

# Movements of citizens in Albania

## May 2020

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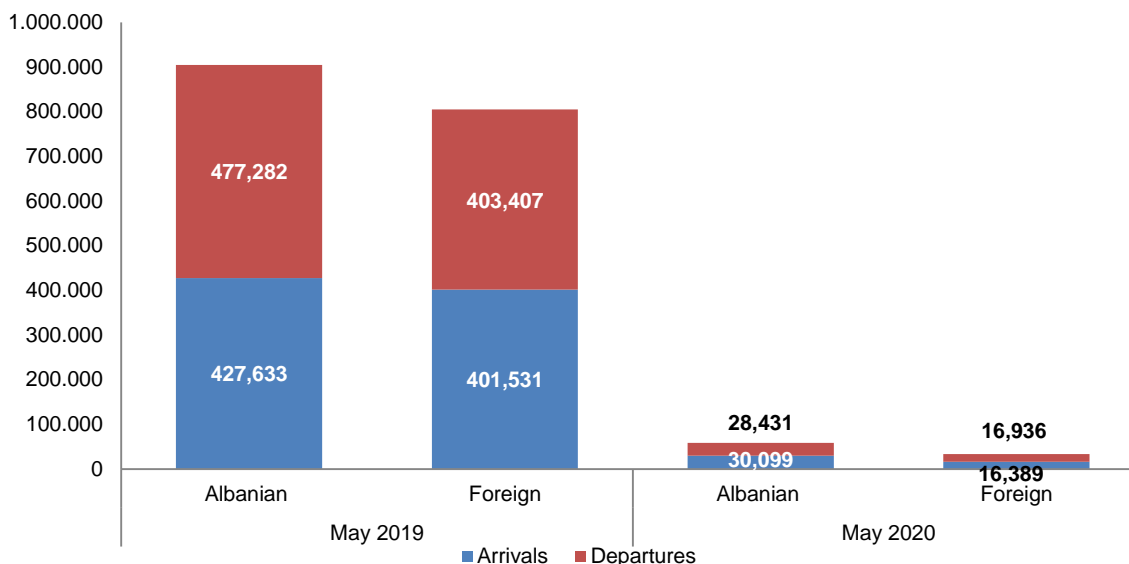
Arrivals of Albanian and foreign citizens to the territory of Albania, in May 2020 are 46,488. Compared to May 2019, this indicator decreased 94.4 %.

In May 2020, arrivals of foreign citizens in the country are 16,389. Compared to May 2019, this number decreased by 95.9 %.

The number of foreign citizen arrivals to the territory of Albania during the first three months of 2020, is 602,300 decreasing by 60.0 %, compared with the same period of 2019.

During the first five months of 2020, Montenegro had the lowest decrease of income of citizens by 51,1 %, while Poland had the highest decrease of income of citizens by 89.0 %, 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 May 2020 are 45,367 marking a decrease by 94.8 %, compared to the same period of the previous year. Departures of Albanian citizens from the territory of Albania during May 2020 are 28,431. Compared to May 2019, this number has decreased by 94.0 %. Departures of foreign citizens from the territory of Albania during May 2020 are 16,936. Compared to May 2019, this number decreased by 95.8 %.

The number of Albanian citizens leaving the territory of our country during the first five months of 2020 is 1,139,359 decreasing by 48.1 %, compared to the previous year.

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

Period	May 2019	May 2020	Annual change (%)	January- May 2019	January- May 2020	Annual change (%)
<b>Total Arrivals</b>	<b>829,164</b>	<b>46,488</b>	-94.4	<b>3,521,042</b>	<b>1,654,711</b>	-53.0
Albanian	427,633	30,099	-93.0	2,014,424	1,052,411	-47.8
Foreign	401,531	16,389	-95.9	1,506,618	602,300	-60.0
<b>Total Departures</b>	<b>880,689</b>	<b>45,367</b>	-94.8	<b>3,717,129</b>	<b>1,836,644</b>	-50.6
Albanian	477,282	28,431	-94.0	2,196,873	1,139,359	-48.1
Foreign	403,407	16,936	-95.8	1,520,256	697,285	-54.1

**Tab. 2 Arrivals of foreign citizens**

Countries	May 2019	May 2020	Annual change (%)	January- May 2019	January- May 2020	Annual change (%)
Kosovo	78,878	6,457	-91.8	395,099	188,645	-52.3
North Macedonia	50,359	3,124	-93.8	209,220	93,305	-55.4
Greece	41,428	779	-98.1	205,612	89,732	-56.4
Italy	29,257	242	-99.2	117,671	44,593	-62.1
United Kingdom	11,375	98	-99.1	32,130	14,619	-54.5
Montenegro	36,884	2,202	-94.0	152,369	74,450	-51.1
Poland	7,837	62	-99.2	13,065	1,431	-89.0
USA	10,689	61	-99.4	31,053	8,732	-71.9
Spain	2,454	8	-99.7	5,627	1,140	-79.7
Germany	18,042	35	-99.8	39,440	11,243	-71.5
Switzerland	4,248	19	-99.6	13,778	3,253	-76.4
Others	110,080	3,302	-97.0	291,554	71,157	-75.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>401,531</b>	<b>16,389</b>	-95.9	<b>1,506,618</b>	<b>602,300</b>	-60.0

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

Period	May 2019	May 2020	Annual change (%)	January- May 2019	January- May 2020	Annual change (%)
Arrivals foreign citizens	401,531	16,389	-95.9	1,506,618	602,300	-60.0
I. Personal	392,098	5,498	-98.6	1,468,275	560,312	-61.8
1. Holidays, visit to relatives, religious, etc.	376,320	4,652	-98.8	1,401,113	534,032	-61.9
2. Health treatment	127	50	-60.6	346	230	-33.5
3. Tranzit	15,651	796	-94.9	66,816	26,050	-61.0
II. Business and professional	9,433	10,891	15.5	38,343	41,988	9.5

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

Period	Total Arrivals			Total Departures		
	Air	Sea	Land	Air	Sea	Land
May 2019	125,740	61,735	641,689	124,495	58,390	697,804
May 2020	4,978	5,780	35,730	2,104	4,096	39,167
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	<b>-96.0</b>	<b>-90.6</b>	<b>-94.4</b>	<b>-98.3</b>	<b>-93.0</b>	<b>-94.4</b>
January- May 2019	543,193	177,351	2,800,498	551,415	202,799	2,962,915
January- May 2020	259,057	68,887	1,326,767	270,872	84,425	1,481,347
<b>Annual change (%)</b>	<b>-52.3</b>	<b>-61.2</b>	<b>-52.6</b>	<b>-50.9</b>	<b>-58.4</b>	<b>-50.0</b>

# 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, religious etc.;
2. Health treatment;
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 may declare different citizenship at exit from it at the entrance, etc.