

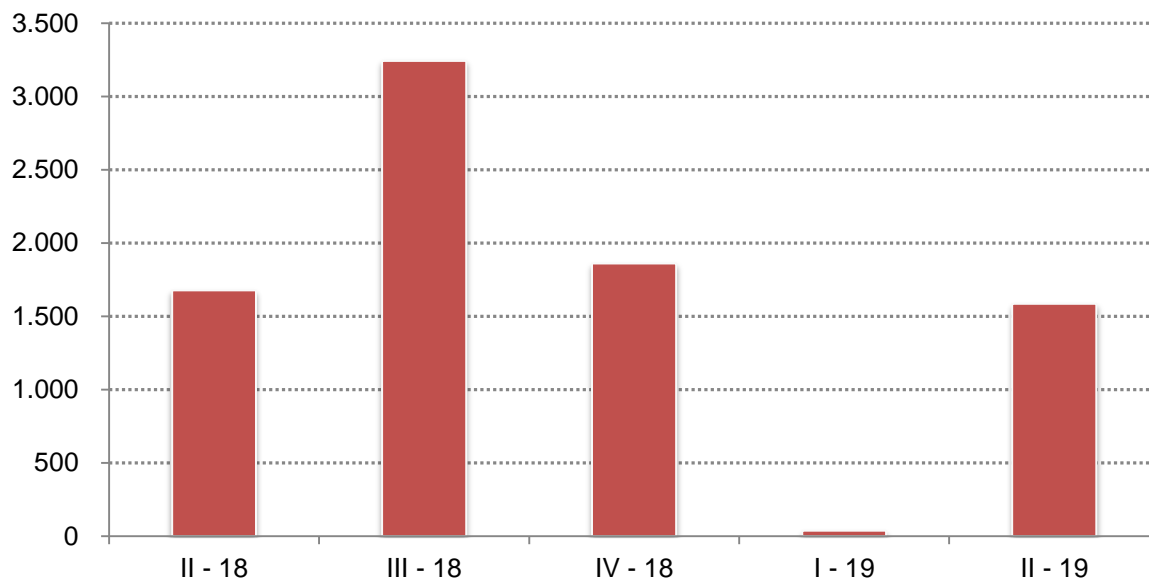
Demographic indicators

Quarter II – 2019

Tiranë, on 14 August 2019: The number of births is 6,392 for the second quarter of 2019, marking a decrease by 5.7 % compared to the second quarter of 2018. The number of deaths is 4,777 for the second quarter of 2019, marking a decrease by 5.7 % compared to the second quarter of 2018.

During the second quarter of 2019, the number of births surpassed with 1,585 the number of deaths. The natural increase of population, for the second quarter of 2019 reflects a decrease by 5.5 % compared to the second quarter of 2018.

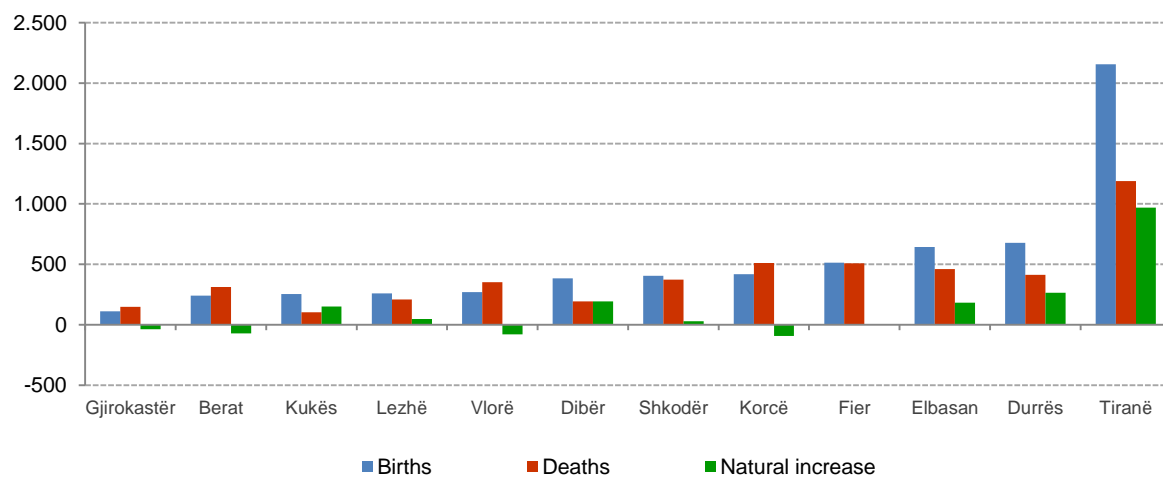
Fig. 1 Natural increase of population



In the second quarter of 2019, the natural increase of population registered the highest value in Tiranë prefecture, where the number of births exceeds by 969 the number of deaths.

