

Movements of citizens in Albania

December 2018

Tirana 23 January 2018: The publication "Movements of citizens in Albania" aims to measure some statistical indicators related to tourism. Administrative data are provided by the State Police, the Border and Migration Directorate and are subject to revisions. As a consequence of the increased flow at the border points during the tourist season, some statistical differences are created between entry and exit at the border, because the authorities based on the law does not register all incoming citizens. For more information, consult the methodological explanations on page 4.

Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in December 2018 are 833,200, compared with December 2017, this indicator increased 12.3 %.

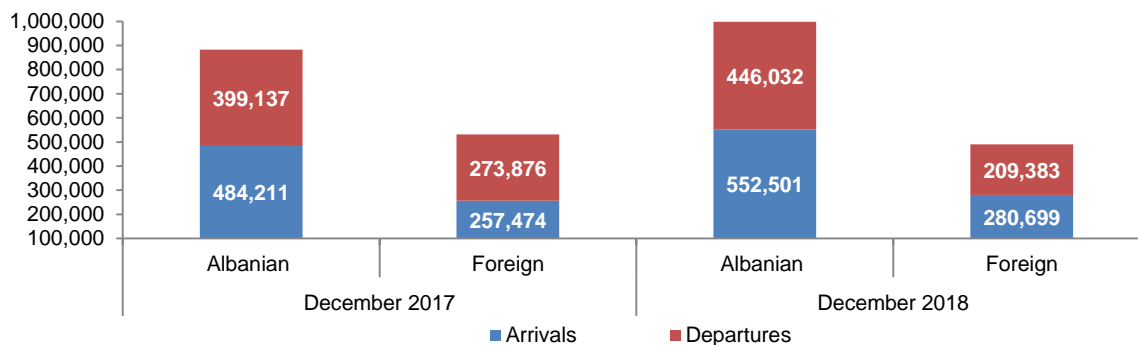
In December 2018, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 280,699. Compared to December 2017, this number increased by 9.0%.

Arrivals of foreign citizen to the territory of Albania during in 2018, are 5,926,803 increasing by 15.8 %, compared with year 2017.

In December 2018, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, Greece had the highest growth by 86.2 %, decreased with 32.2 % of the citizens from Poland.

In 2018, the country with the highest arrivals of citizens in Albania, the largest increase in inflows came from Poland 34.2 %

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during December 2018 are 655.415 marking a decreased by 2.6 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2018 are 446,032 compared to December 2017; this number has increased by 11.7 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2018 are 209,383 compared to December 2017, this number decreased by 23.5 %.

Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of our country in 2018 are 5,415,071 increasing by 4.4 %, compared to previous year.

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	December 2017	December 2018	Annual change (%)	January-December 2017	January-December 2018	Progressive annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	741,685	833,200	12.3	9,969,322	11,246,520	12.8
Albanian	484,211	552,501	14.1	4,851,622	5,319,717	9.6
Foreign	257,474	280,699	9.0	5,117,700	5,926,803	15.8
Total Departures	673,013	655,415	-2.6	10,419,480	11,432,521	9.7
Albanian	399,137	446,032	11.7	5,186,100	5,415,071	4.4
Foreign	273,876	209,383	-23.5	5,233,380	6,017,450	15.0

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	December 2017	December 2018	Annual change (%)	January-December 2017	January-December 2018	Progressive annual change (%)
Kosovo	53,837	74,616	38.6	1,745,973	2,088,503	19.6
Macedonia	67,350	40,676	-39.6	671,570	680,780	1.4
Greece	29,105	54,203	86.2	489,172	552,638	13.0
Italy	28,129	28,384	0.9	363,344	436,103	20.0
United Kingdom	6,514	7,772	19.3	127,333	126,296	-0.8
Montenegro	27,022	26,773	-0.9	380,988	357,071	-6.3
Poland	671	455	-32.2	114,582	153,718	34.2
USA	3,917	4,078	4.1	97,786	116,978	19.6
Germany	645	631	-2.2	22,099	24,675	11.7
Spain	5,019	4,895	-2.5	121,604	142,291	17.0
Switzerland	2,433	2,958	21.6	54,051	54,869	1.5
Other	32,832	35,258	7.4	929,198	1,192,881	28.4
Total	257,474	280,699	9.0	5,117,700	5,926,803	15.8

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	December 2017	December 2018	Annual change (%)	January-December 2017	January-December 2018	Progressive annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	257,474	280,699	9.0	5,117,700	5,926,803	15.8
I. Personal	252,240	274,079	8.7	5,049,173	5,839,626	15.7
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	233,990	253,301	8.3	4,865,841	5,639,818	15.9
2. Health treatment	19	34	78.9	634	276	-56.5
3. Religious	29	54	86.2	601	778	29.5
4. Transit	18,202	20,690	13.7	182,097	198,754	9.1
II. Business and professional	5,234	6,620	26.5	68,527	87,177	27.2

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
December-2017	114,992	50,885	575,808	104,855	24,350	543,808
December-2018	121,666	55,457	656,077	105,352	25,845	524,218
Annual change	5.8	9.0	13.9	0.5	6.1	-3.6
January - December2017	1,305,953	755,346	7,908,023	1,336,259	780,314	8,302,907
January - December2018	1,474,562	799,136	8,972,822	1,485,049	794,755	9,152,717
Progressive annual change	12.9	5.8	13.5	11.1	1.9	10.2

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).

Arrivals 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, etc.;
2. Health treatment;
3. Religious;
4. Transit.

Visits for *Business category* includes 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 may declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.