

Movements of citizens in Albania

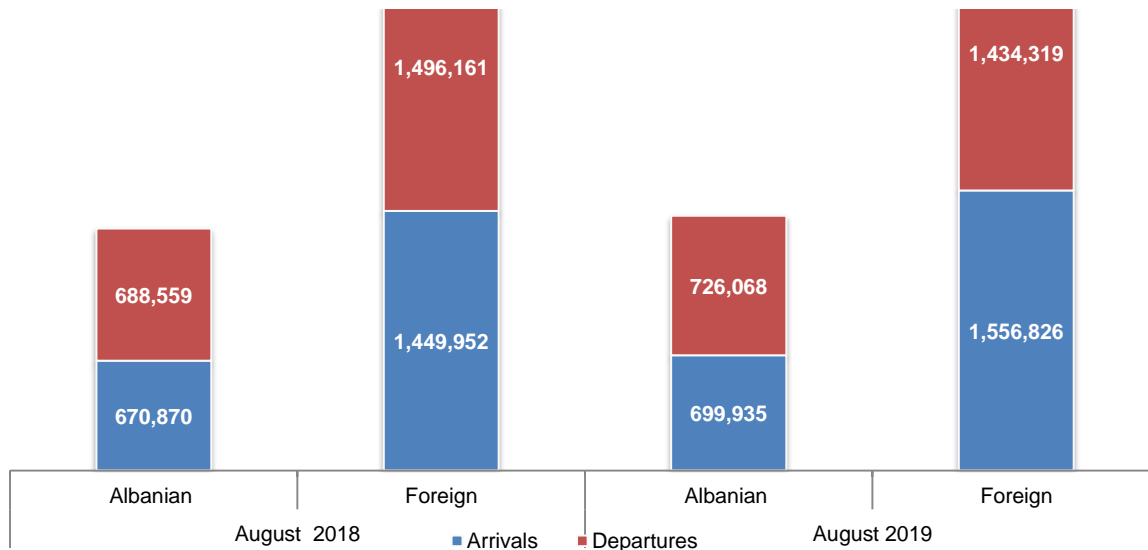
August 2019

Tiranë 24 September 2019: Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in August 2019 are 2.256.761. Compared to August 2018, this indicator increased 6.4 %. In August 2019, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 1.556.826. Compared to August 2018, this number increased by 7.4 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during eight months of 2019, is 4.870.588, increasing by 10.8 %, compared with the same period of 2018. In August 2019, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, Macedonia had the highest growth by 19.2%, while the largest decrease is 19.6 % by the citizens of Poland.

In eight months of 2019, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is Switzerland by 16.9 %, while Poland had the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 13.3%.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during August 2019 are 2.160.387 marking a decrease by 1.1 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during August 2019 are 726.068 and compared to August 2018, this number has increased by 5.4 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during August 2019 are 1.434.319. Compared to August 2018, this number decreased by 4.1 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country in the eight months of 2019 is 3.898.681 increasing by 9.8% compared to the same period of the previous year.

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	August 2018	August 2019	Annual change (%)	January-August 2018	January-August 2019	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	2,120,822	2,256,761	6.4	7,858,989	8,582,641	9,2
Albanian	670,870	699,935	4.3	3,461,350	3,712,053	7,2
Foreign	1,449,952	1,556,826	7.4	4,397,639	4,870,588	10,8
Total Departures	2,184,720	2,160,387	-1.1	7,989,331	8,444,431	5,7
Albanian	688,559	726,068	5.4	3,550,502	3,898,681	9,8
Foreign	1,496,161	1,434,319	-4.1	4,438,829	4,545,750	2,4

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	August 2018	August 2019	Annual change (%)	January-August 2018	January – August 2019	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	670,375	781,227	16.5	1,600,206	1,838,772	14.9
Macedonia	124,133	148,025	19.2	484,492	520,469	7.4
Greece	79,604	89,489	12.4	366,837	401,262	9.4
Italy	118,165	123,051	4.1	323,541	346,758	7.2
United Kingdom	22,536	22,741	0.9	87,745	94,966	8.2
Montenegro	21,850	24,636	12.8	232,794	240,231	3.2
Poland	36,518	29,349	-19.6	121,444	105,314	-13.3
USA	21,032	18,547	-11.8	87,688	91,065	3.9
Spain	6,722	7,364	9.6	18,717	21,024	12.3
Germany	26,926	26,896	-0.1	102,254	115,784	13.2
Switzerland	9,934	9,194	-7.4	42,747	49,953	16.9
Others	312,157	276,307	-11.5	929,174	1,044,990	12.5
Total	1,449,952	1,556,826	7.4	4,397,639	4,870,588	10.8

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	August 2018	August 2019	Annual change (%)	January-August 2018	January –August 2019	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	1,449,952	1,556,826	7.4	4,397,639	4,870,588	10.8
I. Personal	1,443,066	1,548,855	7.3	4,342,132	4,806,051	10.7
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	1,417,769	1,523,896	7.5	4,203,103	4,654,398	10.7
2. Health treatment	8	10	25.0	147	478	225.2
3. Religious	42	91	116.7	561	622	10.9
4. Tranzit	25,247	24,858	-1.5	138,321	150,553	8.8
II. Business and professional	6,886	7,971	15.8	55,507	64,537	16.3

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
August 2018	180,735	204,989	1,735,098	196,883	249,916	1,737,921
August 2019	202,700	204,158	1,849,903	222,327	249,163	1,688,897
Annual change (%)	12.2	-0.4	6.6	12.9	-0.3	-2.8
January- August 2018	1,015,525	585,406	6,258,058	982,585	579,656	6,427,090
January- August 2019	1,126,379	621,460	6,834,802	1,093,029	616,601	6,734,801
Annual change (%)	10.9	6.2	9.2	11.2	6.4	4.8

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.