Vushtrri/Vučitrn

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Vushtrri/Vučitrn is located in north-western Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 344 km² and includes Vushtrri/Vučitrn town and 66 villages. According to the Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011 the total population is estimated at 69,870.

Ethnic composition:

1. Kosovo Albanians: 68,840
2. Kosovo Serbs: 384
3. Kosovo Turks: 278
4. Kosovo Ashkali: 143
5. Kosovo Roma: 68
6. Kosovo Bosniaks: 33
7. Kosovo Gorani: 3
8. Kosovo Egyptians: 1
9. Other: 50
10. Not specified: 70

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Note: According to the municipal office for communities and returns 4,000 Kosovo Serbs; 1,000 Kosovo Turks; and 250 Kosovo Roma reside in the municipality.

Prior to the 1999 conflict, the number of non-Albanians living in the municipality was higher. They are since displaced, mostly outside of Kosovo.

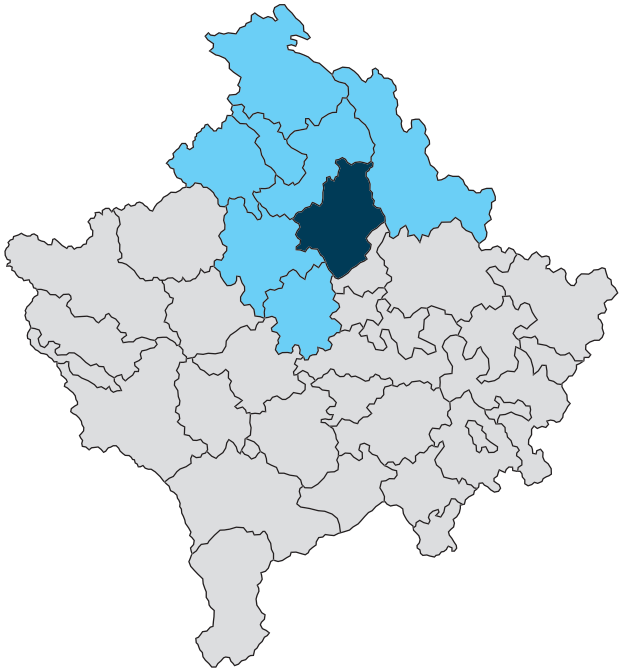
2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

The total number of voters in Vushtrri/Vučitrn municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 60,762 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 43.2 per cent/26,257 voters *(source: Central Elections Commission).*

The election results were as follows:

PDK - Democratic Party of Kosovo	39.00%	14 seats
LDK - Democratic League of Kosovo	23.00%	8 seats
AAK - Alliance for the Future of Kosovo	20.00%	7 seats
AKR - Alliance New Kosovo	6.00%	2 seats
Independent member	3.00%	1 seat
KTDP Turkish Democratic Party of Kosovo	3.00%	1 seat
LB Movement for Unification	3.00%	1 seat
PD Justice Party	3.00%	1 seat

The OSCE regional centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica covers eight (8) municipalities including Vushtrri/Vučitrn and has field teams working in all of them.



a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 35 seats distributed amongst eight (8) political entities; 34 members are Kosovo Albanians; one (1) is Kosovo Turk while 12 are female. As of June 2012 the municipal assembly chairperson is Habib Mustafa (PDK).

b. Executive

Vushtrri/Vučitrn municipality is headed by the mayor, Bajram Mulaku (PDK), and deputy mayor, Dibran Përçuku (PDK). It has 12 departments and department directors: administration (PDK); budget and finance (PDK); education (PDK); health and social welfare (PDK); urbanism and environmental protection (PDK); geodesy, cadastre and property (PDK); public services (PDK); economy, agriculture, forestry and rural development (AKR); protection and safety (PDK); inspection (PDK); public procurement (PDK); and culture, youth and sport (PDK) *(source: director of administration).*

3. Judiciary

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica basic court has a branch in Vushtrri/Vučitrn with eight (8) Kosovo Albanian judges; one (1) is female *(source: Kosovo Judicial Council).*

Additional information
Mitrovicë/Mitrovica basic prosecutor's office covers the municipality.

4. Security Presence

Kosovo police station in Vushtrri/Vučitrn municipality has 144 police officers including sub-station in Prilužje/Prelluzhë. Out of 144 police officers 130 are Kosovo Albanians, 12 Kosovo Serbs, one (1) Kosovo Ashkali and one (1) Kosovo Bosniak; and 18 are female.

As for the international military presence, Slovenian KFOR covers the area *(source: Kosovo police).*

5. Economy

The economy of the municipality of Vushtrri/Vučitrn is mainly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. There are some 1,500 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in private sector in Vushtrri/Vučitrn *(source: municipal directorate of budget and finance).*

6. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Vushtrri/Vučitrn is assessed as good.
All the main roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Vushtrri/Vučitrn town is connected to water and sewage systems, while 29 villages have water supply and 22 have a sewage system. Power supply is still a problem especially in the villages and in winter time *(source: department of urbanism and environmental protection).*

b. Health

The primary health care system includes: one (1) hospital, two (2) main municipal family health centres, seven (7) family medicine facilities and eight (8) primary care stations. Municipal health sector, excluding the hospital, has 205 employees of which 144 are female including doctors, nurses and support staff.

Access:
All communities have access to healthcare, but Kosovo Albanians and Kosovo Ashkali go to health facilities operated by Kosovo institutions and Kosovo Serbs and Kosovo Roma go to Serbia-run facilities in Kosovo Serb villages *(source: municipal directorate of health)*

Additional information:
Health services in the Kosovo Serb villages are provided by the health house in Prilužje/Prelluzhë, which has clinics in Banjska/Bajskë, Grace/Gracë, and Gojbulja/Gojbulë *(source: municipal department of health and social welfare).*

c. Education

There are 47 elementary schools (31 main, plus 16 satellite schools) with 13,793 pupils and 568 teachers and technical staff; three (3) secondary schools with 4,487 students and 132 teachers and technical staff; one (1) kindergarten with 142 children and 16 teachers and technical staff *(source: municipal directorate of education).*

Additional information:
The Kosovo Serb village of Prilužje/Prelluzhë has one (1) secondary and one (1) primary school. There is also one (1) primary school in Grace/Gracë and one (1) in Gojbulja/Gojbulë and one (1) lower primary school (first to fourth grade) in Banjska/Bajskë which follow the Serbian curriculum. Those schools have some 540 pupils and 54 teachers and technical staff *(source: estimates of municipal department of education).*

7. Religious and Cultural Sites

Vushtrri/Vučitrn has 30 mosques. Most of them were renovated following the conflict. The five (5) Serbian Orthodox churches were not damaged and are in use while two (2) churches were damaged and are not in use *(source: Archpriest in the Serbian Orthodox parish of Leposavić/Leposaviq and Head of Islamic Community in Vushtrri/Vučitrn).*

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In Vushtrri/Vučitrn there are:

35	seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 8 political entities.
123	police officers.
8	judges.
770	teachers and technical staff in 47 primary and 3 secondary schools and 1 kindergarten.