

Movements of citizens in Albania

April 2020

Tiranë 21 May 2020: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in April 2020 are 25,257.

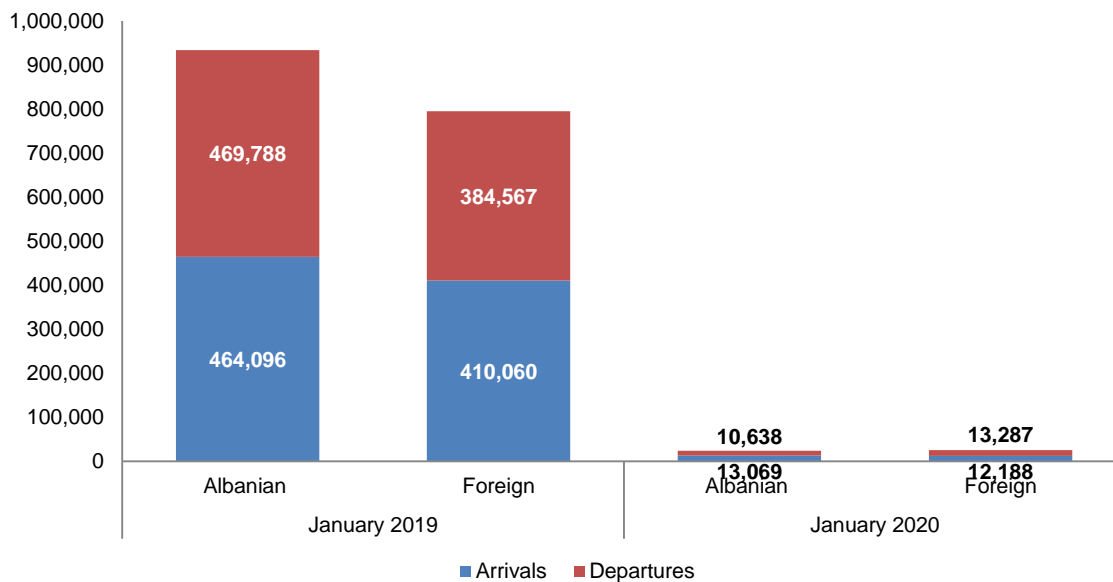
Compared to April 2019, this indicator decreased 97.1 %.

In April 2020, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 12,188. Compared to April 2019, this number decreased by 97.0 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first three months of 2020, is 585,911, decreasing by 47.0 %, compared with the same period of 2019.

During the first four months of 2020, United Kingdom had the lowest decrease of income of citizens by 30.0 %, while Poland had the highest decrease of income of citizens by 73.8 %, compared with the same period of 2019.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during April 2020 are 23,925 marking a decrease by 97.2 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during April 2020 are 10,638. Compared to April 2019, this number has decreased by 97.7 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during April 2020 are 13,287. Compared to April 2019, this number decreased by 96.5 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country during the first four months of 2020 is 1,110,928 decreasing by 35.4 %, compared to the previous year.

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	April 2019	April 2020	Annual change (%)	January- April 2019	January- April 2020	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	874,156	25,257	-97.1	2,691,878	1,608,223	-40.3
Albanian	464,096	13,069	-97.2	1,586,791	1,022,312	-35.6
Foreign	410,060	12,188	-97.0	1,105,087	585,911	-47.0
Total Departures	854,355	23,925	-97.2	2,836,440	1,791,277	-36.8
Albanian	469,788	10,638	-97.7	1,719,591	1,110,928	-35.4
Foreign	384,567	13,287	-96.5	1,116,849	680,349	-39.1

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	April 2019	April 2020	Annual change (%)	January- April 2019	January- April 2020	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	112,294	4,734	-95.8	316,221	182,188	-42.4
North Macedonia	53,963	2,475	-95.4	158,861	90,181	-43.2
Greece	55,224	476	-99.1	164,184	88,953	-45.8
Italy	30,131	82	-99.7	88,414	44,351	-49.8
United Kingdom	9,348	30	-99.7	20,755	14,521	-30.0
Montenegro	34,986	1,871	-94.7	115,485	72,248	-37.4
Poland	3,879	32	-99.2	5,228	1,369	-73.8
USA	6,837	25	-99.6	20,364	8,671	-57.4
Spain	1,924	12	-99.4	3,173	1,132	-64.3
Germany	13,447	20	-99.9	21,398	11,208	-47.6
Others	88,027	2,431	-97.2	191,004	71,089	-62.8
Total	410,060	12,188	-97.0	1,105,087	585,911	-47.0

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	April 2019	April 2020	Annual change (%)	January- April 2019	January- April 2020	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	410,060	12,188	-97.0	1,105,087	585,911	-47.0
I. Personal	401,372	4,102	-99.0	1,076,177	554,814	-48.4
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, religious, etc.	381,453	3,526	-99.1	1,024,793	529,380	-48.3
2. Health treatment	82	36	-56.1	219	180	-17.8
3. Tranzit	19,837	540	-97.3	51,165	25,254	-50.6
II. Business and professional	8,688	8,086	-6.9	28,910	31,097	7.6

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
April 2019	122,791	43,030	708,335	117,493	39,450	697,412
April 2020	2,645	3,111	19,501	1,855	2,043	20,027
Annual change (%)	-97.8	-92.8	-97.2	-98.4	-94.8	-97.1
January- April 2019	417,453	115,616	2,158,809	426,920	144,409	2,265,111
January- April 2020	254,079	63,107	1,291,037	268,768	80,329	1,442,180
Annual change (%)	-39.1	-45.4	-40.2	-37.0	-44.4	-36.3

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, religious etc.;
2. Health treatment;
3. 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.