

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Prishtinë/Priština is located in central Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 572 km² and includes Prishtinë/Priština city and 40 villages. It is the administrative, political, economic and cultural centre of Kosovo and the most densely populated municipality. According to the Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011 the total population is 198,897.

Ethnic composition:

1. Kosovo Albanians: 194,452
2. Kosovo Turks: 2,156
3. Kosovo Ashkali: 557
4. Kosovo Serbs: 430
5. Kosovo Bosniak: 400
6. Kosovo Gorani: 205
7. Kosovo Roma: 56
8. Kosovo Egyptians: 8
9. Others: 334
10. Not specified: 299

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Note: According to the municipal information office approximately 2,000 Kosovo Serbs reside in Prishtinë/Priština and in the villages of Slivovo/Slivovë, Donja Brnjica/Bërnice e Poshtme, Gornja Brnjica/Bërnice e Epërme, Devet Jugovića/Nëntë Jugoviq and Lebane/Leban.

Prior to the 1999 conflict the number of non-Albanian communities living in the municipality was significantly higher. A small number has returned, but the majority is still displaced. There is no available data on their whereabouts.

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

The total number of voters in Prishtinë/Priština municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 154,936 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 45.30 per cent / 70,261 voters (source: Central Elections Commission).

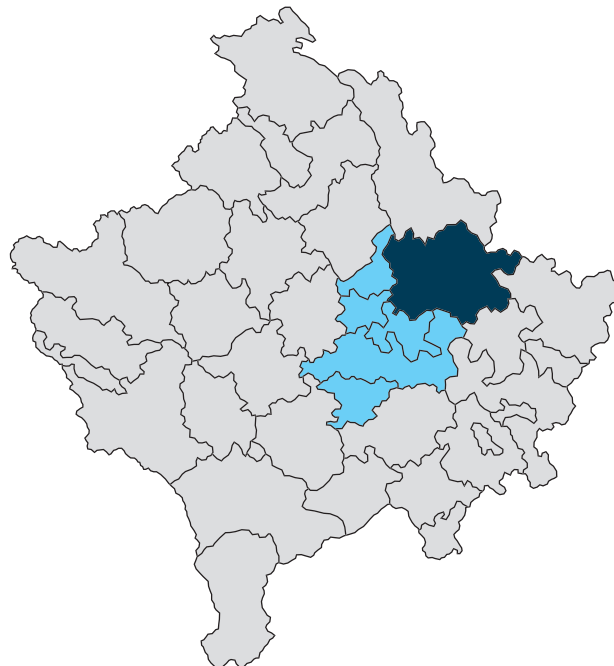
The election results were as shown to the right:

a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 51 seats distributed amongst eight (8) political entities. Fifty (50) members are Kosovo Albanian, one (1) is Kosovo Turk while 18 members are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Sami Hamiti (LDK).

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

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



LDK Democratic League of Kosovo	52.0%	27 seats
AKR Alliance New Kosovo	16.0%	8 seats
PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo	12.0%	6 seats
AAK Alliance for the Future of Kosovo	8.0%	4 seats
LDD Democratic League of Dardania	4.0%	2 seats
PD Justice Party	4.0%	2 seats
KDTP Turkish Democratic Party of Kosovo	2.0%	1 seat
VV Vetevendosje	2.0%	1 seat

Note: In late 2012 one municipal assembly member from PDK joined VV.

municipality is required to appoint a deputy municipal assembly chairperson for communities. Although this is not the case in Prishtinë/Priština the municipal assembly elected Engin Beyoglu (KDTP) for the municipal assembly deputy chairperson for communities.

b. Executive

The mayor of the municipality is Isa Mustafa (LDK) and the deputy mayor is Abdullah Hoti (LDK). It has 11 departments and department directors: administration;

health and social welfare; education; culture, youth and sports; finance and property; economy and development; urbanism, construction and environment protection; local infrastructure; public services, protection and rescue; cadastre; and inspection. All directors are from LDK (*source: municipal web site*).

3. Judiciary

Prishtinë/Priština basic court has 58 judges; 57 Kosovo Albanians and one (1) Kosovo Bosniak, 25 are female. It has branches in Glllogoc/Glogovac, Gračanica/Graçanicë, Lipjan/Lipljan and Podujevë/Podujevo and additionally covers Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje and Obiliq/Obilić municipalities (*source: Kosovo Judicial Council*).

Additional information:

Kosovo supreme court with a total of 26 judges - 22 Kosovo Albanians, two (2) Kosovo Bosniaks, one (1) Kosovo Serb, and one (1) Kosovo Turk; eight (8) are female - as well as Prishtinë/Priština appeals court with 34 judges - 30 Kosovo Albanians, one (1) Kosovo Bosniak, one (1) Kosovo Serb, one (1) Kosovo Turk and one (1) other; eleven (11) are female - are also located in Prishtinë/Priština (*source: Kosovo Judicial Council*).

Prishtinë/Priština basic prosecutor's office has 27 prosecutors and also covers Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje Glllogoc/Glogovac, Gračanica/Graçanicë, Lipjan/Lipljan, Obiliq/Obilić and Podujevë/Podujevo municipalities. Kosovo special and appeals prosecutors' offices are also located in Prishtinë/Priština with a total of 23 prosecutors.

4. Security Presence

Prishtinë/Priština municipality has three (3) police stations and one sub-station in Donja Brnjica/Bërnica Poshtme village. Kosovo police regional directorate and police units are also located in the municipality. In total, there are 812 police employees; 733 police officers and 79 civilian staff. 770 of them are Kosovo Albanian, 34 are Kosovo Serb, five (5) are Kosovo Bosniak, and three (3) are Kosovo Turks. Out of 812 police staff, 177 are female.

As for the international military presence a KFOR Multinational Task Force Centre with Ireland as a leading nation covers the area (*source: Kosovo police*).

5. Economy

The economy of the municipality of Prishtinë/Priština is based on a wide range of economic activities including construction, agriculture, communications, trade, and the tourism. There are more than 13,000 registered private businesses. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in private sector (*source: municipal directorate of economy and development*).

6. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Prishtinë/Priština is assessed as good.

All the roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Prishtinë/Priština city and most of the villages are connected to the water supply and sewage system. The municipality faces serious difficulties with water and electricity supply (*source: department of local infrastructure*).

b. Health

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c. Education

There are 42 primary and low secondary schools with 33,200 pupils and 1,668 teachers; 12 secondary schools with 13,063 students and 685 teachers; and eight (8) kindergartens and with 1,758 children and 186 teachers (*source: municipal directorate of education*).

7. Religious and Cultural sites

Prishtinë/Priština municipality has 17 mosques, three (3) of which were recently constructed; two (2) Serbian Orthodox churches, one in use; and two (2) Catholic churches including the cathedral, both are in use (*source: municipal department of culture, youth and sports*).

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seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 8 political entities.

733

police officers.

118

judges and 50 prosecutors.

2539

teachers in 40 primary and 12 secondary schools and 8 kindergartens.