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Table 1. Albania: Basic Indicators, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997 Est.
	(Percent change)					
Real GDP	-7.2	9.6	9.4	8.9	9.1	-7.0
Retail prices (period average)	226.0	85.0	22.6	7.8	12.7	32.1
Retail prices (during period)	236.6	30.9	15.8	6.0	17.4	42.1
	(In percent of GDP)					
Saving-investment balance						
Foreign saving 1/	57.1	28.7	14.4	9.7	11.5	14.2
Domestic saving	-51.9	-15.5	3.5	11.3	9.0	-2.2
Public 2/	-21.9	-8.7	-5.5	-3.3	-7.6	-8.7
Private	-30.0	-6.8	9.0	14.6	16.6	6.6
Investment	5.2	13.2	17.9	21.0	20.5	12.0
Public	4.0	9.5	8.6	8.2	4.5	4.1
Private	1.2	3.7	9.3	12.8	16.0	7.9
Fiscal sector						
Revenues	23.5	25.7	24.5	23.9	18.3	17.0
Expenditures 3/	44.0	34.9	31.2	30.8	29.0	27.6
Domestically financed deficit	20.0	9.1	7.0	6.6	11.0	10.9
Overall deficit	20.3	14.4	12.4	10.3	12.1	12.7
Monetary indicators						
Broad money growth (in percent)	...	75.0	40.6	51.8	43.8	28.4
Growth in private sector credit (in percent)	...	...	61.4	15.9	30.5	22.0
Velocity of circulation	...	3.68	2.83	2.22	1.97	1.92
	(In millions of U.S. dollars)					
External sector						
Current account balance	-104	-45	-118	-58	-168	-199
(in percent of GDP)	-14.7	-3.7	-6.0	-2.4	-6.2	-8.6
Official transfers	330	320	161	118	77	77
(in percent of GDP)	46.5	26.1	8.2	4.9	2.9	3.3
Current account balance 4/	-434	-365	-279	-176	-245	-276
(in percent of GDP)	-61.1	-29.7	-14.1	-7.2	-9.1	-11.9
Trade balance	-454	-490	-460	-474	-692	-519
(in percent of GDP)	-64.0	-39.9	-23.4	-19.6	-25.7	-22.5
Gross international reserves	72	147	204	240	280	306
(in months of imports of goods and nonfactor services)	1.4	2.3	3.2	3.4	3.1	4.5
Memorandum items:						
Real GDP (in billions of leks, 1990 prices)	11.2	12.3	13.5	14.7	16.0	14.9
Nominal GDP (in billions of leks)	53.2	125.3	187.9	224.7	281.0	338.9
Nominal GDP (in billions of U.S. dollars)	0.7	1.2	2.0	2.4	2.7	2.3
	Population and Social Indicators					
Population (mid-1995, in millions)				3.3		
Urban population (percent of total population)				37		
GNP per capita (1995, in U.S. dollars)				745		
Life expectancy at birth				73		
Infant mortality (per 1,000 live births)				31		

Sources: Albanian authorities; and Fund staff estimates and projections.

1/ Current account excluding net factor services and official transfers.

2/ Revenue (excluding grants) minus current expenditure.

3/ Commitment basis, excluding foreign financed investment.

4/ Excluding official transfers.

Table 2. Albania: GDP by Sector of Origin, 1992-96 1/

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
(In millions of leks at current prices)					
Gross domestic product	53,232	125,339	187,891	224,745	280,998
Industry	8,976	17,363	23,315	25,859	34,311
Agriculture	28,865	68,487	103,517	125,725	144,830
Construction	4,060	11,344	17,877	22,085	31,352
Transportation	1,596	3,876	6,268	7,296	9,009
Other services	9,735	24,269	36,914	43,780	61,496
(In millions of leks at constant 1990 prices)					
Gross domestic product	11,235	12,309	13,466	14,667	16,002
Industry	1,894	1,705	1,671	1,688	1,954
Agriculture	6,092	6,726	7,419	8,205	8,248
Construction	857	1,114	1,281	1,441	1,786
Transportation	337	381	449	476	513
Other services	2,055	2,383	2,646	2,857	3,502
(Percent change over previous period)					
Gross domestic product	-7.2	9.6	9.4	8.9	9.1
Industry	-51.2	-10.0	-2.0	1.0	15.8
Agriculture	18.5	10.4	10.3	10.6	0.5
Construction	7.0	30.0	15.0	12.5	23.9
Transportation	-15.0	13.0	18.0	6.0	7.7
Other services	9.0	16.0	11.0	8.0	22.6
(Share of GDP at constant 1990 prices)					
Gross domestic product	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Industry	16.9	13.9	12.4	11.5	12.2
Agriculture	54.2	54.6	55.1	55.9	51.5
Construction	7.6	9.1	9.5	9.8	11.2
Transportation	3.0	3.1	3.3	3.2	3.2
Other services	18.3	19.4	19.6	19.5	21.9

Sources: Ministry of Finance and staff estimates.

1/ Given the very limited production-side data, these estimates are based mostly on demand-side developments, and should be treated with caution. There are significant discrepancies between data in this table and some production-side data, e.g., for agriculture.

Table 3. Albania: Registered Private Enterprises by Activity, 1992-97

	Legal Status				Total
	Physical Persons	Private Albanian Company	Joint Venture	Foreign Company	
1992					
Industry	1,023	110	15	7	1,155
Agriculture	147	13	7	7	174
Construction	15	74	8	6	103
Trade	4,766	656	263	103	5,788
Services, including transport	3,731	75	24	16	3,846
Others	15	12	0	0	27
Total	9,697	940	317	139	11,093
1993					
Industry	1,938	450	70	47	2,505
Agriculture	624	50	21	15	710
Construction	31	318	30	13	392
Trade	10,194	1,438	564	284	12,480
Services, including transport	8,515	222	68	47	8,852
Others	39	30	1	1	71
Total	21,341	2,508	754	407	25,010
1994					
Industry	2,929	924	195	94	4,142
Agriculture	1,031	95	36	20	1,182
Construction	105	659	60	29	853
Trade	19,981	2,681	856	491	24,009
Services, including transport	15,517	528	111	83	16,239
Others	130	71	3	2	206
Total	39,693	4,958	1,261	719	46,631
1995					
Industry	3,255	1,394	292	123	5,064
Agriculture	1,194	283	26	7	1,510
Construction	152	961	71	53	1,237
Trade	24,762	3,655	1,002	592	30,011
Services, including transport	17,205	785	141	115	18,246
Total	46,568	7,078	1,532	890	56,068
1996					
Industry	3,067	1,932	389	184	5,572
Agriculture	1,011	345	33	12	1,401
Construction	173	1,344	95	64	1,676
Trade	23,995	4,869	1,244	781	30,889
Services, including transport	17,316	1,163	202	194	18,875
Total	45,562	9,653	1,963	1,235	58,413
1997					
Industry	3,234	2,063	442	211	5,950
Agriculture	1,023	364	35	13	1,435
Construction	178	1,417	103	73	1,771
Trade	24,959	5,207	1,318	833	32,317
Services, including transport	18,145	1,286	206	217	19,854
Total	47,539	10,337	2,104	1,347	61,327

Sources: Institute of Statistics and staff estimates.

Table 4. Albania: Production of Selected Industrial Products in the State Sector, 1992-97

Product	Unit	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Energy							
Crude oil	000 tons	585	568	535	521	488	360
Natural gas	mil m3	102	82	52	28	23	18
Gasoline	000 tons	45	46	39	43	37	15
Diesel	000 tons	116	148	111	106	95	57
Petroleum	000 tons	41	29	29	29	26	11
Copper coks	000 tons	72	94	74	69	63	34
Electric energy	000 kwh	3,357	3,482	3,904	4,414	5,926	5,184
Firewood	mil mst	427	330	35	2	0	...
Mining							
Chromium ore	000 tons	322	281	223	243	236	157
Rich chromium ore	000 tons	56	82	107	129	114	84
Chromium concentrate	000 tons	49	33	11	31	30	22
Carbonic ferrochrome	000 tons	22	35	34	43	32	31
Copper	000 tons	240	239	178	258	188	25
Copper concentrate	000 tons	8	14	9	17	11	0
Blister copper	000 tons	2	2	2	3	14	0
Lignite	000 tons	366	215	169	120	113	40
Coal concentrate	000 tons	37	51	2	6	0	1
Manufacturing							
Mineral processing							
Rolled wrought steel	000 tons	0	9	17	19	21	21
Copper wires and cables	000 tons	0	1	0	0	0	0
Chemical							
Phosphate fertilizer	000 tons	22	9	11	14	0	27
Ammonium nitrate	000 tons	9	5	6	0	0	0
Sulfuric acid	000 tons	11	6	4	0	0	0
Building material							
Cement	000 tons	197	198	240	238	203	100
Bricks	mil pieces	90	69	40	38	30	22
Tiles	mil pieces	3	3	1	0	0	0
Paper	000 tons	1	1	0	0	0	0
Durable consumer goods							
Ceramic kitchen	mil leks	16	9	8	0	0	0
Electric lamps	mil pieces	0	0	0	0	0	0
Furniture	mil leks	21	404	152	26	...	5
Carpet	mil m2	...	25	0	0	0	0
Wall carpet	mil m2	...	10	0	0	0	0
Textile							
Total clothes	mil ml	6	9	10	5	...	1
Total tissues	mil ml	2	1	2	0	...	1
Knitwear	mil pieces	3	4	3	0	...	0
Shoes	mil pair	1	1	0	0	...	2
Non durable consumer goods							
Cigarettes	000 tons	1	1	1	1	5	0
Soap	000 tons	2	4	3	2	2	2
Foodstuffs							
Bread	000 tons	263	138	32	20	...	...
Sugar	000 tons	1	0	0	1	...	...
Fish	000 tons	1	0	0	0	...	...
Vegetable oil	000 tons	3	6	6	3	...	...
Cheese	000 tons	1	1	0	0	...	...
Maceroni	000 tons	10	6	4	1	...	...
Beer	000 hl	18	5	72	89	...	...
Wine	000 hl	12	9	5	11	...	...

