

Demographic indicators

2nd Quarter - 2020

Tiranë, on 12 August 2020:

NUMBER OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2020 MAY NOT REFLECT REALITY, SINCE BECAUSE OF THE SITUATION COVID -19, MISSING OF REPORTS IN THE OFFICES OF THE CIVIL STATUS ACROSS ALBANIA TO THE NUMBER OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN THE RELEVANT REGISTERS.

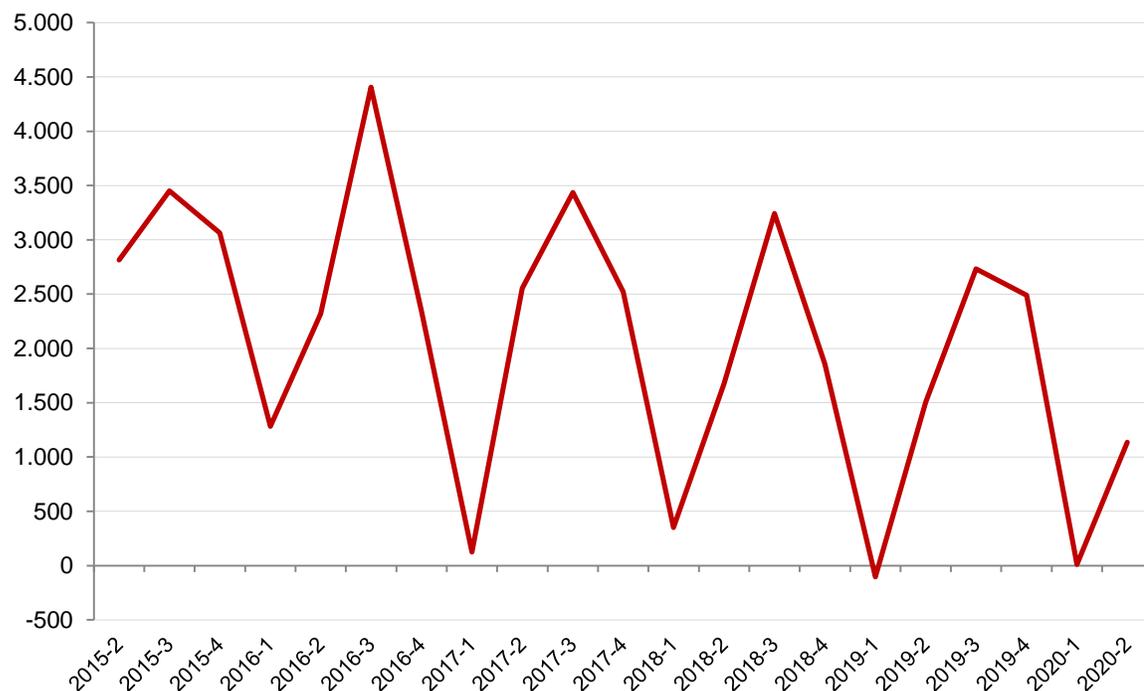
SO, THE DATA WILL BE OBJECT OF REVIEW FOR 2020 AND WILL BE REEVALUATED.

The number of births for the second quarter of 2020 is 6,124, marking a decrease by 8.0 % compared to the second quarter of 2019.

The number of deaths for the second quarter of 2020 results 4,989, marking a decrease by 3.1 % compared to the second quarter of 2019.

During the second quarter of 2020 the number of births exceeds by 1,135 the number of births.

Fig. 1: Natural population increase



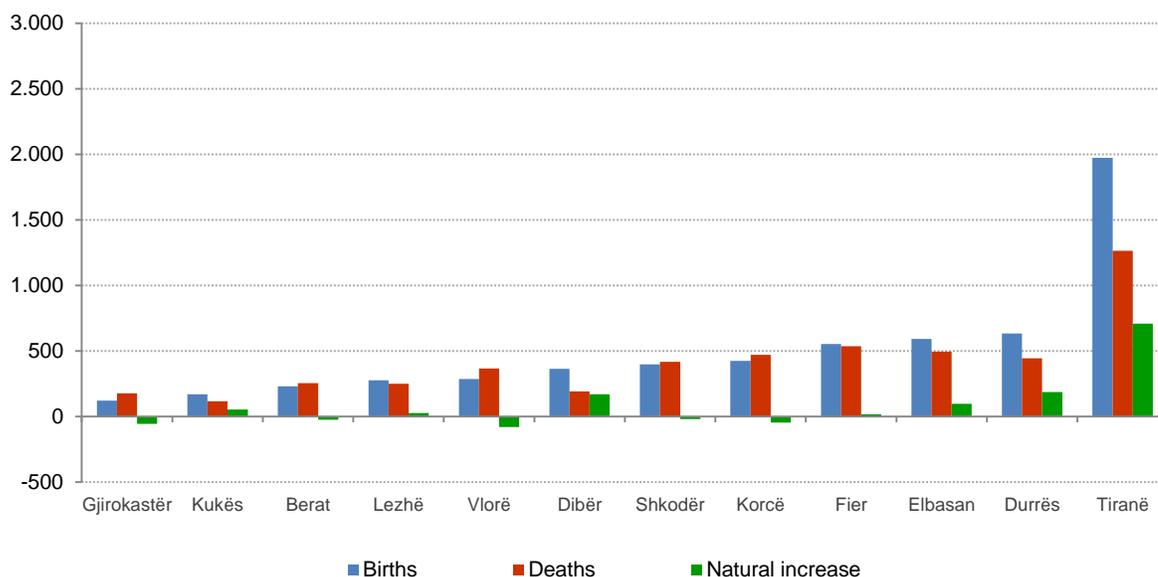
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In the second quarter of 2020 seven prefectures of the country recorded positive natural population increase, while in five prefectures, natural population increase was negative.

