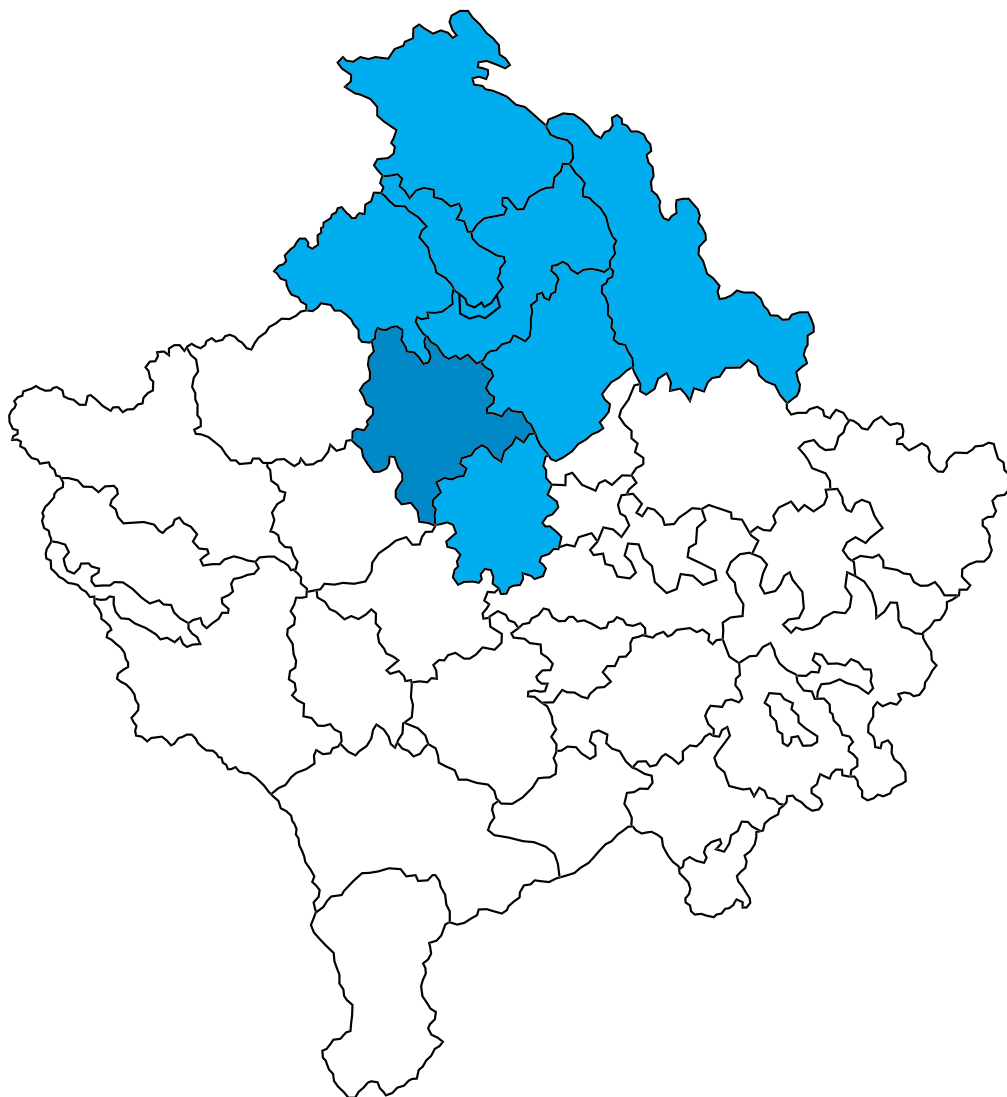


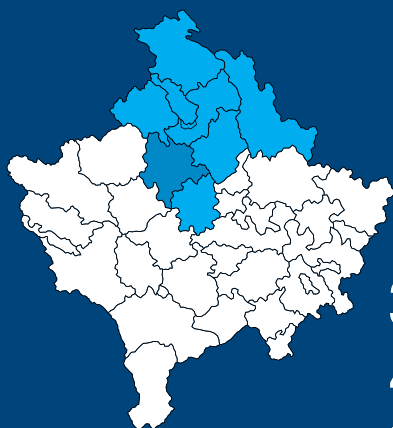
MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

MITROVICË/MITROVICA REGION

SKENDERAJ/SRBICA



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378 km²_{area}

48_{villages}

50,858_{population}

The OSCE regional centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica covers nine (9) municipalities, including Skenderaj/Srbica, and has teams working in all of them.

