

Demographic indicators

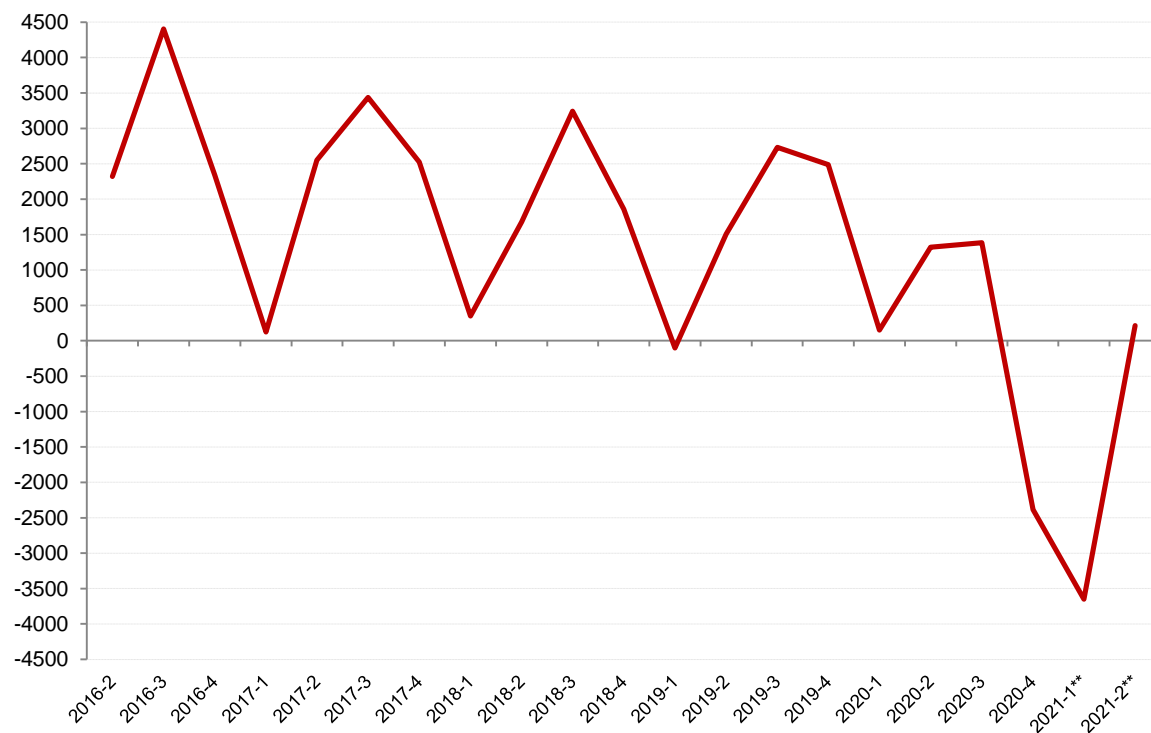
Quarter II – 2021

Tiranë, on 12 August 2021: The number of births for the second quarter of 2021 is 5,993, marking a decrease by 10.6 % compared to the second quarter of 2020.

The number of deaths for the second quarter of 2021 results 5,777, marking an increase by 7.3 % compared to the second quarter of 2020.

The natural population increase (difference between births and deaths) for the second quarter of 2021 marked a decrease compared to the same period of the year 2020: from 1,320 to 216 in 2021.

Fig. 1: Natural population increase



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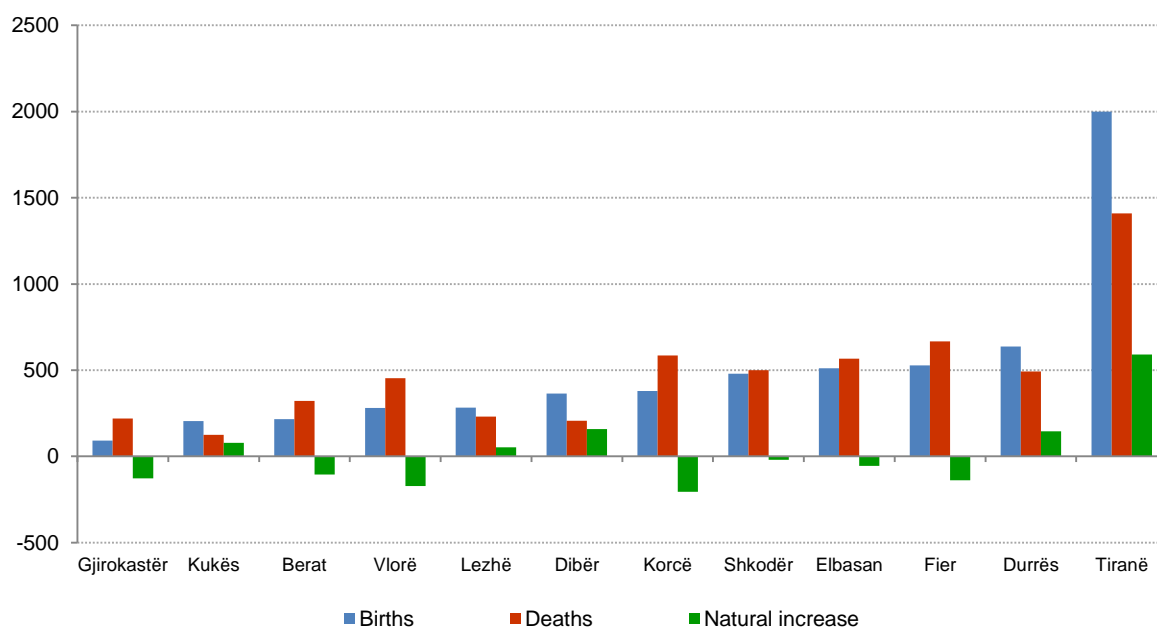
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In the second quarter of 2021 five prefectures of the country recorded positive natural population increase, while in other seven prefectures, natural population increase was negative.