In the second quarter of 2020 the highest value of natural population increase is registered in Tiranë prefecture, where the number of births exceeds by 709 the number of deaths, while the lowest is registered in Vlorë prefecture, where deaths exceeds by 80 the number of births.

Fig. 2: Births, deaths and natural increase by prefectures, Q2 - 2020



Births

In the second quarter of 2020 two prefectures of the country recorded increase in the number of births, compared to the same period of 2019, while ten prefectures have marked decrease.

In the second quarter of 2020 the highest number of births is registered in Tiranë prefecture, with 1,973 births, while the lowest is registered in Gjirokastrër prefecture, with 121 births.

The largest percentage increase in birth, during the second quarter of 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 was recorded in Gjirokastrër prefecture with 5.2 %; the largest decrease was registered in Kukës prefecture, with -37.0 %.

Tab. 1: Births by prefecture

No.	Prefecture	II - 19	III - 19	IV - 19	I - 2020**	II- 2020**
	Albania	6,655	7,739	7,910	6,126	6,124
1	Berat	251	322	316	246	231
2	Dibër	400	424	416	298	364
3	Durrës	703	842	866	649	633
4	Elbasan	678	762	761	594	592
5	Fier	555	694	755	556	554
6	Gjirokastrë	115	122	160	91	121
7	Korçë	443	461	439	380	425
8	Kukës	270	279	316	146	170
9	Lezhë	272	358	362	314	277
10	Shkodër	420	502	557	422	397
11	Tiranë	2,224	2,509	2,525	2,059	1,973
12	Vlorë	289	437	397	284	286
	*Unknown	35	27	40	87	101

*Category "Unknown" means the number of live births for which the information of prefecture in which the birth has been registered is missing¹

** Preliminary data

Deaths

In the second quarter of 2020 seven prefectures of the country recorded decrease in the number of deaths compared to the same period of the year 2019, while in five prefectures there was increase.

In the second quarter of 2020 the lowest number of deaths is registered in Kukës prefecture, with 117 deaths, while the highest is registered in Tiranë prefecture, with 1,264 deaths.

The largest percentage decrease in deaths, during the second quarter of 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 was recorded in Berat prefecture, with -24.4 %, while Gjirokastrë prefecture had the highest increase in percentage, with 9.9 %.

¹ Look at the methodology in the following link:
<http://www.instat.gov.al/en/themes/demography-and-social-indicators/births-deaths-and-marriages/#tab4>

Tab. 2: Deaths by prefecture

No.	Prefecture	II - 19	III - 19	IV - 19	I - 2020**	II- 2020**
	Albania	5,149	5,006	5,421	6,115	4,989
1	Berat	336	258	262	357	254
2	Dibër	216	224	219	230	193
3	Durrës	452	437	579	526	445
4	Elbasan	488	499	460	618	496
5	Fier	540	577	569	692	537
6	Gjirokastër	161	179	191	214	177
7	Korçë	548	451	513	628	472
8	Kukës	127	132	124	134	117
9	Lezhë	231	207	251	283	249
10	Shkodër	402	408	442	479	417
11	Tiranë	1,261	1,246	1,378	1,499	1,264
12	Vlorë	381	380	430	454	366
	<i>*Unknown</i>	6	8	3	1	2

**Category "Unknown" means the number of deaths for which the information of prefecture in which the death has been registered is missing*

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Methodology

Quarterly data for births and deaths, at national and prefecture level constitute an important link of the demography of the country. They represent data on population changes, which have an impact on the economic and social life of the country. These data are published based on the Official Statistics Program 2017-2021.

Births

Birth data

Birth data by sex is provided by the General Directorate of Civil Status, which sends to INSTAT only the number of births of the residents in Albania. All births of Albanian residents are considered during the reference period, by not taking into account the births of residents outside Albania (emigrants), even though they may be registered in the civil status offices, near their former settlements.

According to the methodology followed by INSTAT, the number of births are calculated based on the date of occurrence of the event and not based on the date of registration of this event in the civil status offices.

Late registered birth

A small adjustment is made in the number of the late registered births for the actual year, in order to include all occurred births in a reference period. The number of late registered births in the previous year are considered as proxy for late registration of the actual year, considering the assumption (as a result of our continuous analyses) that the number of late registered births does not change a lot from year to year.

Deaths

Death data

Data for deaths are provided by the General Directorate of Civil Status, by main demographic characteristics. We take in consideration all deaths of Albanian residents during a reference period, by not taking into account the deaths of residents outside Albania (emigrants), although they may be registered in the civil status offices near their former settlements.

According to the methodology followed by INSTAT, the number of deaths are calculated based on the date of occurrence of the event and not based on the date of registration of this event in the civil status offices.

Late Registered Death

We make a small adjustment in the number of the late registered deaths for the actual year, in order to include all occurred deaths in a reference period. The number of late registered deaths in the previous year are considered as proxy for late registration of the actual year, considering the assumption (as a result of our continuous analyses) that the number of late registered deaths doesn't change a lot from year to year.

Definitions:

Natural population increase: Expresses the increase/decrease of the population, as a result of the biological processes (births and deaths), over a period of time. It is expressed as the difference between the live births to deaths.

Live birth: Births of children that showed any sign of life.

Death: Means the permanent disappearance of all evidence of life, at any time after life birth has taken place (postnatal cessation of vital functions without capability of resuscitation).