

Demographic indicators

3^d Quarter - 2020

Tiranë, on 12 November 2020:

NUMBER OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS DURING THE THIRD QUARTER OF 2020 MAY NOT REFLECT REALITY, SINCE BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION COVID -19, MISSING OF REPORTS IN THE OFFICES OF THE CIVIL STATUS ACROSS ALBANIA, TO THE NUMBER OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN THE RELEVANT REGISTERS.

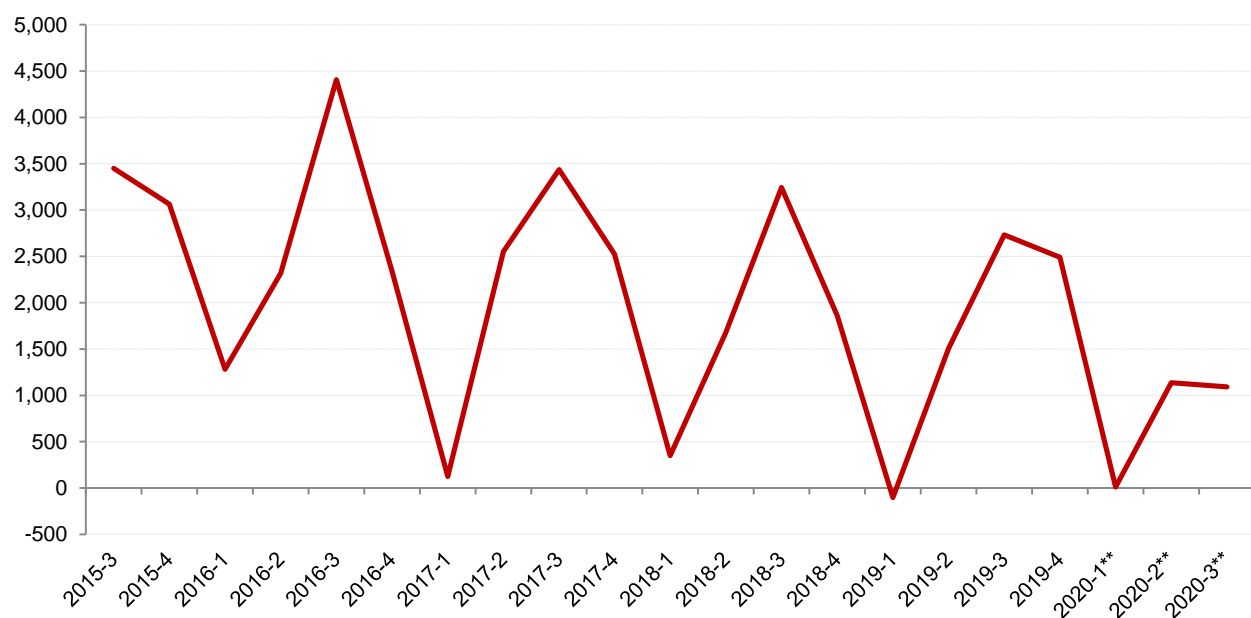
SO, THE DATA WILL BE OBJECT OF REVIEW FOR 2020 AND WILL BE REEVALUATED.

The number of births for the third quarter of 2020 is 7,386, marking a decrease by 4.6 % compared to the third quarter of 2019.

The number of deaths for the third quarter of 2020 results 6,294, marking an increase by 25.7 % compared to the third quarter of 2019.

During the third quarter of 2020, the number of births exceeds by 1,092 the number of deaths.

Fig. 1 Natural population increase



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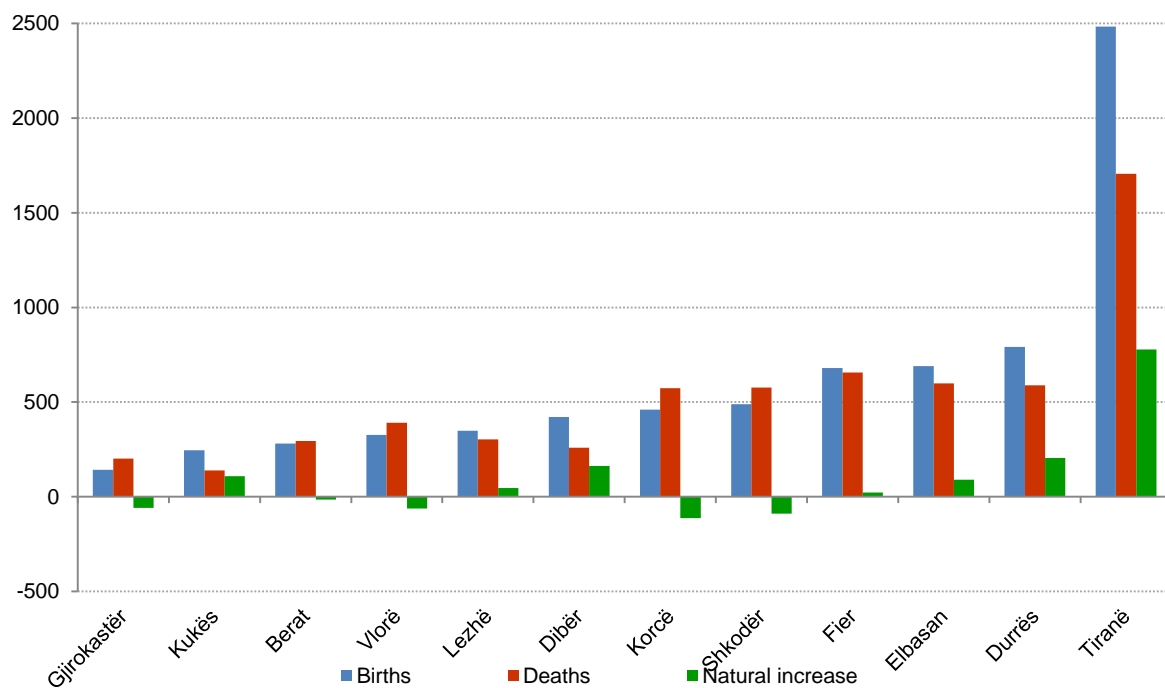
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In the third quarter of 2020, seven prefectures of the country recorded positive natural population increase, while in five prefectures, natural population increase was negative.

