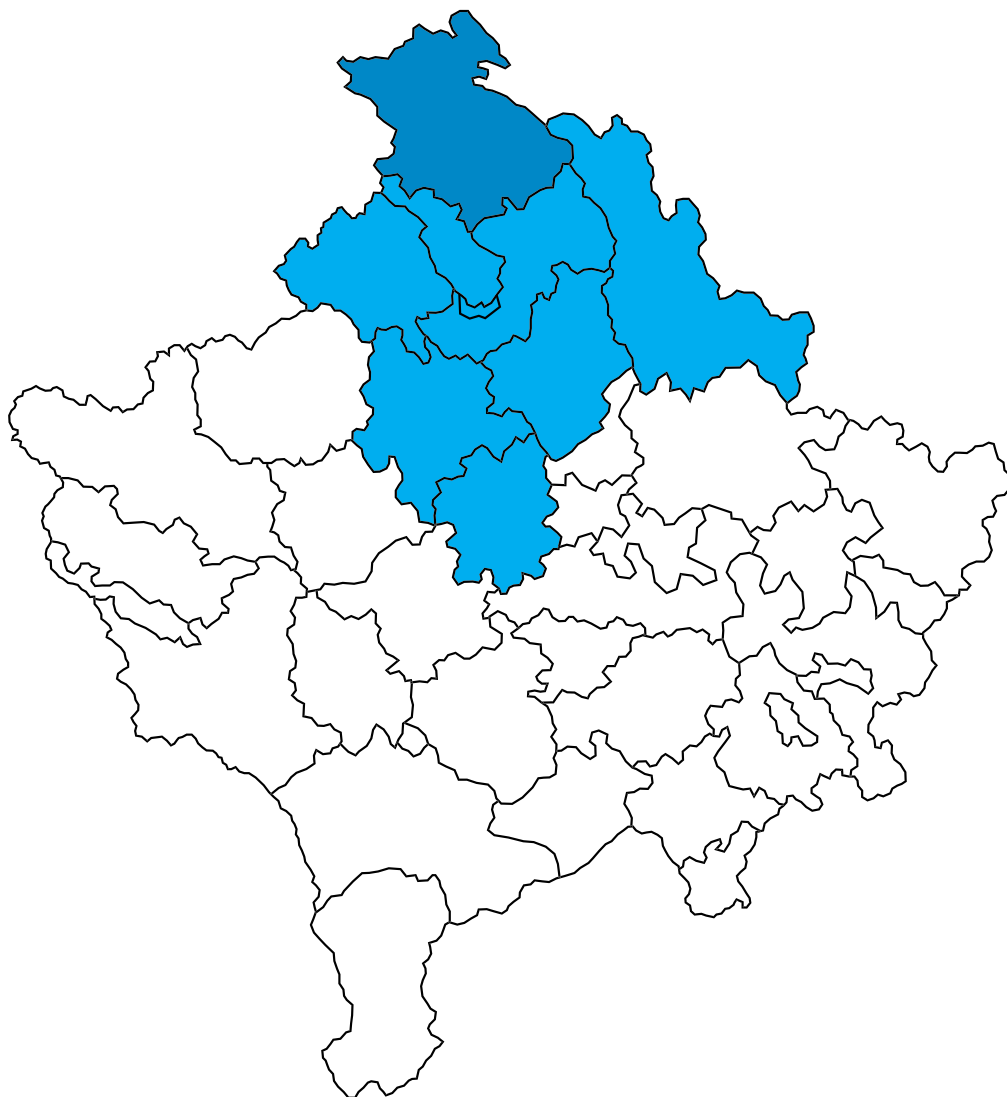


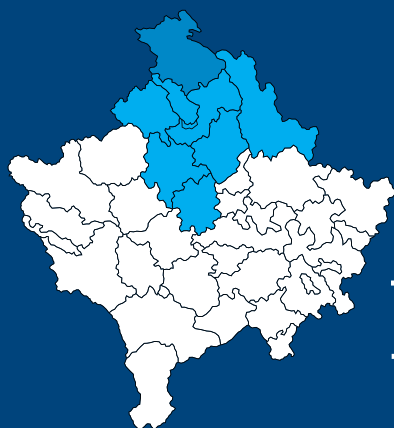
MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

MITROVIČĚ/MITROVICA REGION

LEPOSAVIĆ/LEPOSAVIQ



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750 km² area

72 villages

18,635 population

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

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Leposavić/Leposaviq is located in northern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 750 km² and includes Leposavić/Leposaviq town and 72 villages. No official data on population is available as the 2011 census was not conducted in the northern municipalities. According to the municipal administration, the total population is estimated at 18,635.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Serbs
2. Kosovo Albanians
3. Kosovo Bosniaks
4. Kosovo Roma
Kosovo Ashkali

approximately 18,000
approximately 270
350
12

(source: community representatives)

Since June 1999, the municipality has received displaced persons from all over Kosovo and now hosts approximately 2,500 of them. Most Kosovo Serb displaced persons live in private accommodation or with their relatives. Others live in collective centres in Leposavić/Leposaviq town and in Lešak/Leshak and Sočanica/Sočanice villages.