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Skenderaj/Srbica is located in north-western Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 378 km² and includes Skenderaj/Srbica town and 48 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 50,858.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	50,685
2. Kosovo Serbs	50
3. Kosovo Bosniaks	42
4. Kosovo Ashkali	10
5. Kosovo Egyptians	1
6. Kosovo Turks	1
7. Other	5
8. Not Specified	64

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1981, there were 45,504 Kosovo Albanians, 1,104 Kosovo Serbs and 136 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality; according to the census conducted in 1991*, there were 54,437 Kosovo Albanians, 713 Kosovo Serbs and 99 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 86 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them 79 Kosovo Serbs, six (6) Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptians and one (1) Kosovo Albanian.

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

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Skenderaj/Srbica municipality registered for the municipal elections held in 2017 was 54,970¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 31.59% or 17,365 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

62.12%	PKD Democratic Party of Kosovo
10.05%	AKR Alliance New Kosovo
5.79%	Civic Initiative 41000
5.69%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement
4.55%	AAK Alliance for Future of Kosovo
3.03%	LDK Democratic League of Kosovo
2.32%	FJALA Word
1.84%	NISMA Social Democratic Initiative

The current seat distribution is as follows:

20 seats
3 seats
2 seats
2 seats
1 seat
1 seat
1 seat
1 seat

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 voters 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.

SKENDERAJ/SRBICA

LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 31 seats distributed among eight (8) political entities. All members are Kosovo Albanian; nine (9) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Fatbardha Haliti (PDK).

EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Bekim Jashari (independent), elected for his first term as mayor with 85.52% of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the previous term, the mayor was Sami Lushtaku (PDK), who was elected in the first round of the 2013 municipal elections with 88.21% of the votes. Deputy Mayor is Nuredin Lushtaku (PDK). There are nine (9) municipal departments. Two (2) departments are run by women directors: geodesy, cadastre, and property (PDK) and urban planning and environmental protection (PDK), seven (7) departments are run by men directors: economy, finance, and development (PDK); education (PDK); culture, youth and sport (PDK); health and social welfare (PDK); public services (PDK); agriculture and rural development (PDK); and administration and personnel (PDK). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), one (1) director was a woman (source: municipal web site).

JUDICIARY



Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Basic Court has a branch in Skenderaj/Srbica with six (6) judges, all Kosovo Albanian men (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the municipality.

SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Skenderaj/Srbica municipality has 88 police officers: 86 are Kosovo Albanian, one (1) is Kosovo Serb and one (1) is Kosovo Ashkali; seven (7) are women. Of them, 79 officers are stationed in Skenderaj/Srbica police station and nine (9) in the police sub-station in Suvo Grlo/Syriganë village.

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

ECONOMY



The economy of Skenderaj/Srbica municipality is predominantly based on agriculture, brick and flour production and small trade businesses. There are approximately 3,000 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in the private sector (source: municipal office for business registration).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



The overall status of the infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. Approximately 92% of the roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Skenderaj/Srbica town and seven (7) out of 48 villages are connected to water supply system. Power supply and sewage system are still a problem, especially in the villages (source: municipal director of urban planning and environmental protection).

Health



The primary health care system includes one (1) main family health centre, five (5) centres for family medicine and seven (7) primary health stations. The health sector has 176 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff; 93 women and 83 men.

One (1) Serbia-run healthcare facility is located in Suvo Grlo/Syriganë (source: municipal office for communities and returns).

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities (source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare).

Education



There are 23 primary schools with 8,700 students and 662 teachers, three (3) secondary schools with 1,800 students and 200 teachers, and one (1) kindergarten with 105 children and 11 teachers, all following Kosovo curriculum.

Kosovo Serbs living in Skenderaj/Srbica municipality use one (1) Serbian-curriculum primary school with 42 students and 14 teachers and one (1) kindergarten with 15 children, ten (10) teachers and technical staff in Banja/Bajë, as well as one (1) secondary school with 18 students and 11 teachers in Suvo Grlo/Syriganë (source: municipal directorate of education, municipal office for communities and return).

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RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Skenderaj/Srbica municipality has 18 mosques. Eight (8) of them were destroyed during the 1999 conflict and have been reconstructed in its aftermath, and ten (10) new ones have been built. There is one (1) Serbian Orthodox church and one (1) monastery in the municipality, both are functional. The 15th century Serbian Orthodox Monastery of Devič was damaged in the 2004 March riots and partially reconstructed in 2009, and is declared a Special Protective Zone (source: local religious representatives).

A total of 32 cultural heritage sites in Skenderaj/Srbica municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Skenderaj/Srbica there are:

- 31 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 8 political entities
- 88 police officers
- 6 judges
- 908 teachers in 24 primary and 4 secondary schools and 2 kindergartens