Source: Institute of Statistics.

Table 5. Albania: Construction Cost Index, 1993-96

(1993 Q1=100)

Share in the index	1993				1994				1995				1996			
	Q2	Q3	Q4		Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total index	100.0	5.4	13.2	4.8	6.4	2.5	3.5	3.4	1.5	2.1	1.7	-1.5	0.7	2.1	0.1	2.5
Direct expenses	73.7	5.3	13.2	4.5	6.6	4.1	4.1	3.1	1.5	1.9	1.8	-0.9	0.0	1.8	1.8	1.1
Materials	65.8	4.6	13.7	2.2	3.8	4.4	2.0	3.3	1.4	1.0	1.8	-1.5	-0.5	2.1	2.1	0.3
Construction	62.8	5.0	14.7	2.0	3.3	4.7	1.9	3.0	1.3	1.0	1.9	-1.5	-0.4	2.2	2.2	0.2
Electricity	1.0	8.0	-5.8	9.3	17.3	-16.0	2.2	1.2	-2.0	-1.0	1.5	-1.1	-1.8	1.8	-1.2	1.7
Hydro-sanitary	2.0	-9.2	-11.4	4.8	16.6	5.3	5.8	12.5	3.3	0.9	0.0	-0.4	-0.4	0.6	1.2	1.5
Basic Salary	4.0	12.3	11.8	37.7	35.8	7.8	23.3	6.1	1.4	8.4	2.7	4.4	3.7	0.2	0.6	5.9
Transport expenses	2.2	4.3	12.2	14.3	10.6	-10.8	-6.2	-1.4	-0.9	1.6	-2.6	-7.1	-3.4	0.0	-1.8	0.5
Machinery expenses	1.8	15.2	1.8	1.1	13.1	-1.4	11.4	-10.5	10.7	0.9	-1.3	-4.2	0.2	1.5	-1.1	1.4
Complementary expenses	8.1	5.3	13.2	4.5	7.6	3.1	0.5	4.6	1.5	2.0	1.7	-0.4	0.1	2.6	1.5	1.0
Anticipated profit	12.3	5.3	13.2	4.5	6.7	4.0	-0.5	7.1	1.5	-3.6	2.1	2.9	-3.8	0.3	-6.6	12.6
Set up of yard	4.7	5.3	13.2	4.5	11.1	-42.1	8.7	-8.5	0.2	34.2	-0.3	-36.5	47.7	17.9	-6.1	3.5
Turnover tax	1.2	10.8	9.6	23.7	25.7	2.4	16.0	2.6	2.2	6.4	1.5	2.3	2.5	0.3	-16.6	4.8

Source: Institute of Statistics.

Table 6. Albania: Consumer Price Subsidies, 1992-97 1/

(In millions of leks)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Childwear	3	0	0	0	0	0
Cereals	296	0	0	0	0	0
Meat	38	0	0	0	0	0
Flour	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fertilizer	44	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1,381	2,562	1,942	1,703	1,622	1,410
Firewood	...	848	338	0	0	0
Coal	...	28	8	0	0	0
Kerosene	...	225	53	0	0	0
Heating	...	56	51	0	0	0
Passenger Transport	...	348	357	420	300	167
Railway transportation of goods	...	154	150	75	42	413
Drinking water for rural areas	...	70	147	142	30	45
Water for irrigation	...	300	171	287	120	150
Medicine	...	310	329	400	750	0
Schoolbooks	...	152	239	285	280	200
Funeral expenses	...	71	99	94	100	135
Total price subsidies	1,762	2,562	1,942	1,703	1,622	1,410

Sources: Ministry of Finance and staff estimates.

1/ The total figures may not match the budget numbers as some subsidies were included under operations and maintenance.

Table 7. Albania: Controlled Prices of Essential Retail Goods and Services, 1995-96

	Unit	December 1995			December 1996		
		Retail Price	Recovery Level	Cost Recovery (percent)	Retail Price	Recovery Level	Cost Recovery (percent)
Food items							
Wheat bread	kg	29	34	84	liberalized 1/	...	...
Water	m ³	5	20	25	5	...	...
Non-food items							
PT&T	index	7	7	100	...	...	...
Transportation	index	15	21	71	...	...	...
Medicines	index	7	18	36	...	...	...
Schoolbooks	index	8	30	26	8	...	...
Energy items 2/							
Kerosene	liter	20	20	100	liberalized 1/	...	...
Electricity	kwh	5	5	100	5	...	...
Coal	kg						
Central heating							
Steam	l/m ³ amb	40	50	80	40	...	...
Liquid gas	kg	40	50	80	liberalized 1/	...	...
Natural gas	l/m ³	7	7	100	7	...	...

Sources: Ministry of Finance and staff estimates.

1/ In July 1996, the prices of bread, kerosene, and liquid gas were liberalized.

2/ In April 1994, the prices of firewood and coal were liberalized and most other energy prices were raised to international levels.

Table 8. Albania: Retail Prices for Energy, 1991-97

Unit	Sept. 1991	Dec. 1991 1/	Aug. 1992	Dec. 1993 2/	Dec. 1994 3/	Dec. 1995	Dec. 1996	Dec. 1997
Firewood	63	63	220	500	1500-2000	1700 (avg)	...	1500
Gasoline								
Octane 45-70	1.2 4/	3.5 4/	12 4/	24	34	...	60	50
Octane 70.1-85	1.2 5/	6 5/	18 5/	34	46	55-60	60	75
Octane 85.1-95	1.2 6/	9.5 6/	40 6/	50	65	70-75	75	100
Octane 95.1 and above	...	...	...	62	82	85-90	90	100
Unleaded	...	...	...	...	80	80-85	85	100
Diesel	1.2	6	12	25	38	40-45	45	71
Electricity								
Households	0.3 7/	0.3 7/	0.3 7/	0.8 8/	4.5 9/	4.5	4.5	4.5
Large enterprises	0.2	0.6	1.2	2	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.4
Budget institutions	0.2	0.6	1.2	2	2.1	2.4	2.4	2.4
Other producers	0.2	0.6	1.2	2	3.5	4.2	4.2	4.2
Services	0.2	0.6	1.2	2	4.5	4.7	6.2	6.3
Kerosene								
Households	1.2	1.2	4	5	20	20	20	50
Non-household users	1.2	1.2	30	30	38	38	38	50
Central heat								
Steam	...	...	3.6	8.2	40	40	...	...
Liquid gas	0.5	0.5	8	10	19	50 (ceiling)	...	...

Sources: Ministry of Finances and staff estimates.

1/ Prices were raised between October and November 1992.

2/ Prices were raised in the second half of 1993.

3/ Prices were raised in April 1994; prices for firewood and coal were liberalized.

4/ 45-65.9 octane benzine.

5/ 66-89.9 octane benzine.

6/ 90 octane benzine and above.

7/ Price for electricity usage less than 250 kwh per month per household: large cities, 150 kwh in small towns, and 70 kwh in rural areas.

8/ The price for "lifeline block" was 0.8 lek/kwh, for the next 50 kwh 1 lek/kwh, and for greater usage 3 lek/kwh was charged.

9/ Price differentiation was abolished in April 1994.

Table 9. Albania: Agricultural Production, 1992-96 1/

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
(In millions of leks at constant 1994 prices)					
Total gross agricultural production	71,610	79,032	84,222	95,480	97,404
Crop production	37,882	42,374	41,490	47,017	48,962
Grains	3,166	5,840	5,288	5,100	3,394
Maize	2,654	2,989	3,281	3,672	3,638
Rice	48	29	0	0	0
Potatoes	2,355	3,030	2,670	4,020	3,960
Vegetables	19,761	20,300	20,650	23,975	27,475
Tobacco	1,998	2,080	608	912	960
Sunflower seeds	119	60	35	56	70
Cotton	91	14	14	3	0
Sugarbeets	140	80	180	201	222
Distic barley	196	140	315	256	105
Soybean	140	70	9	11	21
Dried beans	1,750	1,610	1,260	1,750	1,750
Fodder	80	306	340	221	221
Forages	5,384	5,827	6,840	6,840	7,146
Fruits and olives	4,080	4,744	5,230	6,069	5,875
Apples, pears, peaches, figs	1,360	1,680	1,800	2,080	2,320
Citrus	387	399	390	114	90
Grapes	1,323	1,400	1,540	1,925	2,065
Olives	1,010	1,265	1,500	1,950	1,400
Livestock	29,648	31,914	37,503	42,395	42,567
Meat	12,684	13,468	15,680	16,296	14,700
Wool	249	272	281	340	...
Milk	15,300	16,765	20,075	24,208	26,100
Eggs	1,349	1,381	1,425	1,425	1,570
Honey	66	28	42	126	197

Sources: Ministry of Agriculture and staff estimates.

1/ These estimates are based on Ministry of Agriculture data with some items that should properly be classified as inputs (e.g., manure, new trees) excluded from the output figures.

Table 10. Albania: Agricultural Production and Pattern of Ownership, 1992-96

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
(In millions of leks at current prices)					
Gross agricultural production 1/	26,812	63,076	84,222	102,291	117,835
Crop production	14,184	33,819	41,490	50,370	59,232
Fruits and olives	1,528	3,786	5,230	6,502	7,107
Livestock	11,101	25,471	37,502	45,418	51,496
(In millions of leks at constant 1994 prices)					
Gross agricultural production 1/	71,610	79,032	84,222	95,480	97,405
Crop production	37,882	42,374	41,490	47,017	48,962
Fruits and olives	4,080	4,744	5,230	6,069	5,875
Livestock	29,648	31,914	37,503	42,395	42,567
(Share of total production at constant 1994 prices)					
Gross agricultural production	100	100	100	100	100
State farms	9.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cooperatives	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Private plots/farms 2/	91.0	100	100	100	100
Memorandum items (1993):					
Total land (in thousands of hectares)		2,875			
(In percent)					
Arable land		24			
Forests		36			
Meadows and pastures		15			
Other		25			

Sources: Ministry of Agriculture and staff estimates.

