

Movements of citizens in Albania

February 2017

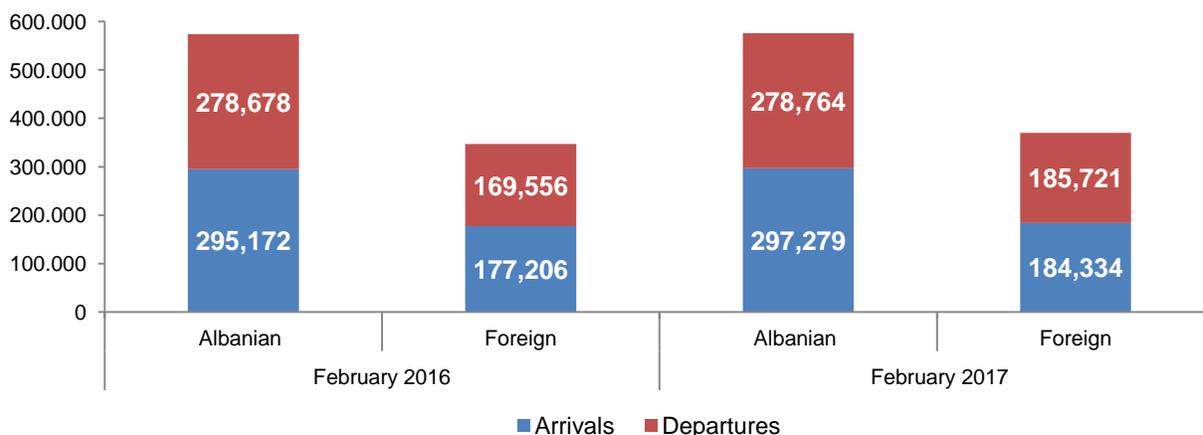
Tirana, 23 March 2017: The number of Albanian and foreign citizens arrivals to the territory of Albania, in February 2017 is 464,485. Compared with February 2016, this indicator increased by 3.6 %. The number of foreign citizens arrivals in the country is 185,721. Compared with February 2016, this number increased by 9.5 %.

The number of foreign citizens arrivals to the territory of Albania during the period January-February 2017 increased by 4.5 % compared with the same period of 2016.

Albanian and foreign citizens out of the country were 481,613, during February 2017, marking an increase by 2.0 % compared with the same month of previous year. The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania is 297,279, in February 2017. Compared with February 2016, this number increased by 0.7 %.

The number of foreign citizens out of the territory of Albania during the period January-February 2017 decreased by 0.4 % compared with the same period of 2016.

Fig. 1 Arrivals and departures citizens in Albania



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

Period	Feb.-16	Feb.-17	Annual change (%)	Jan.-Feb. 16	Jan.-Feb. 17	Progressiv annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	448,234	464,485	3.6	914,046	932,647	2.0
Albanian	278,678	278,764	0.3	570,956	574,169	0.6
Foreign	169,556	185,721	9.5	343,090	358,478	4.5
Total Departures	472,378	481,613	2.0	1,053,462	1,039,722	-1.3
Albanian	295,172	297,279	0.7	671,076	668,320	-0.4
Foreign	177,206	184,334	4.0	382,386	371,402	-2.9

The number of foreign visitors to Albania for holidays and Same-Day visits in February 2017, results 35,096, while in February 2016 this number was 17,768.

In Albania, the number of foreign citizens entered for personal purposes in January 2017 was 182,010 and constituted 98.0 % of the total entered of foreign citizens. Compared with January 2016, the number of foreign citizens for personal purposes increased by 9.8 %.

Number of foreign citizens arrivals to Albania for business purposes for the period January-February 2017 increased by 4.5 % compared with the same period of previous year.

Number of foreign citizens arrivals to Albania for business purposes constitutes 0.2 % of inflows of foreign citizens, decreasing by 3.4%.

