

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Leposavić/Leposaviq is located in northern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 750 km² and includes Leposavić/Leposaviq town and 72 villages. According to the municipal administration the total population is estimated at 18,900.

Ethnic composition:

1. Kosovo Serbs: approximately 18,000 residing in Leposavić/Leposaviq town and in the surrounding villages;
 2. Kosovo Albanians: approximately 300 residing in the villages of Koshtovë/Košutovo, Bistricë e Shalës/Šaljska Bistrica, and Cerajë/Ceranje;
 3. Kosovo Bosniaks: 300, out of which approximately 120 residing in the town and 180 in villages;
 4. Kosovo Roma: 80 residing in the Leposavić/Leposaviq camp and Kamen village;
 5. Kosovo Ashkali: 70 residing in the Leposavić/Leposaviq camp
- (Source: community representatives)

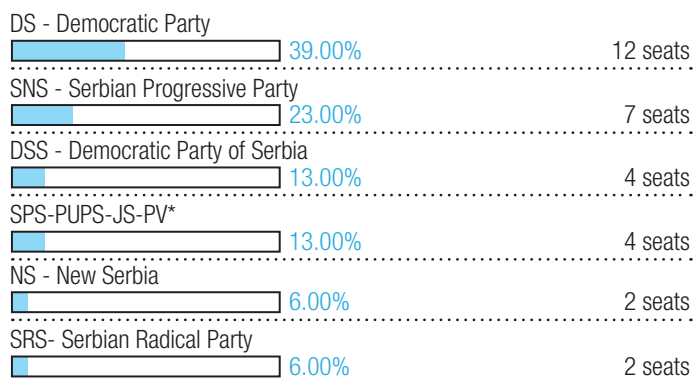
From June 1999, the municipality has received displaced persons from all over Kosovo and now hosts approximately 2,500 of them. Most Kosovo Serb displaced persons live in private accommodation or with their relatives. Others live in collective centres in Leposavić/Leposaviq town and in Lešak/Leshak and Sočanica/Sočanice villages.

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

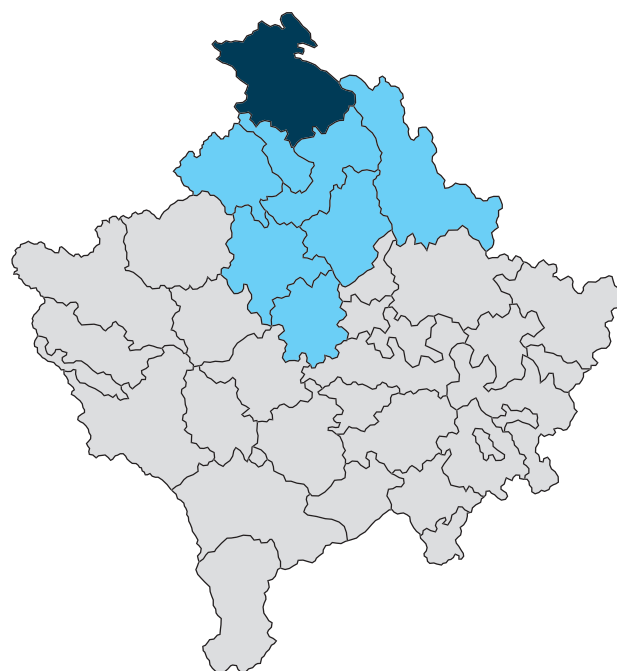
Based on recent elections, the total number of voters in Leposavić/Leposaviq municipality is around 16,000, including out-of-Kosovo voters.

Additional information:

The following chart shows the results of the Serbia-organized municipal elections held in Leposavić/Leposaviq on 11 May 2008.



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



a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 31 seats distributed amongst six (6) political entities; all 31 members are Kosovo Serbs while six (6) are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Slavko Stevanović (SPS-PUPS-JS-PV coalition), the deputy chairperson is Aleksandar Jablanović (Socialist Movement).

b. Executive

As of 11 July 2012, the municipality is headed by municipal president Dragiša Vasić (SNS) and his deputy Milomir Kuzmanović (SPS). It has six (6) departments and department directors: general administration; social affairs; finance, economy and environmental protection; legal, property and inspection issues; urbanism, utility, and housing issues; and protection of natural and other major disaster (source: head of general administration).

Note:

Department directors are not politically affiliated.

3. Judiciary

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica basic court in has a branch for Leposavić/Leposaviq with one (1) Kosovo Serb male judge. The branch office is located within the Mitrovicë/Mitrovica basic court, which currently operates with limited capacity at its Vushtrri/Vučitrn branch premises (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

Additional information

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

4. Security Presence

The Kosovo police station in Leposavić/Leposaviq municipality has 60 police officers; 54 Kosovo Serbs, three (3) Kosovo Albanians, and three (3) Kosovo Bosniaks; 13 are female.

As for the international military presence, U.S. and German KFOR, and Slovenian LMT cover the area (source: Kosovo police).

5. Economy

The economy of Leposavić/Leposaviq municipality is mainly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. There is no reliable data on the number of registered businesses and number of people employed in private sector in Leposavić/Leposaviq (source: municipal department for finance, economy and environment protection).

6. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Leposavić/Leposaviq is assessed as poor. Roads, electricity and water supply are generally poor, although some renovations were made with international and Serbian government assistance. The Serbian Electric Corporation (EPS) supplies the municipality with electricity (source: municipal general administration).

b. Health

The primary health care system includes: one (1) health house and eight (8) health units. Health sector has 163 employees, 100 female and 63 male, including doctors, nurses and support staff. There is also one (1) health unit in Kosovo Albanian village of Bistricë/Bistrica with three (3) medical staff, two (2) female and one (1) male.

Access:

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities electricity (source: municipal general administration- officer dealing with health issues).

c. Education

There are four (4) primary schools, including one located in Kosovo Albanian village of Bistricë/Bistrica, with 1,318 pupils and 171 teachers; two (2) secondary schools with 385 students and 85 teachers; and two (2) kindergartens. The municipality also hosts three faculties - pedagogy, sport and agronomy as well as one (1) college - economics. These faculties are part of the public university in northern Mitrovica/Mitrovicë (source: municipal general administration-officer dealing with education issues).

7. Religious and Cultural Sites

Leposavić/Leposaviq has 16 Serbian Orthodox churches and three (3) monasteries. Several Serbian Orthodox churches have been renovated following the 1999 conflict. One (1) mosque was built after 1999 in the village of Rëvatskë/Rvatska inhabited by Kosovo Bosniaks (source: local priest of the Serbian Orthodox church, municipal communities' officer and municipal administration).

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seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 6 political entities.

60

police officers.

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No functioning courts in the municipality since February 2008.

256

teachers in 4 primary and 2 secondary schools.