1/ These estimates are based on Ministry of Agriculture data with some items that should properly be classified as inputs (e.g., manure, new trees) excluded from the output figures.

2/ Production of cooperatives is included in the figures for private farms, as farmers spontaneously dismantled the cooperatives and distributed the land and livestock among themselves. In 1992 a policy formalizing this distribution was adopted.

Table 11. Albania: Area Under Cultivation, Production, and Yields of Selected Agricultural Crops, 1992-96

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
(In thousands of hectares)					
Grains	104	155	170	141	125
Maize	63	73	75	69	66
Rice	0	0	0	0	0
Potatoes	9	10	11	12	12
Vegetables	29	32	30	36	36
Tobacco	13	13	6	6	7
Sunflower seeds	9	2	1	1	11
Cotton	1	0	0	0	0
Sugarbeets	4	2	2	2	2
Distic barley	4	3	4	3	0
Soybean	3	1	0	0	24
Dried beans	21	20	20	22	12
Fodder	5	15	12	11	12
Forages	160	162	186	189	147
(In thousands of quintals)					
Grains	2,533	4,672	4,230	4,080	2,710
Maize	1,561	1,758	1,930	2,160	2,140
Rice	10	6	0	0	0
Potatoes	785	1,010	890	1,340	1,320
Vegetables	5,646	5,800	5,900	6,850	7,850
Tobacco	125	130	38	57	60
Sunflower seeds	34	17	10	16	20
Cotton	13	2	2	0	0
Sugarbeets	465	268	600	670	740
Distic barley	56	40	90	73	80
Soybean	20	10	1	2	2
Dried beans	250	230	180	250	250
Fodder	47	180	200	130	160
Forages	29,910	32,370	38,000	38,000	39,700
(Quintals per hectare)					
Grains	24	30	25	29	22
Maize	25	23	25	30	30
Rice	40	42	0	0	0
Potatoes	83	98	81	111	106
Vegetables	192	179	182	182	198
Tobacco	10	10	6	9	9
Sunflower seeds	4	8	8	13	13
Cotton	10	10	0	0	0
Sugarbeets	129	121	288	329	349
Distic barley	14	13	24	22	12
Soybean	5	8	8	12	12
Dried beans	12	22	8	10	11
Fodder	9	12	17	12	13
Forages	187	200	204	263	255

Sources: Ministry of Agriculture and staff estimates.

Table 12. Albania: Production and Yields of Selected Fruits, 1992-96

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
(In thousands of trees)					
Apples, pears, peaches, figs	2,867	2,867	4,065	4,061	4,012
Citrus	305	305	374	407	361
Grapes	...	...	...	...	...
Pergola	2,233	2,233	2,867	3,126	3,370
Vineyard (in hectares)	6,193	6,193	4,545	4,342	4,345
Olives	2,313	2,313	2,646	2,799	3,084
(In thousands of tons)					
Apples, pears, peaches, figs	34	42	45	52	58
Citrus	13	13	13	4	3
Grapes	38	40	44	55	59
Pergola	27	28	28	38	38
Vineyard	11	12	17	18	21
Olives	20	25	30	39	28
(Yield in kilogram per root)					
Apples, pears, peaches, figs	12	15	11	13	15
Citrus	42	44	35	9	8
Grapes	...	...	...	...	...
Pergola	12	13	10	12	11
Vineyard	...	...	...	...	...
Olives	9	11	11	14	9

Sources: Ministry of Agriculture and staff estimates.

Table 13. Albania: Production and Yields of Selected Livestock, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	(In thousands of units)					
Stock	5,284	6,469	7,310	7,726	7,414	7,634
Cattle	566	655	820	840	806	702
Pigs	90	93	98	100	98	97
Sheep	1,232	1,415	1,630	1,736	1,453	1,372
Goats	858	948	1,100	1,150	895	840
Poultry	2,538	3,359	3,662	3,900	4,108	4,566
Beehives	36	20	27	40	54	57
	(In thousands of units)					
Production						
Meat, total (tons, live yield)	91	96	112	116	105	104
Cattle	43	44	51	56	59	59
Pigs	16	18	20	20	9	10
Sheep and goats	30	30	37	37	33	31
Poultry	3	3	4	4	4	4
Wool (tons)	3	3	3	4	3	3
Milk, total (liters)	612	671	803	968	1,044	850
Cow milk	486	537	644	791	895	708
Sheep milk	55	59	73	82	70	68
Goat milk	70	75	83	96	79	74
Eggs (million)	270	276	285	285	314	337
Honey (tons)	0	0	0	450	705	633
	(Yield per unit)					
Average live weight (kg.)						
Slaughtered cattle	127	117	209	...	...	...
Slaughtered pigs	99	92	78	...	...	...
Number of calves born per 100 cows	79	79	82	...	...	...
Number of calves born per sow	9	9	8	...	...	...
Milk (liter per head)						
Cow	...	...	1,647	1,720	1,870	1,750
Sheep	47	48	49	47	47	50
Goat	86	88	92	83	85	89
Wool from sheep (kg.)	2	2	2	2	2	1
Eggs per chicken	113	113	116	109	108	102

Sources: Ministry of Agriculture and staff estimates.

Table 14. Albania: Consumer Price Index, 1992-97

(December 1993 = 100)

	Average		End-of-Period	
	Index	Percent change from previous period	Index	Percent change from previous period
1992	49.1	226.0	76.4	236.6
Q1	28.4	46.1	31.7	39.7
Q2	37.0	30.5	39.4	24.2
Q3	56.2	51.6	65.4	66.1
Q4	74.9	33.3	76.4	16.8
1993	90.9	85.0	100.0	30.9
Q1	84.2	12.4	85.8	12.4
Q2	85.5	1.6	85.4	-0.5
Q3	94.2	10.2	97.2	13.9
Q4	99.6	5.7	100.0	2.8
1994	111.4	22.6	115.8	15.8
Q1	103.4	3.8	104.4	4.4
Q2	115.7	12.0	117.7	12.7
Q3	112.2	-3.0	111.6	-5.2
Q4	114.1	1.6	115.8	3.8
1995	120.0	7.8	122.8	6.0
Q1	119.8	5.0	120.9	4.4
Q2	121.8	1.7	120.2	-0.7
Q3	117.2	-3.8	118.4	-1.5
Q4	121.3	3.5	122.8	3.7
1996	143.7	12.7	144.2	17.4
Q1	127.4	5.0	129.4	5.4
Q2	131.9	3.5	131.7	1.7
Q3	138.3	4.8	141.6	7.5
Q4	143.7	3.9	144.2	1.8
1997	180.2	25.4	204.8	42.1
Q1	158.9	10.6	176.0	22.1
Q2	177.6	11.8	184.5	4.9
Q3	184.0	3.6	186.4	1.0
Q4	200.3	8.9	204.8	9.9

Sources: Institute of Statistics and staff estimates.

Table 15. Albania: Population, Labor Force, and Employment, 1990-96

(In thousands, annual averages)

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total population	3,293	3,260	3,190	3,167	3,202	3,249	3,283
<i>Of which:</i>							
Male	1,709	1,682	1,617	1,606	1,623	1,647	1,624
Female	1,584	1,578	1,573	1,562	1,579	1,602	1,659
<i>Of which:</i>							
Nonworking age population 1/	1,389	1,389	1,396	1,406	1,418	1,431	1,433
Working age population 1/	1,904	1,871	1,794	1,762	1,784	1,818	1,850
Male	1,000	1,003	962	955	956	974	981
Female	904	868	832	806	828	843	869
Inactive and dependent population 2/	319	187	179	141	143	145	148
Labor force	1,585	1,684	1,614	1,621	1,642	1,672	1,702
<i>Of which:</i>							
Male	812	889	853	869	869	885	891
Female	773	795	762	752	772	787	811
<i>Of which:</i>							
Emigrant workers 3/	0	110	200	232	295	295	428
Domestic labor force	1,585	1,574	1,414	1,389	1,347	1,377	1,274
Domestic employment	1,434	1,434	1,020	987	1,083	1,145	1,116
<i>Of which:</i>							
State sector 4/	905	917	640	408	327	295	131
Agriculture sector 5/	529	487	318	486	515	584	565
Private sector	0	30	62	92	241	265	420
Total unemployment	151	140	394	402	264	233	158
<i>Of which:</i>							
Receiving benefits	33	55	295	252	68	51	40
Unemployment rate (in percent) 6/	9.5	8.9	27.9	29.0	19.6	16.9	12.4
<i>Of which:</i>							
Receiving benefits (in percent)	2.1	3.5	20.8	18.1	5.1	3.7	3.2

Sources: Institute of Statistics and staff estimates.

- 1/ Working age includes men 15-59 and women 15-54 years old.
- 2/ Includes disabled, full time students of over 15 years old, and military.
- 3/ According to the Institute of Statistics, women comprise about 5 percent of total emigrants.
- 4/ Includes budgetary and public enterprises' employees and state farms.
- 5/ All agriculture sector employment is private after 1992.
- 6/ Percent of domestic labor force.

