

Movements of citizens in Albania

April 2019

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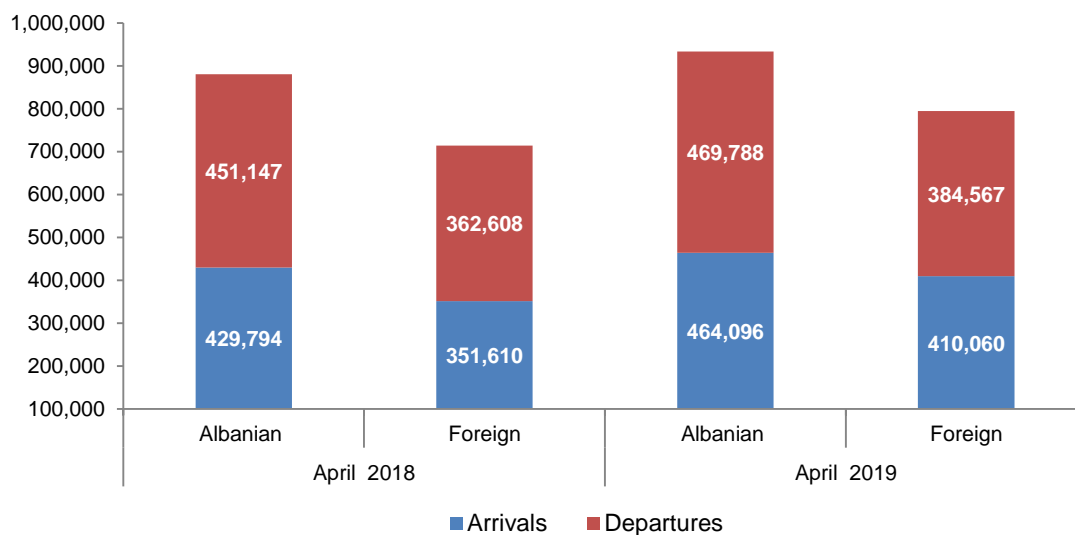
Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in April 2019 are 874,156, compared to April 2018, this indicator increased 11.9 %.

In April 2019, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 410,060. Compared to April 2018, this number increased by 16.6 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first four months of 2019, is 1,105,087, increasing by 7.4 %, compared with the same period of 2018. In April 2019, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, Spain had the highest growth by 124.2 %, while the largest decrease is 3.2 % by the citizens of Montenegro .

In the first four months of 2019, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is Switzerland by 29.5%, while Kosovo had the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 6.4%.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during April 2019 are 854,355 marking an increase by 5.0 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during April 2019 are 469,788 and compared to April 2018; this number has increased by 4.1 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during April 2019 are 384,567. Compared to April 2018, this number increased by 6.1 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country in the first four months of 2019 is 1,719,591 increasing by 10.0 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	April 2018	April 2019	Annual change (%)	January-April 2018	January-April 2019	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	781,404	874,156	11.9	2,487,700	2,691,878	8.2
Albanian	429,794	464,096	8.0	1,459,201	1,586,791	8.7
Foreign	351,610	410,060	16.6	1,028,499	1,105,087	7.4
Total Departures	813,755	854,355	5.0	2,634,158	2,836,440	7.7
Albanian	451,147	469,788	4.1	1,563,003	1,719,591	10.0
Foreign	362,608	384,567	6.1	1,071,155	1,116,849	4.3

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	April 2018	April 2019	Annual change (%)	January- April 2018	January- April 2019	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	106,698	112,294	5.2	337,721	316,221	-6.4
Macedonia	50,700	53,963	6.4	148,364	158,861	7.1
Greece	52,024	55,224	6.2	152,252	164,184	7.8
Italy	24,785	30,131	21.6	81,181	88,414	8.9
United Kingdom	7,162	9,348	30.5	20,424	20,755	1.6
Montenegro	36,152	34,986	-3.2	116,870	115,485	-1.2
Poland	3,434	3,879	13.0	4,653	5,228	12.4
USA	5,726	6,837	19.4	15,870	20,364	28.3
Spain	858	1,924	124.2	2,498	3,173	27.0
Gjermany	8,167	13,447	64.7	17,634	21,398	21.3
Switzerland	3,500	5,541	58.3	7,358	9,530	29.5
Others	52,404	82,486	57.4	123,674	181,474	46.7
Total	351,610	410,060	16.6	1,028,499	1,105,087	7.4

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	April 2018	April 2019	Annual change (%)	January- April 2018	January-April 2019	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	351,610	410,060	16.6	1,028,499	1,105,087	7.4
I. Personal	344,304	401,372	16.6	1,005,084	1,076,177	7.1
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	327,508	381,385	16.5	957,759	1,024,530	7.0
2. Health treatment	28	82	192.9	90	219	143.3
3. Religious	130	68	-47.7	263	263	0.0
4. Transit	16,638	19,837	19.2	46,972	51,165	8.9
II. Business and professional	7,306	8,688	18.9	23,415	28,910	23.5

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
April 2018	108,449	29,685	643,270	106,039	31,340	676,376
April 2019	122,791	43,030	708,335	117,493	39,450	697,412
Annual change (%)	13.2	45.0	10.1	10.8	25.9	3.1
January-April 2018	384,351	96,686	2,006,663	391,020	118,867	2,124,271
January-April 2019	417,453	115,616	2,158,809	426,920	144,409	2,265,111
Annual change (%)	8.6	19.6	7.6	9.2	21.5	6.6

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.