

Migrant Country Profile

Albania



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Relationship with Ireland

Albania was ranked no. 1 in the top 10 nationalities removed from the State in 2018: 12.4%¹

Albania – DFA – Travel Advice: <https://www.dfa.ie/travel/travel-advice/a-z-list-of-countries/albania/>

Albanian nationals **require an Irish visa** to enter Ireland. If an individual is intending on staying in Ireland for **less than three months**, there are different permits which can be availed of: A Tourist Visa, a Business Visa, an Exam Visa, an Internship Visa, a Join Ship Visa, a Medical Treatment Visa, a Marriage Visa, an Employment (Atypical) Visa, a Performance/Tournament Visa, a Training Visa, a Conference/Event Visa, a Visit (Family/Friend) Visa.² In addition, if one is intending on studying in Ireland for less than 3 months, you must have a valid Visit (Tourist) Visa.³ Moreover, if one is intending on joining/accompanying an EU/EEA or Swiss (not Irish) family member, for less than three months, you must hold a valid 'Residence Card of a Family Member of a Union Citizen'.⁴

For full details on Irish Short-Term Permits for Albanian Citizens, please follow this link: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-transit-required>

If an Albanian citizen is intending on staying in Ireland **for more than three months**, there are a list of visas which can be availed of: A Study Visa, an Employment Visa, an Employment (Scientific Researcher) Visa, a Volunteer Visa, and a Minister of Religion Visa.⁵ Additionally, if one is intending on coming to Ireland for training purposes, for more than three months, you need a visa and further authorisations (full details: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-long-training>).⁶ Furthermore, if one is intending on joining a partner, spouse, or family member, for more than three months, please see the following link for detailed instructions: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-long-family>.⁷

For full details on Long-Term Permits for Albanian Citizens, please follow this link: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-required-long> and for further information on **transit visa details**, please see the following link: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/transit-visa-required-transit>

¹ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-2018.pdf>

² INIS: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-required-short>

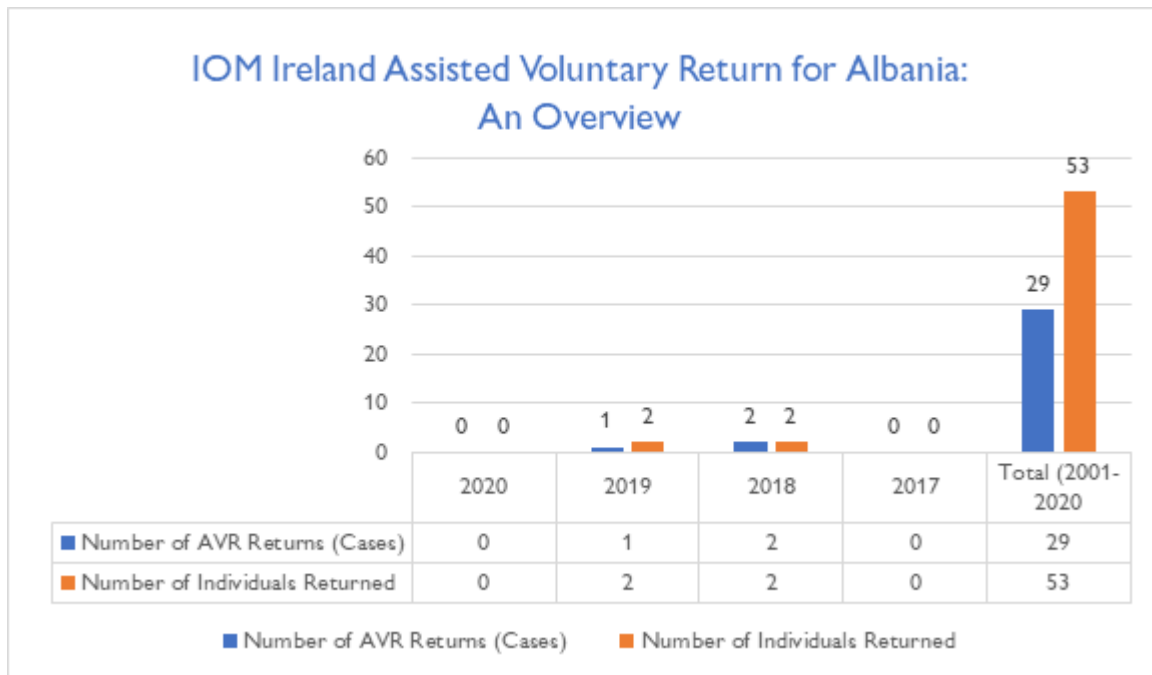
³ INIS: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-short-study>