During the second quarter of 2019, natural increase had negative values in four prefectures. The lowest value is registered in Korçë prefecture, where the number of deaths surpasses with 93 the number of births.

Fig. 2 Births, deaths and natural increase by prefectures, Q2 - 2019



Births

The highest number of births, for the second quarter of 2019 is recorded in prefecture of Tirana, with 2,157 births, which reflect a decrease of 4.2 % compared to the second quarter of 2018.

The lowest number of births, during the second quarter of 2019 is registered in prefecture of Gjirokaštër, with 111 births, reflecting a decrease of 10.5 % compared to the second quarter of 2018.

Nine from twelve prefectures in the country during the second quarter of 2019 experienced a decline in the number of births, compared to the second quarter of 2018. The largest % declines of births, during this period are recorded by: Shkodër and Fier prefecture, with 17.7 % and 15.0 % respectively. There was an increase in percentage of births in prefectures of: Kukës, Elbasan, and Korçë with 6.3 %, 5.7 %, and 4.8 % respectively.

Tab. 1 Births by prefectures

No.	Prefectures	II - 18	III - 18	IV-18	I - 19**	II - 19**
	Albania	6,745	8,213	7,319	5,986	6,362
1	Berat	272	324	314	249	240
2	Dibër	406	440	414	353	385
3	Durrës	736	884	762	633	678
4	Elbasan	609	864	781	546	644
5	Fier	605	747	655	580	514
6	Gjirokastrë	124	141	138	97	111
7	Korçë	399	460	390	390	418
8	Kukës	240	270	217	226	255
9	Lezhë	294	394	357	256	258
10	Shkodër	491	536	495	366	404
11	Tiranë	2,251	2,717	2,423	1,985	2,157
12	Vlorë	298	398	342	291	270
	*Unknwon	20	38	31	14	28

*Category "Unknown" means the number of live births for which the information of prefecture in which the birth has been registered is missing.

** Preliminary data¹

Deaths

During the second quarter of 2019, the lowest number of deaths is registered in the prefecture of Kukës, with 104 deaths, which reflect a decrease of 23.0 % compared to the second quarter of 2018.

During the second quarter of 2019, the highest number of deaths is recorded in prefecture of Tiranë, with 1,188 deaths, reflecting a decrease of 3.9 % compared to the second quarter of 2018.

Nine from twelve prefectures in the country during the second quarter of 2019 experienced a decline in the number of deaths, compared to the second quarter of 2018. The largest % declines of deaths, during this period are recorded by: prefecture of Kukës and Shkodër with 23.0 % and 16.3 % respectively.

Korçë prefecture has not changed compared to the same quarter of the previous year, while the percentage of deaths has increased in prefectures of: Berat and Tiranë, with 16.5 % and 3.9 % respectively.

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>

Tab. 2 Deaths by regions

No.	Prefectures	II - 18	III - 18	IV-18	I - 19**	II- 19**
	Albania	5,068	4,971	5,458	5,949	4,777
1	Berat	267	242	293	349	311
2	Dibër	203	215	228	266	192
3	Durrës	469	512	514	531	414
4	Elbasan	531	505	508	576	461
5	Fier	561	553	647	669	509
6	Gjirokastrë	166	186	171	207	148
7	Korçë	511	445	544	581	511
8	Kukës	135	114	102	134	104
9	Lezhë	233	203	268	267	210
10	Shkodër	447	414	429	493	374
11	Tiranë	1,143	1,200	1,334	1,423	1,188
12	Vlorë	397	373	416	447	351
	<i>*Unknown</i>	5	9	4	6	4

**Category "Unknown" means the number of deaths for which the information of prefecture in which the death has been registered is missing. ** Preliminary data*

Methodology

1. Births

Birth Data

Birth data by sex is 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 to the number of births that are registered late for the current year so that we include all births that occurred in the reference period. The number of births registered late in the previous year was considered as a proxy for last year's registrations, considering the assumption (as a result of our ongoing analysis) that the number of late birth registrations does not change much from year to year.

2. Deaths

Death Data

Data for deaths are provided by the General Directorate of Civil Status by main demographic characteristics. We take in consideration all deaths of Albanian residents during a reference period, taking into account the deaths of residents outside Albania (migrants) although they may be registered in the civil status offices near their former settlements.

Late Registered Death

We make a small adjustment in the number of the late registered deaths for the actual year, in order to include all occurred deaths in a reference period. The number of late registered deaths in 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 deaths doesn't change a lot from year to year.

Definitions:

Population natural 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: Births of children that showed 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).

Data source: The data are provided from General Directorate of Civil Registration.

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