

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Prishtinë/Priština is located in central Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 572 km² and includes Prishtinë/Priština city and 40 villages. It is the administrative, political, economic and cultural centre of Kosovo and the most densely populated municipality. According to the municipal information officer the total population is estimated at 198,000.

Ethnic composition:

1. Kosovo Albanians: approximately 193,000 residing in Prishtinë/Priština and in 40 villages (source: municipal information officer).
2. Kosovo Serbs: approximately 2,000 mainly residing in Prishtinë/Priština and in the villages of Slivovo/Slivovë, Donja Brnjica/Bërnice e Poshtme, Gornja Brnjica/Bërnice e Epërme, Devet Jugoviça/Nëntë Jugoviq and Leban/Leban .
3. Kosovo Ashkali: 485 mainly residing in Prishtinë/Priština and Besi/Besinja village.
4. Kosovo Turks: approximately 2,000 mainly residing in Prishtinë/Priština.
5. Kosovo Roma: 25 mainly residing in Prishtinë/Priština.
6. Kosovo Bosniak: approximately 230 mainly residing in Prishtinë/Priština.
7. Kosovo Gorani: Although the OSCE has established that there are Gorani families residing in Prishtinë/Priština, precise numbers are difficult to obtain due to the lack of public participation/representation in public life (source: OSCE communities profile).

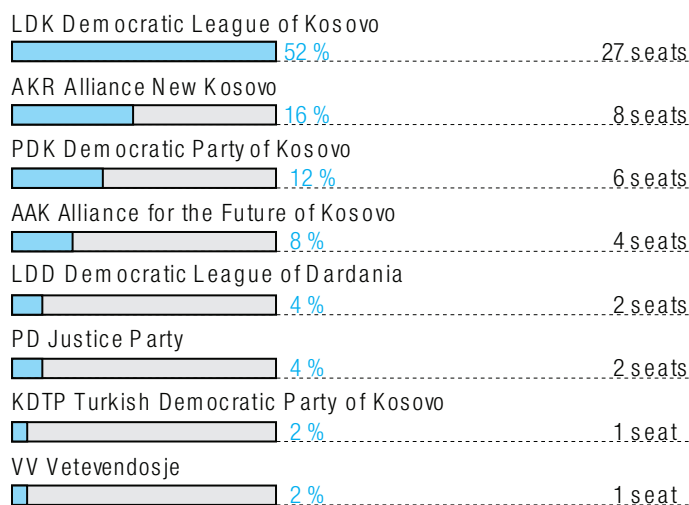
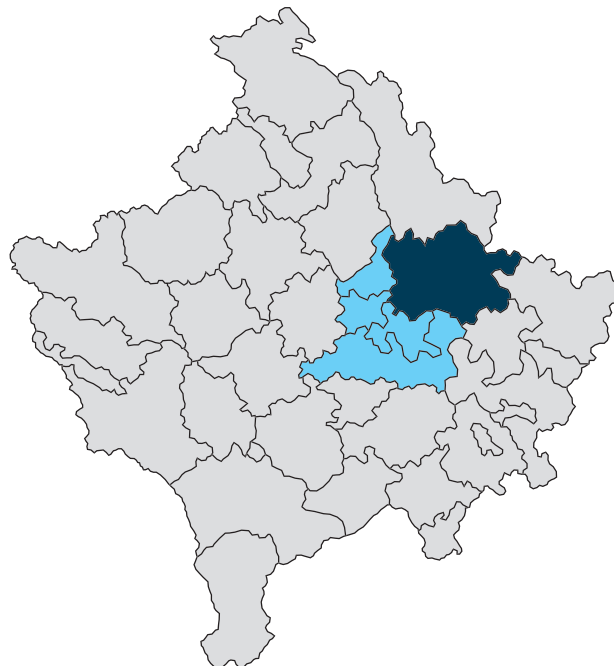
Prior to the 1999 conflict the number of non-Albanian communities living in the municipality was significantly higher. A small number has returned, but the majority is still displaced. There is no available data on their whereabouts.

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

The total number of voters in Prishtinë/Priština municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 154,936 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 45.30 percent / 70,261 voters (source: Central Elections Commission).

The election results were as shown to the right:

The OSCE regional center Prishtinë/Priština covers five (5) municipalities including Prishtinë/Priština and has field teams working with all of them.



a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 51 seats distributed amongst eight (8) political entities. Fifty (50) members are Kosovo Albanian, one (1) is Kosovo Turk while 18 members are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Sami Hamiti (LDK).

