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Movements of citizens in Albania

February 2020

Tiranë 25 March 2020: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in February 2020 are 616,496.
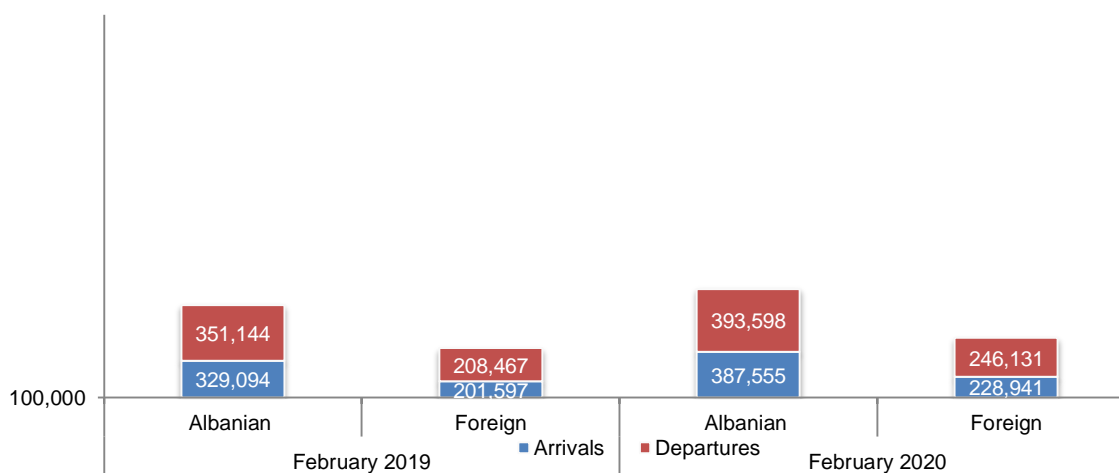
Compared to February 2019, this indicator increased 16.2 %. In February 2020, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 228,941. Compared to February 2019, this number increased by 13.6 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first two months of 2020, is 478,402, increasing by 16.4 %, compared with the same period of 2019.

In February 2020, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, Poland had the highest growth, while the lowest increase is marked by the citizens of SHBA, compared with February 2019.

In the two months of 2020, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is Poland by 40.4 %, while SHBA had the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 7.2 %.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania

	February 2019		February 2020
Albanian	Foreign	Albanian	Foreign
351,144 (Departures)	208,467 (Departures)	393,598 (Departures)	246,131 (Departures)
329,094 (Arrivals)	201,597 (Arrivals)	387,555 (Arrivals)	228,941 (Arrivals)

■ Arrivals ■ Departures

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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during February 2020 are 639,729 marking an increase by 14.3 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during February 2020 are 393,598. Compared to February 2019, this number has increased by 12.1 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during February 2020 are 246,131. Compared to February 2019, this number increased by 18.1 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country in the two months of 2020 is 924,663 increasing by 14.9 % compared to the previous year.

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	February 2019	February 2020	Annual change (%)	January- February 2019	January- February 2020	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	**530,691**	**616,496**	**16.2**	**1,104,739**	**1,310,452**	**18.6**
Albanian	329,094	387,555	17.8	693,622	832,050	20.0
Foreign	201,597	228,941	13.6	411,117	478,402	16.4
Total Departures	**559,611**	**639,729**	**14.3**	**1,253,268**	**1,482,423**	**18.3**
Albanian	351,144	393,598	12.1	804,975	924,663	14.9
Foreign	208,467	246,131	18.1	448,293	557,760	24.4

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	February 2019	February 2020	Annual change (%)	January- February 2019	January- February 2020	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	58,489	70,648	20.8	124,538	148,280	19.1
North Macedonia	29,419	34,230	16.4	59,434	72,264	21.6
Greece	31,918	38,106	19.4	63,575	76,849	20.9
Italy	17,354	18,409	6.1	36,689	39,476	7.6
United Kingdom	5,151	6,101	18.4	9,546	11,660	22.1
Montenegro	21,185	27,337	29.0	45,610	58,227	27.7
Poland	374	531	42.0	767	1,077	40.4
USA	3,131	3,218	2.8	6,786	7,277	7.2
Spain	362	497	37.3	755	964	27.7
Germany	2,338	3,024	29.3	5,244	6,298	20.1
Switzerland	907	1,234	36.1	2,552	2,860	12.1
Others	30,969	25,606	-17.3	55,621	53,170	-4.4
Total	201,597	228,941	13.6	411,117	478,402	16.4

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

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	February 2019	February 2020	Annual change (%)	January- February 2019	January- February 2020	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	**201,597**	**228,941**	13.6	411,117	478,402	16.4
I. Personal	193,963	220,172	13.5	398,737	462,711	16.0
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	185,863	211,006	13.5	380,726	442,786	16.3
2. Health treatment	61	58	-4.9	66	95	43.9
3. Religious	57	35	-38.6	156	73	-53.2
4. Tranzit	7,982	9,073	13.7	17,789	19,757	11.1
II. Business and professional	7,634	8,769	14.9	12,380	15,691	26.7

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
February 2019	88,883	21,748	420,060	87,906	20,957	450,748
February 2020	98,100	23,301	495,095	96,449	21,063	522,217
Annual change (%)	10.4	7.1	17.9	9.7	0.5	15.9
January- February 2019	191,229	44,288	869,222	207,139	68,495	977,634
January- February 2020	213,130	49,040	1,048,282	228,590	69,772	1,184,061
Annual change (%)	11.5	10.7	20.6	10.4	1.9	21.1

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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 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.