

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Klinë/Klina is located in western Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 308 km² and includes Klinë/Klina town and 54 villages. According to the Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011 the total population is 38,496.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians: 37,216
2. Kosovo Egyptians: 934
3. Kosovo Serbs: 98
4. Kosovo Ashkali: 85
5. Kosovo Roma: 78
6. Kosovo Bosniaks: 20
7. Kosovo Turks: 3
8. Others: 23
9. Not specified: 39

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Note: According to the municipal office for communities and returns, 1,517 Kosovo Serbs; 1,100 Kosovo Egyptians; 720 Kosovo Ashkali; and 160 Kosovo Roma reside in the municipality.

Prior to the 1999 conflict, approximately 6,000 to 7,000 Kosovo Serb lived in municipality. Most are since displaced (source: municipal directorate of administration, municipal office for communities and return, communities committee's chairperson).

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

A total number of voters in Klinë/Klina municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 36,576, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 43,32 per cent/15,845 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2009 election results were as follows:

AAK - Alliance for the Future of Kosovo	33.28%	9 seats
PDK - Democratic Party of Kosovo	30.92%	9 seats
LDK - Democratic League of Kosovo	21.38%	6 seats
LDD - Democratic League of Dardania	7.11%	2 seats
PSHDK Albanian Christian-Democratic Party of Kosovo	2.01%	1 seats

a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 27 seats distributed amongst five (5) political entities. All are Kosovo Albanian; nine (9) members are females. The municipal assembly chairperson is Fadil Gashi (LDK).

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



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. Municipal assembly deputy chairperson for communities in Klinë/Klina is Sahit Balijaj (Kosovo Egyptian) (source: Central Elections Commission).

b. Executive

The municipality is headed by the mayor Sokol Bashota (PDK) and deputy mayor Zenun Zeqa (LDD). It has ten (10) directorates: administration (PDK); health and social welfare (PDK); economy and finances (LDK); urbanism and environment protection (PDK); agriculture and rural development (LDD); public services (PDK); inspectorate (PDK); cadastre and geodesy (LDK); culture, youth and sports (LDK); and education (PDK) (source: municipal director of administration).

3. Judiciary

Pejë/Peć basic court has a branch in Klinë/Klina with six (6) judges; five (5) male and one (1) female, all Kosovo Albanian.

Additional information

Pejë/Peć basic prosecutor's office covers the municipality.
(Source: Pejë/Peć basic court).

4. Security Presence

Klinë/Klina police station has 86 police officers; 84 Kosovo Albanians, one (1) Kosovo Ashkali and one (1) Kosovo Egyptian; eight (8) police officers are female.

As for the international military presence the KFOR Multinational Battle Group West covers the area (*source: Kosovo police, LMT KFOR*)

5. Economy

The economy of the municipality of Klinë/Klina is mainly based on agriculture. There are 930 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. Approximately 4,000 people work in private sector (*source: municipal directorate of economy and finances*).

6. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Klinë/Klina is assessed as good. All the main roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are asphalted. There are on-going works to improve water-supply and electrical systems in the municipality (*source: municipal directorate of urbanism and environment protection*).

b. Health

Klinë/Klina has one (1) municipal family health centre and three (3) family health clinics. The health sector has 138 employees, 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 15 primary schools with 7,629 pupils and 432 teachers; two (2) secondary schools with 2,126 students and 110 teachers; and two (2) kindergartens with 50 children and four (4) teachers. There are 16 Kosovo Serb returnee children that attend the school facilities functioning as part of Serbia's education system in Videjë/Vidanje village (*source: municipal directorate of education*).

7. Religious and Cultural sites

Klinë/Klina has 7 mosques. Out of those, three (3) were renovated following the conflict and four (4) were newly built. There are three (3) Serbian Orthodox churches; one (1) in village of Dollc/Dolac, one (1) in Uljare/Uljarice and only the monastery located in Budisalc/Budisavci village is functioning. There are six (6) Catholic churches in Klinë/Klina town and Zllakuqan/Zlakuçane, Jagodë/Jagoda, Budisalc/Budiavci, Poterq i Ulët/Donji Petrić and Doberdol/Dobridol villages (*source: municipal cultural heritage officer*).

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In Klinë/Klina there are:

27	seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 5 political entities.
86	police officers in the main police station.
6	judges.
546	teachers in 15 primary and 2 secondary schools and 2 kindergartens.