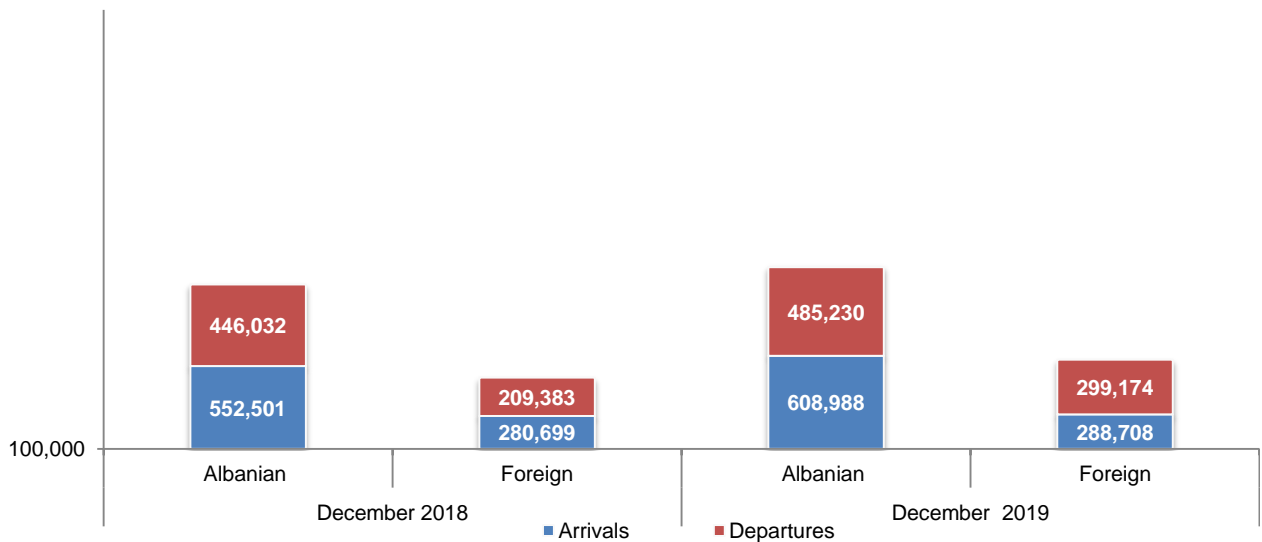# Movements of citizens in Albania

December 2019

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Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in December 2019 are 897,696, compared to December 2018, this indicator increased 7.7 %. In December 2019, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 288,708. Compared to December 2018, this number increased by 2.9 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during 2019, is 6.406.038, increasing by 8.1 %, compared with 2018. In December 2019, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, Poland had the highest growth, while the largest decrease is marked by the citizens of Germany.

In 2019, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is Switzerland by 18.2 %, while Poland had the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 13.9 %.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania

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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during December 2019 are 784.404 marking an increase by 19.7 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2019 are 485,230. Compared to December 2018, this number has increased by 8.8 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2019 are 299.174. Compared to December 2018, this number increased by 42,9 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country in 2019 is 5.921.750 increasing by 9.4 % compared to the previous year.

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	December 2018	December 2019	Annual change (%)	Jan.-Dec. 2018	Jan.-Dec. 2019	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	**833,200**	**897,696**	**7.7**	**11,246,520**	**12,103,767**	**7.6**
Albanian	552,501	608,988	10.2	5,319,717	5,697,729	7.1
Foreign	280,699	288,708	2.9	5,926,803	6,406,038	8.1
Total Departures	**655,415**	**784,404**	**19.7**	**11,432,521**	**12,181,435**	**6.6**
Albanian	446,032	485,230	8.8	5,415,071	5,921,750	9.4
Foreign	209,383	299,174	42.9	6,017,450	6,259,685	4.0

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	December 2018	December 2019	Annual change (%)	Jan.-Dec. 2018	Jan.–Dec. 2019	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	74,616	75,211	0.8	2,088,503	2,246,540	7.6
North Macedonia	40,676	40,655	-0.1	680,780	753,533	10.7
Greece	54,203	56,969	5.1	552,638	596,884	8.0
Italy	28,384	31,789	12.0	436,103	467,745	7.3
United Kingdom	7,772	8,635	11.1	126,296	133,175	5.4
Montenegro	26,773	27,836	4.0	357,071	366,817	2.7
Poland	455	636	39.8	153,718	132,403	-13.9
USA	4,078	4,414	8.2	116,978	119,179	1.9
Spain	631	583	-7.6	24,675	28,750	16.5
Germany	4,895	4,128	-15.7	142,291	165,703	16.5
Switzerland	2,958	2,750	-7.0	54,869	64,870	18.2
Others	35,258	35,102	-0.4	1,192,881	1,330,439	11.5
Total	**280,699**	**288,708**	**2.9**	**5,926,803**	**6,406,038**	**8.1**

For more information, please visit the website: http://www.instat.gov.al/en/home.aspx

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	December 2018	December 2019	Annual change (%)	Jan.-Dec. 2018	Jan.–Dec. 2019	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	**280,699**	**288,708**	**2.9**	**5,926,803**	**6,406,038**	**8.1**
I. Personal	274,079	279,517	2.0	5,839,626	6,304,845	8.0
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	253,301	262,426	3.6	5,639,818	6,094,889	8.1
2. Health treatment	34	57	67.6	276	658	138.4
3. Religious	54	38	-29.6	778	794	2.1
4. Tranzit	20,690	16,996	-17.9	198,754	208,504	4.9
II. Business and professional	6,620	9,191	38.8	87,177	101,193	16.1

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
December 2018	121,666	55,457	656,077	105,352	25,845	524,218
December 2019	144,408	57,809	695,479	142,337	25,728	616,339
Annual change (%)	**18.7**	**4.2**	**6.0**	**35.1**	**-0.5**	**17.6**
January- December 2018	1,474,562	799,136	8,972,822	1,485,049	794,755	9,152,717
January- December 2019	1,659,594	842,904	9,601,269	1,693,936	838,515	9,648,984
Annual change (%)	**12.5**	**5.5**	**7.0**	**14.1**	**5.5**	**5.4**

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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. Tranzit.

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
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.