

Movements of citizens in Albania

June 2020

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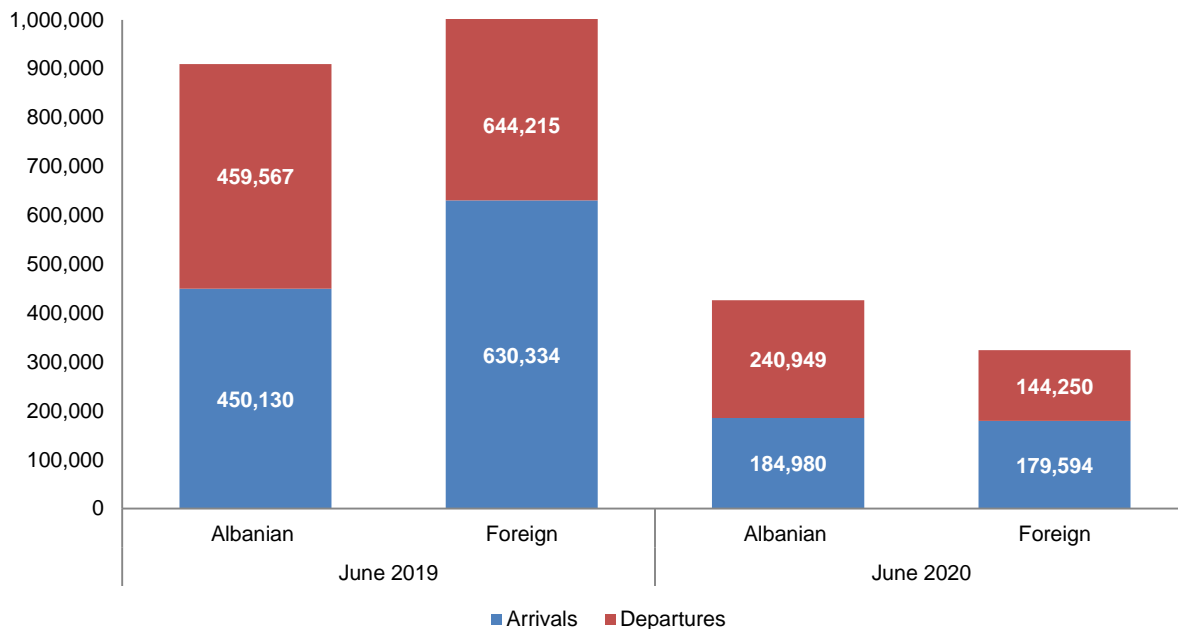
Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in June 2020 are 364,574. Compared to June 2019, this indicator decreased by 66.3 %.

In June 2020, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 179,594. Compared to June 2019, this number decreased by 71.5 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first six months of 2020, is 781,894 decreasing by 63.4 %, compared with the same period of 2019.

During the first six months of 2020, Kosovo had the lowest decrease of arrivals by 51.0 %, while Poland had the highest decrease of arrivals by 95,3 %, 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 June 2020 are 385,199 marking a decrease by 65.1 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during June 2020 are 240,949. Compared to June 2019, this number has decreased by 47.6 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during June 2020 are 144,250. Compared to June 2019, this number decreased by 77.6 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country during the first six months of 2020 is 1,380,308 decreasing by 48.0 %, compared to the previous year.

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	June 2019	June 2020	Annual change (%)	January-June 2019	January-June 2020	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	1,080,464	364,574	-66.3	4,601,506	2,019,285	-56.1
Albanian	450,130	184,980	-58.9	2,464,554	1,237,391	-49.8
Foreign	630,334	179,594	-71.5	2,136,952	781,894	-63.4
Total Departures	1,103,782	385,199	-65.1	4,820,911	2,221,843	-53.9
Albanian	459,567	240,949	-47.6	2,656,440	1,380,308	-48.0
Foreign	644,215	144,250	-77.6	2,164,471	841,535	-61.1

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	June 2019	June 2020	Annual change (%)	January- June 2019	January- June 2020	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	213,550	109,517	-48.7	608,649	298,162	-51.0
North Macedonia	67,767	9,878	-85.4	276,987	103,183	-62.7
Greece	45,889	19,366	-57.8	251,501	109,098	-56.6
Italy	41,506	4,963	-88.0	159,177	49,556	-68.9
United Kingdom	14,357	2,132	-85.2	46,487	16,751	-64.0
Montenegro	37,867	16,689	-55.9	190,236	91,139	-52.1
Poland	25,909	383	-98.5	38,974	1,814	-95.3
USA	17,757	770	-95.7	48,810	9,502	-80.5
Spain	3,620	44	-98.8	9,247	1,184	-87.2
Germany	20,046	2,634	-86.9	59,486	13,877	-76.7
Switzerland	5,019	1,189	-76.3	18,797	4,442	-76.4
Others	137,047	12,029	-91.2	428,601	83,186	-80.6
Total	630,334	179,367	-71.5	2,136,952	781,894	-63.4

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	June 2019	June 2020	Annual change (%)	January-June 2019	January- June 2020	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	630,334	179,594	-71.5	2,136,952	781,894	-63.4
I. Personal	621,213	168,652	-72.9	2,089,488	728,964	-65.1
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, religious, etc.	601,218	164,782	-72.6	2,001,929	698,724	-65.1
2. Health treatment	98	123	25.5	444	353	-20.5
3. Religious	63	20	-68.3	465	110	-76.3
4. Transit	19,834	3,727	-81.2	86,650	29,777	-65.6
II. Business and professional	9,121	10,942	20.0	47,464	52,930	11.5

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
June 2019	165,467	84,457	830,540	146,827	72,580	884,375
June 2020	19,961	14,402	330,211	8,568	29,865	346,766
Annual change (%)	-87.9	-82.9	-60.2	-94.2	-58.9	-60.8
January- June 2019	708,660	261,808	3,631,038	698,242	275,379	3,847,290
January- June 2020	279,018	83,289	1,656,978	279,440	114,290	1,828,113
Annual change (%)	-60.6	-68.2	-54.4	-60.0	-58.5	-52.5

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 June declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.