Table 16. Albania: Fiscal Accounts, 1992-97

(In millions of leks)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997		
						H1	Estimate H2	Full year
I. Total revenue	11,956	31,170	43,849	53,715	51,341	20,445	37,149	57,594
Counterpart sales revenue	2,939	4,476	4,194	2,468	266	231	25	256
Tax revenue	8,744	22,736	35,965	39,679	42,884	16,069	30,229	46,298
Turnover tax / VAT	2,365	4,991	4,959	5,587	9,076	4,659	10,996	15,655
Income tax	1,586	4,582	4,140	3,979	4,787	1,286	2,306	3,592
Personal income tax 1/	0	0	571	633	637	302	512	814
Small business tax	215	590	824	870	755	167	218	385
Enterprise profits tax	1,371	3,992	2,745	2,477	3,395	817	1,576	2,393
Social security contributions	1,700	3,208	6,384	9,245	12,688	5,591	7,552	13,143
Property tax	0	0	332	485	376	137	156	293
Customs duties	1,504	3,642	6,260	6,231	7,708	2,484	6,476	8,960
Excise tax	1,264	4,348	9,495	10,404	4,947	775	1,393	2,168
Other taxes	325	1,965	4,396	3,748	3,302	1,137	1,350	2,487
Nontax revenue	273	3,957	3,690	11,568	8,191	4,145	6,895	11,040
Profit transfer from Bank of Albania	0	1,250	400	5,926	3,859	2,950	5,117	8,067
Income from budgetary institutions	45	1,105	2,054	3,965	2,735	759	1,075	1,834
Other	228	1,602	1,236	1,677	1,597	436	703	1,139
II. Current expenditure	21,426	38,582	52,125	58,026	72,493	35,348	51,522	86,870
Personnel	5,380	10,120	15,442	18,438	22,980	11,925	13,619	25,544
Wages	4,482	8,586	12,045	14,692	17,918	9,582	10,795	20,377
Social security contributions	898	1,534	3,397	3,746	5,062	2,343	2,824	5,167
Interest	650	2,941	4,405	4,984	8,571	6,605	12,174	18,779
Operations and maintenance	5,096	7,589	10,585	12,231	12,482	5,053	8,512	13,565
Subsidies	4,045	2,443	2,225	1,304	1,110	542	1,009	1,551
Social security	3,341	7,302	10,821	13,999	20,342	8,547	11,586	20,133
Unemployment insurance	1,643	4,756	2,367	2,504	2,163	1,075	1,129	2,204
Social assistance	238	1,390	4,156	3,698	3,795	1,601	2,673	4,274
Ex-political prisoners (restitution)	0	395	713	500	500	0	320	320
Bread/energy compensation, state enterpris	140	494	862	230	0	0	0	0
Enterprise restructuring	0	1,152	549	139	250	0	0	0
Other	893	0	0	0	300	0	500	500
III. Capital expenditure	2,154	11,853	16,134	19,108	12,752	2,389	11,362	13,751
Investment	2,154	11,853	16,134	19,108	12,752	2,389	11,362	13,751
Of which: Foreign financed	0	6,722	9,661	7,893	3,792	1,114	6,117	7,231
IV. Total expenditure (II+III)	23,580	50,435	68,259	77,134	85,245	37,737	62,884	100,621
V. Fiscal balance, cash	-11,623	-19,265	-24,410	-23,419	-33,904	-17,292	-25,735	-43,027
VI. Financing requirement	11,623	19,265	24,410	23,419	33,904	17,292	25,735	43,027
VIII. Domestic financing	11,623	12,543	14,270	14,877	30,834	16,752	20,132	36,884
Privatization revenues	544	916	2,200	309	546	798	112	910
Other	11,079	11,627	12,070	14,568	30,288	15,954	20,020	35,974
IX. External financing	0	6,722	10,140	8,542	3,070	540	5,603	6,143
Foreign loans	0	6,722	10,277	8,585	3,792	1,114	6,117	7,231
Development (gross)	0	6,722	9,661	7,893	3,792	1,114	6,117	7,231
Budget support	0	0	616	692	0	0	0	0
minus: amortization	0	0	137	43	722	574	514	1,088
X. Arrears	93	160	-1,121	-298	0	4,200	-4,200	0
XI. Overall fiscal balance, commitment basis	11,716	19,425	23,290	23,121	33,904	21,492	21,535	43,027

Sources: Ministry of Finance and staff estimates.

1/ Small amounts collected in 1992 and 1993 are included under the small business tax.

Table 17. Albania: Central Government Expenditure Shares, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997		
						H1	Estimate H2	Full year
(In percent of total expenditure)								
Current expenditure	90.9	76.5	76.4	75.2	85.0	93.7	81.9	86.3
Personnel	22.8	20.1	22.6	23.9	27.0	31.6	21.7	25.4
Wages	19.0	17.0	17.6	19.0	21.0	25.4	17.2	20.3
Social security contributions	3.8	3.0	5.0	4.9	5.9	6.2	4.5	5.1
Interest	2.8	5.8	6.5	6.5	10.1	17.5	19.4	18.7
Operational and maintenance	21.6	15.0	15.5	15.9	14.6	13.4	13.5	13.5
Subsidies	17.2	4.8	3.3	1.7	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.5
Social security	14.2	14.5	15.9	18.1	23.9	22.6	18.4	20.0
Unemployment insurance	7.0	9.4	3.5	3.2	2.5	2.8	1.8	2.2
Social assistance	1.0	2.8	6.1	4.8	4.5	4.2	4.3	4.2
Ex-political prisoners (restitution)	0.0	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.5	0.3
Bread/energy compensation, state enterprises	0.6	1.0	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Enterprise restructuring	0.0	2.3	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.8	0.5
Capital expenditure	9.1	23.5	23.6	24.8	15.0	6.3	18.1	13.7
<i>Of which:</i> Foreign financed	0.0	13.3	14.2	10.2	4.4	3.0	9.7	7.2
(In percent of GDP)								
Current expenditure	40.3	30.8	27.7	25.8	25.8	23.0	27.8	25.6
Personnel	10.1	8.1	8.2	8.2	8.2	7.8	7.4	7.5
Wages	8.4	6.9	6.4	6.5	6.4	6.2	5.8	6.0
Social security contributions	1.7	1.2	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.5
Interest	1.2	2.3	2.3	2.2	3.1	4.3	6.6	5.5
Operational and maintenance	9.6	6.1	5.6	5.4	4.4	3.3	4.6	4.0
Subsidies	7.6	1.9	1.2	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
Social security	6.3	5.8	5.8	6.2	7.2	5.6	6.3	5.9
Unemployment insurance	3.1	3.8	1.3	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.7
Social assistance	0.4	1.1	2.2	1.6	1.4	1.0	1.4	1.3
Ex-political prisoners (restitution)	0.0	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1
Bread/energy compensation, state enterprises	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Enterprise restructuring	0.0	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1
Capital expenditure	4.0	9.5	8.6	8.5	4.5	1.6	6.1	4.1
Investment	4.0	9.5	8.6	8.5	4.5	1.6	6.1	4.1
<i>Of which:</i> Foreign financed	0.0	5.4	5.1	3.5	1.3	0.7	3.3	2.1
Total expenditure	44.3	40.2	36.3	27.4	30.3	24.6	33.9	29.7
Memorandum item:								
Expenditure on defense affairs and services	...	3.2	2.7	...	...	...	...	...

Sources: Ministry of Finance and staff estimates.

Table 18. Albania: Tax Revenue Shares, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997		
						H1	H2	Full year
(In percent of total tax revenue)								
Tax Revenue	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Turnover tax / VAT	27.1	22.0	13.8	14.1	21.2	29.0	36.4	33.8
Income tax	18.1	20.2	11.5	10.0	11.2	8.0	7.6	7.8
Personal income tax 1/	0.0	0.0	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.9	1.7	1.8
Small business tax	2.5	2.6	2.3	2.2	1.8	1.0	0.7	0.8
Enterprise profits tax	15.7	17.6	7.6	6.2	7.9	5.1	5.2	5.2
Social security contributions	19.4	14.1	17.8	23.3	29.6	34.8	25.0	28.4
Property tax	0.0	0.0	0.9	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.6
Customs duties	17.2	16.0	17.4	15.7	18.0	15.5	21.4	19.4
Excise tax	14.5	19.1	26.4	26.2	11.5	4.8	4.6	4.7
Other taxes	3.7	8.6	12.2	9.4	7.7	7.1	4.5	5.4
(In percent of GDP)								
Tax Revenue	16.4	18.1	19.1	17.7	15.3	10.5	16.3	13.7
Turnover tax / VAT	4.4	4.0	2.6	2.5	3.2	3.0	5.9	4.6
Income tax	3.0	3.7	2.2	1.8	1.7	0.8	1.2	1.1
Personal income tax 1/	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
Small business tax	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1
Enterprise profits tax	2.6	3.2	1.5	1.1	1.2	0.5	0.9	0.7
Social security contributions	3.2	2.6	3.4	4.1	4.5	3.6	4.1	3.9
Property tax	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Customs duties	2.8	2.9	3.3	2.8	2.7	1.6	3.5	2.6
Excise tax	2.4	3.5	5.1	4.6	1.8	0.5	0.8	0.6
Other taxes	0.6	1.6	2.3	1.7	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.7

Sources: Ministry of Finance and staff estimates.

1/ Small amounts collected in 1992 and 1993 are included under the small business tax.