In the third quarter of 2020, the highest value of natural population increase is registered in Tiranë prefecture, where the number of births exceeds by 778 the number of deaths, while the lowest is registered in Korçë prefecture, where deaths exceeds by 113 the number of births.

Fig. 2 Births, deaths and natural increase by prefectures, Q3 – 2020**



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Births

In the third quarter of 2020, only one prefecture of the country recorded increase in the number of births, compared to the same period of 2019, while eleven prefectures have marked decrease.

In the third quarter of 2020, the highest number of births is registered in Tiranë prefecture, with 2,484 births, while the lowest is registered in Gjirokastër prefecture, with 143 births.

The largest increase in birth percentage, during the third quarter of 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 was recorded in Gjirokastër prefecture, with 17.2 %, while the largest decrease in percentage was registered in Vlorë prefecture, with 25.2 %.

Tab. 1 Births by prefecture

No.	Prefecture	III - 19	IV - 19	I - 20**	II - 20**	III - 20**
	Albania	7,739	7,910	6,126	6,124	7,386
1	Berat	322	316	246	231	280
2	Dibër	424	416	298	364	421
3	Durrës	842	866	649	633	792
4	Elbasan	762	761	594	592	689
5	Fier	694	755	556	554	679
6	Gjirokastër	122	160	91	121	143
7	Korçë	461	439	380	425	460
8	Kukës	279	316	146	170	246
9	Lezhë	358	362	314	277	349
10	Shkodër	502	557	422	397	488
11	Tiranë	2,509	2,525	2,059	1,973	2,484
12	Vlorë	437	397	284	286	327
	*Unknown	27	40	87	101	28

* Category "Unknown" means the number of live births for which the information of prefecture in which the birth has been registered is missing¹

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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>

Deaths

In the third quarter of 2020, in all twelve prefectures of the country there was an increase in the number of deaths, compared to the same period of 2019.

In the third quarter of 2020, the lowest number of deaths is registered in Kukës prefecture, with 138 deaths, while the highest is registered in Tiranë prefecture, with 1,706 deaths.

The smallest increase in deaths percentage, during the third quarter of 2020, compared to the same period in 2019 was recorded in Vlorë prefecture, with 2.6 %, while Gjirokastër prefecture had the highest increase in percentage, with 46.4 %.

Tab. 2 Deaths by prefecture

No.	Prefecture	III - 19	IV - 19	I - 20**	II - 20**	III - 20**
	Albania	5,006	5,421	6,115	4,989	6,294
1	Berat	258	262	357	254	295
2	Dibër	224	219	230	193	259
3	Durrës	437	579	526	445	588
4	Elbasan	499	460	618	496	599
5	Fier	577	569	692	537	656
6	Gjirokastër	179	191	214	177	202
7	Korçë	451	513	628	472	573
8	Kukës	132	124	134	117	138
9	Lezhë	207	251	283	249	303
10	Shkodër	408	442	479	417	577
11	Tiranë	1,246	1,378	1,499	1,264	1,706
12	Vlorë	380	430	454	366	390
	*Unknown	8	3	1	2	8

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

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Methodology

Quarterly data for births and deaths, at national and prefecture level constitute an important link of the country's demographics. They represent data on population changes, which have an impact on the economic and social life of the country. These data are published based on the Official Statistics Program 2017-2021.

Births

Births data:

Births data by sex are provided by the General Directorate of Civil Status, which sends to INSTAT only the number of births of 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.

INSTAT, according to the methodology it follows counts the number of births according to the date of the event and not according to the date of registration of this event in the civil status offices.

Late registered births

A small adjustment is made in the number of the late registered births for the actual year, in order to include all occurred births in a reference period.

The number of late registered births 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 births does not change a lot from year to year.

Deaths

Deaths 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, by not taking into account the deaths of residents outside Albania (emigrants), even though they may be registered in the civil status offices, near their former settlements.

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Definitions:

Natural population increase: Expresses the increase/decrease of the population, as a result of the biological processes (births and deaths), over a period of time.

This indicator is expressed as the difference between births and 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).