

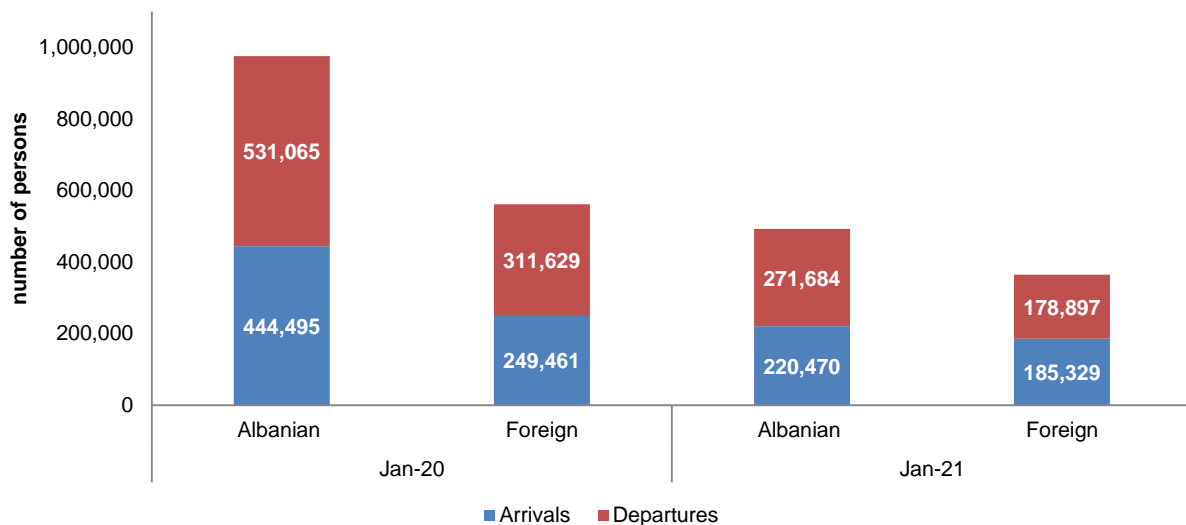
Movements of citizens in Albania

January 2021

Tirana, 24 February 2021: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in January 2021 are 405,799. Compared to January 2020, this indicator decreased by 41.5 %. In January 2021, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 185,329. Compared to January 2020, this number decreased by 25.7 % (tab.1).

In January 2021, Switzerland the higher increase by 47.2 % and Kosovo by 13.0 %, while Greece had the highest decrease of arrivals by 87.0 % and Spain by 73.0 % , compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.2).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, January 2021



Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during January 2021 are 450,581 marking a decrease by 46.5 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during January 2021 are 271,684. Compared to January 2020, this number has decreased by 48.8 %. 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 % (tab.1).

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Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens, January 2021

Period	January 2020	January 2021	Annual change (%)
Total arrivals	693,956	405,799	-41.5
Albanian	444,495	220,470	-50.4
Foreign	249,461	185,329	-25.7
Total departures	842,694	450,581	-46.5
Albanian	531,065	271,684	-48.8
Foreign	311,629	178,897	-42.6

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens, January 2021

Countries	January 2020	January 2021	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	77,632	87,690	13.0
North Macedonia	38,034	34,293	-9.8
Greece	38,743	5,018	-87.0
Italy	21,067	9,929	-52.9
United Kingdom	5,559	1,549	-72.1
Montenegro	30,890	24,214	-21.6
Poland	546	223	-59.2
USA	4,059	1,954	-51.9
Spain	467	126	-73.0
Germany	3,274	2,952	-9.8
Switzerland	1,626	2,394	47.2
Others	27,564	14,987	-45.6
Total	249,461	185,329	-25.7

Tab 3. Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose, January 2021

Period	January 2020	January 2021	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	249,461	185,329	-25.7
I. Personal	242,193	179,120	-26.0
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	231,471	169,147	-26.9
2. Religious	38	44	15.8
3. Transit	10,684	9,929	-7.1
II. Business and professional	7,268	6,209	-14.6

Tab 4. Movements of citizens by mode of travel, January 2021

Period	Total arrivals			Total departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
January 2020	115,030	25,739	553,187	132,141	48,709	661,844
January 2021	36,764	15,325	353,710	48,934	25,385	376,262
Annual change (%)	-68.0	-40.5	-36.1	-63.0	-47.9	-43.1

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.