In the second quarter of 2021 the highest value of natural population increase is registered in Tiranë prefecture, where the number of births exceeds by 590 the number of deaths, while the lowest is registered in Korçë prefecture, where deaths surpass by 205 the number of births.

Fig. 2: Births, deaths and natural increase by prefecture, Q2 -2021**



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Births

In the second quarter of 2021 two prefectures of the country recorded increase in the number of births, while in ten others the number of births has decreased, compared to the same period of 2020.

In the second quarter of 2021 the highest number of births is registered in Tiranë prefecture, with 1,999 births, while the lowest is registered in Gjirokastrë prefecture, with 92 births.

The largest percentage increase in births, during the second quarter of 2021 compared to the same period in 2020 was recorded in Kukës prefecture, with 11.5 %.

The largest percentage decrease in births, during the second quarter of 2021 compared to the same period in 2020 was recorded in Gjirokastrë prefecture, with – 31.3 %.

Tab. 1: Births by prefecture

No.	Prefecture	II - 20	III - 20	IV - 20	**I - 21	**II - 21
	Albania	6,706	8,007	7,011	6,006	5,993
1	Berat	250	292	249	262	216
2	Dibër	390	451	389	360	365
3	Durrës	680	872	781	636	638
4	Elbasan	652	739	709	560	511
5	Fier	596	721	689	526	528
6	Gjirokastër	134	150	125	113	92
7	Korçë	454	482	369	357	380
8	Kukës	183	268	267	178	204
9	Lezhë	308	370	299	295	283
10	Shkodër	430	512	483	432	479
11	Tiranë	2,200	2,751	2,307	2,020	1,999
12	Vlorë	322	368	323	254	280
	*Unknown	107	31	21	13	18

* Category "Unknown" means the number of live births, for which the information of prefecture, in which the birth has been registered, is missing.¹

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Deaths

In the second quarter of 2021 three prefectures of the country recorded decrease, while nine others recorded increase in the number of deaths, compared to the same period of the year 2020.

In the second quarter of 2021 the lowest number of deaths is registered in Kukës prefecture, with 125 deaths, while the highest is registered in Tiranë prefecture, with 1,409 deaths.

The largest percentage decrease in deaths, during the second quarter of 2021 compared to the same period in 2020 was recorded in Lezhë prefecture, with - 14.8 %.

The largest percentage increase in deaths, during the second quarter of 2021 compared to the same period in 2020 was recorded in Berat prefecture, with 18.4 %.

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 prefecture

No.	Prefecture	II - 20	III - 20	IV - 20	**I - 21	**II - 21
	Albania	5,386	6,624	9,397	9,657	5,777
1	Berat	272	305	500	529	322
2	Dibër	214	281	307	370	206
3	Durrës	483	618	918	925	492
4	Elbasan	535	632	923	929	566
5	Fier	569	695	1,147	1,165	666
6	Gjirokastrë	188	212	297	281	219
7	Korçë	510	597	837	708	585
8	Kukës	138	153	199	168	125
9	Lezhë	271	326	423	433	231
10	Shkodër	457	618	781	637	499
11	Tiranë	1,339	1,764	2,504	2,701	1,409
12	Vlorë	408	414	558	805	453
	<i>*Unknown</i>	2	9	3	6	4

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Methodology

Quarterly data for births and deaths, at national and prefecture level constitute an important link of the demography of the country. 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.

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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

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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. 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).