⁴ INIS: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Pages/visa-short-family-eu>

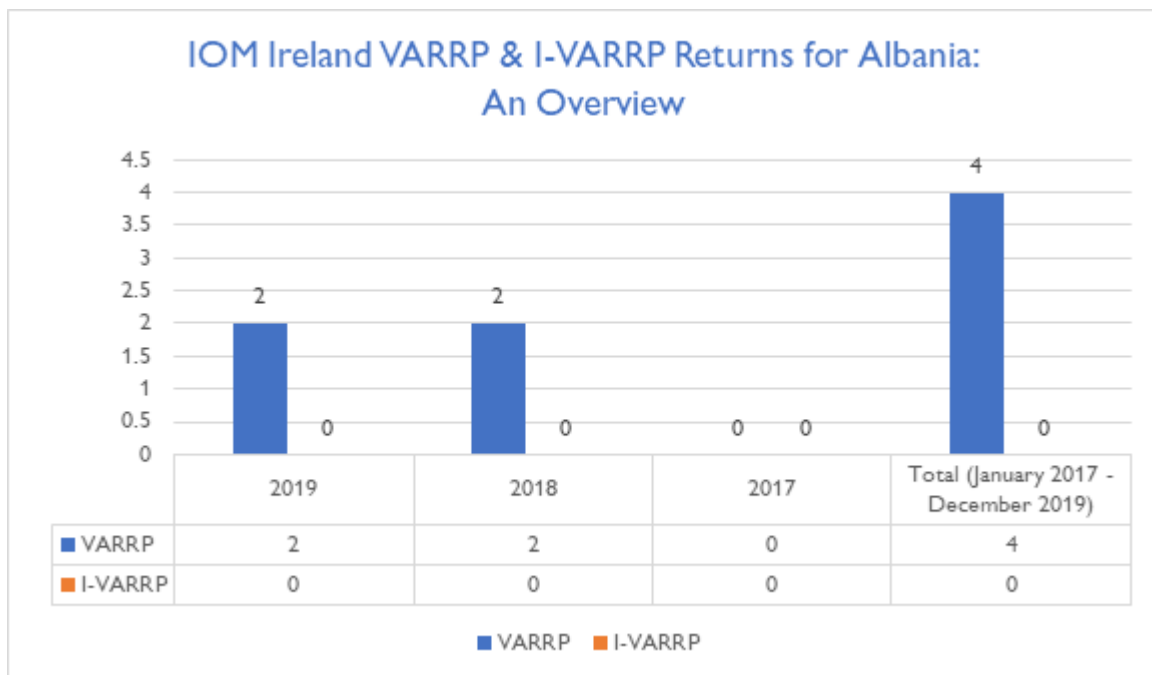
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