Tab.2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	Feb.-16	Feb.-17	Jan.-Feb.16	Jan.-Feb.17
Arrivals foreign citizens	169,556	185,721	343,090	358,478
I. Personal	165,699	182,010	336,665	351,832
1. Holidays	15,676	30,652	29,985	48,269
2. Visit to friends and relatives	880	709	2,202	1,235
3. Same -Day Visits	2,092	4,444	3,497	17,201
4. Health treatment	35	53	99	96
5. Religious	98	45	176	71
6. Others	140,055	139,452	279,815	269,697
7. Transit	6,863	6,655	20,891	15,263
II. Business and professional	3,857	3,711	6,425	6,646

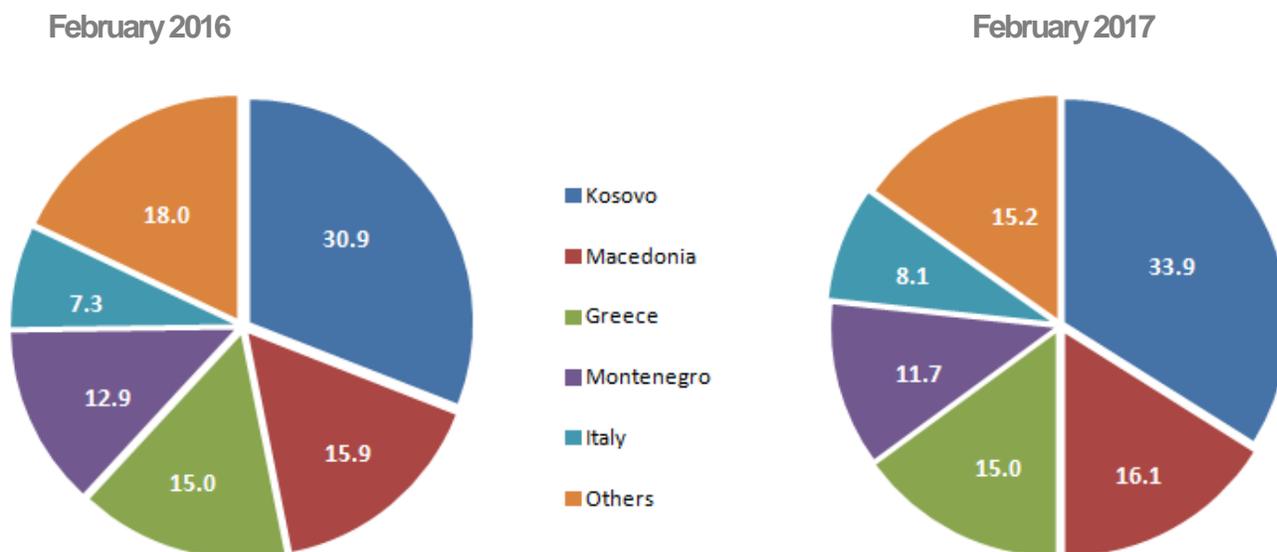
Arrivals of foreign by land comprised the largest share with 83.6 %, while air and maritime arrivals comprised respectively 13.5 % and 2.9 %.

Tab.3 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
Feb-2016	63,736	21,066	363,432	62,705	21,351	388,322
Feb-2017	69,499	21,501	373,485	69,462	23,262	388,889
Annual Change (%)	9.0	2.1	2.8	10.8	9.0	0.1
Jan.-Feb. 2016	134,290	46,344	733,412	141,803	76,739	834,920
Jan.-Feb. 2017	159,936	43,922	728,789	172,362	78,391	788,969
Progresiv annual change (%)	19.1	-5.2	-0.6	21.6	2.2	-5.5

The largest number of arrivals of foreigners in our country, in February 2017, resulted from Kosovo with 33.9 %, followed by arrivals citizens from Macedonia with 16.1 %, Greece 15.0 %, Montenegro with 11.7 %, 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 entry.

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 friends and relatives
3. Same – Day Visit
4. Health treatment
5. Religious
6. Others
7. Transit

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: <http://www.instat.gov.al/al/rreth-nesh/cilesia-statistikore.aspx/>
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