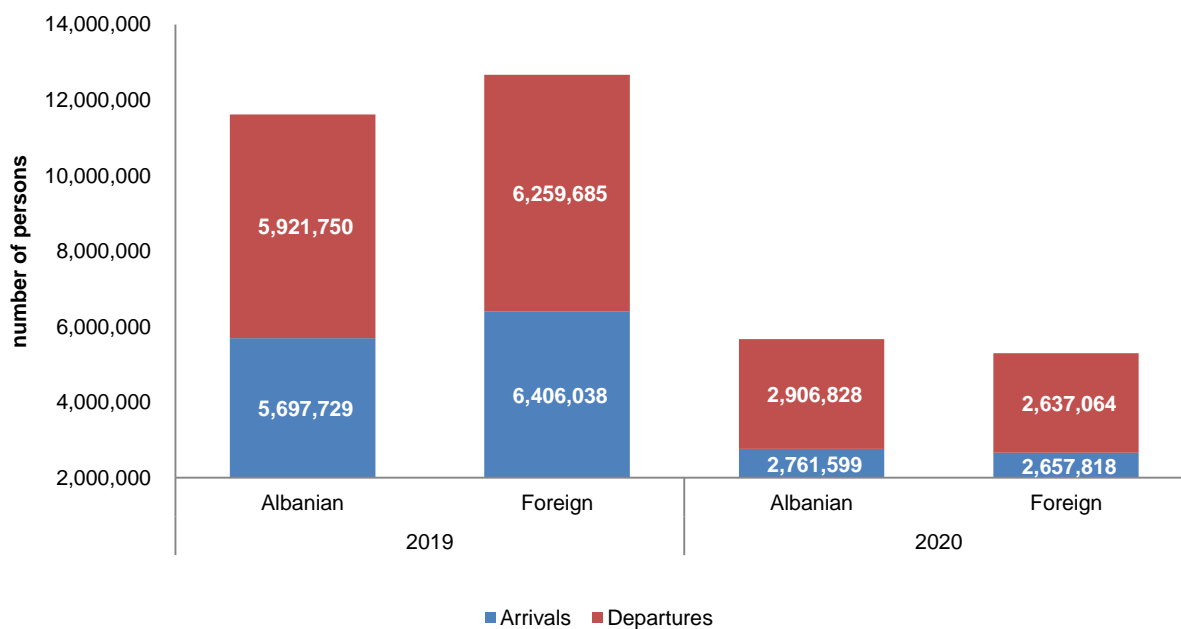


Movements of citizens in Albania

December 2020

Tiranë 25 January 2021: The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania in 2020, is 2,657,818 decreasing by 58.5 %, compared with 2019. The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of Albania during 2020 is 2,906,828 decreasing by 50.9 %, compared with the previous year (tab.1).

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania, 2019 – 2020



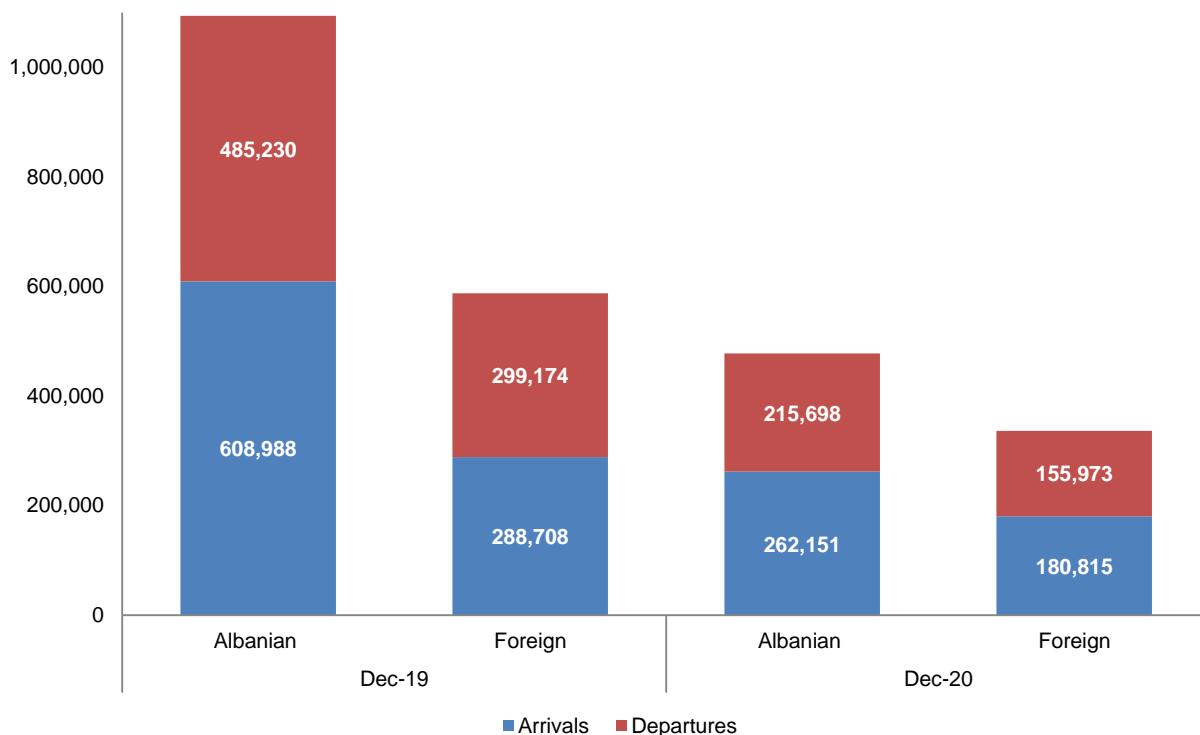
Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in December 2020 are 442,966. Compared to December 2019, this indicator decreased by 50.7 %. In December 2020, arrivals of foreign citizens to the territory of Albania are 180,815, compared to December 2019, this number decreased by 37.4 %.