According to the law on local self-government, municipality with more than ten (10) percent of residents belonging to communities not in majority in that municipality is required to appoint a deputy municipal assembly chairperson for communities. Municipal

assembly deputy chairperson for communities in Prishtine/Pristina is Engin Beyoglu (KDTP).

b. Executive

The mayor of the municipality is Isa Mustafa (LDK) and the deputy mayor is Abdullah Hoti (LDK). It has 11 departments and department directors: administration; health and social welfare; education; culture, youth and sports; finance and property; economy and development; urbanism, construction and environment protection; local infrastructure; public services, protection and rescue; cadastre; and inspection. All directors are from LDK (source: municipal web site).

2. Judiciary

Prishtinë/Priština minor offences court has seven (7) judges (all Kosovo Albanian).

High minor offences court of Kosovo has five (5) judges (all Kosovo Albanian).

Prishtinë/Priština municipal court has 26 judges (all Kosovo Albanian).

Prishtinë/Priština district court has 14 judges (13 Kosovo Albanian and one (1) Kosovo Bosniak).

Supreme court of Kosovo has 17 judges (16 Kosovo Albanian and one (1) Kosovo Serb).

Constitutional court has nine (9) judges: six (6) local judges; four (4) Kosovo Albanian, one (1) Kosovo Serb, and one (1) Kosovo Turk, and three (3) international judges.

Special chamber of the supreme court has three (3) judges (all Kosovo Albanian).

Commercial court of Kosovo has three (3) judges (all Kosovo Albanian).

Additional information:

Prishtinë/Priština municipal prosecutor's office has 13 prosecutors; 12 Kosovo Albanian and one (1) Kosovo Turk, nine (9) male and four (4) female.

District prosecutor's office has five (5) prosecutors; all Kosovo Albanian, four (4) male and one (1) female).

Special prosecution office has ten (10) prosecutors; nine (9) Kosovo Albanian and one (1) Kosovo Bosniak, eight (8) are male and two (2) are female.

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3. Security Presence

Prishtinë/Priština municipality has three (3) police stations and one sub-station in Donja Brnjica/Bërnica Poshtme village. Kosovo police regional directorate and police units are also located in the municipality. In total, there are 715 police employees; 666 police officers and 49 civilian staff, 685 of them are Kosovo Albanian, 23 are Kosovo Serb, four (4) are Kosovo Bosniak, and three (3)

are Kosovo Turk. Out of 715 police staff, 147 are female; 139 are Kosovo Albanian, four (4) are Kosovo Serb and four (4) are Kosovo Bosniak.

As for the international military presence a KFOR Multinational Task Force Centre with Ireland as a leading nation is in charge of the area (source: Kosovo police).

4. Economy

The economy of the municipality of Prishtinë/Priština is based on a wide range of economic activities including construction, agriculture, communications, trade, and tourism. There are more than 13,000 registered private businesses. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in private sector (source: municipal directorate of economy and development).

5. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Prishtinë/Priština is assessed as good.

All the roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Prishtinë/Priština town and most of the villages are connected to the water supply and sewage system. The municipality faces serious difficulties with water and electricity supply (source: department of local infrastructure).

b. Health

The primary health care system currently includes 13 municipal family health centres and 14 health houses in the surrounding villages. The health sector has 854 employees, 641 male and 213 female, including doctors, nurses and support staff. Prishtinë/Priština also hosts the University Hospital where the secondary and tertiary health care is provided by 3,600 staff.

Access: Kosovo Serbs residing in Prishtinë/Priština town and Slivovo/Slivovë, Donja Brnjica/Bërnica e Poshtme, Gornja Brnjica/Bërnica e Epërme, Devet Jugovića/Nëntë Jugoviq and Lebane/Leban villages, use Serbia-run secondary health care services in Gračanica/Graçanicë municipality and the hospital located in northern Mitrovica/Mitrovicë, as well as Serbia-run primary health care service in Donja Brnjica/Bërnica e Poshtme village (source: municipal directorate of health).

c. Education

There are 40 primary schools with 34,262 pupils and 1,668 teachers; 12 secondary schools with 13,388 students and 685 teachers; and eight (8) kindergartens and with 1,758 children and 186 teachers (source: municipal directorate of education).

6. Religious and Cultural sites

Prishtinë/Priština municipality has 17 mosques, three (3) of which were recently constructed; two (2) Serbian Orthodox churches, one in use; and two (2) Catholic churches including the cathedral, both are in use (source: municipal department of culture, youth and sports).

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