

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Malishevë/Mališevo is located in south-eastern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 306 km² and includes Malishevë/Mališevo town and 43 villages. According to the *Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011*, the total population is 54,613.

Ethnic composition:

1. Kosovo Albanians: 54,501
2. Kosovo Roma: 26
3. Kosovo Bosniaks: 15
4. Kosovo Ashkali: 5
5. Other: 8
6. Not specified: 58

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Prior to the 1999 conflict, approximately 400-450 Kosovo Serbs lived in municipality. They are since displaced and there is no available data on their current location.

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

The total number of voters in Malishevë/Mališevo municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 44,089, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 51.49 per cent/21,451 voters (source: Central Elections Commission).

The election results were as follows:

PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo	52.57 %	16 seats
LDK Democratic League of Kosovo	34.88 %	11 seats
AAK Alliance for the Future of Kosovo	5.46 %	2 seats
AKR Alliance New Kosovo	4.23 %	1 seat
LDD Democratic League of Dardania	1.70 %	1 seat

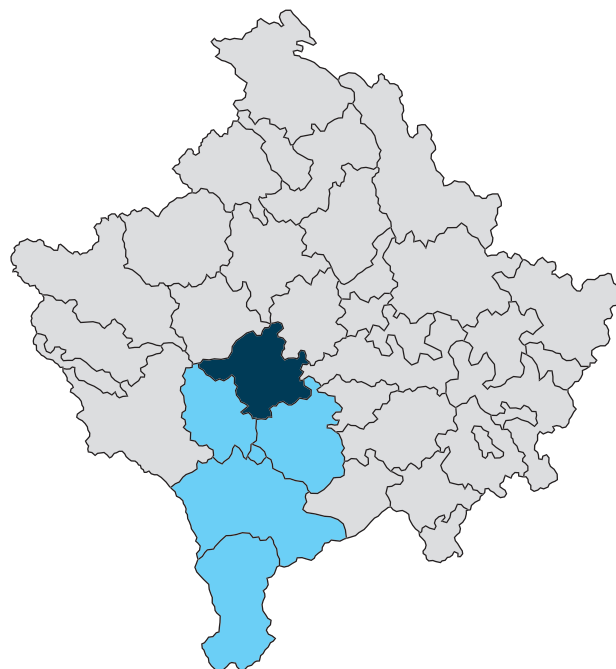
a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 31 seats distributed among 5 (five) political entities: all 31 members are Kosovo Albanians while ten (10) are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Ragip Begaj (PDK).

b. Executive

The municipality is headed by the mayor Isni Kilaj (PDK) and the deputy mayor, Rexhep Mazreku (PDK). It has 11 departments and department directors: administration (PDK); education (PDK); agriculture and forestry (PDK); economy and finance (PDK); protection and rescue

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(PDK); geodesy and cadastre (PDK); inspections (PDK); culture youth and sports (PDK); health and social welfare (PDK); public services (AKR); and urbanism (PDK) (source: municipal website).

3. Judiciary

Gjakovë/Djakovica basic court has a branch in Malishevë/Mališevo with six (6) Kosovo Albanian male judges (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

Additional information

Gjakovë/Djakovica basic prosecutor's office covers the municipality.

4. Security Presence

The Kosovo police station in Malishevë/Mališevo municipality has 67 police officers (all Kosovo Albanian), two (2) are female.

As for the international military presence, the Swiss KFOR (Liaison Monitoring Team – LMT) covers the area (source: Kosovo police and Swiss KFOR LMT).

5. Economy

The economy of the municipality of Malishevë/Mališevo is mainly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. There are some 834 registered private businesses in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in private sector in Malishevë/Mališevo (source: municipal business centre office).

5. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Malishevë/Mališevo is assessed as good. Most of the main roads leading to town and villages are asphalted. Thirteen (13) out of 43 villages are connected to water supply system, while the sewage system is still an issue in the municipality (source: municipal directorate of urbanism).

b. Health

The primary health care system currently includes one (1) main municipal family health centre and seven (7) sub-units, as well as six (6) family medicine centres located in villages. The health sector employs 130 people including doctors, nurses and support staff, 71 of them male and 59 female.

Access:

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities (source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare).

c. Education

There are 36 primary schools and four (4) satellite schools with 16,435 pupils and 959 teachers; three (3) secondary schools, including two (2) vocational schools, with 3,514 students and 172 teachers (source: municipal directorate of education).

6. Religious and Cultural Sites

There are 13 active mosques in Malishevë/Mališevo, and one (1) under construction. Nine (9) of them were destroyed and renovated after the 1999 conflict. There are only remains of one (1) Serbian Orthodox church in the municipality, which has been heavily damaged during the conflict and is no longer in use. There is one (1) Catholic church in the municipality. It is in use (source: head municipal Islamic community, mayor's legal advisor).

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