

Movements of citizens in Albania

October 2025

Tirana, 25 November 2025: During the month of October 2025, it results that 1,577,265 Albanian and foreign citizens entered in the Republic of Albania territory. This indicator has increased by 14.1 %, compared to October 2024.

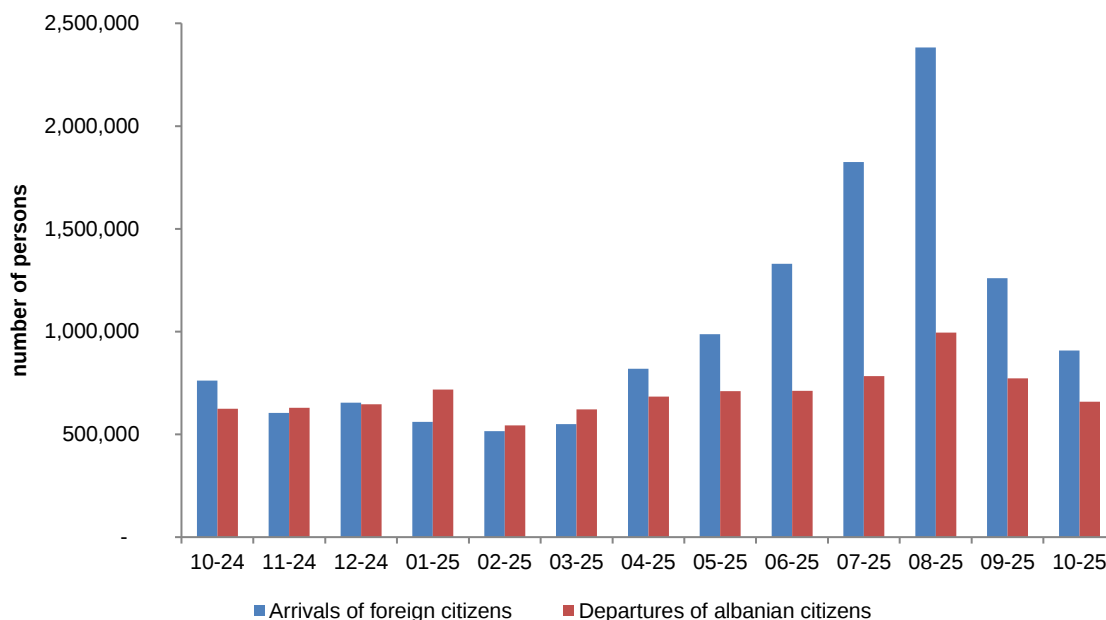
1,545,580 Albanian and foreign citizens have left the Republic of Albania territory, marking an increase by 15.6 %, compared to the same period of the previous year.

Citizen's arrivals

In October 2025, the number of Albanian citizens who entered the Albanian territory is 668,623, increasing by 7.7 %, compared to October 2024.

Arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 908,642. Compared to the same period in 2024, this number increased by 19.3 % (fig.1).

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



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

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Citizen's departures

In October 2025, 659,405 Albanian citizens are counted to have left the territory of Albania, marking an increase of 5.6 %, compared to October 2024.

Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during October 2025 are 886,175. Compared to the same period of the previous year, this number increased by 24.4 % (tab.1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	October 2024	October 2025	Annual change (%)	January – October 2024	January – October 2025	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	1,382,481	1,577,265	14.1	16,995,818	18,171,892	6.9
Albanian	620,845	668,623	7.7	6,558,381	7,034,561	7.3
Foreign	761,636	908,642	19.3	10,437,437	11,137,331	6.7
Total departures	1,336,717	1,545,580	15.6	16,794,975	18,254,008	8.7
Albanian	624,227	659,405	5.6	6,602,361	7,197,754	9.0
Foreign	712,490	886,175	24.4	10,192,614	11,056,254	8.5

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

In October 2025, 95 % of foreign citizens arrivals in Albania are from the European region.

Southern Europe accounts 73 % of the foreign citizens arrivals from the European continent, followed by Western Europe by 12 % and Central /Eastern Europe by 6 % (tab.2).

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by region

Period	October 2024	October 2025	January-October 2024	January–October 2025
Total	761,636	908,642	10,437,437	11,137,331
I. Africa	3,317	4,248	27,807	40,711
II. America	23,851	26,054	281,128	310,236
III. East Asia and Pacific	9,533	9,496	86,776	95,725
IV. Middle East	2,009	2,460	27,972	32,111
V. South Asia	4,154	5,287	24,753	38,988
VI. Europe	716,311	860,086	9,935,015	10,609,704
- Central /Eastern Europe	50,026	50,182	808,531	822,929
- Northern Europe	43,416	46,174	450,842	489,525
- Southern Europe	507,904	625,200	7,443,518	7,827,279
- Western Europe	91,321	106,815	920,389	1,115,220
- East/ Mediterranean Europe	23,644	31,715	311,735	354,751
VII. Other countries not specified	2,461	1,011	53,986	9,856

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 October 2025, this indicator has marked an increase by 19.7 %, compared to October 2024. The arrival of foreign citizens for business and professional purposes increased by 3.8 % (tab.3).

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	October 2024	October 2025	Annual change (%)	January - October 2024	January – October 2025	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	761,636	908,642	19.3	10,437,437	11,137,331	6.7
I. Personal	741,052	887,284	19.7	10,261,585	10,927,124	6.5
1. Holidays. visit to relatives. etc.	709,437	860,917	21.4	9,900,419	10,377,992	4.8
2. Health treatment	58	7	-87.9	603	327	-45.8
3. Religious	22	15	-31.8	325	399	22.8
4. Transit	31,535	26,345	-16.5	360,238	548,406	52.2
II. Business and professional	20,584	21,358	3.8	175,852	210,207	19.5

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.