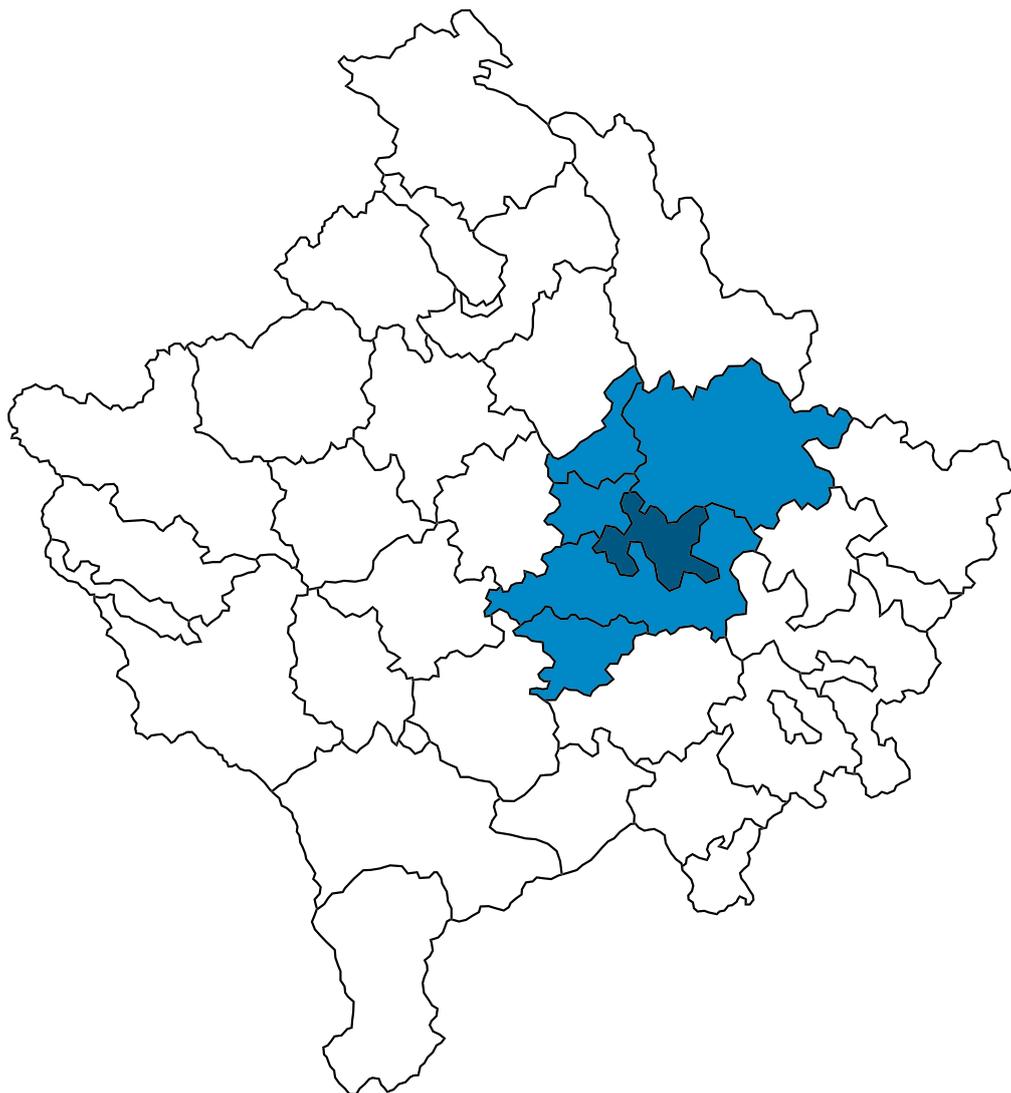


MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

PRISHTINË/PRIŠTINA REGION

GRAČANICA/GRAČANICË



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131 km² area

16 villages

10,675 population

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

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Gračanica/Graçanicë is located in central Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 131 km² and includes Gračanica/Graçanicë town and 16 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 10,675.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Serbs	7,209
2. Kosovo Albanians	2,474
3. Kosovo Roma	745
4. Kosovo Ashkali	104
5. Kosovo Gorani	22
6. Kosovo Turks	15
7. Kosovo Bosniaks	15
8. Kosovo Egyptian	3
9. Other	45
10. Not specified	43

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

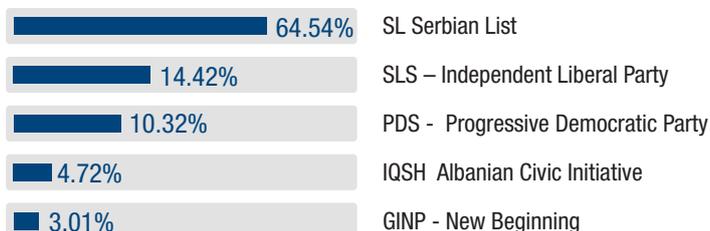
Gračanica/Graçanicë was not a separate municipality in 1981 and 1991 and therefore data from the censuses conducted in these years are not available.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 743 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them 654 Kosovo Serbs, 65 Kosovo Roma, 19 Kosovo Ashkali and Egyptians, one (1) Kosovo Albanian and four (4) Kosovo Montenegrins.

