

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## July 2019

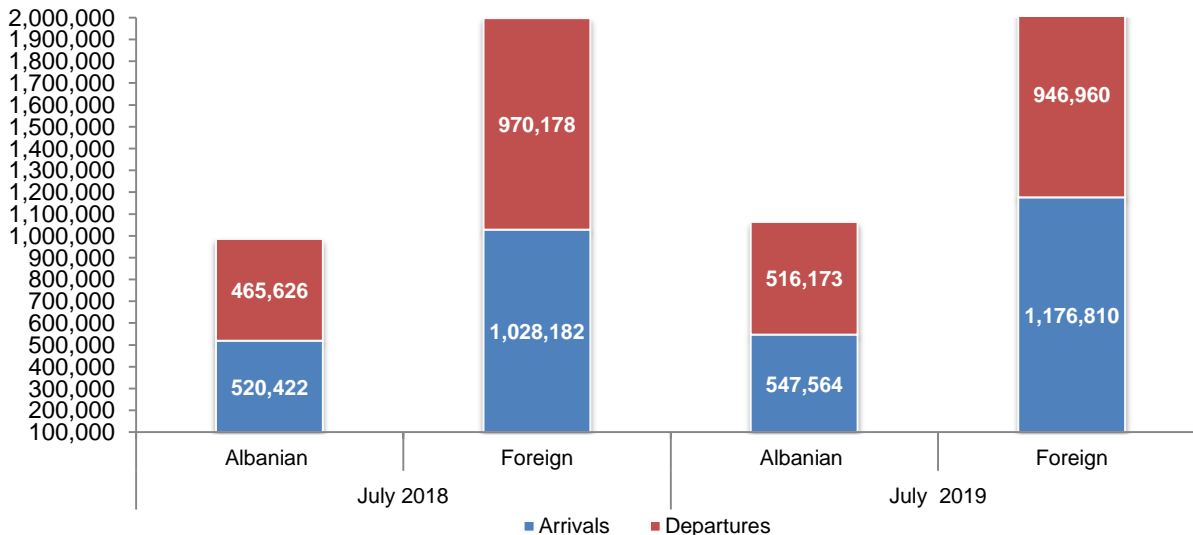
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Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in July 2019 are 1,724,374, compared to July 2018, this indicator increased 11.4 %. In June 2019, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 1,176,810. Compared to July 2018, this number increased by 14.5 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first seven months of 2019, is 3,313,762, increasing by 12.4 %, compared with the same period of 2018. In July 2019, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, Kosovo had the highest growth by 25.5%, while the largest decrease is 14.6 % by the citizens of Poland.

In the first seven months of 2019, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is Switzerland by 24.2 %, while Poland had the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 10.6%.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albani



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during July 2019 are 1,463,133 marking an increase by 1.9 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during July 2019 are 516,173 and compared to July 2018, this number has increased by 10.9 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during July 2019 are 946,960. Compared to July 2018, this number decreased by 2.4 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country in the first seven months of 2019 is 3,172,613 increasing by 10.9 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

**Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens**

	July 2018	July 2019	Annual change (%)	January-July 2018	January-July 2019	Annual change (%)
<b>Total Arrivals</b>	<b>1,548,604</b>	<b>1,724,374</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>5,738,167</b>	<b>6,325,880</b>	<b>10.2</b>
Albanian	520,422	547,564	5.2	2,790,480	3,012,118	7.9
Foreign	1,028,182	1,176,810	14.5	2,947,687	3,313,762	12.4
<b>Total Departures</b>	<b>1,435,804</b>	<b>1,463,133</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>5,804,611</b>	<b>6,284,044</b>	<b>8.3</b>
Albanian	465,626	516,173	10.9	2,861,943	3,172,613	10.9
Foreign	970,178	946,960	-2.4	2,942,668	3,111,431	5.7

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens**

Countries	July 2018	July 2019	Annual change (%)	January-July 2018	January - July 2019	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	357,588	448,896	25.5	929,831	1,057,545	13.7
Macedonia	97,820	95,457	-2.4	360,359	372,444	3.4
Greece	54,379	60,272	10.8	287,233	311,773	8.5
Italy	59,933	64,530	7.7	145,443	159,177	9.4
United Kingdom	21,942	25,738	17.3	205,376	223,707	8.9
Montenegro	25,220	25,359	0.6	210,944	215,595	2.2
Poland	43,302	36,991	-14.6	84,926	75,965	-10.6
USA	23,755	23,708	-0.2	66,656	72,518	8.8
Spain	4,595	4,413	-4.0	11,995	13,660	13.9
Gjermany	25,560	29,402	15.0	75,328	88,888	18.0
Switzerland	18,850	21,962	16.5	32,813	40,759	24.2
Others	295,238	151,390	-48.7	617,017	579,991	-6.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,028,182</b>	<b>1,176,810</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>2,947,687</b>	<b>3,313,762</b>	<b>12.4</b>

**Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose**

Period	July 2018	July 2019	Annual change (%)	January-July 2018	January-July 2019	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	1,028,182	1,176,810	14.5	2,947,687	3,313,762	12.4
I. Personal	1,020,381	1,167,708	14.4	2,899,066	3,257,196	12.4
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	985,913	1,128,573	14.5	2,785,334	3,130,502	12.4
2. Health treatment	19	24	26.3	139	468	236.7
3. Religious	111	66	-40.5	519	531	2.3
4. Transit	34,338	39,045	13.7	113,074	125,695	11.2
II. Business and professional	7,801	9,102	16.7	48,621	56,566	16.3

**Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel**

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
July 2018	190,807	152,042	1,205,755	155,173	89,654	1,190,977
July 2019	215,019	155,494	1,353,861	172,460	92,059	1,198,614
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>0.6</b>
January- July 2018	834,790	380,417	4,522,960	785,702	329,740	4,689,169
January- July 2019	923,679	417,302	4,984,899	870,702	367,438	5,045,904
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>10.2</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>7.6</b>

# 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.