

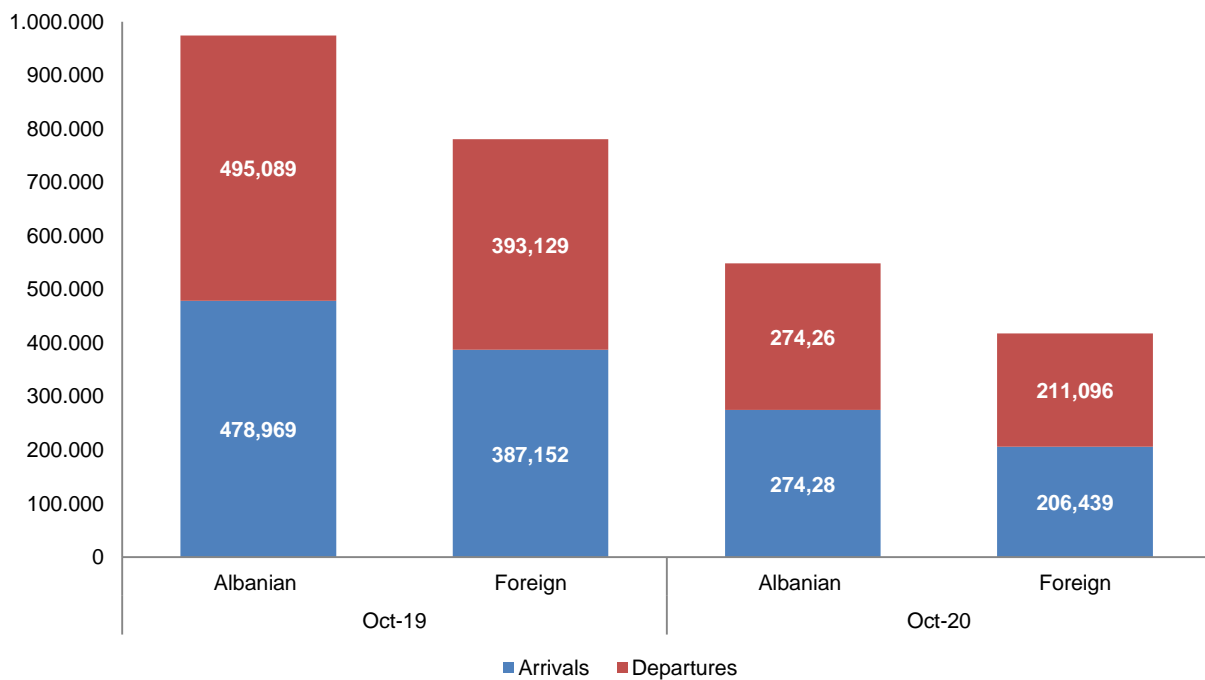
# Movements of citizens in Albania

## October 2020

**Tiranë 26 November 2020:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in October 2020 are 481,167. Compared to October 2019, this indicator decreased by 44.4 %. In October 2020, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 206,439, compared to October 2019, this number decreased by 46.7%. The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania in the ten-month of 2020, is 2,328,641 decreasing by 60.2 %, compared with the same period of 2019 (tab.1).

During the ten months of 2020, Kosovo had the lowest decrease of arrivals by 41.6 %, while Spain had the highest decrease of arrivals by 90.7 %, compared with the same period of 2019 (tab.2).

**Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania**



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during October 2020 are 485,222 marking a decrease by 45.4 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during October 2020 are 274,126. Compared to October 2019, this number has decreased by 44.6 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during October 2020 are 211,096. Compared to October 2019, this number decreased by 46.3 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the nine-month of 2020 is 2,482,947 decreasing by 49.9 %, compared with the same period of the previous year (tab.1).

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

Period	October 2019	October 2020	Annual change (%)	January-October 2019	January-October 2020	Annual change (%)
<b>Total Arrivals</b>	<b>866,121</b>	<b>481,167</b>	-44.4	<b>10,512,120</b>	<b>4,616,108</b>	-56.1
Albanian	478,969	274,728	-42.6	4,662,966	2,287,467	-50.9
Foreign	387,152	206,439	-46.7	5,849,154	2,328,641	-60.2
<b>Total Departures</b>	<b>888,218</b>	<b>485,222</b>	-45.4	<b>10,609,672</b>	<b>4,805,886</b>	-54.7
Albanian	495,089	274,126	-44.6	4,956,344	2,482,947	-49.9
Foreign	393,129	211,096	-46.3	5,653,328	2,322,939	-58.9

**Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens**

Countries	October 2019	October 2020	Annual change (%)	January- October 2019	January- October 2020	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	92,010	124,492	35.3	2,096,989	1,223,770	-41.6
North Macedonia	52,448	11,401	-78.3	690,758	309,751	-55.2
Greece	50,260	20,500	-59.2	498,482	193,330	-61.2
Italy	30,386	7,149	-76.5	412,256	107,162	-74.0
United Kingdom	12,111	3,973	-67.2	117,508	47,298	-59.7
Montenegro	37,254	17,134	-54.0	308,016	135,500	-56.0
Poland	2,483	450	-81.9	131,035	23,955	-81.7
USA	8,427	2,001	-76.3	109,923	20,761	-81.1
Spain	2,262	44	-98.1	27,245	2,545	-90.7
Germany	16,716	3,516	-79.0	157,142	35,058	-77.7
Switzerland	5,471	1,289	-76.4	60,816	14,041	-76.9
Others	77,324	14,490	-81.3	1,238,984	215,470	-82.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>387,152</b>	<b>206,439</b>	<b>-46.7</b>	<b>5,849,154</b>	<b>2,328,641</b>	<b>-60.2</b>

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

Period	October 2019	October 2020	Annual change (%)	January-October 2019	January-October 2020	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	387,152	206,439	-46.7	5,849,154	2,328,641	-60.2
I. Personal	376,415	194,030	-48.5	5,765,206	2,234,574	-61.2
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	360,817	185,926	-48.5	5,582,628	2,170,444	-61.1
2. Religious	39	30	-23.1	717	247	-65.6
3. Tranzit	15,559	8,074	-48.1	181,861	63,883	-64.9
II. Business and professional	10,737	12,409	15.6	83,948	94,067	12.1

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

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
October 2019	130,728	53,853	681,540	141,741	52,585	693,892
October 2020	50,817	20,143	410,207	55,137	15,009	415,076
Annual change (%)	-61.1	-62.6	-39.8	-61.1	-71.5	-40.2
January- October 2019	1,405,668	751,331	8,355,121	1,426,985	781,025	8,401,662
January- October 2020	572,071	189,818	3,854,219	579,288	203,293	4,023,305
Annual change (%)	-59.3	-74.7	-53.9	-59.4	-74.0	-52.1

# 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. 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.