

Movements of citizens in Albania

May 2021

Tirana, 23 June 2021: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in May 2021 are 605,421. Compared with May 2020, this indicator results in a 13.0 times increase. In May 2021, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 328,742. Compared with May 2020, this indicator results in a 20.1 times increase.

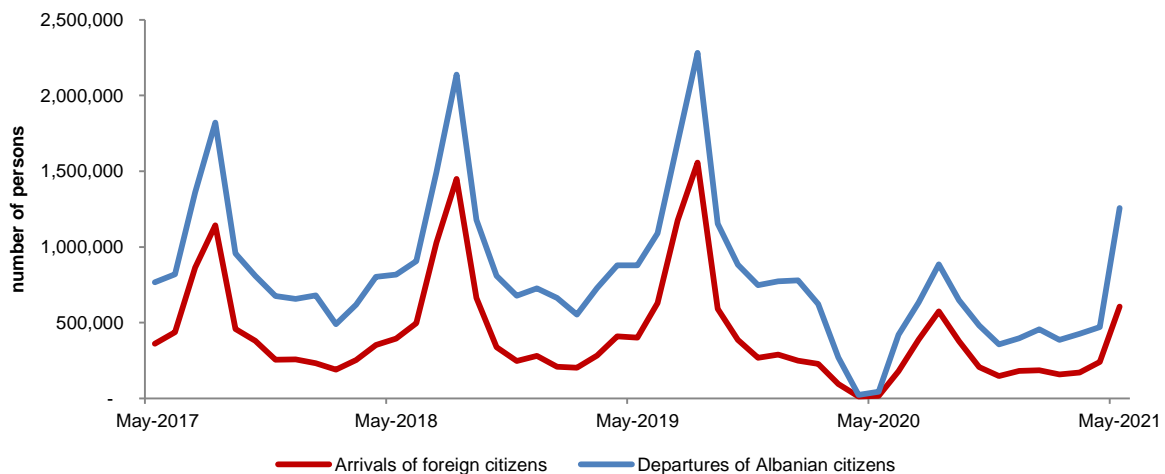
The changes in movement of citizens indicators are influenced by the pandemic measures imposed in May 2020.

Citizen's arrivals

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first five months of 2021, is 1,083,538, increasing by 1.8 times, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.1).

During the first five months of 2021, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Poland had the largest increase by 4.5 times and Switzerland by 3.2 times, while the most significant decrease had Greece by 68.9 % and United Kingdom by 36.8 %, 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 May 2021 are 651,062 marking a 14.4 times increase, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during May 2021 are 344,500. Compared to May 2020, this number has increased by 12.1 times. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during May 2021 are 306,562. Compared to May 2020, this indicator results in an 18.1 times increase.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the first five months of 2021 is 1,331,373. This indicator increased by 16.9 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	May 2019	May 2020	May 2021	May 2019	May 2020	May 2021
Total Arrivals	829,164	46,488	605,421	3,521,042	1,654,711	2,232,505
Albanian	427,633	30,099	276,679	2,014,424	1,052,411	1,148,967
Foreign	401,531	16,389	328,742	1,506,618	602,300	1,083,538
Total Departures	880,689	45,367	651,062	3,717,129	1,836,644	2,336,723
Albanian	477,282	28,431	344,500	2,196,873	1,139,359	1,331,373
Foreign	403,407	16,936	306,562	1,520,256	697,285	1,005,350

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

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	May 2019	May 2020	May 2021	May 2019	May 2020	May 2021
Kosovo	78,878	6,457	143,970	395,099	188,645	525,359
North Macedonia	50,359	3,124	46,192	209,220	93,305	166,578
Greece	41,428	779	7,578	205,612	89,732	27,928
Italy	29,257	242	17,211	117,671	44,593	60,812
United Kingdom	11,375	98	3,440	32,130	14,619	9,238
Montenegro	36,884	2,202	33,752	152,369	74,450	123,512
Poland	7,837	62	4,701	13,065	1,431	6,407
USA	10,689	61	5,835	31,053	8,732	14,680
Spain	2,454	8	470	5,627	1,140	1,328
Germany	18,042	35	7,644	39,440	11,243	18,113
Switzerland	4,248	19	3,955	13,778	3,253	10,465
Others	110,080	3,302	53,994	291,554	71,157	119,118
Total	401,531	16,389	328,742	1,506,618	602,300	1,083,538

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

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	May 2019	May 2020	May 2021	May 2019	May 2020	May 2021
Arrivals foreign citizens	401,531	16,389	328,742	1,506,618	602,300	1,083,538
I. Personal	392,098	5,498	327,682	1,468,275	560,312	1,050,040
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	376,308	4,702	318,412	1,401,057	534,172	1,004,426
2. Religious	139	0	235	402	90	360
3. Transit	15,651	796	9,035	66,816	26,050	45,254
II. Business and professional	9,433	10,891	1,060	38,343	41,988	33,498

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Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
May 2019	125,740	61,735	641,689	124,495	58,390	697,804
May 2020	4,978	5,780	35,730	2,104	4,096	39,167
May 2021	78,767	22,949	503,705	72,483	19,403	559,176
January- May 2019	543,193	177,351	2,800,498	551,415	202,799	2,962,915
January- May 2020	259,057	68,887	1,326,767	270,872	84,425	1,481,347
January- May 2021	242,437	93,084	1,896,984	250,586	88,023	1,998,114

The data are influenced by the pandemic measures imposed in May 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.