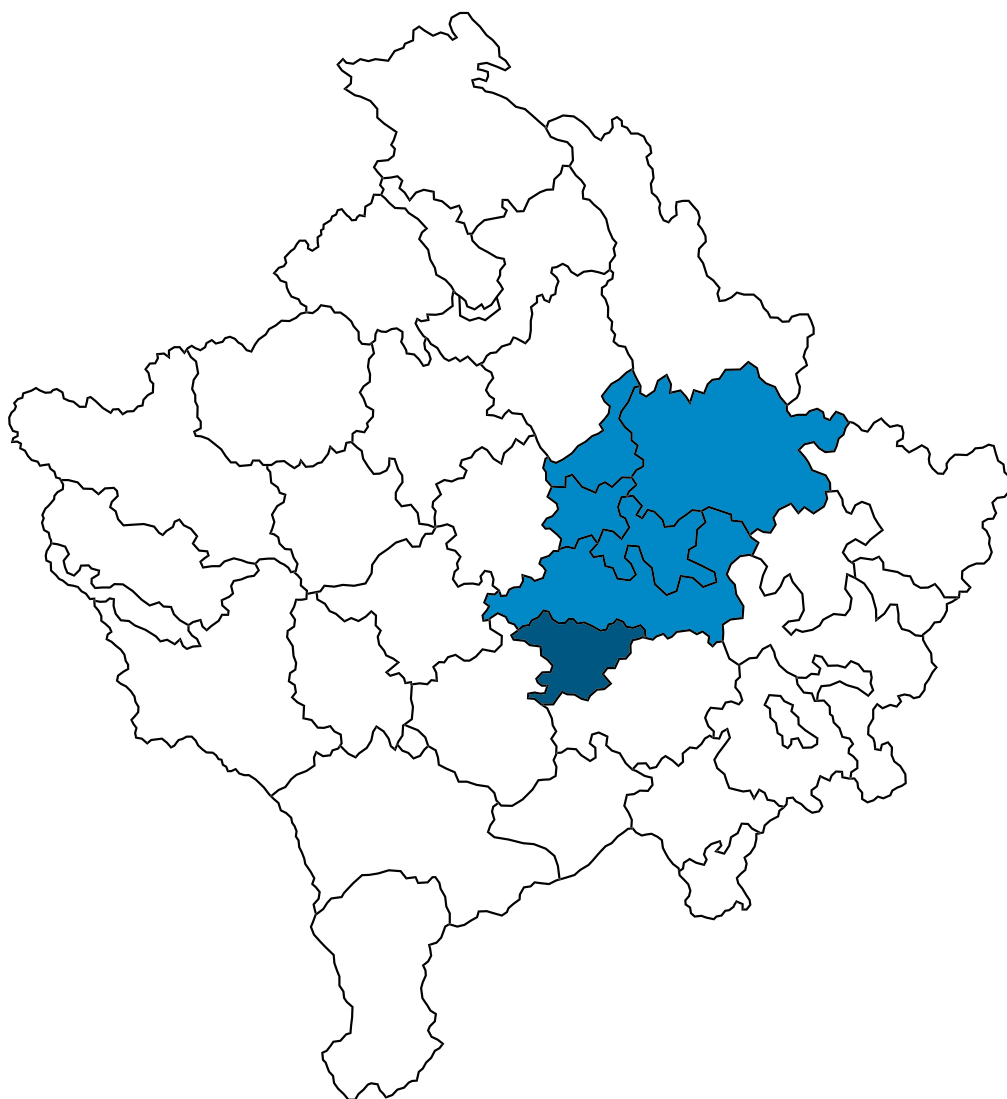


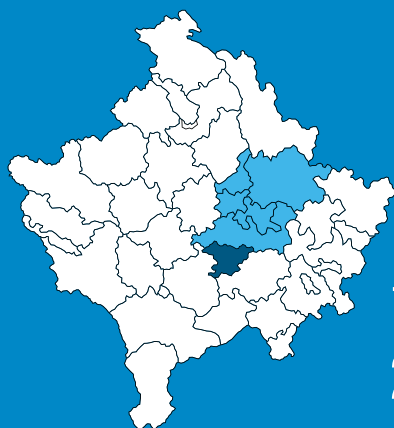
MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

PRISHTINË/PRIŠTINA REGION

SHTIME/ŠTIMLJE



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134 km² area

22 villages

27,324 population

The OSCE regional centre Prishtinë/Priština covers six (6) municipalities, including Shtime/Štimlje, and has teams working in all of them.

