

Movements of citizens in Albania

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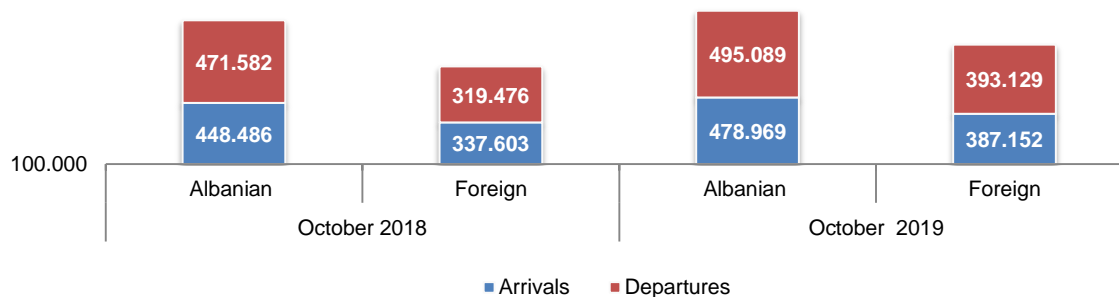
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Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in October 2019 are 866,121, compared to October 2018, this indicator decreased 10.2 %. In October 2019, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 387,152. Compared to October 2018, this number increased by 14.7 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during ten months of 2019, is 5,849,154, increasing by 8.3 %, compared with the same period of 2018. In October 2019, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, Spain had the highest growth by 62.4%, while the largest decrease is 4.5 % by the citizens of Poland.

In ten months of 2019, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is Switzerland by 19.9 %, while Poland had the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 14.2%.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during October 2019 are 888.218 marking an increase by 12.3 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during October 2019 are 495,089. Compared to October 2018, this number has increased by 5.0 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during October 2019 are 3931129. Compared to October 2018, this number increased by 23.1 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country in the ten months of 2019 is 4,956,344 increasing by 9.2 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	October 2018	October 2019	Annual change (%)	January- October 2018	January- October 2019	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	786,089	866,121	10.2	9,766,194	10,512,120	7.6
Albanian	448,486	478,969	6.8	4,366,768	4,662,966	6.8
Foreign	337,603	387,152	14.7	5,399,426	5,849,154	8.3
Total Departures	791,058	888,218	12.3	10,116,592	10,609,672	4.9
Albanian	471,582	495,089	5.0	4,537,760	4,956,344	9.2
Foreign	319,476	393,129	23.1	5,578,832	5,653,328	1.3

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	October 2018	October 2019	Annual change (%)	January- October 2018	January – October 2019	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	79,631	92,010	15.5	1,944,985	2,096,989	7.8
North Macedonia	48,584	52,448	8.0	602,831	690,758	14.6
Greece	46,393	50,260	8.3	458,765	498,482	8.7
Italy	27,754	30,386	30.4	387,397	412,256	6.4
United Kingdom	9,675	12,111	25.2	109,601	117,508	7.2
Montenegro	34,601	37,254	7.7	298,920	308,016	3.0
Poland	2,601	2,483	-4.5	152,773	131,035	-14.2
USA	8,705	8,427	-3.2	108,357	109,923	1.4
Spain	1,393	2,262	62.4	23,611	27,245	15.4
Germany	12,357	16,716	35.3	134,198	157,142	17.1
Switzerland	3,867	5,471	41.5	50,731	60,816	19.9
Others	62,042	77,324	24.6	1,127,257	1,238,984	9.9
Total	337,603	387,152	14.7	5,399,426	5,849,154	8.3

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	October 2018	October 2019	Annual change (%)	January- October 2018	January – October 2019	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	337,603	387,152	14.7	5,399,426	5,849,154	8.3
I. Personal	328,235	376,415	14.7	5,327,047	5,765,206	8.2
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	314,489	360,790	14.7	5,158,160	5,582,096	8.2
2. Health treatment	36	27	-25.0	203	532	162.1
3. Religious	44	39	-11.4	674	717	6.4
4. Transit	13,666	15,559	13.9	168,010	181,861	8.2
II. Business and professional	9,368	10,737	14.6	72,379	83,948	16.0

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
October 2018	109,316	48,308	628,465	118,198	47,568	625,292
October 2019	130,728	53,853	681,54	141,741	52,585	693,892
Annual change (%)	19.6	11.5	8.4	19.9	10.5	11.0
January- October 2018	1,257,555	715,14	7,793,499	1,271,426	743,718	8,101,448
January- October 2019	1,405,668	751,331	8,355,121	1,426,985	781,025	8,401,662
Annual change (%)	11.8	5.1	7.2	12.2	5.0	3.7

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.