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## **Movements of citizens in Albania**

#### January 2017

**Tirana, 21 February 2017:** The number of Albanian and foreign citizens arrivals to the territory of Albania, in January 2017 is 462,812. Compared with January 2016, this indicator increased by 0.5%. The number of foreign citizens arrivals in the country is 172,757. Compared with January 2016, this number decreased by 0.4%. Albanian and foreign citizens out of the country were 558,109 during January 2017, marking a decrease by 4.0% compared with the same month of previous year. The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania is 371,041 in January 2017. Compared with January 2016, this number decreased by 1.3%.

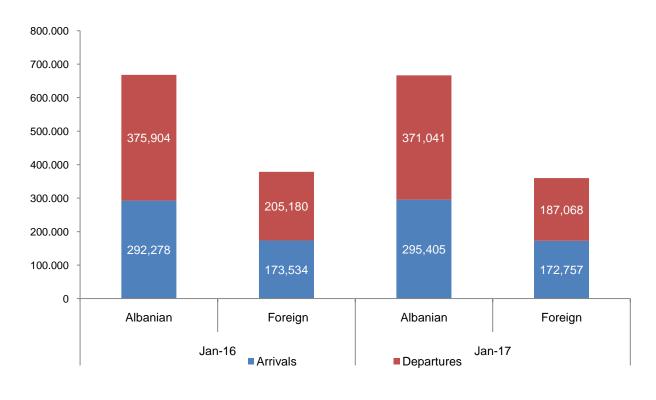


Fig. 1 Arrivals and departures citiziens in Albania

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Period	Jan-16	Jan-17	Precent Change
Total Arrivals	465,812	468,162	0.5
Albanian	292,278	295,405	1.1
Foreign	173,534	172,757	-0.4
Total Departures	581,084	558,109	-4.0
Albanian	375,904	371,041	-1.3
Foreign	205,180	187,068	-8.8

Tab.1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens, January 2017

The number of foreign visitors to Albania for holidays and Same-Day visits in January 2017, results 30,374, while in January 2016 this number was 15,714.

In Albania, the number of foreign citizens entered for personal purposes in January 2017 was 169,822 and contistuted 95% of the total entered of foreign citizens. Compared with January 2016, the number of foreign citizens for personal purposes decreased by 0.7%.

Number of foreign citizens arrivals to Albania for business purposes constitutes 0.5% of inflows of foreign citizes, increasing by 14.3%.

Tab.2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	Jan-16	Jan-17
Arrivals foreign citizens	173,534	172,757
I. Personal	170,966	169,822
1. Holidays	14,309	17,617
2. Visit to friends and relatives	1,322	526
3. Same -Day Visits	1,405	12,757
4. Health treatment	64	43
5. Religious	78	26
6. Others	139,760	130,245
7. Tranzit	14,028	8,608
II. Business and professional	2,568	2,935

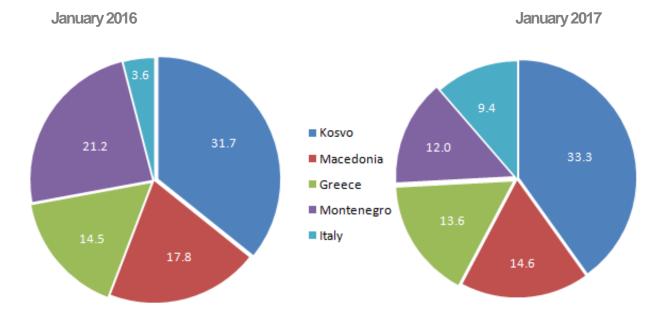
Arrivals of foreign by land comprised the largest share with 75.9%, while air and maritime arrivals comprised respectively 19.3% and 4.8%.

Tab.3 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
Jan-16	70,554	25,278	369,980	79,098	55,388	446,598
Jan-17	90,437	22,421	355,304	102,900	55,129	400,080
Annual Change	28.2	-11.3	-4.0	30.1	-0.5	-10.4

The largest number of arrivals of foreigners in our country, in January 2017, resulted from Kosovo with 33.3%, followed by arrivals citiziens from Macedonia with 14.6%, Greece 13.6%, Montenegro with 12.0%, etc.

#### Fig. 2 Countries with largest arrivals in Albania



# Methodology

### Definitions

**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".

Arrivals : Include all entries at the border.

Arrivals is a concept that refers to all entries. A person who visits some countries simultaneously during the year is calculated every time a new entr.y

**Departures**: Includes all exits at the border. Departures measure the flow of citizens who leave the country of reference. The main purpose of the visit is the goal without which travel would not be done. The purpose of the trip includes visits of visitors and tourists for::

Visits for personal purposes

- 1. Holidays
- 2. Visit to frends and relatives
- 3. Same Day Visit
- 4. Health treatment
- 5. Religious
- 6. Others
- 7. Tranzit

Business category includes all business and professional activities outside the usual environment.

Data Source: Data provided by the Ministry of the Interior (General Directory of State Policy).

Data last month are preliminary and subject to revision. For more refer: <u>http://www.instat.gov.al/al/rreth-nesh/cilësia-statistikore.aspx/</u> Politika e revizionimit statistikor.