

Movements of citizens in Albania

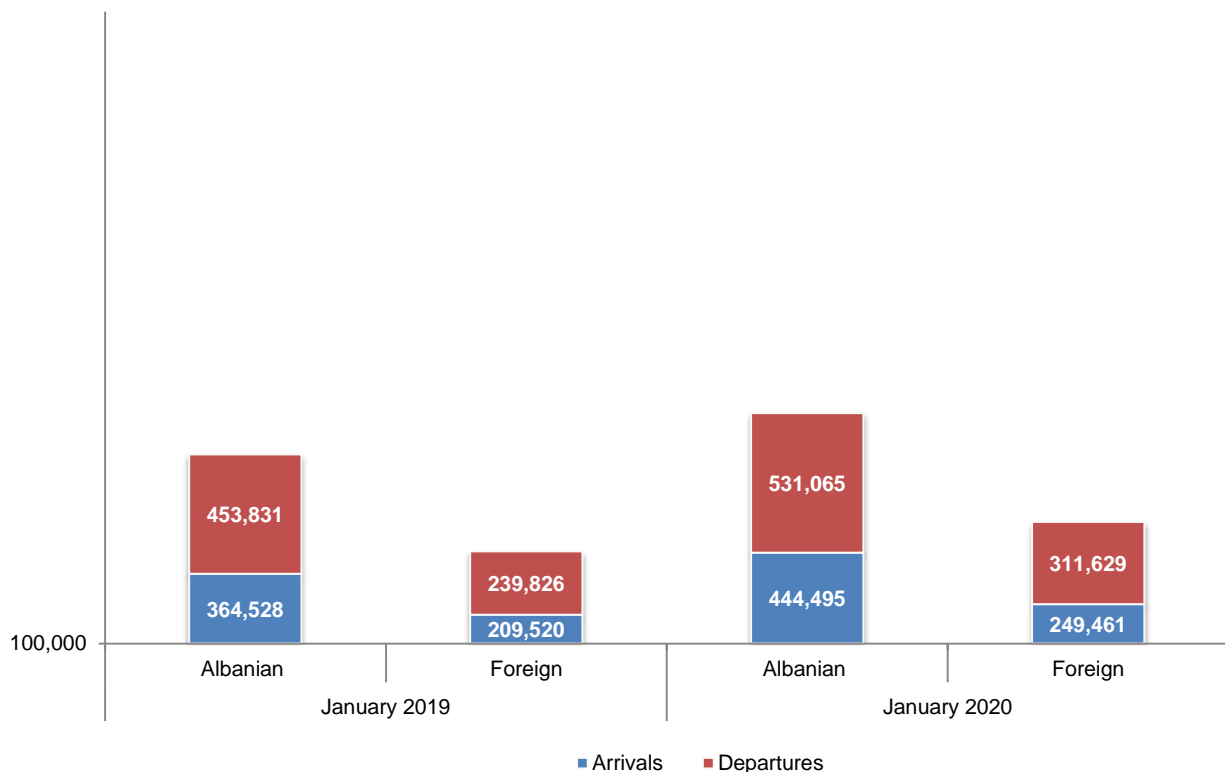
January 2020

Tiranë më 24 February 2020: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in January 2020 are 693,956.

Compared to January 2019, this indicator increased 20.9 %. In January 2020, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 249,461. Compared to January 2019, this number increased by 19.1 %.

In January 2020, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is Poland by 38.9 %, while Switzerland has the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 1.2 %

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during January 2020 are 842,694 marking an increase by 21.5 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during January 2020 are 531,065. Compared to January 2019, this number has increased by 17.0 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during January 2020 are 311,629. Compared to January 2019, this number increased by 29.9 %.

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	January 2019	January 2020	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	574,048	693,956	20.9
Albanian	364,528	444,495	21.9
Foreign	209,520	249,461	19.1
Total Departures	693,657	842,694	21.5
Albanian	453,831	531,065	17
Foreign	239,826	311,629	29.9

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	January 2019	January 2020	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	66,049	77,632	17.5
North Macedonia	30,015	38,034	26.7
Greece	31,657	38,743	22.4
Italy	19,335	21,067	9.0
United Kingdom	4,395	5,559	26.5
Montenegro	24,425	30,890	26.5
Poland	393	546	38.9
USA	3,655	4,059	11.1
Spain	393	467	18.8
Germany	2,906	3,274	12.7
Switzerland	1,645	1,626	-1.2
Others	24,652	27,564	11.8
Total	209,520	249,461	19.1

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	January 2019	January 2020	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	209,520	249,461	19.1
I. Personal	204,774	242,193	18.3
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	194,868	231,471	18.8
2. Religious	99	38	-61.6
3. Transit	9,807	10,684	8.9
II. Business and professional	4,746	7,268	53.1

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
January 2019	102,346	22,540	449,162	119,233	47,538	526,886
January 2020	115,030	25,739	553,187	132,141	48,709	661,844
Annual change (%)	12.4	14.2	23.2	10.8	2.5	25.6

For more information, please visit the website: <http://www.instat.gov.al/en/home.aspx>

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, health treatment etc.;
2. Religious;
3. 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:

<http://www.instat.gov.al/en/documentation/quality-in-statistics/> statistical revision policy.

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 crossing may declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.