

Movements of citizens in Albania

May 2019

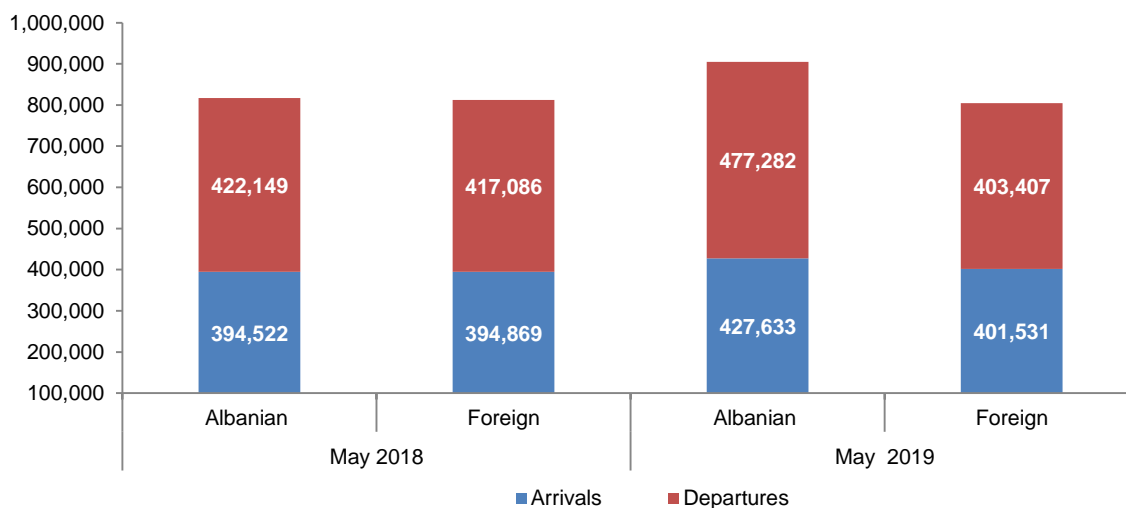
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Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in May 2019 are 829.164, compared to May 2018, this indicator increased 5.0 %. In May 2019, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 401.531. Compared to May 2018, this number increased by 1.7 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first five months of 2019, is 1.506.618, increasing by 5.8 %, compared with the same period of 2018. In May 2019, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, Switzerland had the highest growth by 25.9 %, while the largest decrease is 18.7 % by the citizens of Kosovo.

In the first five months of 2019, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is Switzerland by 28.4%, while Kosovo had the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 9.1 %.

Fig. 1 Movements of citizens in Albania



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during May 2019 are 880.689 marking an increase by 4.9 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during May 2019 are 477.282 and compared to May 2018; this number has increased by 13.1 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during May 2019 are 403.407. Compared to May 2018, this number decreased by 3.3 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country in the first five months of 2019 is 2.196.873 increasing by 10.7% compared to the same period of the previous year

Tab. 1 Movements of Albanian and foreign citizens

Period	May 2018	May2019	Annual change (%)	January-May 2018	January-May 2019	Annual change (%)
Total Arrivals	789,391	829,164	5.0	3,277,091	3,521,042	7.4
Albanian	394,522	427,633	8.4	1,853,723	2,014,424	8.7
Foreign	394,869	401,531	1.7	1,423,368	1,506,618	5.8
Total Departures	839,235	880,689	4.9	3,473,393	3,717,129	7.0
Albanian	422,149	477,282	13.1	1,985,152	2,196,873	10.7
Foreign	417,086	403,407	-3.3	1,488,241	1,520,256	2.2

Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens

Countries	May 2018	May 2019	Annual change (%)	January-May 2018	January- May 2019	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	96,984	78,878	-18.7	434,705	395,099	-9.1
Macedonia	54,903	50,359	-8.3	203,267	209,220	2.9
Greece	38,954	41,428	6.4	191,206	205,612	7.5
Italy	26,080	29,257	12.2	107,261	117,671	9.7
United Kingdom	12,167	11,375	-6.5	32,591	32,130	-1.4
Montenegro	40,825	36,884	-9.7	157,695	152,369	-3.4
Poland	8,981	7,837	-12.7	13,634	13,065	-4.2
USA	11,172	10,689	-4.3	27,042	31,053	14.8
Spain	2,136	2,454	14.9	4,634	5,627	21.4
Gjermany	17,763	18,042	1.6	35,397	39,440	11.4
Switzerland	3,375	4,248	25.9	10,733	13,778	28.4
Others	81,529	110,080	35.0	205,203	291,554	42.1
Total	394,869	401,531	1.7	1,423,368	1,506,618	5.8

Tab. 3 Arrivals of foreign citizens by purpose

Period	May 2018	May 2019	Annual change (%)	January- May 2018	January-May 2019	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	394,869	401,531	1.7	1,423,368	1,506,618	5.8
I. Personal	385,506	392,098	1.7	1,390,590	1,468,275	5.6
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	368,190	376,181	2.2	1,325,949	1,400,711	5.6
2. Health treatment	17	127	647.1	107	346	223.4
3. Religious	87	139	59.8	350	402	14.9
4. Transit	17,212	15,651	-9.1	64,184	66,816	4.1
II. Business and professional	9,363	9,433	0.7	32,778	38,343	17.0

Tab. 4 Movements of citizens by mode of travel

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
May 2018	110,859	55,807	622,725	110,613	55,251	673,371
May 2019	125,740	61,735	641,689	124,495	58,390	697,804
Annual change (%)	13.4	10.6	3.0	12.6	5.7	3.6
January-May 2018	495,210	152,493	2,629,388	501,633	174,118	2,797,642
January-May 2019	543,193	177,351	2,800,498	551,415	202,799	2,962,915
Annual change (%)	9.7	16.3	6.5	9.9	16.5	5.9

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.