

Movements of citizens in Albania

September 2020

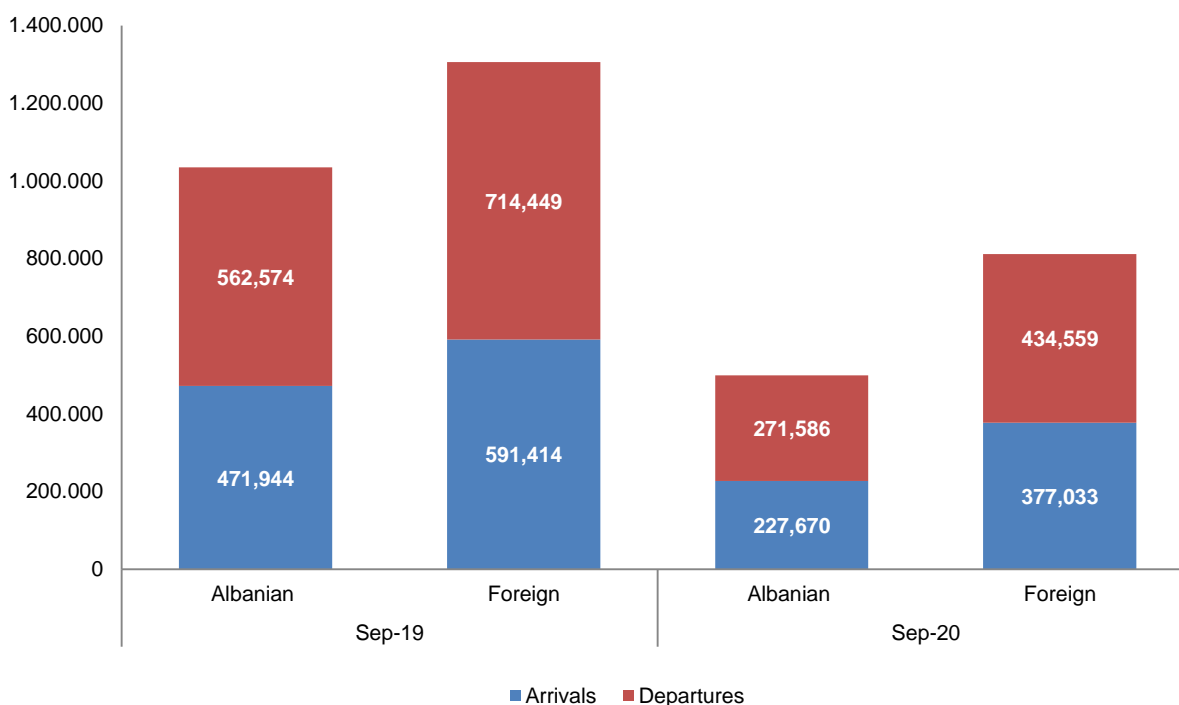
Tiranë 23 October 2020: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in September 2020 are 604,703. Compared to September 2019, this indicator decreased by 43.1 %.

In September 2020, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 377,033. Compared to September 2019, this number decreased by 36.2 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania in the nine-month of 2020, is 2,122,202 decreasing by 61.1 %, compared with the same period of 2019.

During the nine months of 2020, Kosovo had the lowest decrease of arrivals by 45.2 %, while Spain had the highest decrease of arrivals by 90.0 %, compared with the same period of 2019.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during September 2020 are 706,145 marking a decrease by 44.7 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during September 2020 are 271,586. Compared to September 2019, this number has decreased by 51.7 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during September 2020 are 434,559. Compared to September 2019, this number decreased by 39.2 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the nine-month of 2020 is 2,208,821 decreasing by 50.5 %, compared with the same period of the previous year.

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	September 2019	September 2020	Annual change (%)	January-September 2019	January-September 2020	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	1,063,358	604,703	-43.1	9,645,999	4,134,941	-57.1
Albanian	471,944	227,670	-51.8	4,183,997	2,012,739	-51.9
Foreign	591,414	377,033	-36.2	5,462,002	2,122,202	-61.1
Total Departures	1,277,023	706,145	-44.7	9,721,454	4,320,664	-55.6
Albanian	562,574	271,586	-51.7	4,461,255	2,208,821	-50.5
Foreign	714,449	434,559	-39.2	5,260,199	2,111,843	-59.9

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	September 2019	September 2020	Annual change (%)	January-September 2019	January-September 2020	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	166,207	239,353	44.0	2,004,979	1,099,278	-45.2
North Macedonia	117,841	59,669	-49.4	638,310	298,350	-53.3
Greece	46,960	5,840	-87.6	448,222	172,830	-61.4
Italy	35,112	10,909	-68.9	381,870	100,013	-73.8
United Kingdom	10,431	4,247	-59.3	105,397	43,325	-58.9
Montenegro	30,531	16,584	-45.7	270,762	118,366	-56.3
Poland	23,238	1,422	-93.9	128,552	23,505	-81.7
USA	10,431	3,136	-69.9	101,496	18,760	-81.5
Spain	3,959	388	-90.2	24,983	2,501	-90.0
Germany	24,642	2,812	-88.6	140,426	31,542	-77.5
Switzerland	5,392	783	-85.5	55,345	12,752	-77.0
Others	116,670	31,890	-72.7	1,161,660	200,980	-82.7
Total	591,414	377,033	-36.2	5,462,002	2,122,202	-61.1

Tab 3. Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	September 2019	September 2020	Annual change (%)	January-September 2019	January-September 2020	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	591,414	377,033	-36.2	5,462,002	2,122,202	-61.1
I. Personal	582,740	367,289	-37.0	5,388,791	2,040,544	-62.1
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	566,935	358,820	-36.7	5,221,811	1,984,518	-62.0
2. Religious	56	18	-67.9	678	217	-68.0
3. Transit	15,749	8,451	-46.3	166,302	55,809	-66.4
II. Business and professional	8,674	9,744	12.3	73,211	81,658	11.5

Tab 4. Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
September 2019	148,561	76,018	838,779	192,215	111,839	972,969
September 2020	53,328	16,263	535,112	74,629	17,170	614,346
Annual change (%)	-64.1	-78.6	-36.2	-61.2	-84.6	-36.9
January- September 2019	1,274,940	697,478	7,673,581	1,285,244	728,440	7,707,770
January- September 2020	521,254	169,675	3,444,012	524,151	188,284	3,608,229
Annual change (%)	-59.1	-75.7	-55.1	-59.2	-74.2	-53.2

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