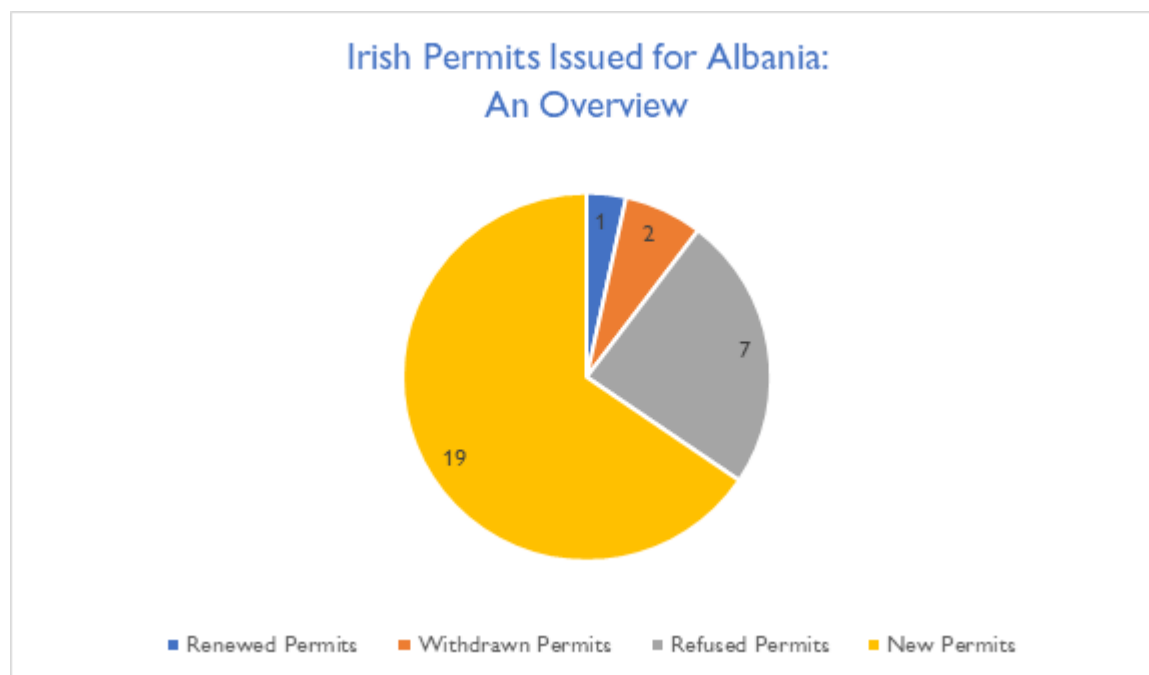
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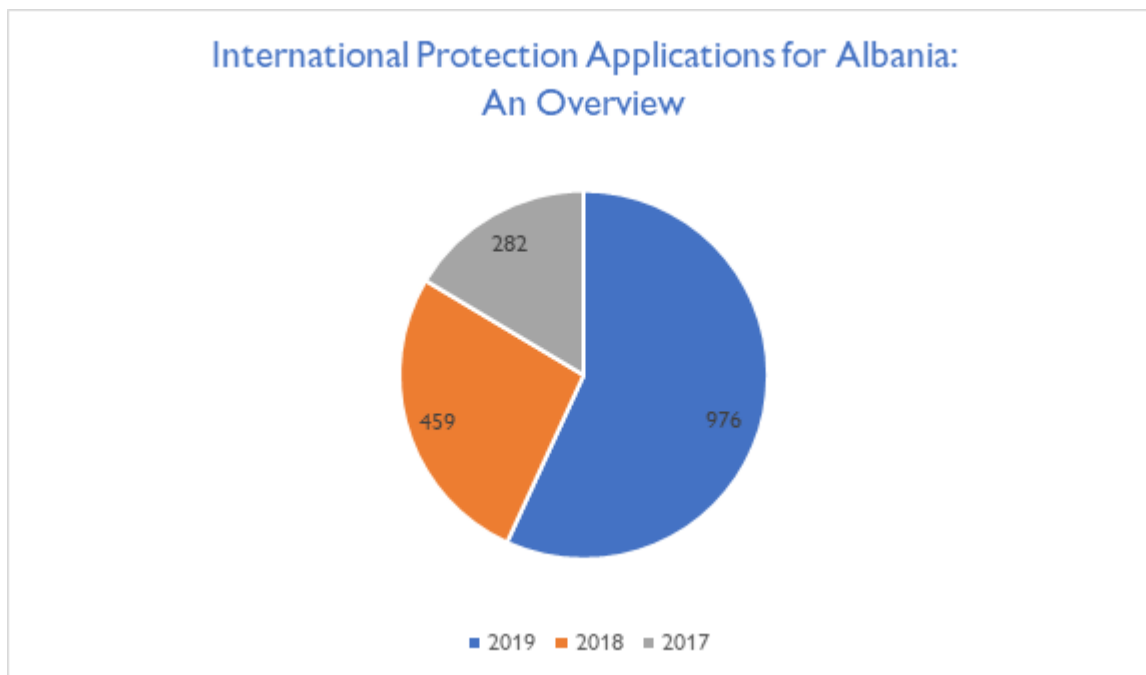
Albania | Irish Permits & Sectors in 2019 |



