

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Lipjan/Lipljan is located in central Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 422 km² and includes Lipjan/Lipljan town and 62 villages. According to the Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011 the total population is 57,605.

Ethnic composition:

1. Kosovo Albanians: 54,467
2. Kosovo Ashkali: 1,812
3. Kosovo Serbs: 513
4. Kosovo Roma: 342
5. Kosovo Turks: 128
6. Kosovo Bosniaks: 42
7. Kosovo Gorani: 6
8. Kosovo Egyptians: 4
9. Other: 260
10. Not specified: 31

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Note: According to the municipal office for communities and returns, approximately 2,226 Kosovo Ashkali; 2,000 Kosovo Serbs; 400 Kosovo Turks; and 219 Kosovo Croats reside in the municipality.

Prior to the 1999 conflict the number of Kosovo non-Albanian communities living in the municipality was much higher. A small number of them have returned but most are still displaced. There is no available data on their whereabouts.

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

The total number of voters in Lipjan/Lipljan municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 50,374 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 53.43 per cent/25,462 voters (source: Central Elections Commission).

The election results were as follows:

PDK - Democratic Party of Kosovo	40.00%	12 seats
LDK - Democratic League of Kosovo	29.00%	9 seats
LDK - Democratic League of Kosovo	13.00%	4 seats
AAK - Alliance for the Future of Kosovo	6.00%	2 seats
LDD - Democratic League of Dardania	6.00%	2 seats
ORA - Reformist Party	3.00%	1 seat
PSD - Social Democratic Party	3.00%	1 seat

The OSCE regional centre Prishtinë/Priština covers six (6) municipalities including Lipjan/Lipljan and has field teams working in all of them.



a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 31 seats distributed amongst seven (7) political entities. All members are Kosovo Albanians; 11 are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Lulzim Rustemi (PDK).

b. Executive

The municipality is headed by mayor Shukri Buja (PDK), deputy mayor Banush Bytyqi (AKR) and deputy mayor for communities Florent Hoxha (PDK). It has 13 departments and department directors: education (PDK); culture, youth and sport (AKR); emergency and rescue (PDK); procurement (PDK); budget and finance (PDK); public services (PDK); inspectorate (PDK); urbanism (PDK); administration (LDD); agriculture and forestry (AKR); health and social welfare (AKR); geodesy and cadaster (PDK); and economic development (LDD) (source: personnel office).

3. Judiciary

Prishtinë/Priština basic court has a branch in Lipjan/Lipljan with eight (8) judges; seven (7) are male and one (1) is female; all are Kosovo Albanian (source: Kosovo Judicial Council)

Additional information

Prishtinë/Priština basic prosecutor's office covers the municipality.

4. Security Presence

The Kosovo police station in Lipjan/Lipljan has 99 police officers in the main police station and two (2) sub-stations in Magure/Magura and Janjevë/Janjevo. 72 are Kosovo Albanian, 24 are Kosovo Serb, two (2) are Kosovo Ashkali and one (1) is Kosovo Bosniak while 17 are female. 68 are stationed in Lipjan/Lipljan police station, 18 in Magure/Magura and 13 in Janjevë/Janjevo sub-station.

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

5. Economy

The economy of the municipality of Lipjan/Lipljan is mainly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. There are approximately 3,400 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in private sector in Lipjan/Lipljan (source: municipal directorate of economic development).

6. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Lipjan/Lipljan is assessed as good. Roads in only three villages are not asphalted and connected with the main roads of the urban centre. Lipjan/Lipljan town and 33 out of 62 villages are connected with the water supply system, while 23 out of 62 villages are connected to the sewage system. Power supply remains problematic especially in the villages (source: municipal directorate for public services).

b. Health

The primary health care system currently includes one (1) main municipal family health centre in town, five (5) family health centres in the biggest villages (Shalë/Sedlare, Magurë/Magura, Gadime/Gadimlje, and Janjevë/Janjevo), and seven (7) health houses, in the surrounding villages. The health sector has 219 employees, 128 females and 91 male, including doctors, nurses and support staff.

Access:

As for primary health care, different communities use different health facilities. Kosovo Albanians use the main health house in Lipjan/Lipljan town while Kosovo Serbs use a private health container, placed in the neighbourhood of the Serbian Orthodox church in Lipjan/Lipljan town (source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare).

c. Education

There are 23 primary schools with 11,488 pupils and 675 teachers; three (3) secondary schools with 5,103 students and 241 teachers; and one (1) kindergarten with 153 children and 11 teachers. There is one (1) primary school following the Serbian curriculum in town with three (3) satellite schools in Staro Gracko/Gracë e Vjetër, Rubovc/Rabovce, Lagjia Re/Novo Nasele villages, with 53 pupils, as well as one (1) kindergarten with 42 pupils, three (3) teachers and two (2) technical staff (source: municipal directorate of education).

7. Religious and Cultural sites

Lipjan/Lipljan has 29 mosques and additional three (3) are under construction. Most of the mosques were renovated following the 1999 conflict. There are four (4) Serbian Orthodox churches in the municipality, two are located in Lipjan/Lipljan town and Rubovc/Rabovce, and are in use, while two others located in Kraishtë/Krajište and Sillovi/Slovinje are badly damaged and not in use. Two Catholic churches are located in villages of Janjevë/Janjevo and Brus. Both of these churches are in use (source: municipal development plan).

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