

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Gjilan/Gnjilane is located in south-eastern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 385 km² and includes Gjilan/Gnjilane town and 42 villages. According to the Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011 the total population is 90,178.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians: 87,814
2. Kosovo Turks: 978
3. Kosovo Serbs: 624
4. Kosovo Roma: 361
5. Kosovo Bosnian: 121
6. Kosovo Gorani: 69
7. Kosovo Ashkali: 15
8. Kosovo Egyptian: 1
9. Others: 95
10. Not specified: 100

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Prior to the 1999 conflict, approximately 25,000 Kosovo Serbs and 6,000 Kosovo Roma lived in Gjilan/Gnjilane municipality. Despite some returns in the last ten years, almost 22,000 Kosovo Serbs and over 5,000 Kosovo Roma still remain displaced outside Kosovo (source: municipal office for communities and return).

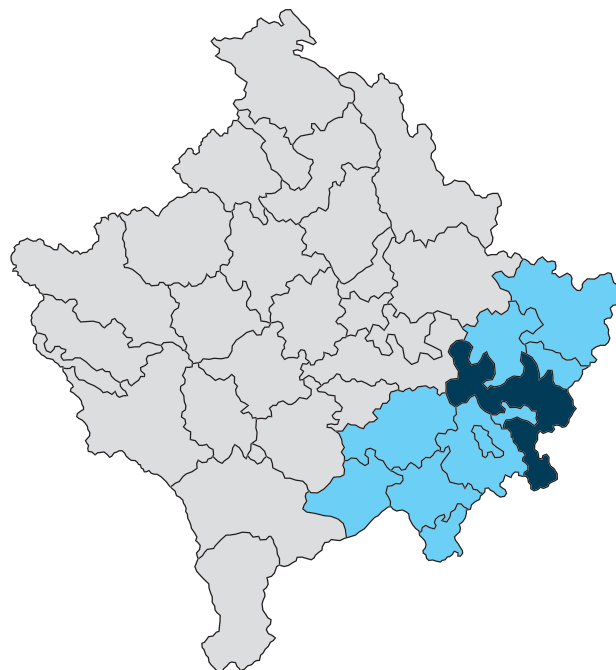
2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

The total number of voters in Gjilan/Gnjilane municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 87,430, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 47 per cent/41,125 voters (source: Central Elections Commission).

The election results were as follows:

PDK - Democratic Party of Kosovo	34.91%	14 seats
LDK - Democratic League of Kosovo	23.30%	10 seats
AAK - Alliance for the Future of Kosovo	12.77%	5 seats
AKR Alliance New Kosova	10.98%	4 seats
LDD - Democratic League of Dardania	10.33%	4 seats
KDTP - Kosovo Turkish Democratic Party	1.54%	1 seat
ORA - Reformist Party	1.61%	1 seat
PD - Justice Party	1.83%	1 seat
PSD - Socialist Democratic Party	1.61%	1 seat

The OSCE regional centre Gjilan/Gnjilane covers 11 municipalities including Gjilan/Gnjilane and has field teams working in all of them.



Note: In Gjilan/Gnjilane municipality, in November 2010 ORA merged with PSD and in December 2011 LDD merged with LDK.

a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 41 seats distributed amongst seven (7) political entities; 40 members are Kosovo Albanians; one (1) is Kosovo Turk while 15 are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Izmi Zeka (PDK).

According to the law on local self-government, 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. Although this is not the case in Gjilan/Gnjilane, the municipal assembly appointed Selim Selimi (KTDP) a deputy chairperson for communities.

b. Executive

Gjilan/Gnjilane municipality is headed by the mayor Qemail Mustafa (PDK), deputy mayor Omer Daku (AKR), and deputy mayor for communities Milan Stojanović from Party for European Pomoravlje (PEP). It has 12 departments and department directors: education (PDK); culture youth and sports (PDK); health and social welfare (PDK); budget and finance (PDK); urban and environmental protection (PDK); general administration (AKR); inspection (PSD); public services (AKR); agriculture and forestry (PDK); cadastre and geodesy (PDK); protection and rescue (AKR); and economy and development (PDK) (source: municipal website).