Source: <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/Publications/Employment-Permit-Statistics-2019.html>

- From January to December 2019, there were 19 new permits issued to Albanian nationals in Ireland. Furthermore, 1 permit was renewed, 7 permits were refused, and 2 permits were withdrawn. Therefore, there was a total of 20 permits for Albanian nationals made overall.⁸

⁸ Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation: <https://dbei.gov.ie/en/Publications/Employment-Permit-Statistics-2019.html>



Sources: 1.

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International Protection - Albania

Albania is ranked one of the **top 5 nationalities for International Protection in Ireland in 2019** (Albania, Georgia, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, and South Africa) and 2018.⁹

Increase of international protection applications in Ireland. Total of **976** applications made by Albanian nationals in Ireland as at December 2019 (**20.4 % of total 4,781** applications for international protection made in 2019), comparatively with **459** (12.5%) applications made as at December **2018**.¹⁰

282 International protection applications made as at **December 2017** for Albania.¹¹

31 International Recommendations for Approval for Albanian nationals (2018)¹²

345 International Protection Recommendations for Refusal for Albanian nationals (2018)¹³

⁹<http://www.ipo.gov.ie/en/IPO/20191114.WebsiteStatsOct2019FINALV2.pdf/Files/20191114.WebsiteStatsOct2019FINALV2.pdf>

¹⁰ <http://www.ipo.gov.ie/en/IPO/Dec%202019.pdf/Files/Dec%202019.pdf>

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¹² <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

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13 International Protection Refusals for Albanian nationals (2018)¹⁴

27 International Protection Grants for Albanian nationals (2018)¹⁵

Direct Provision (INIS, 2018)

617 Albanian Refugee Applicants in Direct Provision (as at 31st December 2018)¹⁶

Family Reunification (INIS, 2018)

3 Family Reunification Grants¹⁷

Deportation – Albania (INIS, 2018)

7 Deportations Signed¹⁸

IOM International Data Portal – Albania Profile: Trafficking

17.6% Children Trafficked, Country of Exploitation (2018)¹⁹

21.7% Children Trafficked, Country of Origin (2018)²⁰

97.6% Women trafficked, Country of Exploitation (2018)²¹

96.6% Women trafficked, Country of Origin (2018)²²

Albania – Irish and International Media:

Reports have been made in the press in relation to Albanian nationals entering Ireland through Ringaskiddy Port in Co. Cork. Overall, there was a total of 26 nationals entering through this port, between August to March 2019. In addition, eight people were found in a container at this port, coming from Santander, northern Spain.²³

¹⁴ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

¹⁵ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

¹⁶ INIS, 2018: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

¹⁷ INIS, 2018: <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

¹⁸ <http://www.inis.gov.ie/en/INIS/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf/Files/Immigration-in-Ireland-Annual-Review-Statistics-2018.pdf>

¹⁹ IOM DATA, 2018: https://migrationdataportal.org/?i=ctdc_exploit_percmin2018&t=2018&cm49=8

²⁰ IOM, 2019: https://migrationdataportal.org/?i=ctdc_exploit_percmin2018&t=2018&cm49=8

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²² IOM, 2018: https://migrationdataportal.org/?i=ctdc_exploit_percmin2018&t=2018&cm49=8

²³ Irish Examiner, 2019: <https://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/albanian-stowaways-found-in-ringaskiddy-face-deportation-907273.html>

Ireland denies asylum status to 23 people and returned them to countries, Albania and Georgia (December 2019).²⁴

Irish Times, December 2019: <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/immigration-crackdown-sees-rise-in-foreign-nationals-turned-back-at-dublin-airport-1.4127464> Albanian and Georgian nationals.

Independent, 2019: <https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/airports-tough-stance-on-albanian-migrants-38669370.html>

²⁴ Irish Times, 2019: <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/ireland-returns-23-people-denied-asylum-to-albania-and-georgia-1.4104861>