

Movements of citizens in Albania

March 2017

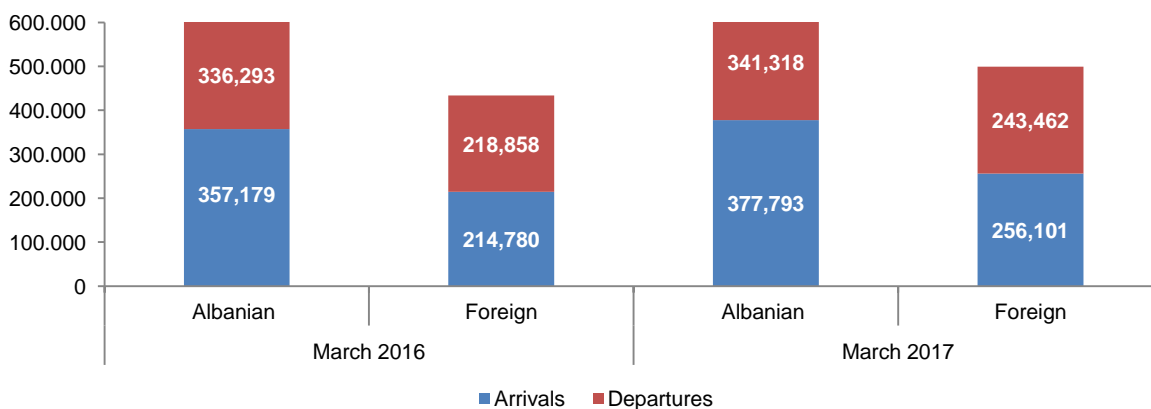
Tirana, 20 April 2017: The number of Albanian and foreign citizens arrivals to the territory of Albania, in March 2017 is 584,780. Compared with March 2016, this indicator increased by 5.3 %. The number of foreign citizens arrivals in the country is 243,462. Compared with March 2016, this number increased by 11.2 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during in first quarter of 2017 increased by 7.1 %, compared with the same period of 2016.

Albanian and foreign citizens out of the country were 633,894, during March 2017 marking an increase by 10.8 %, compared with the same month of previous year. The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania is 377,793 in March 2017. Compared with March 2016, this number increased by 5.8 %.

The number of foreign citizens out of the territory of Albania during in the first quarter of 2017 increased by 1.7 %, compared with the same period of 2016.

Fig. 1 Arrivals and departures citizens in Albania



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

Period	March-16	March-17	Annual change (%)	January-March 16	January-March 17	Progressive annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	555,151	584,780	5.3	1,469,197	1,517,427	3.3
Albanian	336,293	341,318	1.5	907,249	915,487	0.9
Foreign	218,858	243,462	11.2	561,948	601,940	7.1
Total Departures	571,959	633,894	10.8	1,625,421	1,673,616	2.9
Albanian	357,179	377,793	5.8	1,028,255	1,046,113	1.7
Foreign	214,780	256,101	19.2	597,166	627,503	5.1

The number of foreign visitors to Albania for holidays and Same-Day visits in March 2017, resulted 66,589, while in March 2016 this number was 25,273.

In Albania, the number of foreign citizens arrivals for personal purposes in March 2017 was 237,995 and constituted 97.8 % of the total arrivals of foreign citizens. Compared with March 2016, the number of foreign citizens for personal purposes increased by 11.2 %.

Number of foreign citizens arrivals to Albania for business purposes constituted 2.2 % of arrivals of foreign citizens marking an increase of 12.7 % compared with the same period of the previous year.

Tab.2 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose, March 2017

Period	March-16	March-17	January - March16	January - March17
Arrivals foreign citizens	218,858	243,462	561,948	601,940
I. Personal	214,009	237,995	550,674	589,827
1. Holidays	23,409	66,589	53,394	114,858
2. Visit to friends and relatives	970	967	3,172	2,202
3. Same -Day Visits	1,864	0	5,361	17,201
4. Health treatment	49	84	148	180
5. Religious	78	61	254	132
6. Others	176,548	160,153	456,363	429,850
7. Transit	11,091	10,141	31,982	25,404
II. Business and professional	4,849	5,467	11,274	12,113

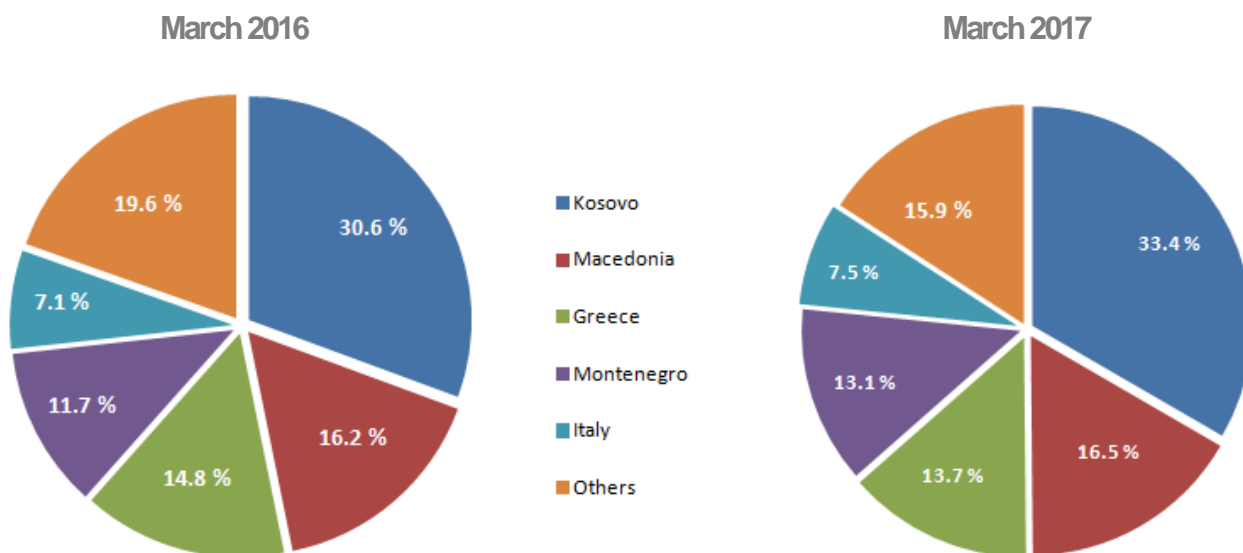
Arrivals of foreign by land comprised the largest share with 80.7 %, while air and maritime arrivals comprised respectively 15.0 % and 4.3 %.

Tab.3 Movements of citizens by mode of travel, March 2017

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
March-2016	75,750	28,732	450,669	71,404	27,225	473,330
March-2017	87,908	25,118	471,754	87,735	27,632	518,527
Annual change	16.1	-12.6	4.7	22.9	1.5	9.5
January- March 2016	210,040	75,076	1,184,081	213,207	103,964	1,308,250
January- March 2017	247,844	69,040	1,200,543	260,097	106,023	1,307,496
Progressive annual change	18.0	-8.0	1.4	22.0	2.0	-0.1

The largest number of arrivals of foreigners in our country, in March 2017, resulted from Kosovo with 33.4 %, followed by arrivals citizens from Macedonia with 16.5 %, Greece 13.7 %, Montenegro with 13.1 %, 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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