

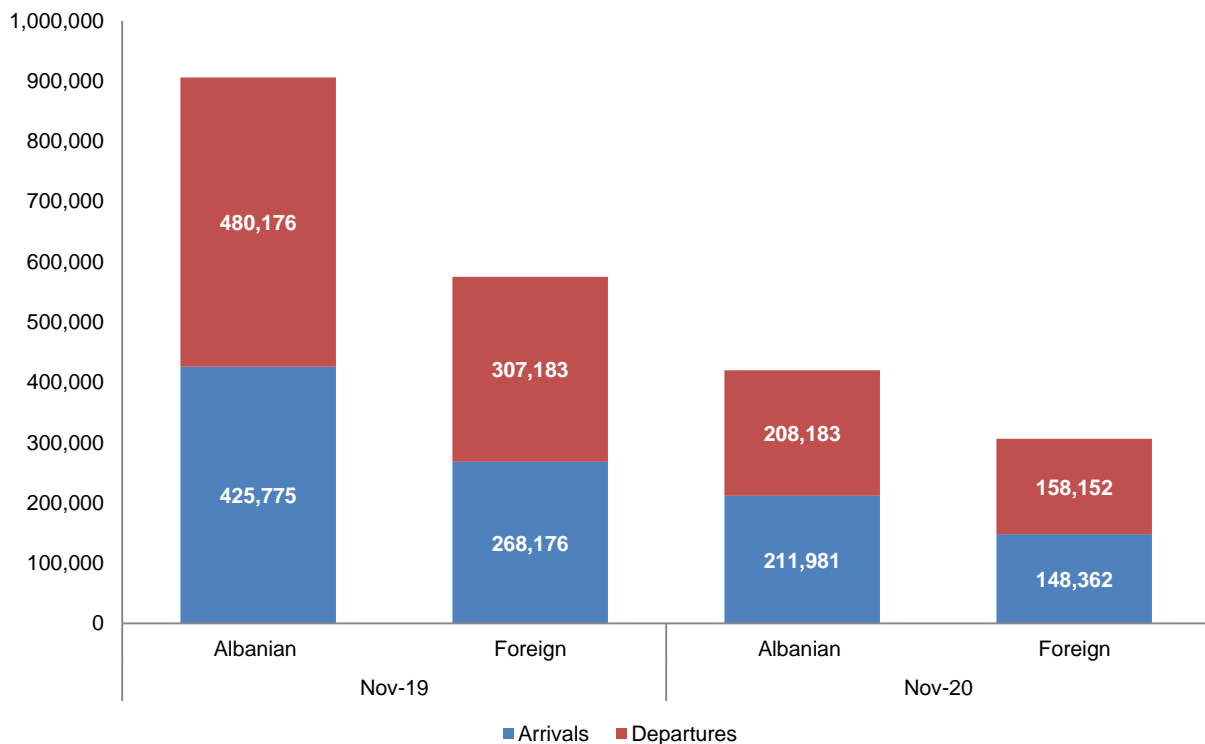
Movements of citizens in Albania

November 2020

Tiranë 23 December 2020: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in November 2020 are 360,343. Compared to November 2019, this indicator decreased by 48.1 %. In November 2020, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 148,362, compared to November 2019, this number decreased by 44.7 %. The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania in the eleven-month of 2020, is 2,477,003 decreasing by 59.5%, compared with the same period of 2019 (tab.1).

During the eleven months of 2020, Kosovo had the lowest decrease of arrivals by 40.4 %, 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 November 2020 are 366,335 marking a decrease by 53.5 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during November 2020 are 208,183. Compared to November 2019, this number has decreased by 56.6 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during November 2020 are 158,152. Compared to November 2019, this number decreased by 48.5 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the eleven-month of 2020 is 2,691,130 decreasing by 50.5%, compared with the same period of the previous year (tab.1).

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	November 2019	November 2020	Annual change (%)	January- November 2019	January- November 2020	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	693,951	360,343	-48.1	11,206,071	4,976,451	-55.6
Albanian	425,775	211,981	-50.2	5,088,741	2,499,448	-50.9
Foreign	268,176	148,362	-44.7	6,117,330	2,477,003	-59.5
Total Departures	787,359	366,335	-53.5	11,397,031	5,172,221	-54.6
Albanian	480,176	208,183	-56.6	5,436,520	2,691,130	-50.5
Foreign	307,183	158,152	-48.5	5,960,511	2,481,091	-58.4

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	November 2019	November 2020	Annual change (%)	January- November 2019	January- November 2020	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	74,340	69,942	-5.9	2,171,329	1,293,712	-40.4
North Macedonia	22,120	28,558	29.1	712,878	338,309	-52.5
Greece	41,433	4,401	-89.4	539,915	197,731	-63.4
Italy	23,700	6,679	-71.8	435,956	113,841	-73.9
United Kingdom	7,032	2,255	-67.9	124,540	49,553	-60.2
Montenegro	30,965	19,987	-35.5	338,981	155,487	-54.1
Poland	732	132	-82.0	131,767	24,087	-81.7
USA	4,842	1,739	-64.1	114,765	22,500	-80.4
Spain	922	68	-92.6	28,167	2,613	-90.7
Germany	4,433	1,151	-74.0	161,575	36,209	-77.6
Switzerland	1,304	882	-32.4	62,120	14,923	-76.0
Others	56,353	12,568	-77.7	1,295,337	228,038	-82.4
Total	268,176	148,362	-44.7	6,117,330	2,477,003	-59.5

Tab 3. Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	November 2019	November 2020	Annual change (%)	January- November 2019	January- November 2020	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	268,176	148,362	-44.7	6,117,330	2,477,003	-59.5
I. Personal	260,122	137,758	-47.0	6,025,328	2,372,332	-60.6
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	250,436	133,417	-46.7	5,833,064	2,303,861	-60.5
2. Religious	39	51	30.8	756	298	-60.6
3. Transit	9,647	4,290	-55.5	191,508	68,173	-64.4
II. Business and professional	8,054	10,604	31.7	92,002	104,671	13.8

Tab 4. Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
November 2019	109,518	33,764	550,669	124,614	31,762	630,983
November 2020	34,580	15,054	310,709	36,007	10,031	320,297
Annual change (%)	-68.4	-55.4	-43.6	-71.1	-68.4	-49.2
January- November 2019	1,515,186	785,095	8,905,790	1,426,985	781,025	8,401,662
January- November 2020	606,651	204,872	4,164,928	615,295	213,324	4,343,602
Annual change (%)	-60.0	-73.9	-53.2	-56.9	-72.7	-48.3

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.