Table 19. Albania: Exchange Rate, 1992-97
(In leks per U.S. dollar)

	1992		1993		1994		1995		1996		1997	
	Period Average	End of Period	Period Average	End of Period	Period Average	End of Period	Period Average	End of Period	Period Average	End of Period	Period Average	End of Period
Jan.	58.87	59.90	108.60	111.00	102.47	102.70	95.15	94.23	95.50	97.56	111.19	125.00
Feb.	74.50	78.57	112.25	112.00	103.03	103.20	93.76	92.81	98.64	98.25	129.60	144.00
Mar.	82.24	83.10	112.13	111.70	102.47	101.85	93.28	94.05	99.72	100.30	145.10	149.98
Apr.	83.73	84.59	109.86	107.80	101.95	101.40	93.23	92.75	103.59	105.90	147.90	151.05
May	83.49	83.00	107.01	106.00	100.04	99.25	92.56	92.55	112.33	110.50	160.71	178.00
Jun.	80.67	76.98	107.03	107.60	96.76	92.70	92.18	91.90	110.57	112.90	180.46	179.00
Jul.	76.02	77.02	106.05	104.30	91.37	90.70	90.60	90.65	111.06	110.18	172.20	143.00
Aug.	77.80	77.38	102.38	101.90	86.92	86.10	91.57	93.15	108.76	108.20	159.53	156.02
Sep.	82.05	81.99	100.94	100.40	84.64	84.80	94.43	93.35	108.49	108.20	148.99	148.20
Oct.	85.56	90.28	99.44	99.80	87.25	88.70	92.21	91.30	106.49	103.50	147.44	143.80
Nov.	94.35	96.53	100.23	101.00	92.20	95.82	92.42	94.20	99.65	100.40	143.24	145.50
Dec.	96.15	98.70	100.72	100.90	95.22	95.02	94.43	94.50	102.30	103.70	149.01	149.80
Year	81.3	98.7	105.6	100.9	95.4	95.0	93.0	94.5	104.8	103.7	149.6	149.8

Sources: Bank of Albania and staff calculations.

Table 20. Albania: Interest Rate Structure, 1994-97 1/
(Percent per annum)

From:	Sep-94	24-Jul-95	Oct-95	1-Apr-96	24-Apr-96	24-Jun-96	21-Aug-96	21-Aug-96	21-Aug-96	21-Aug-96	2-Feb-97	5-Mar-97	26-May-97	1-Jul-97	18-Sep-97	13-Nov-97	24-Nov-97
To:	Jul-95	Sep-95	Mar-96	23-Apr-96	24-Jun-96	21-Aug-96	1-Feb-97	1-Feb-97	1-Feb-97	4-Mar-97	25-May-97	30-Jun-97	17-Sep-97	12-Nov-97	23-Nov-97	31-Dec-97	
Central bank refinancing rate:	25	22	20.5	20.5	20.5	22.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	29.0	34.0	36.0	40.0	38.0	36.0	34.0	
Basic rate																	
Individual and private sector deposit rates:																	
12-month time deposits	16.5	2/	13.25	15.0	16.0	17.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	22.0	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	
6-month time deposits	13.5	6/	12.25	14.0	15.0	16.0	18.5	18.5	18.5	21.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	28.0	
3-month time deposits	8	7/	10.5	12.5	15.0	16.0	18.5	18.5	18.5	20.5	27.0	34.0	37.0	35.0	32.0	30.0	
Demand deposits	2	2	2	...	9/												

Source: Bank of Albania.

1/ For lending and deposits in leks; interest rates on foreign currency deposits are set in line with rates in major European countries.

2/ Plus-minus 200 basis points; lower end of band enforced minimum.

3/ Plus-minus 75 basis points; lower end of band enforced minimum.

4/ Minimum rates.

5/ Beginning April 1, 1996 the BOA sets only the minimum deposit rate.

6/ Plus-minus 150 basis points; lower end of band enforced minimum.

7/ Plus-minus 100 basis points; lower end of band enforced minimum.

8/ Plus-minus 50 basis points; lower end of band enforced minimum.

9/ Beginning January 29, 1996, the BOA does not set the demand deposit rate.

Table 21. Albania: Monetary Survey, 1992-97

	1992		1993		1994		1995				1996				1997				
	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
Stocks, end-period	28.8	50.4	70.8	74.6	81.4	92.8	107.4	112.9	122.8	135.5	154.6	157.0	174.0	185.3	198.4				
Broad money	9.9	18.0	27.6	29.3	32.1	36.6	41.9	44.7	49.8	51.4	47.8	56.5	75.7	74.2	72.7				
Currency	18.9	32.4	43.1	45.3	49.3	56.2	65.5	68.3	73.0	84.1	106.7	100.5	98.2	111.2	125.7				
Deposits	12.0	22.1	29.8	32.3	34.9	38.6	45.5	46.8	49.8	55.7	72.8	65.1	61.6	76.2	89.5				
Lek deposits	6.8	10.2	13.3	13.0	14.4	17.6	20.1	21.5	23.2	28.4	33.9	35.4	36.6	35.0	36.2				
Forex deposits																			
Net foreign assets	-33.2	-28.9	-21.5	-23.2	-10.1	-6.9	35.5	37.5	38.1	44.7	54.4	60.4	66.9	64.0	68.1				
Bank of Albania	-37.2	-36.9	-36.6	-39.3	-28.0	-26.2	13.1	15.7	16.2	16.8	20.2	27.9	32.5	29.4	31.4				
Commercial banks	4.0	8.1	15.1	16.1	17.9	19.3	22.3	21.8	21.9	27.9	34.2	32.5	34.3	34.7	36.8				
Net domestic assets	62.0	79.2	92.3	97.8	91.5	99.7	72.0	75.5	84.7	90.8	100.1	96.6	107.1	121.3	130.3				
Claims on central government (net)	...	73.3	87.6	62.2	64.2	72.0	74.0	81.6	89.6	97.4	111.8	115.4	135.0	156.6	163.0				
Claims on state enterprises and farms	...	2.4	2.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	3.1	3.1	3.3	3.6	3.4	2.8	3.1	2.4	2.6				
Claims on the private sector	...	4.5	7.2	7.4	7.6	8.1	8.3	8.9	9.8	10.4	10.9	11.5	12.5	12.5	13.3				
Other items (net)	...	-1.0	-5.0	25.5	17.0	16.8	-13.5	-18.2	-18.0	-20.5	-25.9	-33.1	-43.5	-50.3	-48.6				
Memorandum items:																			
Contribution to cumulative growth of broad money during the year																			
Broad money	...	75.0	40.6	5.4	15.0	31.1	51.8	51.8	14.3	26.1	43.8	1.6	12.6	19.9	28.4				
NFA 1/	...	15.1	14.6	-2.4	16.1	20.6	34.0	34.0	2.5	8.6	17.7	3.9	8.0	6.2	8.9				
NDA 1/	...	59.9	25.9	7.8	-1.1	10.5	17.8	17.8	11.8	17.5	26.2	-2.3	4.5	13.7	19.5				
Claims on central government (net)	...	...	28.3	-35.8	-33.0	-22.1	-19.2	-19.2	7.1	14.5	21.7	2.4	15.0	29.0	33.2				
Claims on state enterprises and farms	...	...	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.6	-0.5				
Claims on the private sector	...	...	5.4	0.3	0.5	1.2	1.6	0.5	1.4	1.9	2.4	0.4	1.1	1.1	1.6				
Other items (net) 1/	...	...	-7.9	43.1	31.1	30.8	34.5	-4.4	-4.2	-6.6	-11.6	-4.6	-11.3	-15.8	-14.7				
12-month percent change																			
Broad money	...	75.0	40.6	40.0	42.2	47.4	51.8	51.4	50.8	46.0	40.0	39.1	41.7	36.8	28.4				
Of which:																			
NFA 1/	...	15.1	14.6	0.7	31.3	25.8	34.0	37.2	18.8	20.2	17.7	20.3	23.4	14.3	8.9				
Claims on government	...	...	28.3	-22.6	-21.2	-10.5	-19.2	26.0	31.1	27.4	35.1	29.9	37.0	43.8	33.2				
Claims on state enterprises and farms	...	...	1.7	6.8	10.0	18.5	24.5	18.2	22.8	23.7	14.7	-8.2	-7.2	-31.6	-24.0				
Claims on the private sector	...	...	61.4	66.7	69.6	81.1	15.9	20.1	29.8	28.6	27.1	28.7	27.6	20.5	22.0				

Sources: Bank of Albania, and staff estimates

1/ Reflects the once-off adjustment to the monetary authorities' accounts following the commercial bank debt deal of September 1995; NFA was raised and NDA decreased by equivalent amounts.

Table 23. Albania: Net Foreign Asset Position of the Bank of Albania, 1992-97

(In millions of U.S. dollars, end of period)

	1992		1993		1994		1995				1996				1997			
	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Net foreign assets	-361.3	-299.7	-286.5	-288.6	-260.7	102.2	119.4	139.3	132.9	134.0	153.9	152.0	166.7	179.2				
Foreign assets	37.1	152.0	209.6	236.2	276.3	455.3	469.2	485.4	474.8	473.9	510.9	501.6	494.4	538.8				
Gold 1/	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.2	5.8	5.6	5.5	5.5				
Cash in vaults	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	3.5	2.0	2.0	3.1	2.0	1.3				
Deposits	4.7	7.0	6.5	3.6	13.0	5.8	3.9	2.3	5.2	3.5	9.6	12.5	12.0	13.0				
Demand deposits	28.0	140.4	197.9	228.4	259.0	221.0	236.9	249.5	237.6	240.1	267.7	254.6	249.3	264.2				
Time deposits	1.8	1.7	1.7	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Equity participation	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.1				
Portfolio + SDR holdings	...	...	...	...	...	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0				
U.S. Treasury bill collateral	398.4	451.7	496.1	524.8	537.0	353.1	349.7	346.1	341.9	339.9	357.0	349.6	342.3	342.4				
Foreign liabilities	6.9	5.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Demand deposits liabilities	5.0	9.0	...	...	...	20.0	19.9	18.6	17.4	17.9	35.3	31.8	30.1	33.9				
Foreign banks credit	29.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Non-residents deposits	342.9	378.2	414.9	443.6	444.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Overdue short-term obligations	...	...	...	...	...	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0	225.0				
30-year bonds for foreign exchange claims	...	...	...	...	...	15.8	15.8	15.6	15.6	15.6	17.8	18.0	14.6	13.9				
External public debt after the debt deal	...	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8	24.8				
Additional letters of credit arrears	...	30.5	52.7	52.7	63.8	63.8	64.2	62.0	59.1	56.6	54.1	50.0	47.8	44.8				
Liabilities to the IMF	14.0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Source: Bank of Albania.

