

Fact Sheet on ALBANIA

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GENERAL

Official name	ALBANIA
Capital	Tirana
Area	28,748 km ²
Weather (in deg C)	<p>Albania has a combination of a Mediterranean climate and a continental climate, with four distinct seasons. The climatic conditions are highly variable and modified locally by altitude and latitude. Its climate is strongly influenced by the Mediterranean Sea in the west, and the mountains that raise in every corner around the country.</p> <p>The monthly temperatures range between -1 °C in winter to 21.8 °C in summer. The warmest areas of the country are along the Adriatic and Ionian Sea Coasts. The coldest areas are positioned within the northern and eastern highlands. The highest temperature of 43.9 °C was recorded in Kuçovë on 18 July 1973. The lowest temperature of -29 °C was registered in the village of Shtyllë, Librazhd on 9 January 2017.</p>
Population	2.8 million (2022 est.)
Forest Cover (% of total area)	28.79% in 2020
CO2 emissions	4.591 megaton (total in 2021), 1.56 tons of CO2 per capita in 2021
Tourists Arrivals (Year)	3.8 million (2022)
Age Profile	<p>0-14 years: 16.33% (male 232,309/female 223,779)</p> <p>15-24 years: 13.83% (male 195,135/female 191,325)</p> <p>25-54 years: 40.28% (male 561,363/female 563,900)</p> <p>55-64 years: 13.84% (male 188,444/female 198,112)</p> <p>65 years and over: 15.72% (male 209,809/female 229,416) (January 2022 est.)</p>
Life Expectancy	Total population: 78.6 years; males: 74.1 years; females: 79.2 years (January 2022 est.)
Languages	Albanian (official) 98.7%, Greek 0.54%, Macedonian 0.16% (2011 est.)

Ethnic Groups	Albanian 95%, Greek 3%, other 2% (including Vlach, Romani, Macedonian, Montenegrin, and Egyptian)
Main Religions	Muslim 56.7%, Roman Catholic 10.03%, Orthodox 6.75%, atheist 2.5%, Bektashi (a Sufi order) 2.09%, other Christians 4.7%, 3.44% others, 13.79% undeclared(2022 est.)
Internet penetration	72,2%, with 2.07 million users (2022 estimate)
Mobile Phones	3.7 million mobile connections (2022 estimate); 122% as percentage of total population
Urbanization	62.97 % in 2022

ECONOMIC

Currency	LEK [ALL]
Exchange Rate with USD & Rupee.	1 USD= 108.045 Lek (2023) 1 Rupee = 1.39 Lek
GDP	USD 42 billion (2022), Purchasing Power Parity
GDP Growth Rate	3.7 % (2022)
Major Sectors (% of GDP)	Agriculture: 17.68%; industry: 21.821%; services: 47.7% (2021 est.)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.2%(2022), 11.82% (2021), 11. 7%(2020), 12.33% (2019)
Inflation (%)	6.8% (2022), 2.04% (2021), 1.6% (2020 est.), 1.44%(2019)
GDP per Capita	USD 6492.00 (2022)
Total Trade (Goods & Services)	USD 11.37 billion (2021)
Exports (Goods & Services)	USD 3.59 billion (2021)
Imports (Goods & Services)	USD 7.718 billion (2021)
Balance of Trade	USD (-) 4.128 billion
Major Trading Partners	Italy, Greece, Turkey, China, Germany and USA

POLITICAL

Political Structure	The Parliament of Albania is a unicameral legislative body. It is composed of 140 members elected to a four-year term on the basis of direct, universal, periodic and equal suffrage by secret ballot. The most recent parliamentary election was held in 2021. In the April 2021 parliamentary election, ruling Socialist Party, led by Prime
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Head of State	Minister Edi Rama, secured its third consecutive victory, winning parliamentary majority.
Head of Government	President H.E. Mr. Bajram Begaj: On 4 June 2022 Bajram Begaj, who held the post of the Chief of General Staff of the Albanian Armed Forces was elected as the new president of Albania.
Foreign Minister	Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Edi Rama
Political Issues	H.E. Mrs. Olta Xhaçka
	Fight against corruption, Judicial independence, Rule of Law, EU integration, Migration – Albanian migrants crossing the English Channel.
BILATERAL	
Bilateral Trade	USD 85.87 million (2021 - 2022)
Indian Exports	USD 55.16 million (2021 - 2022); USD 142.28 million (Apr 2022-Jan 2023)
Imports into India	USD 30.71 million (2021 - 2022); USD 9.05 million (Apr-Dec 2022)
Major items of Export & Import	Exports from India: Petroleum, pharmaceuticals, Ceramic products, stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials, coffee, tea and spices, electrical/electronic equipment, machinery. Imports by India: Minerals and allied products, copper ore concentrates, plant extracts for pharmaceutical use, inorganic chemicals and television parts.
Indian Investments in the Country	Negligible
Albanian Investments in India	Nil
Indian Origin/PR/Indian Students	Approx. 50
Indian diaspora (composition and any pertinent information that may be of interest)	Small community of approx. 400 persons; most of them are temporary workers.

As on 3 April, 2023