During 2020, Kosovo had the lowest decrease of arrivals by 38.6 %, while Spain had the highest decrease of arrivals by 90.3 %, compared with 2019 (tab.2).

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Fig. 2 Movements of citizens in Albania, December 2020



Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2020 are 215,698. Compared to December 2019, this number has decreased by 55.5 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during December 2020 are 155,973. Compared to December 2019, this number decreased by 47.9 %.

Tab 1. Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens, December 2020

Period	December 2019	December 2020	Annual change (%)	January-December 2019	January-December 2020	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	897,696	442,966	-50.7	12,103,767	5,419,417	-55.2
Albanian	608,988	262,151	-57.0	5,697,729	2,761,599	-51.5
Foreign	288,708	180,815	-37.4	6,406,038	2,657,818	-58.5
Total Departures	784,404	371,671	-52.6	12,181,435	5,543,892	-54.5
Albanian	485,230	215,698	-55.5	5,921,750	2,906,828	-50.9
Foreign	299,174	155,973	-47.9	6,259,685	2,637,064	-57.9

Tab 2. Arrivals of foreign citizens, December 2020

Countries	December 2019	December 2020	Annual change (%)	January-December 2019	January-December 2020	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	75,211	85,648	13.9	2,246,540	1,379,360	-38.6
North Macedonia	40,655	31,826	-21.7	753,533	370,135	-50.9
Greece	56,969	5,714	-90.0	596,884	203,445	-65.9
Italy	31,789	9,648	-69.6	467,745	123,489	-73.6
United Kingdom	8,635	3,849	-55.4	133,175	53,402	-59.9
Montenegro	27,836	18,746	-32.7	366,817	174,233	-52.5
Poland	636	317	-50.2	132,403	24,404	-81.6
USA	4,414	2,070	-53.1	119,179	24,570	-79.4
Spain	583	188	-67.8	28,750	2,801	-90.3
Germany	4,128	3,252	-21.2	165,703	39,461	-76.2
Switzerland	2,750	3,466	26.0	64,870	18,389	-71.7
Others	35,102	16,091	-54.2	1,330,439	244,129	-81.7
Total	288,708	180,815	-37.4	6,406,038	2,657,818	-58.5

Tab 3. Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose, December 2020

Period	December 2019	December 2020	Annual change (%)	January-December 2019	January-December 2020	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	288,708	180,815	-37.4	6,406,038	2,657,818	-58.5
I. Personal	279,517	170,162	-39.1	6,304,845	2,542,494	-59.7
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, health treatment, etc.	262,483	155,022	-40.9	6,095,547	2,458,883	-59.7
2. Religious	38	28	-26.3	794	326	-58.9
3. Transit	16,996	15,112	-11.1	208,504	83,285	-60.1
II. Business and professional	9,191	10,653	15.9	101,193	115,324	14.0

Tab 4. Movements of citizens by mode of travel, December 2020

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
December 2019	144,408	57,809	695,479	142,337	25,728	616,339
December 2020	50,816	28,666	363,484	33,749	10,566	327,356
Annual change (%)	-64.8	-50.4	-47.7	-76.3	-58.9	-46.9
January- December 2019	1,659,594	842,904	9,601,269	1,426,985	781,025	8,401,662
January- December 2020	657,467	233,538	4,528,412	649,044	223,890	4,670,958
Annual change (%)	-60.4	-72.3	-52.8	-54.5	-71.3	-44.4

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, health treatment, etc.;
2. Religious;
3. 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 June declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.