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Gračanica/Graçanicë municipality registered for the municipal elections held in October 2017 was 21,163¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 42.07% or 8,903 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal election results were as follows:



The current seat distribution is as follows:

14* seats
2* seats
2 seats
1 seat
0* seats

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.

* Following the elections, one (1) member from SLS and one (1) from GINP have resigned from their parties and joined SL.

GRAČANICA/GRAÇANICË

LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 19 seats distributed among four (4) political entities, 18 members are Kosovo Serb, one (1) is Kosovo Albanian; seven (7) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Ljubiša Karadžić (SL) and Deputy Chairperson of the Municipal Assembly for Communities is Imri Ajeti (IQSH)*.

*According to the Law on Local Self-Government, a municipality with more than ten (10) per cent of residents belonging to communities in a numerical minority is required to appoint a deputy mayor for communities and a deputy chairperson of the municipal assembly for communities.

EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Srdjan Popović (SL), elected for his first term as mayor with 87.53% of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the previous term, the mayor was Branimir Stojanović (SL), who was elected in the second round of the 2013 municipal elections with 58.48% of the votes*. Deputy Mayor is Saša Danić (SL). Deputy Mayor for Communities has not been yet appointed.

There are 11 municipal departments. One (1) department is run by a woman director: education and culture (SL), ten (10) departments are run by men directors: administration (SL); health and social services (SL); finance (SL); youth and sport (SL); agriculture and forestry (SL); public services (SL); cadastre (SL); urbanism (SL); inspection (SL); and economic development (SL). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), one (1) director was a woman (source: municipal information officer).

*Following Mayor Stojanović's resignation on 9 December 2014 after having been appointed Deputy Prime Minister, extraordinary mayoral elections were held in Gračanica/Graçanicë on 18 January 2015, and Vladeta Kostić (SL) won 64.83% of votes in the first round.

JUDICIARY



The Basic Court in Prishtinë/Priština has a branch in Gračanica/Graçanicë with three (3) civil judges, all Kosovo Serb women (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

Prishtinë/Priština Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the municipality.

SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Gračanica/Graçanicë municipality has 42 police officers, 30 are Kosovo Serb, 11 are Kosovo Albanian and one (1) is Kosovo Bosniak; five (5) are women.

The municipality is covered by Slovenian KFOR (source: Kosovo Police).

ECONOMY



The economy of Gračanica/Graçanicë municipality is predominantly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. There are approximately 500 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in the private sector (source: municipal directorate of budget and finance).

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. The municipality faces serious difficulties with water supply, especially during summer. Power supply has improved recently and power cuts generally became less frequent (source: municipal development plan).

Health



In the municipality of Gračanica/Graçanicë there are 15 village ambulancias, of approximately 60m². Each has 5-10 nurses and one (1) doctor, while there are other doctors who are available twice a week in different villages. In addition, there are two (2) hospitals, Internal and Pediatric Clinic in Laplje selo/Llapllasellë and Clinical Hospital Center in Gračanica/Graçanicë town. Around ten (10) nurses and four (4) doctors are available 24 hours to assist patients in each of these two (2) hospitals.

There is also one (1) small health center in Kišnica/Kishnicë village that is administered by Prishtinë/Priština municipality. The facility is used by Kosovo Albanian residents residing in the municipality of Gračanica/Graçanicë (source: municipal department of health, social and family protection).

Education



There are three (3) pre-primary schools, nine (9) primary schools and eight (8) secondary schools in Gračanica/Graçanicë municipality following the Serbian curriculum, with approximately 550 teachers. The Gračanica/Graçanicë municipal department of education administers two (2) kindergartens located in Laplje Selo/Llapllasellë and Dobrotin/Dobratin. There is one (1) Prishtinë/Priština municipality-run primary school in the Kosovo Albanian inhabited village of Kishnicë/Kišnica which has a satellite school in Sušica/Sushicë village, and one (1) Lipjan/Lipjan municipality-run lower secondary school in the Kosovo Albanian and Kosovo Ashkali inhabited village of Radevë/Radevo (source: municipal directorate of education).

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RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Gračanica/Graçanicë municipality has 11 Serbian Orthodox churches which are in use. The municipality hosts the Ulpiana archaeological site, an ancient Roman city, and the historic 13th century Serbian Orthodox Monastery of Gračanica, which was included on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2006 and has a Special Protective Zone around it. In addition, there are five (5) monuments, of which four (4) were constructed after 2005, and one (1) in the early 1940s (source: municipal directorate of education and culture).

A total of 66 cultural (archaeological and architectural) heritage sites in Gračanica/Graçanicë municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Gračanica/Graçanicë there are:

- 19 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 4 political entities
- 42 police officers
- 3 judges
- Approximately 550 teachers in 3 pre-primary, 9 primary and 8 secondary schools