

Movements of citizens in Albania

November 2019

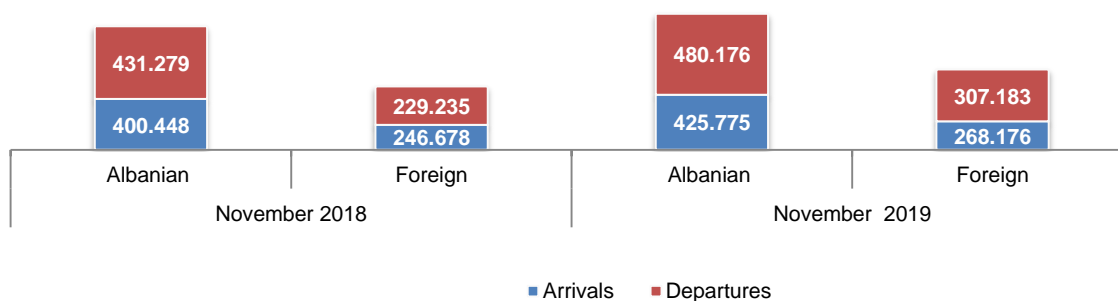
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Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in November 2019 are 693,951, compared to November 2018, this indicator decreased 7.2 %. In November 2019, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 268,176. Compared to November 2018, this number increased by 8.7 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during eleven months of 2019, is 6,117,330, increasing by 8.3 %, compared with the same period of 2018. In November 2019, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, Spain had the highest growth, while the largest decrease is marked by the citizens of North Macedonia.

In eleven months of 2019, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is Switzerland by 19.7 %, while Poland had the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 14.0 %.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during November 2019 are 787.359 marking an increase by 19.2 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during November 2019 are 480,176. Compared to November 2018, this number has increased by 11.3 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during November 2019 are 307.183. Compared to November 2018, this number increased by 34.0 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country in the eleven months of 2019 is 5,436,520 increasing by 9.4 % compared to the same period of the previous year.

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	November 2018	November 2019	Annual change (%)	January- November 2018	January- November 2019	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	647,126	693,951	7.2	10,413,320	11,206,071	7.6
Albanian	400,448	425,775	6.3	4,767,216	5,088,741	6.7
Foreign	246,678	268,176	8.7	5,646,104	6,117,330	8.3
Total Departures	660,514	787,359	19.2	10,777,106	11,397,031	5.8
Albanian	431,279	480,176	11.3	4,969,039	5,436,520	9.4
Foreign	229,235	307,183	34.0	5,808,067	5,960,511	2.6

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	November 2018	November 2019	Annual change (%)	January- November 2018	January – November 2019	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	68,902	74,340.0	7.9	2,013,887	2,171,329	7.8
North Macedonia	37,273	22,120.0	-40.7	640,104	712,878	11.4
Greece	39,670	41,433.0	4.4	498,435	539,915	8.3
Italy	20,322	23,700.0	16.6	407,719	435,956	6.9
United Kingdom	8,923	7,032	-21.2	118,524	124,540	5.1
Montenegro	31,378	30,965	-1.3	330,298	338,981	2.6
Poland	490	732	49.4	153,263	131,767	-14.0
USA	4,543	4,842	6.6	112,900	114,765	1.7
Spain	433	922	112.9	24,044	28,167	17.1
Germany	3,198	4,433	38.6	137,396	161,575	17.6
Switzerland	1,180	1,304	10.5	51,911	62,120	19.7
Others	30,366	56,353	85.6	1,157,623	1,295,337	11.9
Total	246,678	268,176	8.7	5,646,104	6,117,330	8.3

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	November 2018	November 2019	Annual change (%)	January- November 2018	January – November 2019	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	246,678	268,176	8.7	5,646,104	6,117,330	8.3
I. Personal	238,500	260,122	9.1	5,565,547	6,025,328	8.3
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	228,357	250,367	9.6	5,386,517	5,832,463	8.3
2. Health treatment	39	69	76.9	242	601	148.3
3. Religious	50	39	-22.0	724	756	4.4
4. Tranzit	10,054	9,647	-4.0	178,064	191,508	7.6
II. Business and professional	8,178	8,054	-1.5	80,557	92,002	14.2

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
November 2018	95,341	28,539	523,246	108,271	25,192	527,051
November 2019	109,518	33,764	550,669	124,614	31,762	630,983
Annual change (%)	14.9	18.3	5.2	15.1	26.1	19.7
January- November 2018	1,352,896	743,679	8,316,745	1,379,697	768,910	8,628,499
January- November 2019	1,515,186	785,095	8,905,790	1,551,599	812,787	9,032,645
Annual change (%)	12.0	5.6	7.1	12.5	5.7	4.7

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.