

Movements of citizens in Albania

February 2019

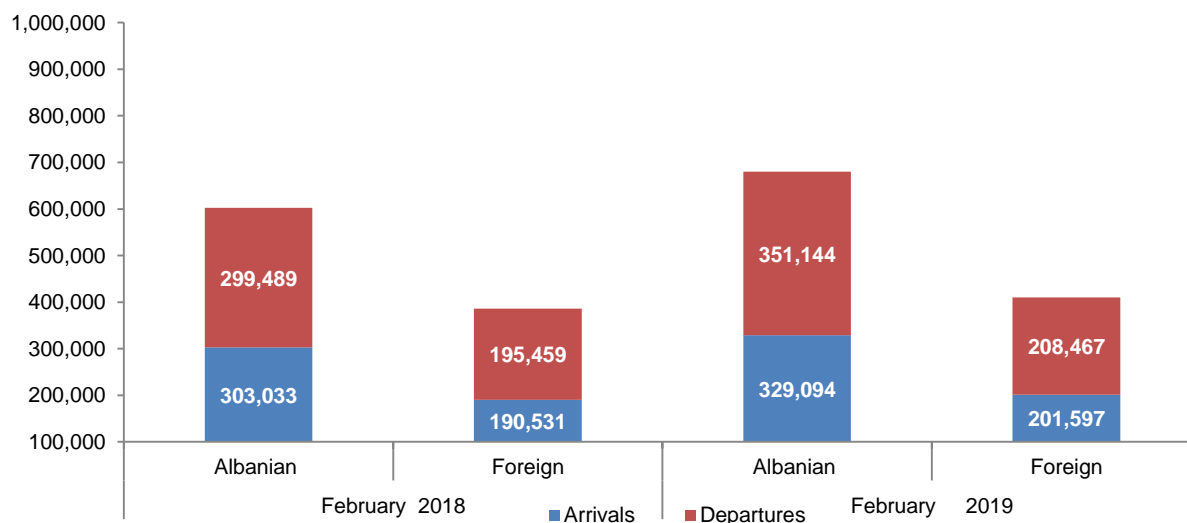
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Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in February 2019 are 530,691, compared with February 2018, this indicator increased 7.5 %. In February 2019, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 201,597. Compared to February 2018, this number increased by 5.8 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first two months of 2019, is 411,117, decreasing by 2.8 %, compared with the same period of 2018. In February 2019, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, United Kingdom had the highest growth by 27.9 %, while the largest decrease is 12.5 % by the citizens of Kosovo.

In the two months of 2019, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania, the largest increase in inflows came from United Kingdom by 17.6 % while Kosovo had the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 16.0 %.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during February 2019 are 559,611 marking an increase by 13.1 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during February 2019 are 351,144 and compared to February 2018; this number has increased by 17.2 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during February 2019 are 208,467. Compared to February 2018, this number increased by 6.7 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country in the first two months of 2019 is 804,975 increasing by 7.7% compared to the same period of the previous year.

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

| Period | February 2018 | February 2019 | Annual change (%) | January-February 2018 | January-February 2019 | Annual change (%) |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Total Arrivals | 493,564 | 530,691 | 7.5 | 1,099,008 | 1,104,739 | 0.5 |
| Albanian | 303,033 | 329,094 | 8.6 | 676,139 | 693,622 | 2.6 |
| Foreign | 190,531 | 201,597 | 5.8 | 422,869 | 411,117 | -2.8 |
| Total Departures | 494,948 | 559,611 | 13.1 | 1,221,411 | 1,253,268 | 2.6 |
| Albanian | 299,489 | 351,144 | 17.2 | 747,592 | 804,975 | 7.7 |
| Foreign | 195,459 | 208,467 | 6.7 | 473,819 | 448,293 | -5.4 |

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

| Countries | February 2018 | February 2019 | Annual change (%) | January-February 2018 | January-February 2019 | Annual change (%) |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Kosovo | 66,810 | 58,489 | -12.5 | 148,191 | 124,538 | -16.0 |
| Macedonia | 25,144 | 29,419 | 17.0 | 62,257 | 59,434 | -4.5 |
| Greece | 30,022 | 31,918 | 6.3 | 62,491 | 63,575 | 1.7 |
| Italy | 16,843 | 17,354 | 3.0 | 35,602 | 36,689 | 3.1 |
| United Kingdom | 4,027 | 5,151 | 27.9 | 8,115 | 9,546 | 17.6 |
| Montenegro | 21,907 | 21,185 | -3.3 | 48,373 | 45,610 | -5.7 |
| Poland | 347 | 374 | 7.8 | 724 | 767 | 5.9 |
| USA | 2,721 | 3,131 | 15.1 | 6,274 | 6,786 | 8.2 |
| Spain | 344 | 362 | 5.2 | 777 | 755 | -2.8 |
| Gjermany | 2,202 | 2,338 | 6.2 | 4,910 | 5,244 | 6.8 |
| Switzerland | 910 | 907 | -0.3 | 2,560 | 2,552 | -0.3 |
| Others | 19,254 | 30,969 | 60.8 | 42,595 | 55,621 | 30.6 |
| Total | 190,531 | 201,597 | 5.8 | 422,869 | 411,117 | -2.8 |

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

| Period | February 2018 | February 2019 | Annual change (%) | January-February 2018 | January-February 2019 | Annual change (%) |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Arrivals foreign citizens | 190,531 | 201,597 | 5.8 | 422,869 | 411,117 | -2.8 |
| I. Personal | 185,510 | 193,963 | 4.6 | 413,237 | 398,737 | -3.5 |
| 1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc. | 177,028 | 185,863 | 5.0 | 394,621 | 380,726 | -3.5 |
| 2. Health treatment | 19 | 61 | 221.1 | 37 | 66 | 78.4 |
| 3. Religious | 53 | 57 | 7.5 | 89 | 156 | 75.3 |
| 4. Transit | 8,410 | 7,982 | -5.1 | 18,490 | 17,789 | -3.8 |
| II. Business and professional | 5,021 | 7,634 | 52.0 | 9,632 | 12,380 | 28.5 |

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

| Period | Total Arrivals | | | Total Departures | | |
|------------------------|----------------|--------|---------|------------------|--------|---------|
| | Air | Sea | Land | Ajër | Sea | Land |
| February 2018 | 77,381 | 19,815 | 396,368 | 77,842 | 18,396 | 398,710 |
| February 2019 | 88,883 | 21,748 | 420,060 | 87,906 | 20,957 | 450,748 |
| Annual change (%) | 14.9 | 9.8 | 6.0 | 12.9 | 13.9 | 13.1 |
| January- February 2018 | 177,979 | 41,789 | 879,240 | 191,661 | 65,280 | 964,470 |
| January- February 2019 | 191,229 | 44,288 | 869,222 | 207,139 | 68,495 | 977,634 |
| Annual change (%) | 7.4 | 6.0 | -1.1 | 8.1 | 4.9 | 1.4 |

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, etc.;
2. Health treatment;
3. Religious;
4. Tranzit.

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.