

Movements of citizens in Albania

June 2019

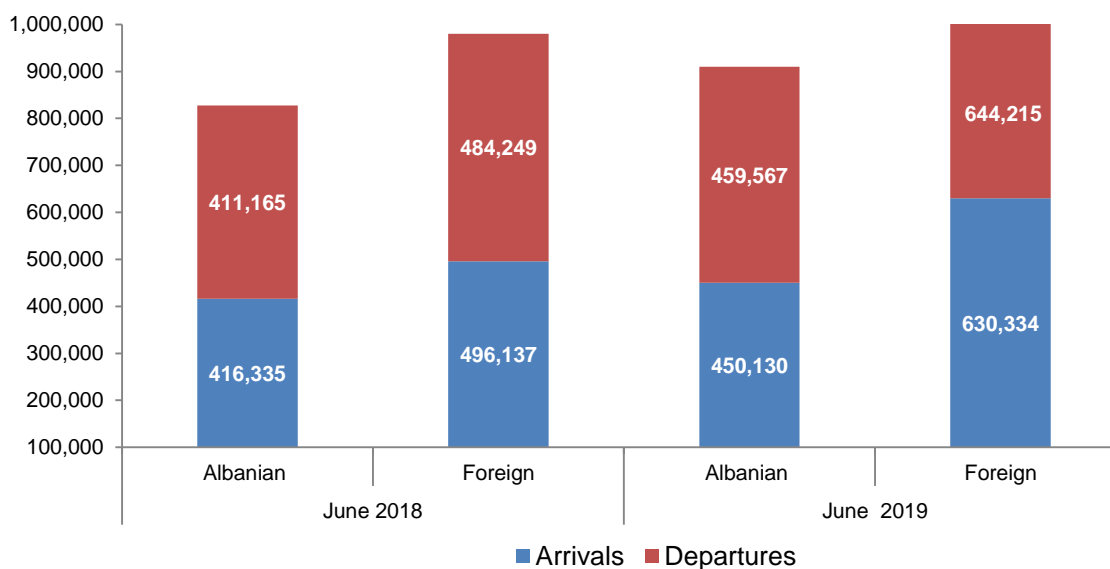
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Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in June 2019 are 1.080.464, compared to June 2018, this indicator increased 18.4 %. In June 2019, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 630.334. Compared to June 2018, this number increased by 27.0 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first six months of 2019, is 2.136.952, increasing by 11.3 %, compared with the same period of 2018. In June 2019, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, Switzerland had the highest growth by 55.4%, while the largest decrease is 7.4 % by the citizens of Poland.

In the first six months of 2019, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is Switzerland by 34.6 %, while Poland had the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 6.4%.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during June 2019 are 1.103.782 marking an increase by 23.3 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during June 2019 are 459.567 and compared to June 2018, this number has increased by 11.8 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during June 2019 are 644.215. Compared to June 2018, this number increased by 33.0 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country in the first six months of 2019 is 2.656.440 increasing by 10.9% compared to the same period of the previous year.

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	June 2018	June 2019	Annual change (%)	January-June 2018	January-June 2019	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	912,472	1,080,464	18.4	4,189,563	4,601,506	9.8
Albanian	416,335	450,130	8.1	2,270,058	2,464,554	8.6
Foreign	496,137	630,334	27.0	1,919,505	2,136,952	11.3
Total Departures	895,414	1,103,782	23.3	4,368,807	4,820,911	10.3
Albanian	411,165	459,567	11.8	2,396,317	2,656,440	10.9
Foreign	484,249	644,215	33.0	1,972,490	2,164,471	9.7

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	June 2018	June 2019	Annual change (%)	January-June 2018	January – June 2019	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	137,538	213,550.0	55.3	572,243	608,649	6.4
Macedonia	59,272	67,767.0	14.3	262,539	276,987	5.5
Greece	41,648	45,889.0	10.2	232,854	251,501	8.0
Italy	38,182	41,506.0	8.7	145,443	159,177	9.4
United Kingdom	10,676	14,357	34.5	43,267	46,487	7.4
Montenegro	28,029	37,867	35.1	185,724	190,236	2.4
Poland	27,990	25,909	-7.4	41,624	38,974	-6.4
USA	15,859	17,757	12.0	42,901	48,810	13.8
Spain	2,766	3,620	30.9	7,400	9,247	25.0
Gjermany	14,371	20,046	39.5	49,768	59,486	19.5
Switzerland	3,230	5,019	55.4	13,963	18,797	34.6
Others	116,576	137,047	17.6	321,779	428,601	33.2
Total	496,137	630,334	27.0	1,919,505	2,136,952	11.3

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	June 2018	June 2019	Annual change (%)	January- June 2018	January - June 2019	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	496,137	630,334	27.0	1,919,505	2,136,952	11.3
I. Personal	488,095	621,213	27.3	1,878,685	2,089,488	11.2
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	473,472	601,218	27.0	1,799,421	2,001,929	11.3
2. Health treatment	13	98	653.8	120	444	270.0
3. Religious	58	63	8.6	408	465	14.0
4. Transit	14,552	19,834	36.3	78,736	86,650	10.1
II. Business and professional	8,042	9,121	13.4	40,820	47,464	16.3

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Ajër	Sea	Land
June 2018	148,773	75,882	687,817	128,896	65,968	700,550
June 2019	165,467	84,457	830,540	146,827	72,580	884,375
Annual change (%)	11.2	11.3	20.8	13.9	10.0	26.2
January- June 2018	643,983	228,375	3,317,205	630,529	240,086	3,498,192
January- June 2019	708,660	261,808	3,631,038	698,242	275,379	3,847,290
Annual change (%)	10.0	14.6	9.5	10.7	14.7	10.0

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.