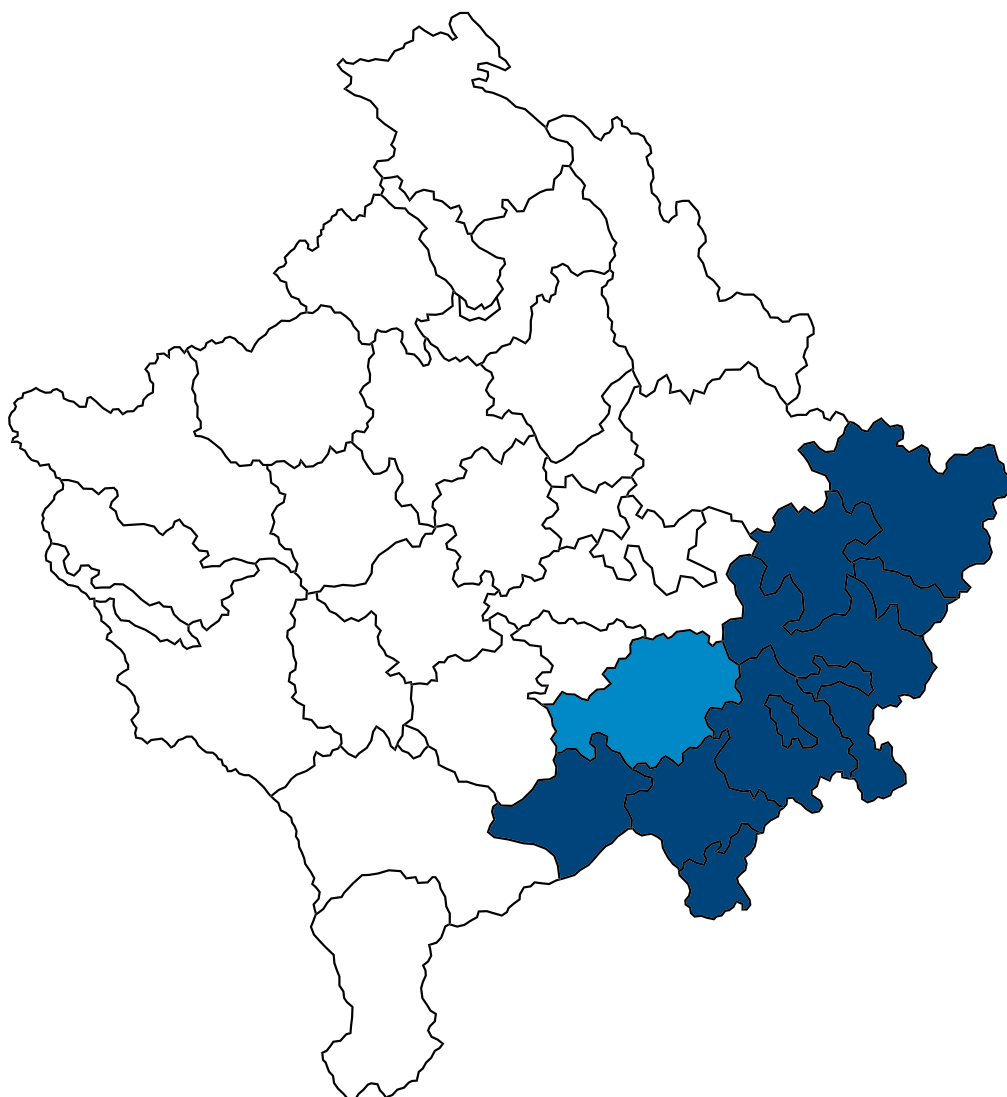


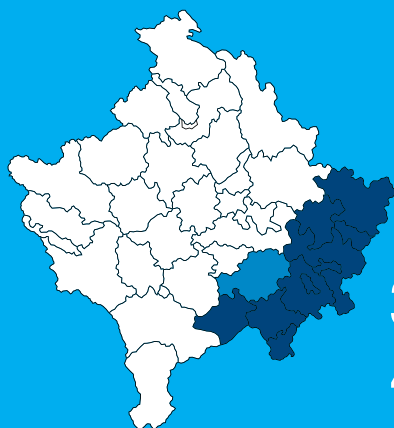
MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

GJILAN/GNJILANE REGION

FERIZAJ/UROŠEVAC



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345 km² area

44 villages

108,610 population

The OSCE regional centre Gjilan/Gnjilane covers 11 municipalities, including Ferizaj/Uroševac, and has teams working in all of them.

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Ferizaj/Uroševac is located in south-eastern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 345 km² and includes Ferizaj/Uroševac town and 44 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 108,610.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	104,152
2. Kosovo Ashkali	3,629
3. Kosovo Roma	204
4. Kosovo Bosniaks	83
5. Kosovo Turks	55
6. Kosovo Gorani	64
7. Kosovo Serbs	32
8. Kosovo Egyptians	24
9. Other	102
10. Not specified	265

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1981, there were 90,521 Kosovo Albanians, 18,285 Kosovo Serbs and 353 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality; according to the census conducted in 1991*, there were 100,144 Kosovo Albanians, 8,314 Kosovo Serbs and 313 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 830 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them 325 Kosovo Serbs, 69 Kosovo Roma, 434 Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptians and two (2) Kosovo Albanians.

