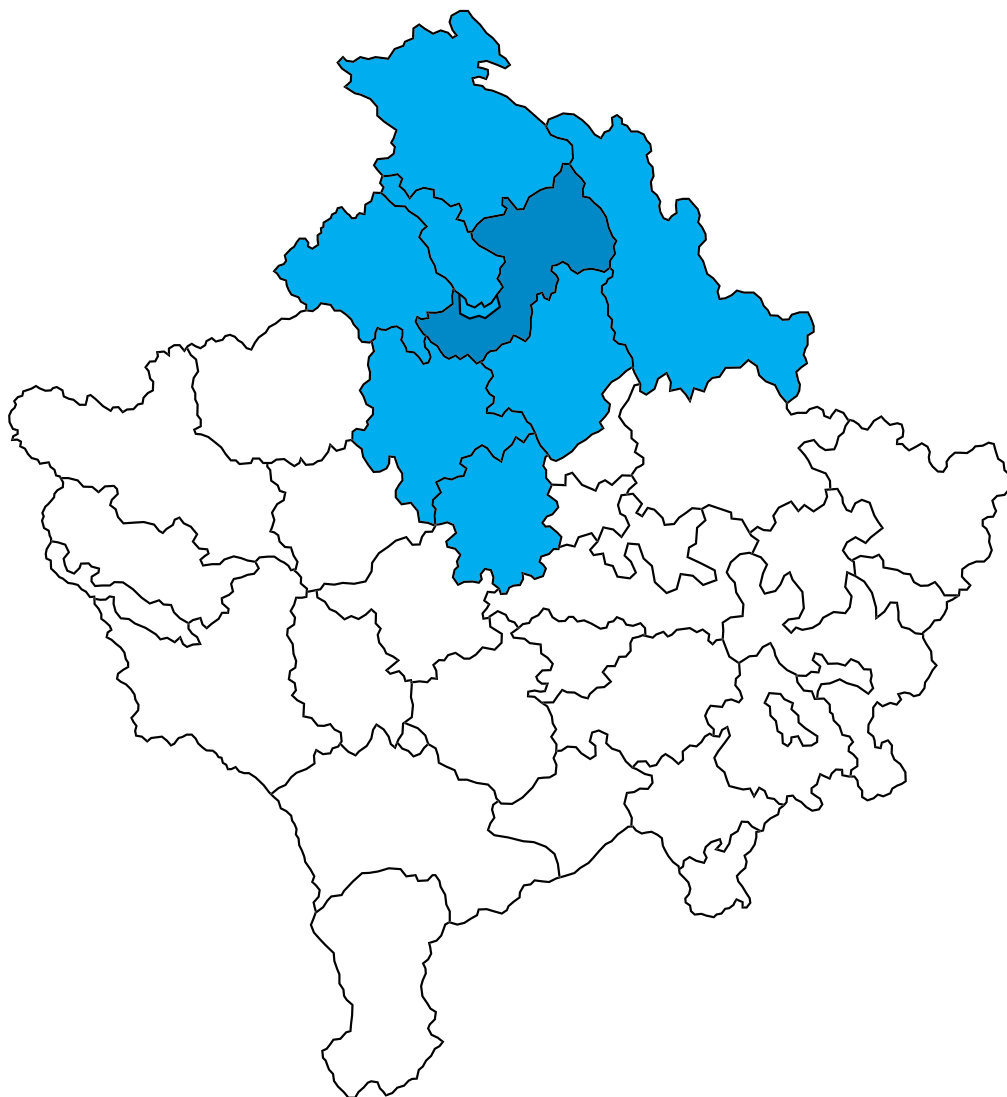


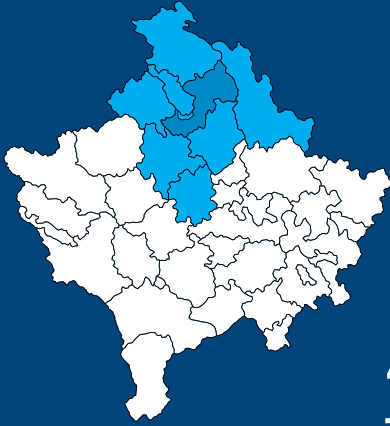
# MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

## MITROVICË/MITROVICA REGION

### MITROVICË/MITROVICA SOUTH



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40 villages  
71,909 population

The OSCE regional centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica covers nine (9) municipalities, including Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South where the centre is located, and has teams in all of them.

## AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South is located in northern Kosovo, south of Ibër/Ibar river. It includes Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South town and some 40 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 71,909.

## Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	69,497
2. Kosovo Ashkali	647
3. Kosovo Roma	528
4. Kosovo Turks	518
5. Kosovo Bosniaks	416
6. Kosovo Gorani	23
7. Kosovo Serbs	14
8. Kosovo Egyptians	6
9. Other	47
10. Not Specified	213

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1981, there were 66,528 Kosovo Albanians, 25,929 Kosovo Serbs and 2,000 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality of Titova Mitrovica (which included both of the current municipalities of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South and Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North); according to the census conducted in 1991\*, there were 82,837 Kosovo Albanians, 9,482 Kosovo Serbs and 1,216 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality of Kosovska Mitrovica (which included both of the current municipalities of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South and Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North). Mitrovica/Mitrovicë South was not a separate municipality neither in 1981 nor in 1991 and therefore specific data for Mitrovica/Mitrovicë South from the censuses conducted in these years are not available.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 1,561 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them 43 Kosovo Serbs, 797 Kosovo Roma, 446 Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptians, 46 Kosovo Bosniaks, 228 Kosovo Albanians and one (1) Kosovo Turk.

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

## GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South municipality registered for the municipal elections held in 2017 (1<sup>st</sup> round in October and 2<sup>nd</sup> round in November) was 79,042<sup>1</sup>, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout in 1<sup>st</sup> round was 40.35% or 31,890 voters and in 2<sup>nd</sup> round it was 37.31% or 29,489 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

29.00%	PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo
20.24%	LDK Democratic League of Kosovo
17.57%	AKR Alliance New Kosovo
16.93%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement
5.64%	AAK Alliance for Future of Kosovo
3.64%	NISMA Social Democratic Initiative
3.04%	PD Justice Party

The current seat distribution is as follows:

11 seats
7 seats
7 seats
6 seats
2 seats
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 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 35 seats distributed among seven (7) political entities, all members are Kosovo Albanian; 13 are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Jeton Ujkani (AKR).

## EXECUTIVE



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

The municipality is headed by Mayor Agim Bahtiri (AKR), re-elected for his second term as mayor with 57.41% of votes in the second round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 municipal elections, Mayor Bahtiri won with 52.27% of votes in the second round. Deputy Mayor is Faruk Mujka (Vetëvendosje!). There are 14 municipal departments. Two (2) departments are run by women directors: health (AKR) and European integration and social welfare (Vetëvendosje!), 12 departments are run by men directors: administration (Vetëvendosje!); education (AKR); finance and economic development (Vetëvendosje!); urbanism and spatial planning (AKR); cadastre, property and geodesy (AKR); public services and infrastructure (AKR); agriculture and rural development (Vetëvendosje!); environmental protection (AAK); inspection (NISMA); protection and rescue (AAK); culture, youth and sport (LDK); and procurement (LDK). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), one (1) director was a woman (source: municipal information office).

## JUDICIARY



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

As a result, there is one Basic Court 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/Zveçan, Vushtrri/Vučitrn. The Basic Court Mitrovica/Mitrovicë operates in two separate buildings, one in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South and one in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North. The premises located in the Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North accommodate the serious crimes department (dealing with criminal offences punishable by ten (10) and more years of imprisonment), and the general crimes department. The premises located in the Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South contain the civil matters department, minor offences department and the department for the juveniles.

