

Movements of citizens in Albania

July 2020

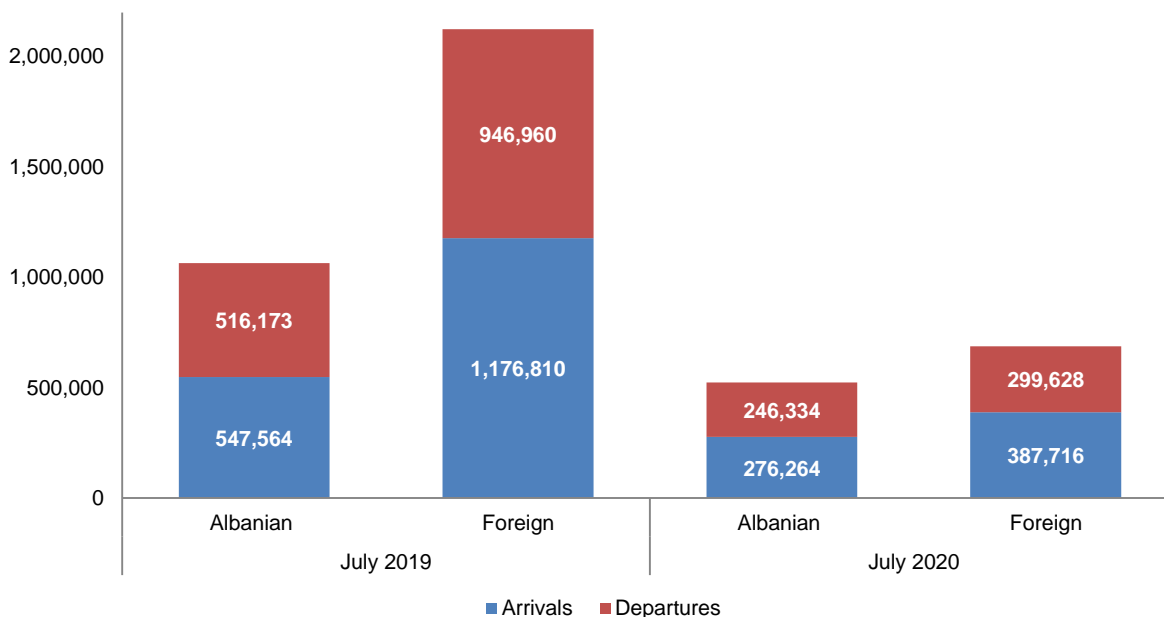
Tiranë 24 August 2020: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in June 2020 are 663,980. Compared to July 2019, this indicator decreased by 61.5 %.

In July 2020, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 387,716. Compared to July 2019, this number decreased by 67.1 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the seven months of 2020, is 1,169,610 decreasing by 64.7 %, compared with the same period of 2019.

During the seven months of 2020, Kosovo had the lowest decrease of arrivals by 52.4 %, while Spain had the highest decrease of arrivals by 88.6 %, 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 territory of Albania during July 2020 are 545,962 marking a decrease by 62.7 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during July 2020 are 246,334. Compared to July 2019, this number has decreased by 52.3 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during July 2020 are 299,628. Compared to July 2019, this number decreased by 68.4 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the seven months of 2020 is 1,626,642 decreasing by 48.7 %, compared with the same period of the previous year.

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	July 2019	July 2020	Annual change (%)	January- July 2019	January- July 2020	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	1,724,374	663,980	-61.5	6,325,880	2,683,265	-57.6
Albanian	547,564	276,264	-49.5	3,012,118	1,513,655	-49.7
Foreign	1,176,810	387,716	-67.1	3,313,762	1,169,610	-64.7
Total Departures	1,463,133	545,962	-62.7	6,284,044	2,767,805	-56.0
Albanian	516,173	246,334	-52.3	3,172,613	1,626,642	-48.7
Foreign	946,960	299,628	-68.4	3,111,431	1,141,163	-63.3

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	July 2019	July 2020	Annual change (%)	January-July 2019	January-July 2020	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	448,896	205,436	-54.2	1,057,545	503,598	-52.4
North Macedonia	95,457	46,717	-51.1	372,444	149,900	-59.8
Greece	60,272	36,990	-38.6	311,773	146,088	-53.1
Italy	64,530	20,216	-68.7	223,707	69,772	-68.8
United Kingdom	25,738	11,070	-57.0	72,225	27,821	-61.5
Montenegro	25,359	3,729	-85.3	215,595	94,868	-56.0
Poland	36,991	9,577	-74.1	75,965	11,391	-85.0
USA	23,708	2,305	-90.3	72,518	11,807	-83.7
Spain	4,413	367	-91.7	13,660	1,551	-88.6
Germany	29,402	7,854	-73.3	88,888	21,731	-75.6
Switzerland	21,962	5,401	-75.4	40,759	9,843	-75.9
Others	340,082	38,054	-88.8	768,683	121,240	-84.2
Total	1,176,810	387,716	-67.1	3,313,762	1,169,610	-64.7

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	July 2019	July 2020	Annual change (%)	January-July 2019	January-July 2020	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	1,176,810	387,716	-67.1	3,313,762	1,169,610	-64.7
I. Personal	1,167,708	377,648	-67.7	3,257,196	1,106,612	-66.0
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	1,128,597	368,702	-67.3	3,130,970	1,067,779	-65.9
2. Religious	66	61	-7.6	531	171	-67.8
3. Transit	39,045	8,885	-77.2	125,695	38,662	-69.2
II. Business and professional	9,102	10,068	10.6	56,566	62,998	11.4

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
July 2019	215,019	155,494	1,353,861	172,460	92,059	1,198,614
July 2020	92,969	39,662	531,349	56,468	20,240	469,254
Annual change (%)	-56.8	-74.5	-60.8	-67.3	-78.0	-60.9
January- July 2019	923,679	417,302	4,984,899	870,702	367,438	5,045,904
January- July 2020	371,987	122,951	2,188,327	335,908	134,530	2,297,367
Annual change (%)	-59.7	-70.5	-56.1	-61.4	-63.4	-54.5

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.