

1. 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 Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011 the total population is 6,084.

Ethnic composition:

1. Kosovo Albanians: 6,069
2. Other: 4
3. Not specified: 11

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Before the 1999 conflict two (2) Kosovo Serb families and approximately 50 Kosovo Roma, Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptians also lived in the municipality. They are since displaced. There is no available data on their current whereabouts (sources: municipal directorate of general administration).

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

The total number of voters in Junik municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 4,962 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 45.90 per cent/2,220 voters (source: Central Elections Commission).

The election results were as follows:

AAK - Alliance for the Future of Kosovo	46.67%	7 seats
LDK - Democratic League of Kosovo	33.33%	5 seats
LDD Democratic League of Dardania	13.33%	2 seats
PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo	6.67%	1 seat

a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 15 seats distributed amongst four (4) political entities. All 15 members are Kosovo Albanians; six (6) are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Sinan Gacaferi (AAK).

b. Executive

The municipality is headed by a mayor, Agron Kuqi (AAK), and a deputy mayor, Nimon Tofaj (PDK). It has seven (7) departments and department directors: general administration (AAK); budget and finance (AAK); urbanism, cadastre and environment (AAK); education, culture, youth and sports (AAK); health and social welfare (PDK); public services, inspection and emergency (AAK); and economic development (not affiliated) (source: municipal web site).

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



3. Judiciary

Deçan/Dečane branch of the Pejë/Peć basic court with five (5) Kosovo Albanian Judges; three (3) male and two (2) female, covers both Deçan/Dečane and Junik municipalities (source: Pejë/Peć basic court).

Additional information

Pejë/Peć basic prosecutor's office covers the municipality.

4. Security Presence

Junik police station has 20 police officers, 19 male and one (1) female. All are Kosovo Albanian (source: Pejë/Peć Regional Police Station).

As for the international military presence Italian KFOR covers this area (source: KFOR/ MNBGW).

5. Economy

The economy of Junik is mainly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. Currently there are 84 businesses registered in the municipality. The municipal administration is the largest single employer in the municipality (source: municipal directorate of economic development).

6. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Junik is assessed as good.

Most of the main roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are asphalted. There are on-going works to improve the sewage, irrigation, water-supply and electrical systems in the municipality (source: *municipal directorate of urbanism cadastre and environment*).

b. Health

The municipality has one (1) main health centre that was inaugurated in 2012. It has 23 employee including doctors, nurses and support staff. Access: All communities have access to health care and all health facilities (source: *municipal directorate of health and social welfare*).

c. Education

There are two (2) primary schools and one (1) secondary school in Junik municipality with 79 teachers and 1,243 students (source: *municipal directorate of education, culture, youth and sports*).

6. Religious and Cultural sites

Junik has two (2) mosques which were renovated following the conflict (source: *directorate of urbanism cadastre and environment*).

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In Junik there are:

15	seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 4 political entities.
20	police officers.
0	No courts.
79	teachers in 2 primary and 1 secondary school.