination	Movements of Citizens statistics are published on monthly bases.
10. Accessibility and clarity	
10.1. News release	The press release contains information about the main indicators on “Movements of Citizens”. The format of press release has been changed and improved according to the needs of users. The Movements of Citizens press release is published online on the INSTAT website.
10.2. Publications	The Results are published in the publication "Movements of Citizens", "Statistical Yearbook", “Regional Statistical Yearbook” as well as in the "Albanian in Figures ". Users can find the results on the INSTAT website:

	• Movements of citizens; • Tourism in Figures; • Regional Statistical Yearbook; • Albanian in Figures
10.3. On-line database	Data on Movement of Citizens are published on INSTAT website, section Statistical Database
10.4. Micro – data access	Movement of Citizens data is not made available at micro level as a result of confidentiality. Aggregated data is the only type of data provided to external users. This data are given to the users in the case these data are not confidential based on Article 31 of Official Statistical Law No.17/2018
10.5. Other	Users can send other specific requests through a dedicated session for Data Request on this link.
10.6. Documentation on methodology	Movements of Citizens methodology is based on the UNWTO “Compendium of Tourism Statistics”, 2017 Edition, its manuals and regulations. There is a section about the methodology on Movement of Citizens on INSTAT web page.
10.7. Quality documentation	The Short-term Statistics Sector documents the entire work process and procedures on Movements of Citizens for internal purposes.
11. Quality managment	
11.1. Quality assurance	INSTAT is committed to quality assurance in the production of official statistics. Based on Law no. 17/2018 "On Official Statistics" , INSTAT uses statistical methods and processes in accordance with internationally accepted scientific principles and standards, and conducts continuous analysis to improve the quality and provision of up-to-date statistics. In carrying out its tasks, INSTAT follows the general principles of quality management, in accordance with the European Statistics Code of Practice . INSTAT for quality assurance is guided by the following principles: impartiality, quality of statistical processes and products, user orientation, employee orientation, effectiveness of statistical processes and reducing the workload for respondents.
11.2. Quality assessments	Movements of Citizens data are compared with those of previous years to see if there is data coherence or if there has been a presence of major changes.
12. Relevance	
12.1. User needs	Users of Movements of Citizens’ data are as following: • Public Administration Institutions; • Universities;

	• Non-profit national and international organizations; • Businesses; • Researchers, students and other similar groups.						
12.2. User satisfaction	INSTAT annually conducts the Survey for Measuring User Satisfaction, the results of which are published on the web at the link: User Satisfaction Survey. The survey results show that the overall quality of Tourism is rated 3.86 (77.2 %) on a scale of 1 (very poor) to 5 (very good).						
12.3. Completeness	The data completeness on “Movements of Citizens” statistics for 2025 is judged by comparing the quality and quantity of indicators covered in INSTAT from those provided in the Official Statistics Program (2022-2026). Data produced on Movements of Citizens are at the most detailed level required. The Completeness rate of Movements of Citizens statistics for 2025 is 100%.						
13. Accuracy and reliability							
13.1. Overall accuracy	The information collected is a final list from administrative sources. No surveys are conducted on “Movements of Citizens’ data”. In general, the data have been checked with previous years to identify any significant changes in the performance of the data.						
13.2. Sampling error	Not applicable.						
13.3. Non - sampling error	The non-sampling errors are mainly errors of the administrative data sources reported data. Data review occurs only if the relevant institutions review the data sent to INSTAT for the purpose of updating or any potential human error. If the relevant institutions review the data sent to INSTAT, these changes will be reflected in the nearest publication and brief explanatory information will be provided to users.						
14. Timeliness and punctuality							
14.1. Timeliness	The results of “Movements of Citizens” are published on the INSTAT website, 24 days after the end of the reference month according to the predetermined date in the INSTAT publication calendar (T + 24). <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Reference period</td><td>9/30/2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>Date of publication</td><td>10/24/2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>Timeliness</td><td>24</td></tr> </table>	Reference period	9/30/2025	Date of publication	10/24/2025	Timeliness	24
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14.2. Punctuality	The data of “Movements of Citizens” are published based on the publication calendar. The publication of Movements of Citizens data has been punctual in 100% of the publications made over the years. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Reference period</td><td>9/30/2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>Date of announcement</td><td>10/24/2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>Date of publication</td><td>10/24/2025</td></tr> <tr> <td>Time lag</td><td>0</td></tr> </table>	Reference period	9/30/2025	Date of announcement	10/24/2025	Date of publication	10/24/2025	Time lag	0
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15. Coherence and comparability									
15.1. Comparability - geographical	Data on “Movements of Citizens” are comprehensive; they are produced at country level and by prefectures.								
15.2. Comparability - over time	Statistical information on “Movements of Citizens” is collected in the same way dating back to 2001, providing a comparability of 25 years ($CC2=Jlast-Jfirst+1=25$).								
15.3. Coherence - cross domain	Not applicable.								
15.4. Coherence - internal	The internal consistency of the data is checked before being finalized. Are also checked the relation between the variables and the coherence in the various series.								
16. Cost and burden									
16.1 Cost and burden	The staff involved in the preparation of statistics on the “Movements of Citizens” at the Short-Term Statistics sector is: 1 employee.								
17. Data revision									
17.1. Data revision - policy	Revision policy of Balance of electric power is done in accordance with general revision policy introduced by INSTAT in the link below: • Revision Policy; • Errors Treatment Policy.								
17.2. Data revision - practise	In the case that local authorities that send information on Movements of Citizens to INSTAT will report changes this information will be updated and published in the next month's publication accompanied by an explanatory note to the user. Reviews of data on “Movements of Citizens” for 2025 will be conducted in the end of the year, object to this report.								

18. Statistical processing	
18.1. Source data	Data on the Movement of Citizens are provided through the administrative source, specifically by; Ministry of Internal Affairs (State Police, Border and Migration Directorate).
18.2. Frequency of data collection	Data are collected on monthly bases.
18.3. Data collection	The data on the Citizens Movement are administrative data. Statistical information on the movement of citizens is collected by the Ministry of Interior (State Police, Border and Migration Directorate), collecting information specifically on the number arrivals and departures of Albanian and foreign citizens, by means of transport (sea, air, land and border points).
18.4. Data validation	Logical and mathematical checks are made for data on “Movements of Citizens”. These checks are carried out for all indicators that INSTAT publishes, throughout the data processing phase.
18.5. Data compilation	Not applicable.
18.6. Adjustment	Not applicable.
19. Comment	
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