

# Movements of citizens in Albania

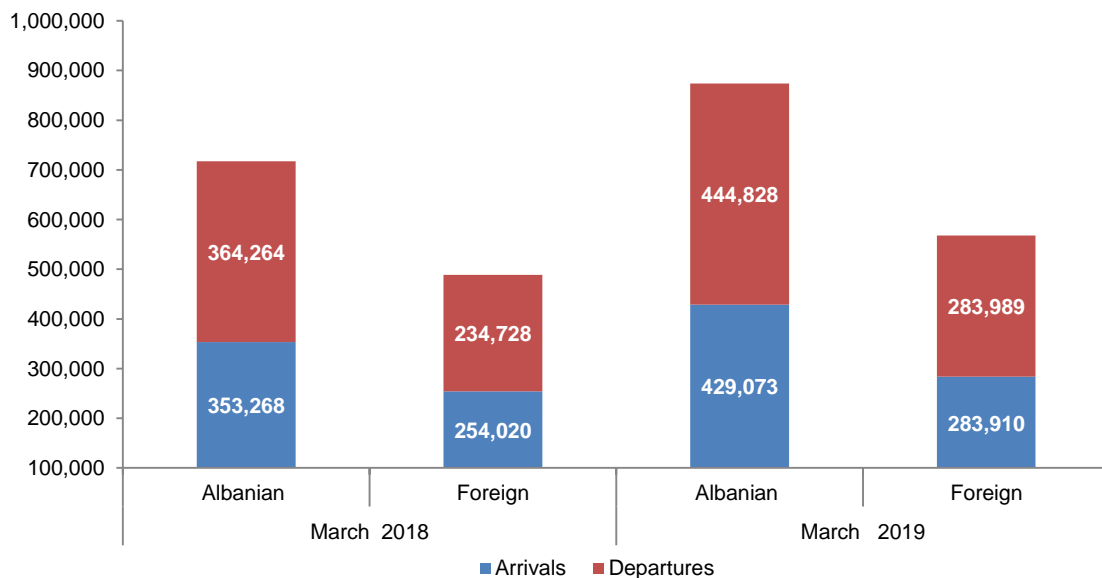
## March 2019

**Tirana 23 April 2019:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in March 2019 are 712,983, compared to March 2018, this indicator increased 17.4 %. In March 2019, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 283,910. Compared to March 2018, this number increased by 11.8 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first quarter of 2019, is 695.027, decreasing by 2.7 %, compared with the same period of 2018. In March 2019, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, United States of America had the highest growth by 74.2%, while the largest decrease is 63.8 % by the citizens of United Kingdom.

In the First quarter of 2019, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is United States of America by 33.3%, while Spain had the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 23.8%.

**Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania**



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during March 2019 are 728.817 marking an increase by 21.7 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during March 2019 are 444,828 and compared to March 2018; this number has increased by 22.1 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during March 2019 are 283,989. Compared to March 2018, this number increased by 21.0 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country in the first quarter is 1.249.803 increasing by 12.4% compared to the same period of the previous year.

**Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens**

Period	March 2018	March 2019	Annual change (%)	January-March 2018	January-March 2019	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	607,288	712,983	17.4	1,706,296	1,817,722	6.5
Albanian	353,268	429,073	21.5	1,029,407	1,122,695	9.1
Foreign	254,020	283,910	11.8	676,889	695,027	2.7
Total Departures	598,992	728,817	21.7	1,820,403	1,982,085	8.9
Albanian	364,264	444,828	22.1	1,111,856	1,249,803	12.4
Foreign	234,728	283,989	21.0	708,547	732,282	3.3

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens**

Countries	March 2018	March 2019	Annual change (%)	January-March 2018	January-March 2019	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	82,832	79,389	-4.2	231,023	203,927	-11.7
Macedonia	35,407	45,464	28.4	97,664	104,898	7.4
Greece	37,737	45,385	20.3	100,228	108,960	8.7
Italy	20,794	21,594	3.8	56,396	58,283	3.3
United Kingdom	5,147	1,861	-63.8	13,262	11,407	-14.0
Montenegro	32,345	34,889	7.9	80,718	80,499	-0.3
Poland	495	582	17.6	1,219	1,349	10.7
USA	3,870	6,741	74.2	10,144	13,527	33.3
Spain	863	494	-42.8	1,640	1,249	-23.8
Gjermany	4,557	2,707	-40.6	9,467	7,951	-16.0
Switzerland	1,298	1,437	10.7	3,858	3,989	3.4
Others	28,675	43,367	51.2	71,270	98,988	38.9
<b>Total</b>	254,020	283,910	11.8	676,889	695,027	2.7

**Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose**

Period	March 2018	March 2019	Annual change (%)	January-March 2018	January- March 2019	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	254,020	283,910	11.8	676,889	695,027	2.7
I. Personal	247,543	276,068	11.5	660,780	674,805	2.1
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	235,630	262,419	11.4	630,251	643,145	2.0
2. Health treatment	25	71	184.0	62	137	121.0
3. Religious	44	39	-11.4	133	195	46.6
4. Tranzit	11,844	13,539	14.3	30,334	31,328	3.3
II. Business and professional	6,477	7,842	21.1	16,109	20,222	25.5

**Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel**

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
March 2018	97,923	25,212	484,153	93,320	22,247	483,425
March 2019	103,433	28,298	581,252	102,288	36,464	590,065
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	5.6	12.2	20.1	9.6	63.9	22.1
January- March 2018	275,902	67,001	1,363,393	284,981	87,527	1,447,895
January- March 2019	294,662	72,586	1,450,474	309,427	104,959	1,567,699
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	6.8	8.3	6.4	8.6	19.9	8.3

# 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.