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

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Ferizaj/Uroševac municipality registered for the municipal elections held in 2017 (1st round in October and 2nd round in November) was 108,561¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout in 1st round was 47.92% or 52,022 voters and in 2nd round it was 40.72% or 44,201 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

30.41%	PKD Democratic Party of Kosovo
27.99%	LDK Democratic League of Kosovo
17.01%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement
11.75%	AAK Alliance for Future of Kosovo
4.79%	NISMA Social Democratic Initiative
3.83%	AKR Alliance New Kosovo

The current seat distribution is as follows:

13 seats
12 seats
7 seats
5 seats
2 seats
2 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 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.

FERIZAJ/UROŠEVAC

LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 41 seats distributed among six (6) political entities, all 41 members are Kosovo Albanian; 14 are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Kristina Gashi Bytyqi (PDK).

EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Agim Aliu (PDK), serving his second inconsecutive term with 56.18% of votes in the second round of the 2017 municipal elections*. In the previous term, the mayor was Muharrem Sfarqa (LDK), who was elected in the second round of the 2013 municipal elections with 50.85% of the votes. Deputy Mayor is Naim Ferati (AAK).

There are 11 municipal departments. Three (3) departments are run by women directors: budget and finance (PDK); general administration (AAK); and culture, youth and sport (AAK), eight (8) departments are run by men: urbanism (PDK); property, geodesy and cadastre (PDK); education (PDK); economic development and tourism (AKR); health and social welfare (NISMA); agriculture (PDK); public services (AAK); and infrastructure (PDK). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), two (2) directors were women (source: municipal website).

*Mayor Aliu served his first term from 2012-2013, after the extraordinary mayoral elections (first round on 29 April 2012 and second round on 27 May 2012), following resignation of mayor Bajrush Xhemajli (PDK).

JUDICIARY



Ferizaj/Uroševac Basic Court has 30 judges, 29 are Kosovo Albanian, one (1) is a Kosovo Gorani; seven (7) are women. It has branches in Kačanik/Kaçanik and Štrpce/Shtërpçë and also covers Hani i Elezit/Elez Han and Shtime/Štimlje municipalities (source: Ferizaj/Uroševac Basic Court).

The Ferizaj/Uroševac Basic Prosecutor's Office has 19 prosecutors, 18 are Kosovo Albanian and one (1) is Kosovo Serb; four (4) are women. In addition to Ferizaj/Uroševac, the Prosecutor's Office also covers Hani i Elezit/Elez Han, Kačanik/Kaçanik, Shtime/Štimlje and Štrpce/Shtërpçë municipalities (source: Ferizaj/Uroševac Basic Prosecutor's Office).

SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Ferizaj/Uroševac municipality has 152 police officers, 143 are Kosovo Albanian, six (6) are Kosovo Serb and three (3) are Kosovo Ashkali; 26 are women.

The Regional Kosovo Police station is also situated in Ferizaj/Uroševac covering Kačanik/Kaçanik, Štrpce/Shtërpçë, Hani i Elezit/Elez Han and Shtime/Štimlje municipalities. It employs 449 police officers, 384 are Kosovo Albanian, 58 are Kosovo Serb and seven (7) are Kosovo Ashkali; 55 are women.

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

ECONOMY



The economy of Ferizaj/Uroševac municipality is predominantly based on agriculture, construction and supply companies, and small businesses. There are approximately 12,000 registered private businesses in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in the private sector (source: municipal directorate of economic development and tourism).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. Most of the main roads that connect villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Ferizaj/Uroševac city and 36 out of the 43 villages are connected to water supply system and 38 to the sewage system (source: directorate for infrastructure).

Health



The primary health care system currently includes one (1) main municipal family health centre, four (4) health centres and 14 clinics. The health sector has 308 employees, 302 are Kosovo Albanian, two (2) are Kosovo Turk, two (2) are Kosovo Roma and two (2) are Kosovo Bosniak; 200 women and 108 men.

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

Education



There are 39 primary schools with 18,707 pupils and 1,076 teachers, eight (8) secondary schools with 6,127 students and 429 teachers and two (2) kindergartens with 406 children and 81 teachers (source: municipal directorate of education).

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RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Ferizaj/Uroševac has 50 mosques, six (6) of which are in the city. None of the mosques were destroyed or damaged during the 1999 conflict, and 15 new mosques were built after 2000. There are 15 Serbian Orthodox churches, nine (9) of which were damaged after the 1999 conflict; of these nine (9), four (4) were severely damaged during March 2004 riots and underwent emergency protective intervention in 2005. Six (6) remain in use. Two (2) of the Serbian Orthodox religious sites destroyed after 1999 are monasteries, and continue to remain in ruins, one (1) of these is the Special Protective Zone of the Monastery of St. Uroš. There is one (1) Catholic church in the city centre of Ferizaj/Uroševac (source: local religious representatives and RIC mission report).

A total of 47 cultural heritage sites (21 archaeological and 26 architectural) in Ferizaj/Uroševac municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Ferizaj/Uroševac there are:

- 41 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 6 political entities
- 152 police officers in police stations and 449 in the regional command
- 30 judges and 19 prosecutors
- 1,586 teachers in 39 primary and 8 secondary schools and 2 kindergartens