

Movements of citizens in Albania

April 2021

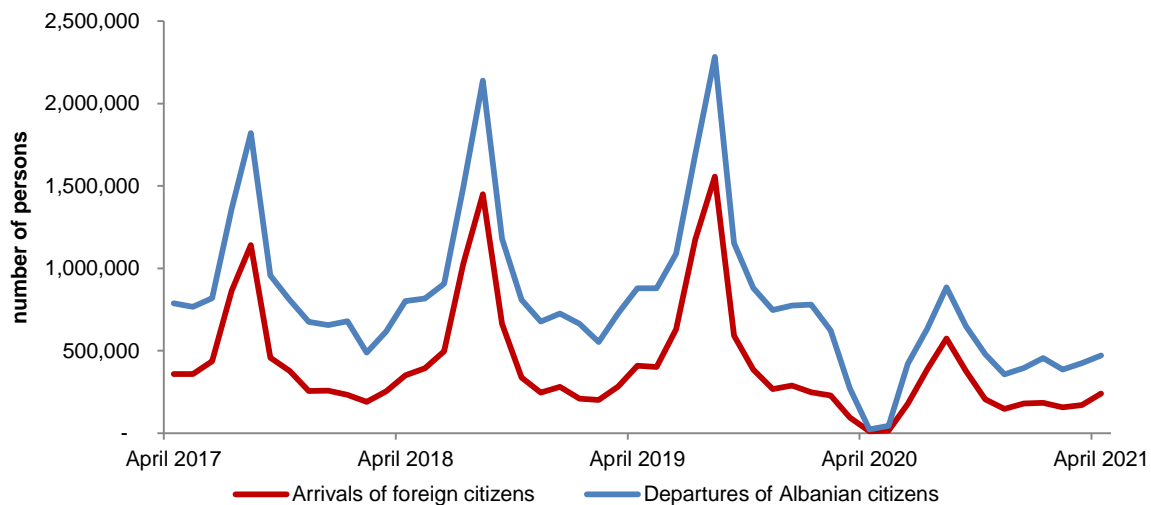
Tirana, 25 May 2021: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in April 2021 are 466,283. Compared with April 2020, this indicator results in an 18.5 times increase. In April 2021, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 241,015. Compared with April 2020, this indicator results in a 19.8 times increase. The changes in movement of citizens indicators are influenced by the pandemic measures imposed in April 2020.

Citizen's arrivals

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first four months of 2021, is 754,796, increasing by 1.3 times, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.1).

During the first four months of 2021, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Kosovo had the largest increase by 2.1 times and Switzerland by 2 times, while the most significant decrease had Greece by 4.4 times and United Kingdom by 60.1 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.2).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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Citizen's departures

Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during April 2021 are 449,930 marking an 18.8 times increase, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during April 2021 are 230,468. Compared to April 2020, this number has increased by 12.7 times. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during April 2021 are 219,462. Compared to April 2020, this indicator results in a 16.5 times increase.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the first four months of 2021 is 961,573. This indicator was 1,110,928 in the same period of 2020 (tab1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	April 2019	April 2020	April 2021	April 2019	April 2020	April 2021
Total Arrivals	874,156	25,257	466,283	2,691,878	1,608,223	1,627,084
Albanian	464,096	13,069	225,268	1,586,791	1,022,312	872,288
Foreign	410,060	12,188	241,015	1,105,087	585,911	754,796
Total Departures	854,355	23,925	449,930	2,836,440	1,791,277	1,722,148
Albanian	469,788	10,638	230,468	1,719,591	1,110,928	961,573
Foreign	384,567	13,287	219,462	1,116,849	680,349	760,575

The data are influenced by the pandemic measures imposed in April 2020.

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	April 2019	April 2020	April 2021	April 2019	April 2020	April 2021
Kosovo	112,294	4,734	136,022	316,221	182,188	381,389
North Macedonia	53,963	2,475	27,207	158,861	90,181	120,386
Greece	55,224	476	5,750	164,184	88,953	20,350
Italy	30,131	82	13,005	88,414	44,351	43,601
United Kingdom	9,348	30	1,516	20,755	14,521	5,798
Montenegro	34,986	1,871	26,766	115,485	72,248	89,760
Poland	3,879	32	904	5,228	1,369	1,706
USA	6,837	25	3,080	20,364	8,671	8,845
Spain	1,924	12	343	3,173	1,132	858
Germany	13,447	20	3,311	21,398	11,208	10,469
Switzerland	5,541	0	2,217	9,530	3,234	6,510
Others	82,486	2,431	20,894	181,474	67,855	65,124
Total	410,060	12,188	241,015	1,105,087	585,911	754,796

The data are influenced by the pandemic measures imposed in April 2020.

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	April 2019	April 2020	April 2021	April 2019	April 2020	April 2021
Arrivals foreign citizens	410,060	12,188	241,015	1,105,087	585,911	754,796
I. Personal	401,372	4,102	232,560	1,076,177	554,814	722,358
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	381,467	3,562	219,305	1,024,749	529,470	686,014
2. Religious	68	0	40	263	90	125
3. Transit	19,837	540	13,215	51,165	25,254	36,219
II. Business and professional	8,688	8,086	8,455	28,910	31,097	32,438

The data are influenced by the pandemic measures imposed in April 2020.

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
April 2019	122,791	43,030	708,335	117,493	39,450	697,412
April 2020	2,645	3,111	19,501	1,855	2,043	20,027
April 2021	50,186	20,384	395,713	51,172	15,426	383,332
January- April 2019	417,453	115,616	2,158,809	426,920	144,409	2,265,111
January- April 2020	254,079	63,107	1,291,037	268,768	80,329	1,442,180
January- April 2021	163,670	70,135	1,393,279	188,110	70,539	1,463,499

The data are influenced by the pandemic measures imposed in April 2020.

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).

An arrival 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* include 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](http://www.instat.gov.al/en/documentation/quality-in-statistics/Statistical%20revision%20policy).

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.