

Movements of citizens in Albania

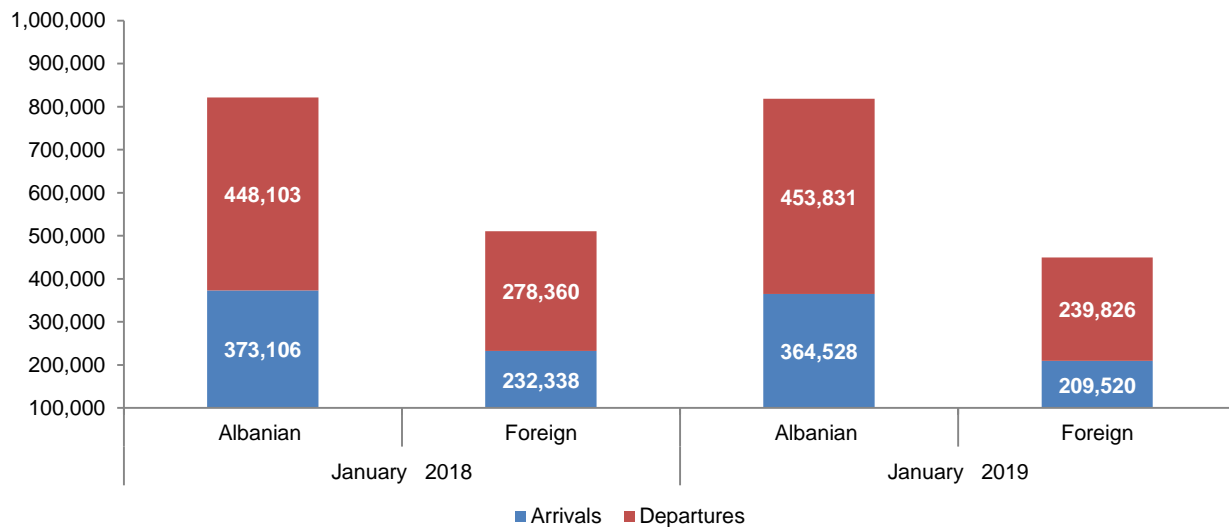
January 2019

Tirana 25 February 2019: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in January 2019 are 574,048, compared with January 2018, this indicator decreased 5.2 %.

In January 2019, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 209,520. Compared to January 2018, this number decreased by 9.8 %.

In January 2018, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, United Kingdom had the highest growth by 7.5 %, decreased with 19.1 % of the citizens from Macedonia.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during January 2018 are 693,657 marking a decreased by 4.5 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during January 2019 are 453,831 compared to January 2018, this number has increased by 1.3 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during January 2019 are 239,826 compared to January 2018, this number decreased by 13.8 %.

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Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	January 2018	January 2019	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	605,444	574,048	-5.2
Albanian	373,106	364,528	-2.3
Foreign	232,338	209,520	-9.8
Total Departures	726,463	693,657	-4.5
Albanian	448,103	453,831	1.3
Foreign	278,360	239,826	-13.8

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Shtetet	January 2018	January 2019	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	81,381	66,049	-18.8
Macedonia	37,113	30,015	-19.1
Greece	32,469	31,657	-2.5
Italy	18,759	19,335	3.1
United Kingdom	4,088	4,395	7.5
Montenegro	26,466	24,425	-7.7
Poland	377	393	4.2
USA	3,553	3,655	2.9
Spain	433	393	-9.2
Gjermany	2,708	2,906	7.3
Switzerland	1,650	1,645	-0.3
Others	23,341	24,652	5.6
Total	232,338	209,520	-9.8

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	January 2018	January 2019	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	232,338	209,520	-9.8
I. Personal	227,727	204,774	-10.1
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	217,593	194,863	-10.4
2. Health treatment	18	5	-72.2
3. Religious	36	99	175.0
4. Tranzit	10,080	9,807	-2.7
II. Business and professional	4,611	4,746	2.9

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
January 2017	100,598	21,974	482,872	113,819	46,884	565,760
January 2018	102,346	22,540	449,162	119,233	47,538	526,886
Annual change	1.7	2.6	-7.0	4.8	1.4	-6.9

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, etc.;
2. Health treatment;
3. Religious;
4. 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 may declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.