

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Gračanica/Graçanicë is located in central Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 131 km² and includes Gračanica/Graçanicë town and 16 villages. According to the Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011 the total population is 10,675.

Ethnic composition:

1. Kosovo Serbs: 7,209
2. Kosovo Albanians: 2,474
3. Kosovo Roma: 745
4. Kosovo Ashkali: 104
5. Kosovo Gorani: 22
6. Kosovo Turkish: 15
7. Kosovo Bosnian: 15
8. Kosovo Egyptian: 3
9. Other: 45
10. Not specified: 43

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Note: According to the special advisor to the mayor and the Municipal Development Plan the total Kosovo Serb population in the municipality is estimated at 21,534.

Gračanica/Graçanicë municipality was established in 2009. Municipal territory prior to that belonged to Prishtinë/Priština, Lipjan/Lipljan and Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje municipalities.

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

The total number of voters in Gračanica/Graçanicë municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 16,317 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 23 per cent/3,532 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The election results were as follows:

SLS - Independent Liberal Party	33.00%	12 seats
Vidovdan 2009	15.00%	2 seats
SPOT - Serbian Resistance Movement	15.00%	2 seats
LDD - Democratic League of Dardania	10.00%	1 seats
SDSKIM - Serbian Democratic Party of Kosovo and Metohija	7.00%	1 seats
SKMS - Serbian Kosovo and Metohija Party	5.00%	1 seats

a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 19 seats distributed amongst six (6) political entities. Eighteen (18) members

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



are Kosovo Serbs; one (1) member is Kosovo Albanian; seven (7) members are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Goran Lazić (SLS).

According to the law on local self-government, a municipality with more than ten (10) per cent of residents belonging to communities not in majority in that municipality is required to appoint a deputy municipal assembly chairperson for communities. Gračanica/Graçanicë municipal assembly has not appointed a deputy chairperson for communities.

b. Executive

The municipality is headed by the mayor Bojan Stojanović (SLS) and the deputy mayor, Igor Artonović (SLS). It has seven (7) departments and department directors: administration (SLS); budget and finance (no affiliation); education (no affiliation), urbanism (SNS); public services, agriculture and forestry (SLS); health, social and family protection (SLS); and inspection (no affiliation) (source: municipal web site).

3. Judiciary

Prishtinë/Priština basic court has a branch in Gračanica/Graçanicë. There should be two (2) judges but the positions are currently vacant (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

Additional information

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

4. Security Presence

The Kosovo police station in Gračanica/Graçanicë municipality has 57 police employees – 48 police officers and nine (9) civilian staff; 36 are Kosovo Serbs, 20 are Kosovo Albanians, and one (1) is Kosovo Bosniak. Out of all 57 police staff, ten (10) are female.

As for the international military presence Swedish KFOR covers the area (*source: Kosovo police*).

5. Economy

The economy of the municipality of Gračanica/Graçanicë is mainly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. There are some 500 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 budget and finance*).

6. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Gračanica/Graçanicë is assessed as good. All the main roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are asphalted. The municipality faces serious difficulties with water supply, especially during summer. Power supply has improved recently and power cuts generally became less frequent (*source: municipal development plan*).

b. Health

Health services in Gračanica/Graçanicë municipality are mainly provided by Serbia-run institutions. There are no public healthcare facilities administered by Gračanica/Graçanicë municipality apart from a medical laboratory. A small health centre in Kishnicë/Kišnica village with three (3) medical staff is administered by Prishtinë/Priština municipality (*source: municipal department of health, social and family protection*).

c. Education

Education in Gračanica/Graçanicë municipality is mainly provided by schools following the Serbian curriculum. There are three (3) pre-primary schools with 510 pupils and 34 teachers; eight (8) primary schools with 2,237 students and 204 teachers; and eight (8) secondary schools with 1,549 pupils and 310 teachers. There is one (1) Prishtinë/Priština municipality-run primary school in the Kosovo Albanian inhabited village of Kishnicë/Kišnica which has a satellite school in Sušica/Sushicë village (*source: municipal directorate of education*).

Gračanica/Graçanicë municipal department of education administers two (2) kindergartens located in Laplje Selo/Llappllasellë and Dobrotin/Dobratin with 48 children (*source: municipal directorate of education*).

7. Religious and Cultural sites

Gračanica/Graçanicë is the cultural centre for Kosovo Serbs living in the central part of Kosovo, as well as a home to the Ulpiana archaeological site (an ancient Roman city). Gračanica/Graçanicë hosts a historic 13th century Serbian Orthodox monastery, which was included on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2006. The municipality has 12 Serbian Orthodox churches which are in use (*source: municipal development plan*).

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19	seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 6 political entities.
48	police officers in the main police station.
1	branch of Prishtinë/Priština basic court.
548	teachers in 3 pre-primary, 10 primary and 8 secondary schools.