

1. AREA AND POPULATION

The municipality of Obiliq/Obilić is located in central Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 105 km² and includes Obiliq/Obilić town and 19 villages. The total population is approximately 21,500 (21,549 according to the Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011).

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians: 19,854
 2. Kosovo Roma: 661
 3. Kosovo Ashkali: 578
 4. Kosovo Serbs: 276
 5. Kosovo Bosniaks: 58
 6. Kosovo Egyptians: 27
 7. Kosovo Gorani: 5
 8. Kosovo Turks: 2
 9. Other: 48
 10. Not specified: 40
- (Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Note: According to the municipal office for communities and returns 2,880 Kosovo Serbs, 720 Kosovo Roma and 80 Kosovo Bosniaks, as well as a few Kosovo Montenegrins and Circassians reside in the municipality.

Prior to the 1999 conflict the number of non-Albanian communities living in the municipality was much higher. A small number of them have returned but the majority is still displaced. There are currently 8,615 persons displaced from Obiliq/Obilić municipality residing outside Kosovo (source: UNHCR).

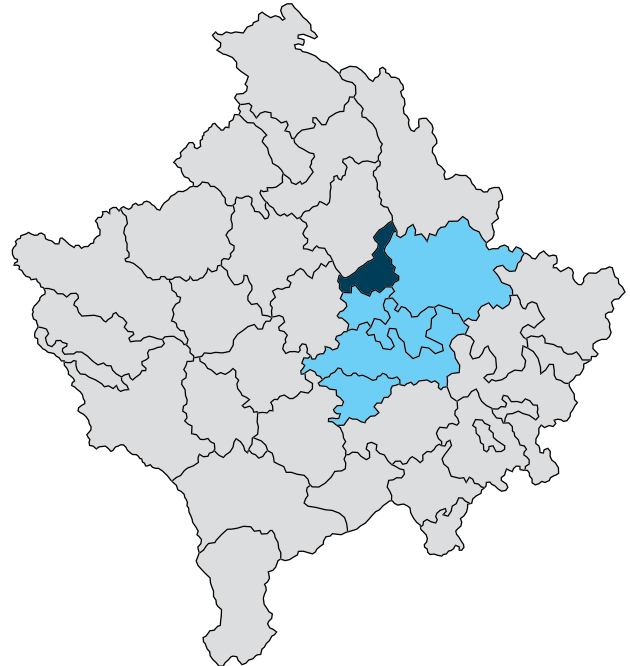
2. GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Obiliq/Obilić municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2013 was 23,456 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 45.9 per cent/12,419 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The election results were as follows:

LDK Democratic League of Kosovo	24.32%	5 seats
AAK-LDD - Alliance for the Future of Kosovo	20.09%	4 seats
PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo	18.51%	4 seats
LB Movement for Unification	15.82%	4 seats
GIS Citizen Initiative Srpska	4.94%	1 seat
Democratic Initiative	3.16%	1 seat
LVV - Vetëvendosje (Self-Determination) Movement	3.03%	1 seat

The OSCE regional centre Prishtinë/Priština covers six (6) municipalities including Obiliq/Obilić and has field teams working in all of them.



A. LEGISLATIVE

The municipal assembly has 21 seats distributed amongst eight (8) political entities; 19 are Kosovo Albanians, two (2) are Kosovo Serbs. Seven (7) municipal assembly members are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Adem Preniqi (AAK).

B. EXECUTIVE

Structure of municipal executive and the executive's political affiliations

The municipality is headed by mayor Xhafer Gashi (AAK) and deputy mayor Nysret Kelemndi (PDK). It has nine (9) departments and department directors: general administration (AAK); health and social welfare (AAK); education (PDK); economy, finance and development (AAK); urban planning, cadastre, and property (AAK); public services and emergencies (AAK); inspection (PDK); environmental protection (AAK); and culture, youth and sports (PDK). Two (2) directors are female (source: municipal web site).

3. JUDICIARY

There are no courts in Obiliq/Obilić. Prishtinë/Priština basic court covers the municipality (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

Additional information

Prishtinë/Priština basic prosecutor's office covers the municipality.

4. SECURITY PRESENCE

The Kosovo Police station in Obiliq/Obilić municipality has 42 police officers; 39 are Kosovo Albanian, two (2) are Kosovo Serb, one (1) is Kosovo Circassian. Six (6) police officers are female.

As for the international military presence, Finnish KFOR covers the area.

5. ECONOMY

The economy of the municipality of Obiliq/Obilić is based on electrical energy production, agriculture and small trade businesses. The Kosovo Energy Corporation (KEK) is the primary employer. There are some 325 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There are no reliable data on the number of people employed in private sector in Obiliq/Obilić (source: municipal directorate of economy, finance and development).

6. PUBLIC SERVICES**A. INFRASTRUCTURE**

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Obiliq/Obilić is assessed as good. All the main roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Obiliq/Obilić town and 17 out of 19 villages are connected to water supply and sewage system. Power supply is still a problem especially in the villages (source: municipal development plan).

B. HEALTH

The primary health care system currently includes one (1) municipal family health centre and seven (7) health houses in the surrounding villages. The health sector has 101 employees, 60 females and 41 male, including doctors, nurses and support staff.

Access:

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities. However, Kosovo Serbs usually go to nearest Serbia-run health institutions (source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare).

C. EDUCATION

There are 9 primary schools with 4,324 pupils and 286 teachers; one (1) secondary school with 835 students and 63 teachers; and one (1) kindergarten with 83 children and 9 teachers. Schools in the municipality are ethnically segregated; in Caravodicë/Črkvena Vodica, Kosovo Albanian and Kosovo Serb pupils use the same school facilities but in different shifts (source: municipal directorate of education).

7. RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES

Obiliq/Obilić has 15 mosques. Most of them were renovated following the 1999 conflict. There are three (3) Serbian Orthodox churches, out of which two (2) were damaged during the conflict and renovated afterwards. One (1) of the churches is still not in use. The Gazimestan monument is located in the municipality and has a special protective zone around it (source: municipal development plan).

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In Obiliq/Obilić there are:

21

seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 8 political entities.

42

police officers in the main police station.

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No courts.

358

teachers in nine (9) primary and one (1) secondary schools and 1 kindergarten.