

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## March 2020

**Tiranë 23 April 2020:** Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in March 2020 are 272,514.

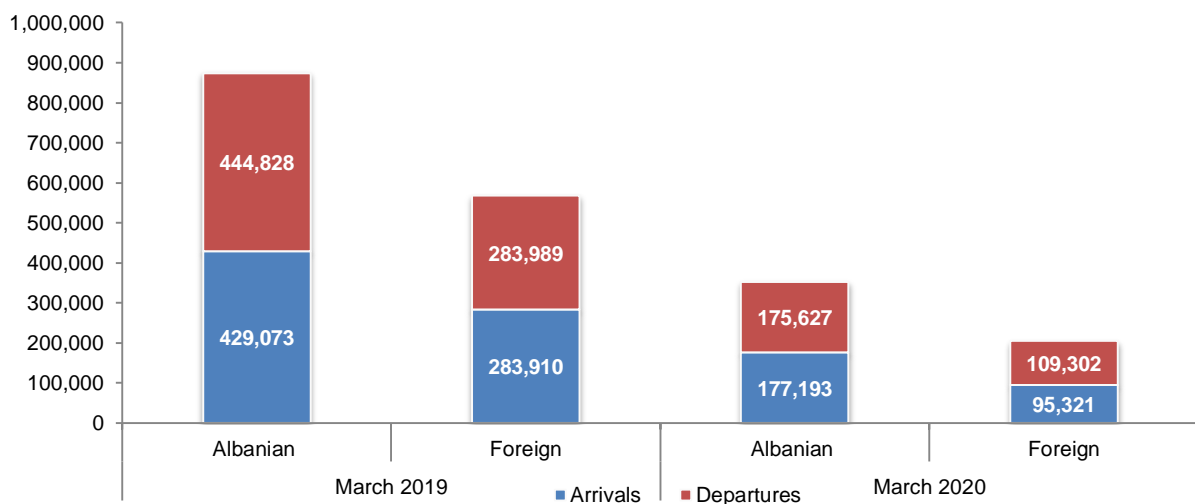
Compared to March 2019, this indicator decreased 61.8 %. In March 2020, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 95,321. Compared to March 2019, this number decreased by 66.4 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first three months of 2020, is 573,723, decreasing by 17.5 %, compared with the same period of 2019.

In March 2020, among the countries with the highest incomes of citizens in Albania, United Kingdom had the highest growth, while the lowest income is marked by the citizens of SHBA, compared with March 2019.

In the first three months of 2020, the country with the highest inflows of citizens in Albania is United Kingdom by 27.0 %, while SHBA had the lowest income of citizens with a decrease of 36.1 %, compared with the same period of 2019.

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



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Albanian and foreign citizen's departures from the country during March 2020 are 284,929 marking a decrease by 60.9 % compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during March 2020 are 175,627. Compared to March 2019, this number has decreased by 60.5 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during March 2020 are 109,302, compared to March 2019 has marked a decrease by 61.5 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country in the first three months of 2020 is 1,100,290 decreasing by 12.0 %, compared to the previous year.

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

Period	March 2019	March 2020	Annual change (%)	January- March 2019	January- March 2020	Annual change (%)
<b>Total Arrivals</b>	<b>712,983</b>	<b>272,514</b>	-61.8	<b>1,817,722</b>	<b>1,582,966</b>	-12.9
Albanian	429,073	177,193	-58.7	1,122,695	1,009,243	-10.1
Foreign	283,910	95,321	-66.4	695,027	573,723	-17.5
<b>Total Departures</b>	<b>728,817</b>	<b>284,929</b>	-60.9	<b>1,982,085</b>	<b>1,767,352</b>	-10.8
Albanian	444,828	175,627	-60.5	1,249,803	1,100,290	-12.0
Foreign	283,989	109,302	-61.5	732,282	667,062	-8.9

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens**

Countries	March 2019	March 2020	Annual change (%)	January- March 2019	January- March 2020	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	79,389	29,174	-63.3	203,927	177,454	-13.0
North Macedonia	45,464	15,442	-66.0	104,898	87,706	-16.4
Greece	45,385	15,183	-66.5	108,960	92,032	-15.5
Italy	21,594	4,793	-77.8	58,283	44,269	-24.0
United Kingdom	1,861	2,831	52.1	11,407	14,491	27.0
Montenegro	34,889	12,150	-65.2	80,499	70,377	-12.6
Poland	582	260	-55.3	1,349	1,337	-0.9
USA	6,741	1,369	-79.7	13,527	8,646	-36.1
Spain	494	156	-68.4	1,249	1,120	-10.3
Germany	2,707	1,335	-50.7	7,951	7,633	-4.0
Switzerland	1,437	374	-74.0	3,989	3,234	-18.9
Others	43,367	12,254	-71.7	98,988	65,424	-33.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>283,910</b>	<b>95,321</b>	<b>-66.4</b>	<b>695,027</b>	<b>573,723</b>	<b>-17.5</b>

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

Period	March 2019	March 2020	Annual change (%)	January- March 2019	January- March 2020	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	283,910	95,321	-66.4	695,027	478,402	-31.2
I. Personal	276,068	88,496	-67.9	674,805	462,711	-31.4
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, etc.	262,419	83,473	-68.2	643,145	442,786	-31.2
2. Health treatment	71	49	-31.0	137	95	-30.7
3. Religious	39	17	-56.4	195	73	-62.6
4. Tranzit	13,539	4,957	-63.4	31,328	19,757	-36.9
II. Business and professional	7,842	6,825	-13.0	20,222	15,691	-22.4

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

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
March 2019	103,433	28,298	581,252	102,288	36,464	590,065
March 2020	38,304	10,956	223,254	38,323	8,514	238,092.0
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	-63.0	-61.3	-61.6	-62.5	-76.7	-60.0
January- March 2019	294,662	72,586	1,450,474	309,427	104,959	1,567,699
January- March 2020	251,434	59,996	1,271,536	266,913	78,286	1,422,153
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	-14.7	-17.3	-12.3	-13.7	-25.4	-9.3

# 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.