The Basic Court Mitrovica/Mitrovicë has a total of 32 judges, 15 Kosovo Albanian and 17 Kosovo Serb. The court house in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë South has 15 judges, seven (7) Kosovo Albanian and eight (8) Kosovo Serb.

The Mitrovicë/Mitrovica Basic Prosecutor's Office covers the seven (7) municipalities mentioned above, including Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South. It has 20 prosecutors, ten (10) Kosovo

Albanian and ten (10) Kosovo Serb; 11 are women. The Prosecution Office is located in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North (source: basic court and prosecution officials).

## SECURITY PRESENCE



Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South municipality is the seat of the regional police headquarters and the municipal police station. The regional police headquarters has 129 police officers, 126 Kosovo Albanian and three (3) Kosovo Serb; 11 are women.

The municipal police station, including the substation in Svinjarë/Svinjare village and a contact office in "Roma Mahalla", has 110 police officers, 109 Kosovo Albanian and one (1) Kosovo Bosniak; 21 are women (source: Kosovo Police).

As for the international military presence, multi-national KFOR troops cover the area (source: KFOR).

## ECONOMY



The economy of Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South municipality is predominantly based on agriculture, trade and small businesses. The Trepça/Trepča mining complex, functioning at a limited capacity, remains the largest employer. There are approximately 7,000 registered private businesses operating in the municipality and approximately 10,000 persons employed in the private sector (source: municipal business registration centre).

## 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. Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South city and 26 villages are connected to water supply and sewage systems. Power supply is still a problem, especially in the villages and in wintertime (source: municipal development plan).

### Health



The health care system includes one (1) regional hospital, one (1) main family health centre and 23 health houses. The health sector has 583 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff; 290 women and 293 men. There is one (1) health house in the mainly Kosovo Roma, Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptian inhabited neighbourhood "Roma Mahalla". These residents also access healthcare services of Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North.

All communities have access to health care (source: municipal directorate of health).

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## Education



There are 27 primary schools with 12,049 pupils and 1,162 teachers and technical staff, four (4) secondary schools with 4,526 students and 335 teachers and technical staff and one (1) kindergarten with 339 children and 42 teachers. There is also one (1) primary and secondary music school with 272 students and 32 teachers and one (1) specialized school with 52 students and 19 teachers (source: municipal directorate of education).

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South also hosts the public university "Isa Boletini," with six (6) faculties, providing education for around 4,000 students (source: University's information and public relations office).

A considerable number of Kosovo Roma pupils residing in Roma Mahalla attend schools in Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North. Education instruction in Turkish language is available in primary school 'Andon Zako Çajupi', whereas teaching in Bosnian language is available in primary school 'Bedri Gjinaj' and secondary school Gymnasium 'Frang Bardhi.'

## RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South municipality has 15 mosques. Four (4) were destroyed/damaged in the 1999 conflict and have been reconstructed in its aftermath, and 11 have been built after the conflict. There are also two (2) tekkes that were not damaged/destroyed and are in use. There is one (1) Serbian Orthodox church in the municipality. It was damaged/destroyed during the March 2004 riots and reconstructed in the 2009, and is functional. There are two (2) Catholic churches in the municipality, one (1) was not destroyed and is functional, the other one is damaged/destroyed and not reconstructed.

A total of 41 cultural heritage sites in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection (source: Islamic community representative, Serbian Orthodox priest and Catholic priest).

## KEY FACTS



In Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South there are:

- 35 seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 7 political entities
- 110 police officers in the stations and 129 in the regional command
- 32 judges in the Basic Court and 15 judges in Mitrovicë/Mitrovica South court house and 20 prosecutors
- 1,590 teachers and technical staff in 27 primary and 4 secondary schools, 1 specialized school, 1 music school and 1 kindergarten
- It has the only Olympic stadium in Kosovo
- 1 public university