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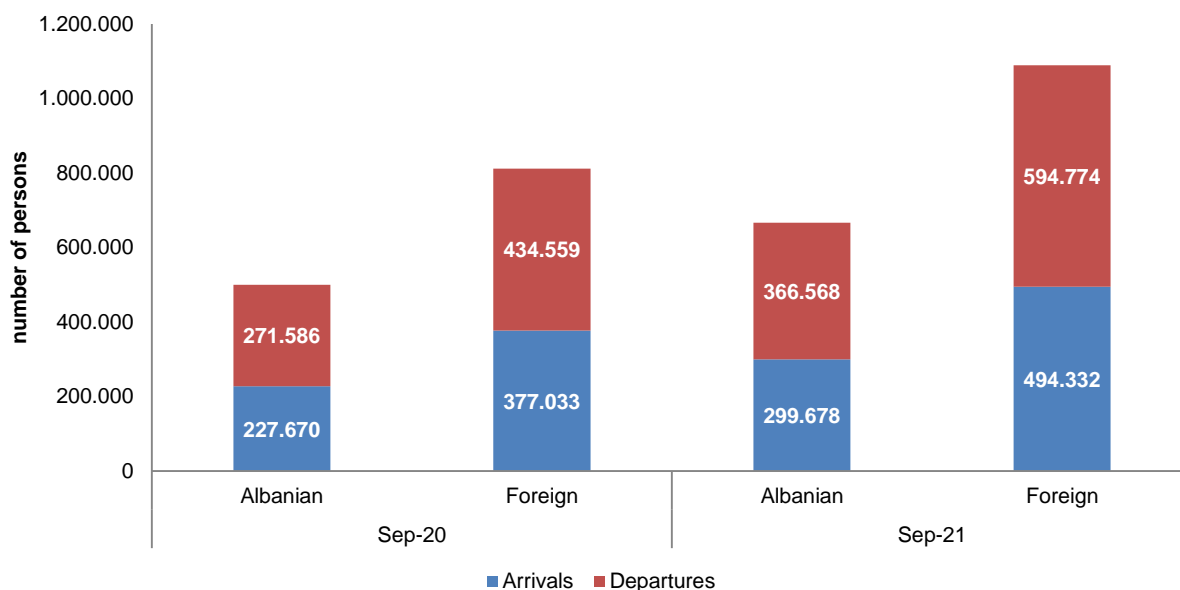# Movements of citizens in Albania

September 2021

Tirana, 22 October 2021: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in September 2021 are 794,010. Compared with September 2020, this indicator increased by 31.3 %. In September 2021, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 494,332. Compared with September 2020, this indicator increased by 31.1 %.

Citizen's arrivals

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the nine months of 2021, is 4,878,404, increasing by 2.3 times, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.1).

During the nine months of 2021, among the countries with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, Poland had the largest increase by 4.6 times and United States of America by 4.3 times, while the lowest increase had Greece by 8.6 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab.2).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania

Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

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Citizen's departures

Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the territory of Albania during September 2021 are 961,342 marking an increase by 36.1 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during September 2021 are 366,568. Compared to September 2020, this number has increased by 35.0 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during September 2021 are 594.774. Compared to September 2021, this indicator increased by 36.9 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during the nine months of 2021 is 3,223,429. This indicator increased by 45.9 %, compared with the same period of 2020 (tab1).

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	August 2020	August 2021	January-August 2020	January-August 2021
Total Arrivals	**604,703**	**794,010**	**4,134,941**	**7,798,843**
Albanian	227,670	299,678	2,012,739	2,920,439
Foreign	377,033	494,332	2,122,202	4,878,404
Total Departures	**706,145**	**961,342**	**4,320,664**	**7,785,781**
Albanian	271,586	366,568	2,208,821	3,223,429
Foreign	434,559	594,774	2,111,843	4,562,352

Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	August 2020	August 2021	January-August 2020	January-August 2021
Kosovo	239,353	187,691	1,099,278	2,365,103
North Macedonia	59,669	19,899	298,350	468,269
Greece	5,840	36,096	172,830	187,775
Italy	10,909	30,991	100,013	271,784
United Kingdom	4,247	7,515	43,325	67,846
Montenegro	16,584	23,908	118,366	241,040
Poland	1,422	20,669	23,505	107,265
USA	3,136	8,684	18,760	81,120
Spain	388	1,750	2,501	9,689
Germany	2,812	17,790	31,542	98,426
Switzerland	782	3,422	12,751	48,976
Others	31,891	135,917	200,981	931,111
Total	**377,033**	**494,332**	**2,122,202**	**4,878,404**

Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

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Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	August 2020	August 2021	January-August 2020	January-August 2021
Arrivals foreign citizens	377,033	494,332	2,122,202	4,878,404
I. Personal	367,289	484,459	2,040,544	4,804,878
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health tratment, etc.	358,820	469,401	1,984,518	4,668,957
2. Religious	18	29	217	552
3. Tranzit	8,451	15,029	55,809	135,369
II. Business and professional	9,744	9,873	81,658	73,526

Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
August 2020	53,328	16,263	535,112	74,629	17,170	614,346
August 2021	162,441	41,228	590,341	225,402	60,566	675,374
January- August 2020	521,254	169,675	3,444,012	524,151	188,284	3,608,229
January- August 2021	1,059,319	399,507	6,340,017	1,063,874	387,197	6,334,710

Source: General Directorate of State's Police, INSTAT calculations

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.

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.