MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018 PRISHTINË/PRIŠTINA REGION

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The OSCE regional centre Prishtinë/Priština covers six (6) municipalities, including Obiliq/Obilić, and has teams working in all of them.

105 km²area 19_{villages} 21,549_{population}

AREA AND POPULATION

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The municipality of Obiliq/Obilić is located in central Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 105 km² and includes Obiliq/Obilić town and 19 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 21,549.

Ethnic composition

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1.Kosovo Albanians	19,854
2.Kosovo Roma	661
3.Kosovo Ashkali	578
4.Kosovo Serbs	276
5.Kosovo Bosniaks	58
6.Kosovo Egyptians	27
7.Kosovo Gorani	5
8.Kosovo Turks	2
9.0ther	48
10.Not specified	40

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1991*, there were 20,971 Kosovo Albanians, 5,490 Kosovo Serbs and 421 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality. There is no data from the census conducted in 1981, as Obiliq/Obilić was not a separate municipality at that time.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 1,898 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them 875 Kosovo Serbs, 608 Kosovo Roma, 409 Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptians and six (6) Kosovo Bosniaks.

*The 1991 census is not accepted by Kosovo Albanians as legitimate.

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Obiliq/Obilić municipality registered for the municipal elections held in 2017 (1st round in October and 2nd round in November) was 24,582¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout in 1st round was 50.71% or 12,466 voters and in 2nd round it was 43.69% or 10,739 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal election results were as follows:

28.07%	AAK Alliance for Future of Kosovo	6 seats
22.44%	LDK Democratic League of Kosovo	5 seats
15.65%	PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo	3 seats
10.80%	LB Movement for Unification	2 seats
8.39%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement	2 seats
5.91%	SL Serbian List	1 seat
3.45%	SLS Independent Liberal Party	1 seat
2.96%	NISMA Social Democratic Initiative	1 seat

The current seat distribution is as follows:

1. The overall population figure presented above is taken from the 2011 census (or authoritative estimates where the census figure is not available), whereas the voters list is a reflection of all people with a civil registration entry in the municipality. In some cases, the voter's list figure is higher than or similar to the overall population number due to insufficient updating of the civil registry or a significant proportion of people registered in the municipality but actually living elsewhere or abroad.

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LEGISLATIVE

The municipal assembly has 21 seats distributed among eight (8) political entities, 19 members are Kosovo Albanian and two (2) are Kosovo Serb; seven (7) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Burim Gerguri (AAK).

EXECUTIVE

Structure of municipal executive and the executive's political affiliations.

The municipality is headed by Mayor Xhafer Gashi (AAK), reelected for his second term as mayor with 60.52% of votes in the second round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 municipal elections, Mayor Gashi won with 53.81% of votes in the second round. Deputy Mayor is Ajet Berisha (LB) and Deputy Mayor for Communities is Slaviša Jakovljević (SLS)*.

There are 11 municipal departments. Two (2) departments are run by women directors: economy, finance and development (AAK) and environmental protection (AAK), nine (9) departments are run by men directors: general administration (LB); health and social welfare (AAK); education (AAK); local infrastructure (LB); urban planning, cadastre, and property (AAK); public services and emergencies (AAK); inspection (AAK); agriculture and rural development (LB); and culture, youth and sports (AAK). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), two (2) directors were women (source: municipal web site).

JUDICIARY



Prishtinë/Priština Basic Court covers the municipality (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

SECURITY PRESENCE

Kosovo Police station in Obiliq/Obilić municipality has 48 police officers, 42 are Kosovo Albanian, five (5) are Kosovo Serb and one (1) is Circassian; nine (9) are women.

As for the international military presence, Finnish KFOR covers the area (source: Kosovo Police).

ECONOMY

The economy of Obiliq/Obilić municipality is predominantly based on electrical energy production, agriculture and small trade businesses. The Kosovo Energy Corporation (KEK) is the primary employer. There are approximately 325 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There are around 2,356 people employed in the private sector (source: municipal directorate of economy, finance and development).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. All the main roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Obiliq/Obilić town and 17 out of 19 villages and connected to water supply and sewage system. Power supply is still a problem especially in the villages (source: municipal development plan).

Health



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The primary health care system currently includes one (1) municipal family health centre and seven (7) health houses in the surrounding villages. The health sector has 101 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff; 60 women and 41 men.

There are three (3) Serbia-run healthcare facilities located in Plemetina/Plemetin, Babin Most/Babimoc and Carravodicë/CrkvenaVodica.

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities. However, Kosovo Serbs usually go to nearest Serbiarun health institutions (source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare).

Education



There are nine (9) primary schools with 3,471 pupils and 307 teachers including the support staff, two (2) secondary schools with 797 students and 70 teachers including support staff and one (1) kindergarten with 80 children and nine (9) teachers and six (6) support staff.

There are two (2) primary schools following Serbian curriculum, one (1) in Carravodicë/Crkvena Vodica with 150 pupils and 19 teachers, including support staff (pupils attending Kosovo curriculum also use the same school facility but in different shift), and one (1) in Obiliq/Obilić town. In addition, there is a secondary school and a primary school in one (1) building in Plemetin/Plemetina with 157 pupils in secondary education and 295 pupils in primary education with 11 teachers and support staff which falls under Gračanica/Graçanicë school (source: directorate of education statistics for 2018).

^{*}According to the Law on Local Self-Government, a municipality with less than ten (10) per cent of residents belonging to communities in a numerical minority is not required to appoint a deputy mayor for communities, but the position can be established if proposed by the Mayor and approved by the municipal assembly.

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RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



There are 16 mosques in the municipality, one (1) was damaged in the 1999 conflict and reconstructed following the conflict. Three (3) mosques have been built after the conflict. There are three (3) Serbian Orthodox churches, one (1) of them, the Church of the Birth of the Holly Virgin, which is not in use, was damaged during the 2004 March riots and reconstructed by Reconstruction Implementation Commission (RIC) in 2005.The Gazimestan monument, marking the 1389 Battle of Kosovo, is located in the municipality and has a Special Protective Zone around it (source: municipal directorate of culture, youth and sport).

A total of four (4) cultural (archaeological and architectural) heritage sites in Obilig/Obilić municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS

In Obiliq/Obilić there are:

- 21 seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 8 political entities
- 48 police officers
- No courts physically present in the municipality

• 411 teachers and support staff in 11 primary and 2 secondary schools and 1 kindergarten, and 11 teachers and support staff in primary and secondary school in Plementina (under Gračanica/Graçanicë school)

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