3. Judiciary

Gjilan/Gnjilane basic court has 20 judges, 19 Kosovo Albanians, one (1) Kosovo Serb (currently suspended); four (4) are female. It has branches in Kamenicë/Kamenica, Novo Brdo/Novobërdë and Viti/Vitina and also covers Klokot/Klllokot, Parteš/Partesh and Ranilug/Ranillug municipalities (source: Gjilan/Gnjilane basic court).

Additional information:

Gjilan/Gnjilane basic prosecutor's office has fifteen (15) prosecutors, all Kosovo Albanian, two (2) are female. In addition to Gjilan/Gnjilane it covers Kamenicë/Kamenica, Klokot/Klllokot Novo Brdo/Novobërdë, Parteš/Partesh, Ranilug/Ranillug and Viti/Vitina municipalities (source: *Gjilan/Gnjilane basic prosecutor's office*).

4. Security Presence

The Kosovo police station in Gjilan/Gnjilane municipality has 144 police officers; 121 Kosovo Albanians, 18 Kosovo Serbs and five (5) Kosovo Turks, while 37 are female. Ten (10) police officers are stationed in the police sub-station in Zhegër/Žegra village.

The regional directorate of Kosovo police and specialized regional units are located in Gjilan/Gnjilane town and employ 143 officers; 123 Kosovo Albanians, 12 Kosovo Serbs, five (5) Kosovo Turks, two (2) Kosovo Bosniaks and one (1) Kosovo Montenegrin; 26 are female.

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

5. Economy

The economy of the municipality of Gjilan/Gnjilane is mainly based on small trade businesses. There are some 2,879 registered private businesses operating in the municipality employing 8,420 people (source: *municipal directorate of economy and development*).

6. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Gjilan/Gnjilane is assessed as good.

All the main roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Gjilan/Gnjilane town and ten (10) out of 42 villages are connected to the water supply and sewerage systems. Power supply is no longer a problem (source: *municipal directorate of public services*).

b. Health

The primary health care system includes one (1) main municipal family health centre, 12 municipal family health centres and ten (10) health houses. The municipal health sector has 284 employees (262 Kosovo Albanians, ten (10) Kosovo Serbs, ten (10) Kosovo Turks, and one (1) Kosovo Roma and one (1) other. In addition Gjilan/

Gnjilane also has a regional hospital located in town that employs 540 staff members: 537 Kosovo Albanians, one (1) Kosovo Turk, one (1) Kosovo Serb and one (1) Kosovo Bosniak (source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare)

Access:

All communities have access to health care and facilities. However, many Kosovo Serbs travel to Gračanica/Gračanicë and Mitrovica/Mitrovicë municipalities, or out of Kosovo, for secondary health care services (source: *Personnel Office of Gjilan/Gnjilane Regional Hospital*).

c. Education

There are 29 primary schools (25 following Kosovo curriculum, 4 following Serbian curriculum) with 16,757 pupils (16,468 Kosovo Albanians; 235 Kosovo Serbs; and 54 Kosovo Turks) and 1,133 teachers (1,003 Kosovo Albanians; 101 Kosovo Serbs; five (5) Kosovo Roma and 24 Kosovo Turks); nine (9) secondary schools (7 following Kosovo curriculum, two (2) following Serbian curriculum) with 7,953 students (7,665 Kosovo Albanians; 247 Kosovo Serbs; three (3) Kosovo Roma and 38 Kosovo Turks) and 500 teachers (448 Kosovo Albanians, 49 Kosovo Serbs and three (3) Kosovo Turks); and four (4) kindergartens (three (3) with primarily Kosovo Albanians in town and one (1) with primarily Kosovo Serbs) in Šilovo/Shillovë village both financed by Kosovo government with 355 pupils (311 Kosovo Albanians and 44 Kosovo Serb), with 38 teachers (34 Kosovo Albanians and four (4) Kosovo Serbs). A branch of the public university in Prishtinë/Priština and two (2) private colleges are also based in Gjilan/Gnjilane municipality (source: *municipal directorate of education*).

7. Religious and Cultural Sites

There are 41 mosques in Gjilan/Gnjilane. Approximately 20 mosques were renovated after the 1999 conflict and one (1) of 41 is not in use. Gjilan/Gnjilane has three (3) Serbian Orthodox churches. One of the churches was damaged after the 1999 conflict but immediately renovated. All three (3) churches are in use (source: *representatives of religious communities*).

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