1/ Valued at SDR 35 per ounce.

Table 24. Albania: Structure of Bank Deposits by Currency and Depositor, 1992-97

(In millions of leks)

	1992				1993				1994				1995				1996				1997			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Total deposits	18,874	32,365	43,148	45,307	49,290	56,209	65,543	68,263	72,979	84,077	106,737	100,488	98,222	111,163										
Domestic currency deposits	12,031	22,117	29,431	31,780	34,382	37,759	44,507	46,025	48,876	54,779	71,659	63,432	58,870	73,305										
State enterprises	5,330	7,981	7,110	7,719	7,794	7,475	9,952	9,727	9,123	8,968	7,930	6,130	5,831	5,808										
Private sector	6,701	13,967	21,882	24,061	26,587	30,284	34,555	36,298	39,753	45,811	63,729	57,302	53,039	67,697										
Joint ventures	35	50	152	152	123	141	162	154	178	153	227	132	122	142										
Private sector	571	1,427	2,210	2,083	2,339	3,584	4,970	3,701	6,227	7,656	31,082	26,547	16,272	10,334										
Households	5,692	12,318	19,081	21,334	23,628	26,002	28,964	31,846	32,750	34,230	29,454	29,396	36,564	57,150										
Demand	1,330	784	822	950	1,217	1,258	1,305	1,494	1,608	3,180	2,179	805	826	770										
Time	4,362	11,535	18,259	20,384	22,411	24,744	27,659	30,352	31,142	31,050	27,275	28,591	35,738	56,380										
Other	402	171	439	492	497	558	459	598	598	3,773	2,966	1,227	81	71										
Foreign currency deposits	6,844	10,248	13,304	12,987	14,428	17,647	20,080	21,454	23,151	28,377	33,906	35,355	36,620	34,960										
State enterprises	1,541	7,228	6,585	5,854	6,735	7,875	7,944	7,927	8,839	8,753	6,438	6,550	6,865	8,880										
Demand	1,541	6,382	5,552	4,996	5,805	6,949	6,544	6,513	7,390	7,444	5,075	5,633	5,929	7,378										
Time	0	846	1,033	858	930	926	1,400	1,414	1,448	1,309	1,363	917	936	1,502										
Private sector	2,219	3,017	6,389	6,798	7,359	9,436	11,819	13,182	13,995	19,300	27,006	28,079	28,955	25,585										
Joint ventures 1/	14	359	411	513	384	473	524	469	496	533	455	592	473	506										
Private sector 1/	1,144	534	1,749	1,689	1,905	2,724	2,820	2,602	3,201	9,157	13,021	9,592	9,256	7,498										
Households	1,062	1,888	3,941	4,356	4,864	6,011	7,438	8,905	9,143	8,364	10,152	14,333	17,381	17,109										
Demand	134	973	1,879	1,888	2,135	2,472	1,705	2,262	2,191	1,785	2,342	2,694	3,177	2,731										
Time	928	915	2,062	2,468	2,729	3,539	5,733	6,642	6,951	6,579	7,810	11,639	14,204	14,378										
Memorandum item:																								
Domestic/total deposits (percent)	63.7	68.3	69.2	71.3	70.7	68.6	69.4	68.6	68.3	66.2	68.2	64.8	62.7	68.6										

Sources: Bank of Albania; and staff estimates.

1/ Incomplete reporting through March 1993.

Table 25. Albania: Distribution of Deposits in State-Owned Commercial Banks, 1992-97

	December 1992		December 1993		December 1994		December 1995		December 1996		September 1997	
	Millions of leks	Percent of total	Millions of leks	Percent of total	Millions of leks	Percent of total	Millions of leks	Percent of total	Millions of leks	Percent of total	Millions of leks	Percent of total
Total	18,874	100	32,365	100	43,148	100	65,543	100	106,738	100	111,163	100
<i>Of which:</i>												
National Commercial Bank (NCB)	11,267	59.7	16,728	51.7	16,860	39.1	24,562	37.5	61,932	58.0	28,766	25.9
State enterprises/farms	9,382	93.5	14,152	92.0	12,505	86.0	16,132	85.6	...	...	...	...
Joint ventures	212	99.5	415	99.4	386	53.9	453	2.4	...	...	...	...
Private sector	1,031	79.6	1,354	57.4	2,375	52.4	5,948	31.5	...	...	...	...
Households	642	8.8	807	5.7	1,594	6.9	2,029	10.8	...	...	...	...
Savings Bank (SB)	7,022	37.2	12,696	39.2	20,401	47.3	32,002	48.8	34,699	32.5	71,904	64.7
State enterprises/farms	151	1.5	463	3.0	495	3.4	864	4.6	...	...	...	...
Joint ventures	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	...	...	...	...
Private sector	210	16.2	341	14.5	1,082	23.9	2,219	24.1	...	...	...	...
Households	6,661	90.8	11,892	83.7	18,824	81.8	28,919	79.4	...	...	...	...
Rural Commercial Bank (RCB)	585	3.1	2,556	7.9	4,108	9.5	5,941	9.1	6,644	6.2	4,124	3.7
State enterprises/farms	497	5.0	791	5.1	634	4.4	901	4.8	...	...	...	...
Joint ventures	1	0.5	8	1.9	35	4.9	7	0.9	...	...	...	...
Private sector	54	4.2	275	11.7	345	7.6	416	4.5	...	...	...	...
Households	33	0.4	1,482	10.4	3,094	13.4	4,619	12.7	...	...	...	...

Source: Bank of Albania.

Table 26. Albania: Credit in State-Owned Banks, 1992-97 1/

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 2/	1997 Q3
	(In millions of leks, end of period)					
Total credit	3,918	6,851	9,228	11,315	12,939	14,731
<i>Of which:</i>						
Lek	3,668	6,313	8,351	9,924	11,229	10,762
Foreign exchange	250	538	878	1,391	1,710	3,970
<i>Of which:</i>						
State sector	2,732	2,587	2,433	3,136	3,744	2,499
Private sector	1,185	4,264	6,796	8,179	9,195	12,232
<i>Of which:</i>						
Short-term	3,015	4,116	4,961	5,826	7,468	8,065
Long-term	903	2,735	4,267	5,489	5,471	6,666
National Commercial Bank	2,514	2,863	3,280	3,564	3,872	1,908
<i>Of which:</i>						
State sector	2,018	1,646	1,327	1,522	1,183	771
Private sector	497	1,210	1,953	2,042	2,689	1,137
Savings Bank	235	1,044	1,669	2,850	4,445	9,080
<i>Of which:</i>						
State	76	337	690	1,197	2,147	1,738
Private	159	656	979	1,654	2,298	7,342
Rural Commercial Bank	1,168	2,995	4,067	4,475	4,621	1,381
<i>Of which:</i>						
State	638	604	523	524	413	0
Private	530	2,322	3,544	3,951	4,208	1,381
Memorandum items:						
	(In percent)					
Total credit						
12-month percent change	...	74.9	34.7	22.6	8.5	...
Ratio to GDP	7.4	5.5	4.9	5.0	4.6	4.3

Sources: Bank of Albania and staff estimates.

1/ Excludes pre-June 1992 loans to state enterprises, farms and agricultural cooperatives for which the government assumed responsibility.

2/ November 1996.

Table 27. Albania: Nonperforming Credits, 1992-1997

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996 1/	1997 Q3
	(In millions of leks, end of period)					
Total	1,111	926	2,452	3,442	5,087	5,869
<i>Of which:</i>						
Lek	1,105	845	2,237	3,160	3,860	5,176
Foreign exchange	6	81	215	282	1,227	693
<i>Of which:</i>						
State	1,029	186	255	315	795	530
Private	82	740	2,197	3,127	4,293	5,339
<i>Of which:</i>						
Short-term	...	876	1,934	2,480	3,558	3,808
Long-term	...	50	518	962	1,529	2,061
National Commercial Bank						
Total	187	364	939	1,256	1,409	890
<i>Of which:</i>						
State	145	135	228	284	283	418
Private	42	230	711	973	1,126	472
Savings Bank						
Total	17	243	360	465	988	3,976
<i>Of which:</i>						
State	0	0	0	1	484	112
Private	17	243	360	464	504	3,864
Rural Commercial Bank						
Total	907	319	1,133	1,598	2,081	482
<i>Of which:</i>						
State	884	52	27	31	27	0
Private	23	267	1,107	1,567	2,054	482
Memorandum items:						
Ratio of nonperforming credits to:			(In percent)			
Commercial banks' deposits	5.9	2.9	5.7	5.3	4.8	5.3
Total claims on state enterprises and the private sector	...	13.4	25.3	30.2	35.6	39.4

Source: Bank of Albania and staff estimates.

1/ November 1996.

