MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

PEJË/PEĆ REGION

JUNIK







The OSCE regional centre Pejë/Peć covers six (6) municipalities, including Junik, and has teams working in all of them.

AREA AND POPULATION



Junik municipality is located in western Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 77 km2 and includes Junik town and two (2) villages, Jasiq/Jasić and Gjocaj/Đocaj. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is

Ethnic composition

1.Kosovo Albanians6,0692.Other43.Not specified11

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Junik 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, there are no registered returns in the municipality.

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Junik municipality registered for the municipal elections held in October 2017 was 5,590¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 48.64% or 2,719 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:



The current seat distribution is as follows:

7 seats

5 seats

2 seats

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.

JUNIK

LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 15 seats distributed among four (4) political parties, all members are Kosovo Albanian; six (6) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Muharrem Krasniqi (AAK).

EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Agron Kuqi (AAK), reelected for his third term as mayor with 57.9% of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 municipal elections, Mayor Kuqi won with 62.46% in the second round. Deputy Mayor is Faik Tofaj (AAK).

There are seven (7) municipal departments. Two (2) departments are run by women directors: budget and finance (AAK) and general administration (AAK), five (5) departments are run by men directors: urbanism, cadastre and environment (AAK); education, culture, youth and sports (PDK); health and social welfare (AAK); public services, inspection and emergency (AAK); and economic development (AAK). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), two (2) directors were women (source: municipal website).

JUDICIARY



There are no courts in Junik. The Deçan/Dečane branch of the Pejë/Peć Basic Court covers the municipality (source: Pejë/Peć Basic Court).

Pejë/Peć Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the municipality.

SECURITY PRESENCE



Kosovo Police station in Junik has 25 police officers, all are Kosovo Albanian; 24 men and one (1) woman (source: Pejë/Peć Regional Police Station).

As for the international military presence, Italian KFOR covers the area (source: KFOR/Multi National Battle Group West).

ECONOMY



The economy of Junik municipality is predominantly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. Currently, there are approximately 100 businesses registered in the municipality. The municipal administration is the largest single employer in the municipality (source: municipal directorate of economic development).

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. There are ongoing works to improve the sewage, irrigation, water supply and electrical systems in the municipality (source: municipal directorate of urbanism cadastre and environment).

Health



The municipality has one (1) main health centre, with 31 employees including doctors, nurses and support staff; 18 women and 13 men.

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

Education



There is one (1) primary school and one (1) secondary school in Junik municipality with a total of 850 students and 56 teachers (source: municipal directorate of education, culture, youth and sports).

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Junik has two (2) mosques, both damaged during the 1999 conflict and reconstructed in its aftermath and one (1) tekke (source: directorate of urbanism cadastre and environment and religious communities' representatives).

A total of 20 architectural sites in Junik municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Junik there are:

- 15 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 4 political entities
- 25 police officers
- No courts physically present in the municipality
- 56 teachers in 1 primary and 1 secondary school