

IMPACT AND CHALLENGES OF IMMIGRATION IN THE ALBANIAN ECONOMY

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ABSTRACT

This research shows the impact of immigration on the Albanian economy. Albania suffered three strong shocks, the earthquake, the pandemic, and the economic crisis that is all over the world. These are strong reasons that are leading to an increase in the number of immigrants to the EU countries in recent years. The study uses data collected through a special survey of 312 questionnaires, about why they want to leave Albania. What is the main reason that is forcing young Albanians to leave Albania? To conduct the study, the literature desk study, descriptive statistical method, and logistic modeling method are used. The study highlights the main factors of the increase in the number of immigrants as the cause of the lack of development prospects in the country, poor economic living conditions, unemployment, or few employment opportunities, which result in insufficient income for Albanian families. Poor health services and public services in general and poor political stability are other reasons for migration. Unemployed people, as well as people who were self-employed in the last country of migration, have a stronger tendency to migrate. The study also highlights the lack of effective policies to support youth and emphasizes the need to involve youth in the formulation of the government's political development agendas, which would ensure faster economic development of the country and address more adequate and effective migration issues.

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