Table 28. Albania: Balance of Payments, 1992-97

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
(In millions of U.S. dollars)						
Current account	-427	-357	-279	-176	-245	-276
Trade balance	-454	-490	-460	-474	-692	-519
Exports	70	112	141	205	229	167
Imports	524	602	601	679	921	685
Services (net)	-121	-97	-84	-1	22	-7
<i>Of which</i> : Interest due	30	32	39	6	7	6
Private transfers	148	230	264	300	425	250
Capital account	411	393	182	201	167	83
Official transfers	329	351	161	118	77	77
Direct investment	32	45	65	89	97	42
Other capital including short-term flows	-9	-42	-98	-87	-120	-81
Official medium- & long-term loans (net) 1/	59	39	55	81	113	46
New borrowing	59	39	60	82	119	53
Multilateral loans 1/	0	3	15	32	42	16
Bilateral loans	59	35	45	50	77	37
Other loans	0	1	0	0	0	0
Amortization 1/	0	0	-5	0	-5	-8
Errors and omissions 2/	32	-38	85	41	114	200
Net balance	15	-2	-12	67	36	8
Financing						
Change in net reserves (increase = -)	-57	-58	-35	-26	-48	-21
Change in gross reserves, (increase = -)	-71	-75	-57	-36	-40	-25
Use of Fund Resources (net)	14	17	22	10	-8	4
BOP support	3	22	20	21	11	14
Changes in arrears (increase = +) 3/ 4/	39	38	-83	-454	1	0
Overdue debt forgiveness 5/	0	0	0	393	0	0
Debt service relief (rescheduling) 6/	0	0	109	0	0	0
Memorandum items:						
Gross usable reserves	72	147	204	240	280	306
(months of imports of goods and non-factor services)	1.7	2.9	4.1	4.2	3.7	5.4
Trade balance (percent of GDP)	-64.1	-39.9	-23.2	-19.6	-25.7	-22.5
Current account (percent of GDP)	-60.3	-29.1	-14.1	-7.2	-9.1	-11.9
Current account excl. factor services (percent of GDP)	-56.2	-28.1	-14.3	-9.6	-11.5	-14.2
Debt service (percent of exports of goods and non-factor services)	37.2	16.8	19.6	2.4	6.0	6.2
External debt (percent of GDP) 7/	114	76	51	28	27	33
Merchandise exports (percent growth)	-4.4	59.9	26.5	44.9	11.8	-27.1
Merchandise imports (percent growth)	86.5	14.9	-0.2	13.0	35.6	-25.6

Sources: Ministry of Finance, Bank of Albania, donors, and staff estimates.

1/ Excluding IMF.

2/ The large errors and omissions in 1997 reflects incomplete data for the first half of the year as a result of the crisis.

3/ The figure for 1994 includes the elimination of arrears on medium-term debt to Paris Club creditors and the settlement of bilateral clearing account arrears (to GDR) with Germany.

4/ The figure for 1998 corresponds to the clearance of arrears to Russia as a result of an assumed new Paris Club rescheduling. The stock of arrears is subject to reconciliation with Russia.

6/ The figure for 1994 corresponds to the rescheduling of Paris Club debt in December 1993.

7/ Includes arrears.

Table 29. Albania: Commodity Composition of Exports
SITC Classification, 1992-97 1/

SITC Category	Description	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997 H1
(In percent of total)							
0-1	Food, beverages, tobacco, and live animals	13.3	14.0	14.3	7.5	8.9	11.7
2	Crude materials, except fuel	80.8	24.0	24.3	24.7	16.9	23.8
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	...	8.3	7.0	2.9	4.1	2.8
4	Animal and vegetable oils and fats	...	0.1	0.5	0.7	2.2	0.0
5	Chemical products	1.1	4.3	3.0	1.2	1.4	0.8
6	Manufactured goods	4.8	14.7	14.0	14.1	13.8	13.5
7	Machinery and transport equipment	0.0	3.6	3.4	1.4	1.7	2.3
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	...	31.0	39.2	45.6	51.1	45.2
9	Other	0.0	0.0	2.2	1.9	0.0	0.0
(In millions of U.S. dollars)							
Total (SITC 0-9)		46	112	141	205	229	81

Sources: Ministry of Foreign Trade, Customs Department, Bank of Albania, Institute of Statistics, and staff estimates.

1/ Staff estimates based on Harmonized System data provided by the Customs department.

Table 30. Albania: Commodity Composition of Imports
SITC Classification, 1992-97 1/

SITC Category	Description	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997 H1
(In percent of total)							
0-1	Food, beverages, tobacco, and live animals	28.3	20.1	25.5	22.3	32.0	24.1
2	Crude materials except fuels	5.6	0.7	2.4	0.9	1.2	1.7
3	Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related materials	14.6	3.3	10.9	9.7	2.6	2.7
4	Animal and vegetable oils and fats	0.0	1.8	0.0	2.4	2.6	2.6
5	Chemical products	5.7	12.4	6.5	6.8	5.9	8.5
6	Manufactured goods	11.9	14.5	18.9	21.2	18.4	23.2
7	Machinery and transport equipment	33.8	38.1	31.8	20.3	22.5	15.9
8	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	0.0	9.1	0.0	16.1	14.4	21.3
9	Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0
(In millions of U.S. dollars)							
Total (SITC 0-9)		100	602	601	679	921	241

Sources: Ministry of Foreign Trade, Customs Department, Bank of Albania, Institute of Statistics, and staff estimates.

1/ Staff estimates. For 1992, based on data available for state sector only (estimated at 20 percent of total).

For 1993-97, based on Harmonized System data provided by the Customs department.

Table 31. Albania: Geographical Distribution of Exports (f.o.b.), 1992-97

	1992 1/	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997 H1
	(In percent of total)					
Former CMEA countries	...	...	...	3.9	5.5	5.3
Bulgaria	...	0.7	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.0
Romania	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0
Czechoslovakia 2/	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
Hungary	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.0
Poland	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4
Other	...	...	...	3.3	5.0	4.8
Industrial countries	41.5	...	...	84.5	89.5	92.9
Germany	7.3	4.3	4.8	6.1	6.9	7.8
Italy	13.6	41.0	52.1	51.5	57.9	47.1
Greece	8.5	18.0	10.4	9.9	13.0	20.8
France	2.3	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.0	1.8
Japan	2.4	1.4	1.4	0.7	0.3	0.1
Austria	1.1	1.0	2.4	0.9	1.1	0.8
Belgium-Luxemburg	0.9	6.1	4.3	5.4	1.3	0.3
Netherlands	0.7	0.3	0.1	2.1	2.9	10.6
Switzerland	0.6	1.3	0.6	1.0	0.6	0.3
United States of America	2.7	3.7	11.1	3.4	1.2	1.7
Other	1.4	...	...	1.2	2.3	1.5
Developing countries	57.5	...	...	11.6	5.0	1.8
Algeria	1.3	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
China	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.0
Egypt	1.9	...	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Morocco	6.1	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tunisia	1.7	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Turkey	0.0	1.4	0.7	6.2	3.1	1.0
Republic of Korea	32.2	...	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Yugoslavia 2/	7.9	13.6	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.6
Other	14.2	...	...	4.5	1.9	0.3
Memorandum items:	(In millions of U.S. dollars)					
Total exports						
Balance of payments estimates	70	112	141	205	229	81
Reported by partner countries 1/	191	145	178	243	315	...

Sources: Albanian Customs Department, Bank of Albania, Institute of Statistics, and staff estimates.

1/ From Direction of Trade Statistics, IMF, 1997, for reporting countries.

2/ For 1992-95 includes data for successor states to Czechoslovakia and the former SFRY, respectively.

Table 32. Albania: Geographical Distribution of Imports (f.o.b.), 1992-97

	1992 1/	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997 H1
	(In percent of total)					
Former CMEA countries	...	...	...	12.6	13.3	11.2
Bulgaria	...	5.7	8.2	8.0	4.0	3.8
Romania	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.5	2.4	0.3
Czechoslovakia 2/	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3
Hungary	2.0	1.2	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9
Poland	0.0	0.7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
GDR	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	...	...	...	2.8	5.5	5.9
Industrial countries	71.9	...	...	81.1	79.6	81.8
Germany	5.1	12.4	5.5	4.6	4.1	4.5
Italy	23.8	31.2	35.0	37.9	41.7	49.3
Greece	6.7	18.5	24.0	26.8	21.2	19.2
France	17.1	8.7	1.9	1.2	3.1	0.0
Japan	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1
Austria	0.8	0.9	1.5	2.0	1.0	1.3
Belgium-Luxemburg	7.9	1.0	1.0	1.6	2.5	1.3
Netherlands	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8
Switzerland	1.5	1.7	0.9	0.7	1.7	1.1
United States of America	5.9	2.5	0.2	0.3	1.3	0.3
Others	2.1	...	...	5.5	2.3	4.0
Developing countries	24.9	...	...	6.5	7.1	7.0
China	0.3	0.5	1.1	0.0	0.2	0.2
Egypt	2.2	0.0	...	0.3	1.0	0.2
Republic of Korea	9.8	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Morocco	3.9	3.1	...	0.0	0.0	0.0
Turkey	3.3	3.0	4.6	4.1	4.4	5.3
Yugoslavia 2/	4.8	4.6	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.1
Others	0.6	...	...	2.0	1.5	1.3
Memorandum items:	(In millions of U.S. dollars)					
Total imports						
Balance of payments estimates	524	602	601	679	921	241
Reported by partner countries 1/	614	628	664	911	1176	...

Sources: Albanian Customs Department, Bank of Albania, Institute of Statistics, and staff estimates.

1/ From Direction of Trade Statistics, IMF, 1997, for reporting countries.

2/ For 1992-95 includes data for successor states to Czechoslovakia and the former SFRY, respectively.