According to the census conducted in 1981, there were 858 Kosovo Albanians, 14,977 Kosovo Serbs and 79 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality; according to the census conducted in 1991*, there were 951 Kosovo Albanians, 14,299 Kosovo Serbs and 89 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 257 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them 13 Kosovo Serbs and 244 Kosovo Albanians.

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

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Leposavić/Leposaviq municipality registered for the municipal elections held in October 2017 was 17,747¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 48.03% or 8,523 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:



The current seat distribution is as follows:

12 seats
6 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.

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LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 19 seats distributed among three (3) political entities, all members are Kosovo Serb; six (6) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Nikola Lazović (SL).

EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Zoran Todić (SL), elected for his first term as mayor with 63.20% of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the previous mandate, the mayor was Dragan Jablanović (then Citizen Initiative Srpska), who was elected in the first round of the 2013 municipal elections with 51.48% of the votes cast. Deputy Mayor is Radoš Mihajlović (SL).

There are 13 municipal departments. Three (3) departments are run by women directors: administration (SL); budget and finance (SL) and health (not affiliated), ten (10) departments are run by men directors: agriculture and rural development (not affiliated); economic development (GIDI); cadastre and geodesy (SL); communities (Citizens' Initiative Together); culture, youth and sports (SL), education (SL); firefighters and inspection (SL); road infrastructure (GIDI); urban planning and inspection (SL) and social welfare (SL). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), five (5) directors were women.

JUDICIARY



In February 2015, the parties engaged in the EU-facilitated Dialogue between Belgrade and Prishtinë/Priština reached an agreement on judiciary structures in northern Kosovo. The process of the integration of the Serbia-run judiciary into the legal system in Kosovo started on 24 October 2017.

There is one (1) Basic Court in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica with jurisdiction over seven (7) municipalities in the region, i.e. Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South, Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North, Leposavić/Leposaviq, Zubin Potok, Skenderaj/Srbica, Zvečan/Zvečan and Vushtrri/Vučitrn.

The Basic Court Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Branch in Leposavić/Leposaviq has three (3) Kosovo Serb judges; two (2) men and one (1) woman.

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

SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Leposavić/Leposaviq municipality has 99 police officers, 94 are Kosovo Serb, one (1) Kosovo Bosniak and four (4) Kosovo Albanian assigned to Bistricë e Shalës/Šaljska Bistrica police substation; 14 are women.

As for the international military presence, Slovenian KFOR has a Liaison Monitoring Team - LMT covering the area (source: Kosovo Police).

ECONOMY



The economy of Leposavić/Leposaviq municipality is predominantly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. There is no reliable data on the number of registered businesses and number of people employed in the private sector (source: municipal general administration).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as underdeveloped. However, a number of infrastructural projects, especially those that pertain to road infrastructure, have been implemented in the past several years with the financial assistance of local institutions, the Serbian Government and international organizations (source: municipal general administration).

Health



The primary health care Serbia-run system includes one (1) health house and eight (8) village 'ambulantas' of which only two (2) units are operational. The health sector has 135 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff; 103 women and 32 men.

There is also one (1) health unit in Kosovo Albanian village of Bistricë e Shalës/Šaljska Bistrica with three (3) medical staff, one (1) doctor and two (2) technical staff run by Kosovo institutions (source: municipal communities' officer).

All communities have access to health care and to health facilities (source: head of Leposavić/Leposaviq Health House).

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Education



There are three (3) primary schools with 1,281 pupils and 232 employees of which 170 teachers, two (2) secondary schools with 391 students and 124 employees of which 91 teachers and three (3) kindergartens with 638 children and 175 staff.

There is also one (1) primary school located in Kosovo Albanian village of Bistricë e Shalës/Šaljska Bistrica with 24 pupils and 16 employees of which ten (10) teachers.

The municipality also hosts three (3) faculties, education, sports and agronomy as well as two (2) colleges, economics and traffic. These faculties are part of the public university in northern Mitrovica/Mitrovicë (source: municipal general administration-officer dealing with education issues and kindergartens' directors).

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Leposavić/Leposaviq municipality has 16 Serbian Orthodox churches and three (3) monasteries, all three (3) monasteries are classified as Special Protective Zones. Seven (7) Serbian Orthodox churches have been renovated and nine (9) new ones are built after the conflict. There is one (1) mosque in the municipality, it was built after the conflict (source: local priest of the Serbian Orthodox Church, municipal communities' officer and municipal administration).

A total of 20 cultural heritage sites in Leposavić/Leposaviq municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection..

KEY FACTS



In Leposavić/Leposaviq there are:

- 19 seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 3 political entities
- 99 police officers
- 3 judges
- 541 employees in 4 primary and 2 secondary schools and 3 kindergartens