

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## July 2021

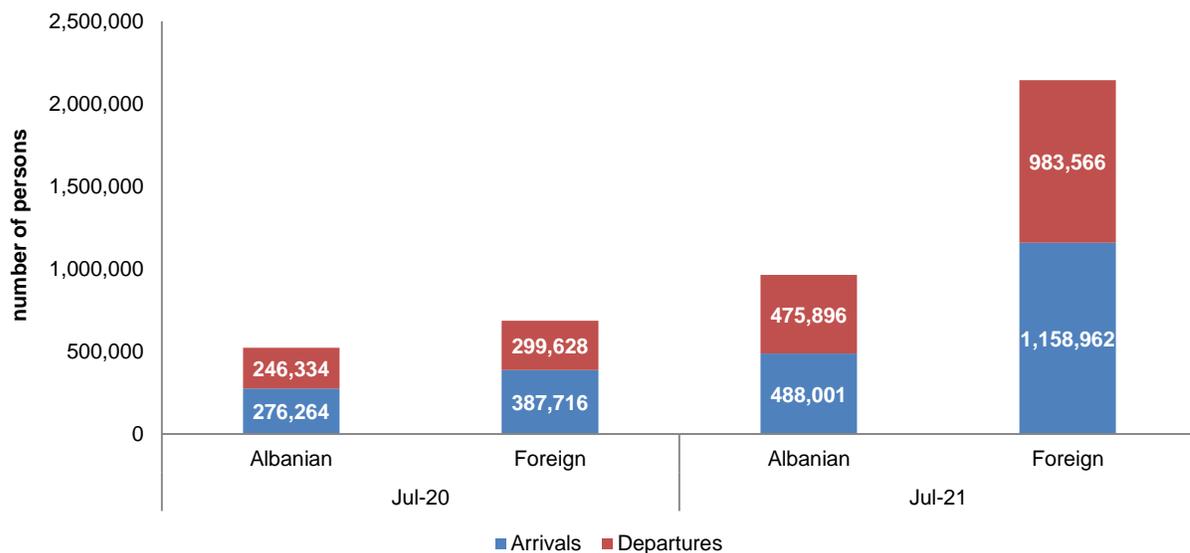
**Tirana, 23 August 2021:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in July 2021 are 1,646,963. Compared with July 2020, this indicator results in a 2.5 times increase. In July 2021, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 1,158,962. Compared with July 2020, this indicator results in a 3 times increase.

### Citizen's arrivals

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the seven months of 2021, is 2,846,881, increasing by 2.4 times, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.1).

During the seven months of 2021, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Poland had the largest increase by 4.9 times and United States of America by 4.3 times, while the most significant decrease had Greece by 41.2 %, 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 July 2021 are 1,459,462 marking a 2.7 times increase, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during July 2021 are 475,896. Compared to July 2020, this number has increased by 1.9 times. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during July 2021 are 983,566. Compared to July 2020, this indicator results in a 3.3 times increase.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the seven months of 2021 is 2,179,019. This indicator increased by 34.0 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab1).

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

Period	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	January-July 2019	January-July 2020	January-July 2021
<b>Total Arrivals</b>	<b>1,724,374</b>	<b>663,980</b>	<b>1,646,963</b>	<b>6,325,880</b>	<b>2,683,265</b>	<b>4,819,340</b>
Albanian	547,564	276,264	488,001	3,012,118	1,513,655	1,972,459
Foreign	1,176,810	387,716	1,158,962	3,313,762	1,169,610	2,846,881
<b>Total Departures</b>	<b>1,463,133</b>	<b>545,962</b>	<b>1,459,462</b>	<b>6,284,044</b>	<b>2,767,805</b>	<b>4,669,767</b>
Albanian	516,173	246,334	475,896	3,172,613	1,626,642	2,179,019
Foreign	946,960	299,628	983,566	3,111,431	1,141,163	2,490,748

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens**

Countries	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	January-July 2019	January-July 2020	January-July 2021
Kosovo	448,896	205,436	521,265	1,057,545	503,598	1,381,532
North Macedonia	95,457	46,717	101,400	372,444	149,900	336,500
Greece	60,272	36,990	42,099	311,773	146,088	85,836
Italy	64,530	20,216	55,989	223,707	69,772	144,383
United Kingdom	25,738	11,070	22,037	72,225	27,821	36,640
Montenegro	25,359	3,729	27,374	215,595	94,868	183,747
Poland	36,991	9,577	29,901	75,965	11,391	56,198
USA	23,708	2,305	23,680	72,518	11,807	50,980
Spain	4,413	367	2,088	13,660	1,551	4,228
Germany	29,402	7,854	24,420	88,888	21,731	52,810
Switzerland	21,962	5,401	21,407	40,759	9,843	36,188
Others	340,082	38,054	287,302	768,683	121,240	477,839
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,176,810</b>	<b>387,716</b>	<b>1,158,962</b>	<b>3,313,762</b>	<b>1,169,610</b>	<b>2,846,881</b>

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

Period	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	January-July 2019	January-July 2020	January-July 2021
Arrivals foreign citizens	1,176,810	387,716	1,158,962	3,313,762	1,169,610	2,846,881
I. Personal	1,167,708	377,648	1,148,769	3,257,196	1,106,612	2,792,897
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	1,128,597	368,702	1,116,428	3,130,970	1,067,779	2,696,594
2. Religious	66	61	60	531	171	473
3. Tranzit	39,045	8,885	32,281	125,695	38,662	95,830
II. Business and professional	9,102	10,068	10,193	56,566	62,998	53,984

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

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
July 2019	215,019	155,494	1,353,861	172,460	92,059	1,198,614
July 2020	92,969	39,662	531,349	56,468	20,240	469,254
July 2021	247,389	100,717	1,298,857	175,137	36,304	1,248,021
January- July 2019	923,679	417,302	4,984,899	870,702	367,438	5,045,904
January- July 2020	371,987	122,951	2,188,327	335,908	134,530	2,297,367
January- July 2021	633,073	223,655	3,962,612	541,169	143,619	3,984,979

# 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.