Table 33. Albania: External Debt in Convertible and Nonconvertible Currencies, 1992-97

(In millions of U.S. dollars, end of period)

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Total	811	936	1012	683	732	760
Multilateral	16	57	119	182	208	223
EBRD	0	0	0	5	10	9
EIB	0	0	0	0	0	0
IDA	2	27	65	109	137	148
IDB	0	0	0	0	0	0
IFAD	0	0	1	2	5	5
IMF 1/	14	30	53	66	54	59
OPEC	0	0	0	0	1	2
Bilateral	26	73	120	146	169	181
Paris Club	12	54	104	128	141	143
Pre cut-off	0	1	45	53	46	36
Austria	0	0	8	9	8	6
Britain	0	0	0	0	0	0
France	0	0	19	20	17	13
Germany	0	0	14	21	18	14
Italy	0	0	2	2	2	2
Netherlands	0	1	1	1	1	1
Russia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Post cut-off	12	53	60	75	95	107
Austria	0	0	2	4	6	5
Germany	12	16	19	25	34	41
Italy	0	37	39	46	56	61
Non-Paris Club	14	19	16	18	28	38
China	4	4	0	0	0	1
Greece	4	14	6	1	0	0
Japan	0	0	8	11	9	17
Kuwait	0	0	1	7	12	14
Norway	0	0	0	0	3	3
Sweden	0	0	0	0	4	4
Turkey	6	1	0	0	0	0
Arrears	769	807	772	355	356	356
Convertible currency	113	120	131	134	135	135
Budgetary	39	46	57	60	61	61
China	0	0	5	5	5	5
Greece	0	4	11	18	19	19
IDB	0	0	0	0	0	0
Turkey	8	13	14	14	14	14
PTT	20	20	18	15	15	15
Railway	7	7	7	7	7	7
Other	4	1	0	0	0	0
Bilateral clearing account (U.S. dollars)	74	74	74	74	74	74
Non-convertible currency 2/	228	228	169	169	169	169
Commercial 3/	428	459	473	52	52	52
Memorandum items:						
				(In percent of GDP)		
Total debt	114	76	51	28	27	33
Total arrears	109	66	39	15	13	15

Sources: Ministry of Finance, Bank of Albania, and staff estimates.

1/ ESAF and ordinary resources.

2/ Consists of bilateral clearing accounts in rubles. These are converted using official cross-exchange rates.

3/ Includes debt to commercial banks, arrears on spot and money market transactions, financial lines, confirmed and unconfirmed letters.

Table 34. Albania: Employment and Wages in Budgetary Institutions, 1992-97

	(End of period)				
	Employment In thousands	Monthly wage		Real wage index	
		In leks	Percent change	Index Dec. 95=100	Percent change
1992	207.1	2,879	...	52.9	...
1993	185.4	4,738	64.5	66.5	25.7
1994	167.8	6,962	46.9	84.4	26.9
1995	156.0	8,745	25.6	100.0	18.5
1996	151.0	10,491	20.0	102.2	2.2
1997	150.0	10,491	0.0	71.9	-29.7

Sources: Albanian authorities and staff estimates.

Albania: Summary of Tax System at End-April 1998

Tax	Nature of Tax	Deductions and Exemptions	Rates								
1. Taxes on Income, Profits and Capital Gains											
1.1 Taxes on Individual Income											
1.1.1 Personal Income Tax	<p>A schedular tax on wages and other specified sources of individual income of residents of Albania. Physical persons in trade and services pay the small business tax instead. Enterprises withhold the tax on wages from employees, monthly.</p>	<p>The first 10,000 lek of monthly wages are exempt. Also exempt are: state unemployment benefits, pensions and other transfers, bank deposit interest, scholarship income, lottery winnings and inheritances. The tax does not apply to income from self-employment, which is covered by the small business tax.</p>	<p>monthly wages (lek) rate</p> <table> <tr> <td>10,001–20,000:</td> <td>5%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>20,001–30,000:</td> <td>10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30,001–60,000:</td> <td>15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>over 60,000 :</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> </table> <p>5% flat rate on income from royalties, patents, etc.</p> <p>10% flat rate on other income subject to tax.</p>	10,001–20,000:	5%	20,001–30,000:	10%	30,001–60,000:	15%	over 60,000 :	20%
10,001–20,000:	5%										
20,001–30,000:	10%										
30,001–60,000:	15%										
over 60,000 :	20%										
1.1.2 Small Business Tax	<p>A tax on all small businesses with an annual turnover of less than 5 million leks. The tax is levied as a fixed fee under a threshold turnover, depending on the nature of the business. Above the threshold, a percent rate is applicable.</p>	<p>The tax does not apply to agricultural activities.</p>	<p>Fixed fee for all businesses with an annual turnover of under a threshold of 2 million leks. A tax rate of 4 percent is levied on the annual turnover between 2–5 million leks.</p>								

Tax	Nature of Tax	Deductions and Exemptions	Rates
1.2 Taxes on Corporate Income			
1.2.a Corporate Income Tax	<p>A tax on profits of domestic and foreign corporations conducting business in Albania. The Central Bank pays profit transfers instead of the profit tax. Deductions are defined by the Ministry of Finance. Loss carry-forward for 3 years.</p>	<p>(a) 4-year exemption for new investments in the "production sector"; if the activity terminates within 10 years of, the profit tax is levied retroactively. (b) investment tax credit for foreign corporations or joint ventures (60% of the reinvested amount); (c) exemption for new tourist projects (under Law no. 7665 of January 21, 1993); (d) airport and navigation revenues at Rinas airport exempted, until loan is repaid.</p>	<p>A flat rate of 30 % applies to income of all corporations, except:</p> <p>(a) foreign enterprises and joint ventures in offshore oil and gas exploitation: 50% (b) tourism: 40%</p>
2. Social Security Contributions			
2.1 Employers' Contributions	<p>All public and private employers are liable. Social insurance contributions fund pensions, maternity benefits, unemployment insurance, sickness benefits, and employment injury insurance. health insurance contributions fund subsidies to medicines, and some other medical costs.</p>		<p>Social insurance: 32.5% of gross wages of employees, between a floor and a ceiling (set at 6,040 leks per month and 18,120 leks per month from February, 1998). Health insurance: 1.7% of the same base.</p>
2.2 Employees' Contributions	<p>All employees are liable.</p>		<p>Contribution rate on gross wages (between the same floor and ceiling as apply to employers' contributions): Social insurance: 10% Health insurance: 1.7%</p>

Tax	Nature of Tax	Deductions and Exemptions	Rates										
3. Taxes on Property													
3.1 Property Tax	Tax is levied separately on agricultural land (twice yearly, in August and November), and on buildings. The agricultural land tax is currently suspended.	Property of international organizations; persons affected by natural disasters such as floods; buildings let at controlled rents. For low income families receiving social assistance the full liability is paid by the state.	<p>Agricultural land: from 1,500 leks/hectare for class 10 land, to 6,000 leks/ha for class 1 land (in steps of 500 leks/ha).</p> <p>Buildings: rate levied per square meter (in lek):</p> <table> <tr> <td>public buildings:</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>residential bldgs:</td> <td>3-6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>communal services:</td> <td>20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>production bldgs:</td> <td>50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>commercial bldgs:</td> <td>100</td> </tr> </table> <p>Discount of up to 10% of tax due, if paid before the due date.</p>	public buildings:	2	residential bldgs:	3-6	communal services:	20	production bldgs:	50	commercial bldgs:	100
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commercial bldgs:	100												
4. Domestic Taxes on Goods and Services													
4.1 Value Added Tax	A general tax on domestic consumption, implemented as a tax on (i) imported goods, and (ii) the supply of goods and services by registered taxpayers (with turnover of 5 million leks per year or more). Registered taxpayers receive a credit for tax charged on their inputs.	<p>(a) Standard exemptions consist of financial services; leasing of land and buildings (apart from hotels etc, vehicle parks, and leases for less than 2 months); national currency and postal stamps; supplies for health, educational, religious (etc.) purposes by non-profit organizations; and supplies to diplomatic and consular missions.</p> <p>(b) Medicines and medical equipments and certain supplies in connection with oil exploration are exempted.</p>	<p>20 percent.</p> <p>Exports of goods and services, and supplies relating to international transport, are zero-rated.</p>										

Tax	Nature of Tax	Deductions and Exemptions	Rates	
4.2 Excise Tax	<p>The tax is levied on domestic production and imports of:</p> <p>(a) tobacco and tobacco products</p> <p>(b) alcoholic drinks</p> <p>(c) soft drinks and mineral water</p> <p>(d) coffee</p> <p>(e) oil by-products</p> <p>In the case of imports, the tax is based on customs value (not including import duty).</p>	<p>Exemptions: ethyl alcohol used in production of alcoholic drinks for export; imported liquid gas used for household consumption; fuel oil used to produce steam for household heating.</p>	<p>Levied either as a percentage rate or a per unit stamp duty, depending on the commodity. Different rates are applied to domestically produced and imported goods.</p>	
			Percent rate	
			Dom.	Imp.
			Tobacco	70 105
			Beer	40 65
			Soft drinks	5 30
			Mineral water	— 20
			Coffee	30 30
			Gasoline:	
			< 75 octane	15 —
			75.1–89.9 octane	47 60
			> 90 octane	— 50
			Diesel	20 40
			Kerosene	110 150
			Lubricants	40 80
			Fuel oil, bitumen, liquid gas, sulfur, solvent, etc.	25 25
			Other oil products	— 300
			Stamp duty	
			Cigarettes (per pack)	9 18–45
			Wine (per liter)	40 50
			Raki and wine (per liter)	90 115
4.2.a Road Tax	<p>A tax, additional to excise tax, levied on retail sales of petrol and diesel.</p>		<p>16 percent of retail price (exclusive of road tax).</p>	

Tax	Nature of Tax	Deductions and Exemptions	Rates
5. Taxes on International Trade and Transactions			
5.1 Import Duties	Imports are charged duty according to their classification in the 6-digit Harmonized System. For many imported items, minimum customs values are applied.	Major exemptions are for: (a) goods imported under government agreements, and where the duty exemption is explicitly stated in the agreement; (b) goods for Rinas airport project; (c) certain imports of contractors in oil exploration; (d) imports of certain "promoted persons" in tourism; (e) household effects; (f) humanitarian aid.	The tariff nomenclature contains 5 tariff rates (0, 5, 10, 20, and 30 percent).
6. Other Taxes "National and Local Taxes"	A variety of taxes and fees including port charges, consular fees, TV and telephone licenses, driving license fees, hotel tax (for foreigners), airport arrival and departure tax, business registration tax, and stamp duties.	Various, under the different taxes.	
