

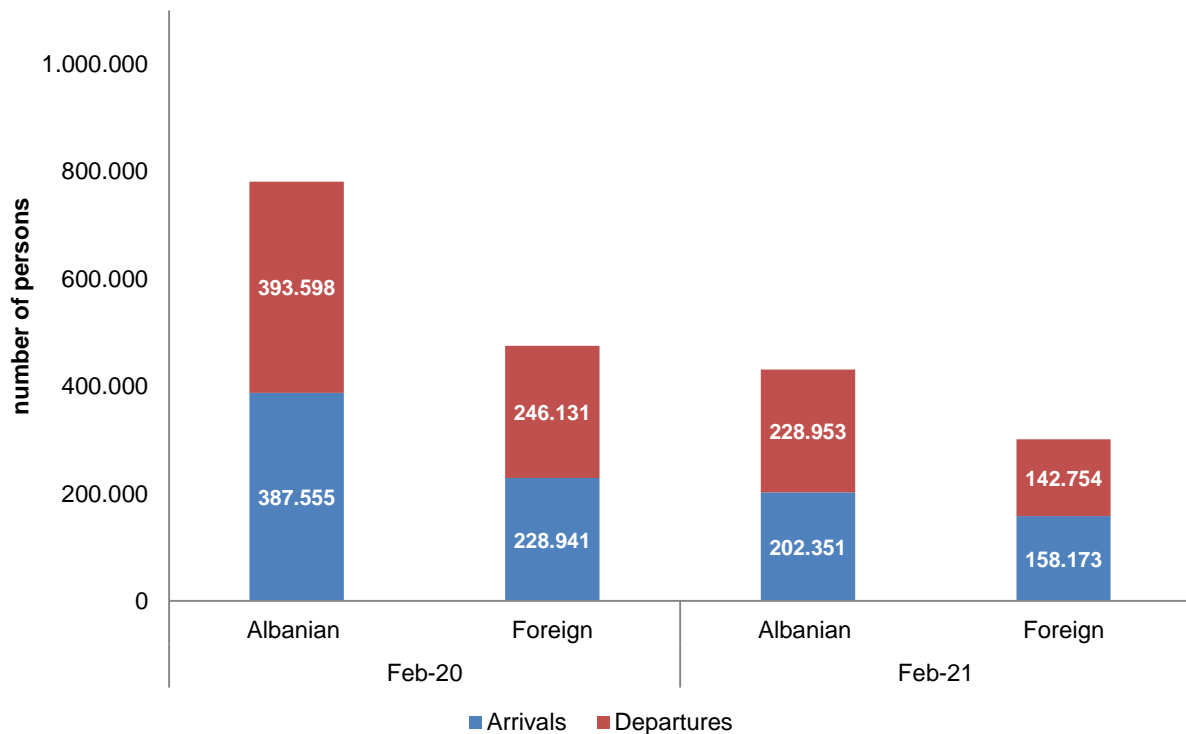
Movements of citizens in Albania

February 2021

Tirana, 23 March 2021: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in February 2021 are 360,524. Compared to February 2020, this indicator decreased by 41.5 %. In February 2021, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 158,173. Compared to February 2020, this number decreased by 30.9 %. The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first two months of 2021, is 343,502, decreasing by 28.2 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.1).

During the first two months of 2021, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Switzerland had the largest increase by 24.5% and Kosovo by 9.8%, while the most significant decrease had Greece by 87.3% and England by 74.7%, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.2).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, February 2021



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during February 2021 are 371,707 marking a decrease by 41.9 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during February 2021 are 228,953. Compared to February 2020, this number has decreased by 41.8 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during February 2021 are 142,754. Compared to February 2020, this number decreased by 42.0 % (tab.1).

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the first two months of 2021 is 500,637 decreasing by 45,9 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens, February 2021

Period	February 2020	February 2021	Annual change (%)	January-February 2020	January-February 2021	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	616,496	360,524	-41.5	1,310,452	766,323	-41.5
Albanian	387,555	202,351	-47.8	832,050	422,821	-49.2
Foreign	228,941	158,173	-30.9	478,402	343,502	-28.2
Total Departures	639,729	371,707	-41.9	1,482,423	822,288	-44.5
Albanian	393,598	228,953	-41.8	924,663	500,637	-45.9
Foreign	246,131	142,754	-42.0	557,760	321,651	-42.3

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens, February 2021

Countries	February 2020	February 2021	Annual change (%)	January- February 2020	January- February 2021	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	70,648	75,184	6.4	148,280	162,874	9.8
North Macedonia	34,230	27,688	-19.1	72,264	61,981	-14.2
Greece	38,106	4,724	-87.6	76,849	9,742	-87.3
Italy	18,409	9,843	-46.5	39,476	19,772	-49.9
United Kingdom	6,101	1,397	-77.1	11,660	2,946	-74.7
Montenegro	27,337	20,686	-24.3	58,227	44,900	-22.9
Poland	531	266	-49.9	1,077	489	-54.6
USA	3,218	1,803	-44.0	7,277	3,757	-48.4
Spain	497	197	-60.4	964	323	-66.5
Germany	3,024	1,608	-46.8	6,298	4,560	-27.6
Switzerland	1,234	1,167	-5.4	2,860	3,561	24.5
Others	25,606	13,610	-46.8	53,170	28,597	-46.2
Total	228,941	158,173	-30.9	478,402	343,502	-28.2

Tab 3. Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose, February 2021

Period	February 2020	February 2021	Annual change (%)	January-February 2020	January-February 2021	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	228,941	158,173	-30.9	478,402	343,502	-28.2
I. Personal	220,023	149,735	-31.9	462,216	328,855	-28.9
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	210,915	143,618	-31.9	442,386	312,765	-29.3
2. Religious	35	24	-31.4	73	68	-6.8
3. Transit	9,073	6,093	-32.8	19,757	16,022	-18.9
II. Business and professional	8,918	8,438	-5.4	16,186	14,647	-9.5

Tab 4. Movements of citizens by mode of travel, February 2021

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
February 2020	98,100	23,301	495,095	96,449	21,063	522,217
February 2021	35,422	16,705	308,397	36,832	14,302	320,573
Annual change (%)	-63.9	-28.3	-37.7	-61.8	-32.1	-38.6
January- February 2020	213,130	49,040	1,048,282	228,590	69,772	1,184,061
January- February 2021	72,186	32,030	662,107	85,766	39,687	696,835
Annual change (%)	-66.1	-34.7	-36.8	-62.5	-43.1	-41.1

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).

An arrival 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* include 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.