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Shtime/Štimlje is located in southern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 134 km² and includes Shtime/Štimlje town and 22 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 27,324.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	26,447
2. Kosovo Ashkali	750
3. Kosovo Serbs	49
4. Kosovo Roma	23
5. Kosovo Bosniaks	20
6. Kosovo Gorani	2
7. Kosovo Turks	1
8. Other	13
9. Not specified	19

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1991*, there were 21,716 Kosovo Albanians, 971 Kosovo Serbs and 17 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality. There is no data from the census conducted in 1981, as Shtime/Štimlje was not a separate municipality at that time.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 168 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, all of them Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptians.

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

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Shtime/Štimlje municipality registered for the municipal elections held in 2017 (1st round in October and 2nd round in November) was 26,356¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout in 1st round was 50.27% or 13,248 voters and in 2nd round it was 46.68% or 12,302 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal election results were as follows:

35.09%	PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo
18.53%	LDK Democratic League of Kosovo
16.19%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement
10.83%	NISMA Social Democratic Initiative
8.69%	AAK Alliance for Future of Kosovo
3.76%	AKR Alliance New Kosovo
3.36%	LB Movement for Unification
	Independent Member

The current seat distribution is as follows:

8 seats
4 seats
2* seats
2 seats
2 seats
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 voter's 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.

* Following the elections, one (1) Vetëvendosje! assembly member resigned from the party and remained to hold the seat as an independent member.

SHTIME/ŠTIMLJE

LEGISLATIVE



The municipal assembly has 21 seats distributed among eight (8) political entities, all members are Kosovo Albanian; eight (8) are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Ms. Medina Brahaj (PDK).

EXECUTIVE



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

Shtime/Štimlje municipality is headed by Mayor Naim Ismajli (PDK), re-elected for his fourth term as mayor with 51.61% of votes in the second round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 municipal elections, Mayor Ismajli won with 50.27% of votes in the first round. Deputy Mayor is Rrahman Jakupi (PDK).

There are seven (7) municipal departments. Two (2) departments are run by women directors: health and social welfare (PDK) and urban planning, cadastre and geodesy (PDK), five (5) departments are run by men directors: administration (PDK); economy (PDK); public services (PDK); education (PDK); and youth, culture and sports (PDK). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), two (2) directors were women (source: Mayor's office).

JUDICIARY



There are no courts in Shtime/Štimlje. Ferizaj/Uroševac Basic Court covers the municipality (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

Ferizaj/Uroševac Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the municipality.

SECURITY PRESENCE



The Kosovo Police station in Shtime/Štimlje municipality has 40 police officers, 39 are Kosovo Albanian and 1 (one) is Kosovo Ashkali; four (4) are women.

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

ECONOMY



The economy of Shtime/Štimlje municipality is predominantly based on agriculture. There are approximately 900 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in the private sector (source: municipal directorate of economy).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. All the main roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Shtime/Štimlje town and all villages are connected to water supply system since 2007 (source: municipal directorate of urban planning, cadastre and geodesy).

Health



There is one (1) municipal family health centre and four (4) health houses. The health sector has 77 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff; 52 women and 25 men. Shtime/Štimlje municipality hosts the only institution for persons with mental and physical disabilities in Kosovo, run by the Kosovo Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, and has 76 staff members. There is also the Center for Integration and Rehabilitation of the chronic and psychiatric patients, run by the Kosovo Ministry of Health, and has 38 staff members.

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

Education



There are seven (7) primary and two (2) secondary schools with 6,215 pupils and 405 teachers, and one (1) kindergarten with 41 children and five (5) staff members (source: education statistics in Kosovo 2016/2017 publication of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology).

RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



There are 14 mosques in the municipality, five (5) were damaged/destroyed during the 1999 conflict and reconstructed afterwards, and three (3) new mosques have been built after the conflict. There are two (2) Serbian Orthodox churches in town, neither is in use. The Church of Saint Michael has been slightly damaged in the 2004 March riots and reconstructed by Reconstruction Implementation Commission (RIC) in 2005. Additional restoration works have been conducted by UNESCO in 2009-2010 (source: municipal office for communities and return).

A total of four (4) cultural (archaeological and architectural) heritage sites in Shtime/Štimlje municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Shtime/Štimlje there are:

- 21 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 8 political entities
- 40 police officers
- No courts physically present in the municipality
- 410 teachers in 7 primary and 2 secondary schools and 1 kindergarten