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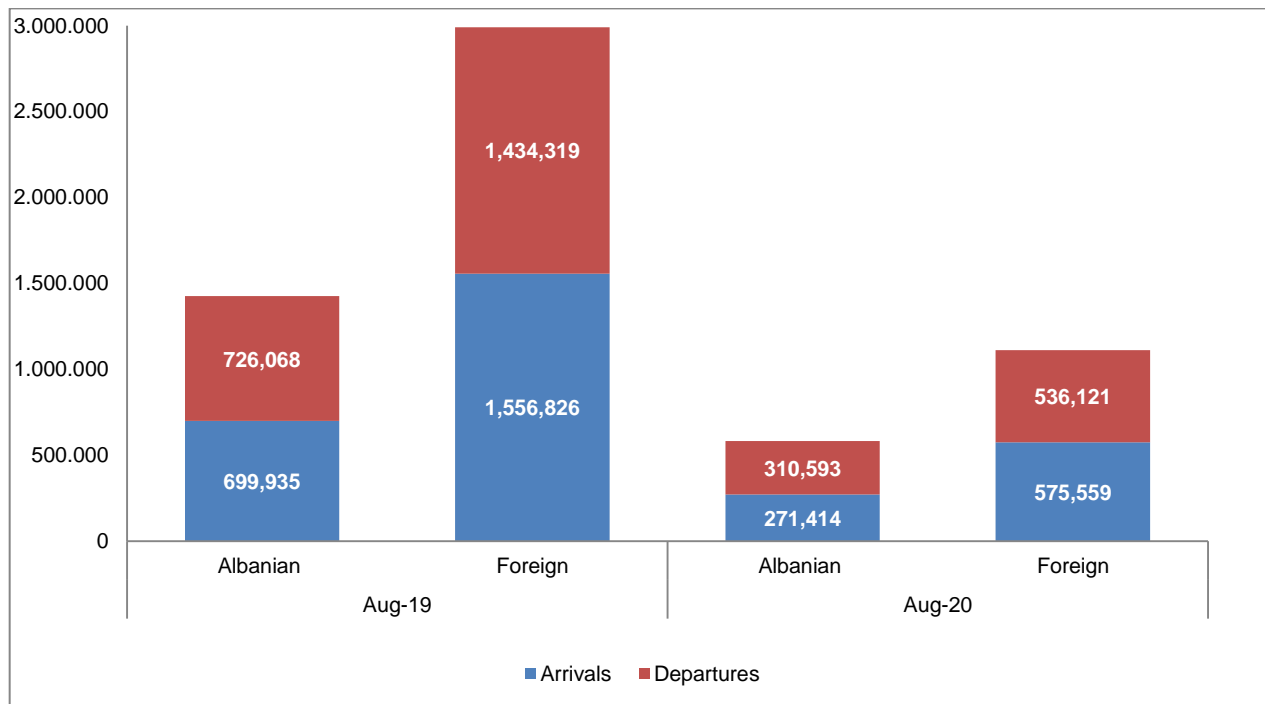# Movements of citizens in Albania

## August 2020

**Tiranë 23 September 2020:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in August 2020 are 846,973. Compared to August 2019, this indicator decreased by 62.5 %.

In August 2020, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 575,559. Compared to August 2019, this number decreased by 63.0 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania in the eight-month of 2020, is 1,745,169 decreasing by 64.2 %, compared with the same period of 2019.

During the eight months of 2020, Kosovo had the lowest decrease of arrivals by 53.2 %, while Spain had the highest decrease of arrivals by 89.9 %, 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 August 2020 are 846,714 marking a decrease by 60.8 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during August 2020 are 310,593. Compared to August 2019, this number has decreased by 57.2 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during August 2020 are 536,121. Compared to August 2019, this number decreased by 62.6 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the eight-month of 2020 is 1,937,235 decreasing by 50.3 %, compared with the same period of the previous year.

**Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens**

| Period | August 2019 | August 2020 | Annual change (%) | January- August 2019 | January- August 2020 | Annual change (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Arrivals** | **2,256,761** | **846,973** | **-62.5** | **8,582,641** | **3,530,238** | **-58.9** |
| Albanian | 699,935 | 271,414 | -61.2 | 3,712,053 | 1,785,069 | -51.9 |
| Foreign | 1,556,826 | 575,559 | -63.0 | 4,870,588 | 1,745,169 | -64.2 |
| **Total Departures** | **2,160,387** | **846,714** | **-60.8** | **8,444,431** | **3,614,519** | **-57.2** |
| Albanian | 726,068 | 310,593 | -57.2 | 3,898,681 | 1,937,235 | -50.3 |
| Foreign | 1,434,319 | 536,121 | -62.6 | 4,545,750 | 1,677,284 | -63.1 |

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens**

| Countries | August 2019 | August 2020 | Annual change (%) | January- August 2019 | January- August 2020 | Annual change (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kosovo | 781,227 | 356,327 | -54.4 | 1,838,772 | 859,925 | -53.2 |
| North Macedonia | 148,025 | 88,781 | -40.0 | 520,469 | 238,681 | -54.1 |
| Greece | 89,489 | 20,902 | -76.6 | 401,262 | 166,990 | -58.4 |
| Italy | 123,051 | 19,332 | -84.3 | 346,758 | 89,104 | -74.3 |
| United Kingdom | 22,741 | 11,257 | -50.5 | 94,966 | 39,078 | -58.9 |
| Montenegro | 24,636 | 6,914 | -71.9 | 240,231 | 101,782 | -57.6 |
| Poland | 29,349 | 10,692 | -63.6 | 105,314 | 22,083 | -79.0 |
| USA | 18,547 | 3,817 | -79.4 | 91,065 | 15,624 | -82.8 |
| Spain | 7,364 | 562 | -92.4 | 21,024 | 2,113 | -89.9 |
| Germany | 26,896 | 6,999 | -74.0 | 115,784 | 28,730 | -75.2 |
| Switzerland | 9,194 | 2,126 | -76.9 | 49,953 | 11,969 | -76.0 |
| Others | 276,307 | 47,850 | -82.7 | 1,044,990 | 169,090 | -83.8 |
| Total | 1,556,826 | 575,559 | -63.0 | 4,870,588 | 1,745,169 | -64.2 |

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**Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose**

| Period | August 2019 | August 2020 | Annual change (%) | January-August 2019 | January-August 2020 | Annual change (%) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Arrivals foreign citizens | 1,556,826 | 575,559 | -63.0 | 4,870,588 | 1,745,169 | -64.2 |
| I. Personal | 1,548,855 | 566,643 | -63.4 | 4,806,051 | 1,673,255 | -65.2 |
| 1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health tratment, etc. | 1,523,906 | 557,919 | -63.4 | 4,654,876 | 1,625,698 | -65.1 |
| 2. Religious | 91 | 28 | -69.2 | 622 | 199 | -68.0 |
| 3. Tranzit | 24,858 | 8,696 | -65.0 | 150,553 | 47,358 | -68.5 |
| II. Business and professional | 7,971 | 8,916 | 11.9 | 64,537 | 71,914 | 11.4 |

**Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel**

| Period | Total Arrivals | | | Total Departures | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Air | Sea | Land | Air | Sea | Land |
| August 2019 | 202,700 | 204,158 | 1,849,903 | 222,327 | 249,163 | 1,688,897 |
| August 2020 | 95,939 | 30,461 | 720,573 | 113,614 | 36,584 | 696,516 |
| Annual change (%) | -52.7 | -85.1 | -61.0 | -48.9 | -85.3 | -58.8 |
| January- August  2019 | 1,126,379 | 621,460 | 6,834,802 | 1,093,029 | 616,601 | 6,734,801 |
| January- August  2020 | 467,926 | 153,412 | 2,908,900 | 449,522 | 171,114 | 2,993,883 |
| Annual change (%) | -58.5 | -75.3 | -57.4 | -58.9 | -72.2 | -55.5 |

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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, health treatment, etc.;
2. Religious;
3. 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 June declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.