

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Skënderaj/Srbica is located in north-western Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 378 km² and includes Skënderaj/Srbica town and 52 villages. According to the Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011 the total population is 50,858.

Ethnic composition:

1. Kosovo Albanians: 50,685
2. Kosovo Serbs: 50
3. Kosovo Bosniaks: 42
4. Kosovo Ashkali: 10
5. Kosovo Egyptian: 1
6. Kosovo Turks: 1
7. Other: 5
8. Not specified: 64

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Prior to the conflict, the number of non-Albanians living in the municipality was somewhat higher. They are since displaced.

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

The total number of voters in Skënderaj/Srbica municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 47,598 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 62.8 per cent/29,894 voters (source: Central Elections Commission).

The election results were as follows:

PDK - Democratic Party of Kosovo	84.00%	26 seats
LDD - Democratic League of Dardania	10.00%	3 seats
AKR - New Kosovo Alliance	3.00%	1 seat
LDK - Democratic League of Kosovo	3.00%	1 seat

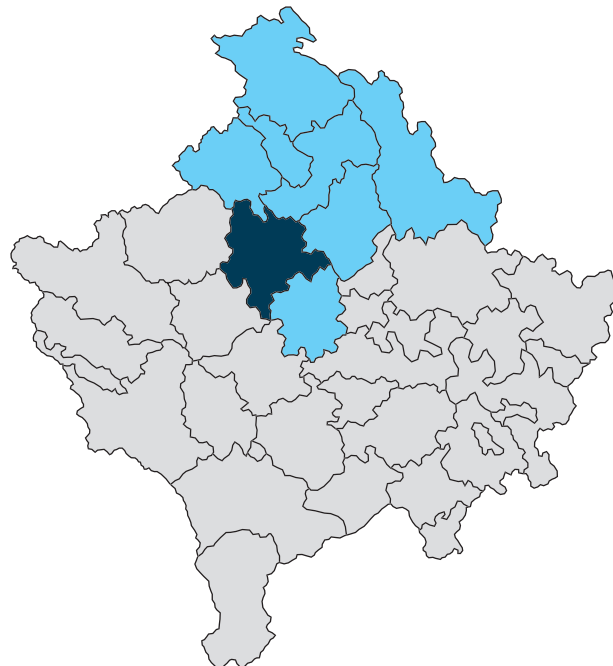
a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 31 seats distributed amongst four (4) political entities; all 31 members are Kosovo Albanians, while nine (9) are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Ismet Salihu (PDK).

b. Executive

The municipality is headed by the mayor, Sami Lushtaku (PDK), and the deputy mayor, Fadil Nura (PDK). It has nine (9) departments and department directors: economy, finance, and development (PDK); education (PDK); culture, youth and sport (PDK); urban planning and environmental protection (PDK); geodesy, cadastre,

The OSCE regional centre Mitrovicë/Mitrovica covers eight (8) municipalities including Skenderaj/Srbica and has field teams working in all of them.



and property (PDK); health and social welfare (PDK); public services (PDK); agriculture and rural development (PDK); and administration and personnel (PDK) (source: municipal web site).

3. Judiciary

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica basic court has a branch in Skenderaj/Srbica with six (6) Kosovo Albanian judges, all male (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

Additional information

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica basic prosecutor's office covers the municipality.

4. Security Presence

The Kosovo police station in Skënderaj/Srbica municipality has 125 police officers; 116 Kosovo Albanians, seven (7) Kosovo Serbs, and two (2) Kosovo Ashkali. 108 are stationed in Skënderaj/Srbica police station, and 17 are stationed in the police sub-station in Suvo Grlo/Syriganë village; 11 are female.

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

5. Economy

The economy of Skënderaj/Srbica municipality is mainly based on agriculture, brick and flour production and small trade businesses.

There are some 810 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of employed in private sector in Skënderaj/Srbica municipality (source: *municipal directorate of finance economy and development*).

6. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Skënderaj/Srbica is assessed as good. Approximately 80 per cent of the roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Skënderaj/Srbica town and 14 out of 52 villages are connected to water supply system. Power supply and sewage system are still a problem especially in the villages (source: *municipal director of urban planning and environmental protection*).

b. Health

The primary health care system includes one (1) main family health centre, five (5) centres for family medicine and seven (7) primary health stations, including one (1) in Suvo Grlo/Syriganë. Health sector has 205 employees, 106 female and 99 male, 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 23 primary schools with 9,294 students and 688 teachers; three (3) secondary schools with 3,354 students and 233 teachers; and one (1) kindergarten with 150 children and five (5) teachers.

For Kosovo Serb students, there is one (1) primary school with about 42 students and 15 teachers and one (1) kindergarten with 25 children and 13 employees in Banja/Bajë and one (1) secondary school with about 22 students and 14 teachers in Suvo Grlo/Syriganë (source: *municipal directorate of education, municipal officer for communities and return, head of communities committee*).

7. Religious and Cultural Sites

Skënderaj/Srbica has 14 mosques. Eight (8) of them were renovated following the conflict and six (6) are new. There is also a functioning Serbian Orthodox Church in the village of Banja/Bajë (source: *municipal-level religious representatives*).

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31	seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 4 political entities.
125	police officers.
6	judges.
968	teachers in 24 primary and 4 secondary schools and 2 kindergartens.