

## 1. Area and Population

The municipality of Novo Brdo/Novobërdë is located in central Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 204 km<sup>2</sup> and includes Novo Brdo/Novobërdë town and 31 villages. According to the Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011 the total population is 6,729.

### Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians: 3,524
2. Kosovo Serbs: 3,122
3. Kosovo Roma: 63
4. Kosovo Turks: 7
5. Kosovo Bosniaks: 5
6. Kosovo Ashkali: 3
7. Other: 2
8. Not specified: 3

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Note: According to the municipal office for communities and returns the total population is 9,670 with the following ethnic composition:

1. Kosovo Serbs: 5,802 residing in town and 24 villages,
2. Kosovo Albanians: 3,771, residing the town and 14 villages.
3. Kosovo Roma: 97, mainly residing in the village of Bostan/Bostane.

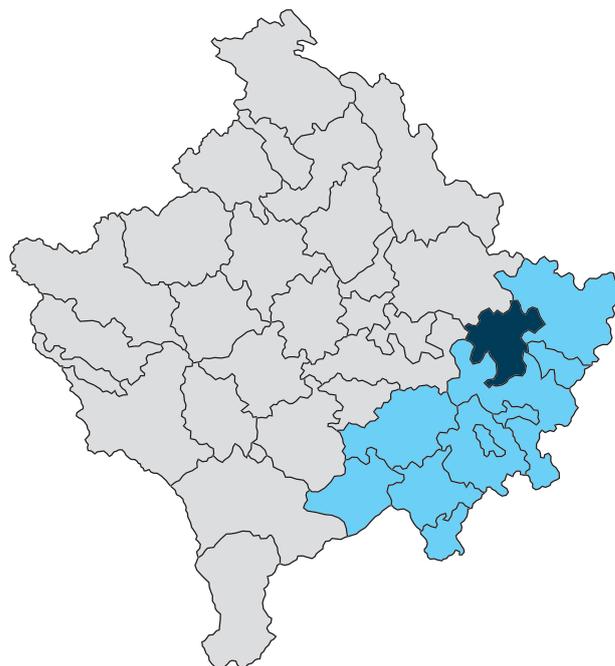
## 2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

A total number of voters in Novo Brdo/Novobërdë municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 7,936 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 50.03 per cent/3,617 voters (source: Central Elections Commission).

The election results were as follows:

LDK - Democratic League of Kosovo	34.00%	5 seats
PDK - Democratic Party of Kosovo	13.00%	2 seats
AKR - Alliance New Kosova	13.00%	2 seats
SNSD - Alliance of Independent Social-Democrats	13.00%	2 seats
ZBB - For Better Future	13.00%	2 seats
AAK - Alliance for the Future of Kosovo	7.00%	1 seat
SLS - Serbian Liberal Party	7.00%	1 seat

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



### a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 15 seats distributed amongst seven (7) political entities. Ten (10) members are Kosovo Albanians, five (5) are Kosovo Serbs, while six (6) are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Shefkije Mehmeti, (LDK).

According to the law on local self-government, a 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. Municipal assembly deputy chairperson for communities in Novo Brdo/Novobërdë is Srđan Todorović (SNSD).

### b. Executive

Municipality is headed by mayor, Bajrush Ymeri (LDK), deputy mayor, Driton Avdyli (LDK) and deputy mayor for communities, Radovan Denić (SNSD). It has nine (9) departments and department directors: general administration (ZBB); finance, economy and development (LDK); education, culture, youth and sports (LDK); health and social welfare (LDK); urbanism, cadastre and environment protection (LDK); public services, protection and rescue (LDK); agriculture, forestry and rural development (ZBB); inspection (ZBB); and geodesy and property (LDK) (source: municipal website).

### 3. Judiciary

Gjilan/Gnjilane basic court has a branch in Novo Brdo/Novobërdë municipality with one (1) judge, Kosovo Albanian male (*source: Novo Brdo/Novobërdë branch of Gjilan/Gnjilane basic court*).

#### Additional information

Gjilan/Gnjilane basic prosecutor's office covers the municipality.

### 4. Security Presence

The Kosovo police station in Novo Brdo/Novobërdë municipality has 32 police officers; 20 Kosovo Serbs, 11 Kosovo Albanians and one (1) Kosovo Macedonian; three (3) 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 Novo Brdo/Novobërdë is mainly based on agriculture, rural tourism and small trade businesses.

There are some 100 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There are no reliable data on the number of employed in private sector in Novo Brdo/Novobërdë (*source: municipal directorate of urbanism, cadastre and environment protection*).

### 6. Public Services

#### a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Novo Brdo/Novobërdë is assessed as poor.

Most of the main roads connecting villages with the urban centre are still not asphalted. Novo Brdo/Novobërdë town and ten (10) out of 24 villages are connected to water supply and sewage systems; five (5) out of 24 are connected only to sewage system, and two (2) only to water supply. Power supply is still a problem especially in villages (*source: draft municipal development plan, municipal inspector for construction*).

#### b. Health

The primary health care system currently includes one (1) municipal family health centre and nine (9) health houses. Health sector has 19 employees, 12 females and seven (7) 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 three (3) preschool classes with 42 children and three (3) preschool teachers, nine (9) primary schools with 1,340 pupils and 143 teachers, and three (3)

secondary schools with 358 students and 37 professors (*source: municipal directorate of education, culture, youth and sports*).

### 7. Religious and Cultural sites

Novo Brdo/Novobërdë has seven (7) Serbian Orthodox churches and two (2) mosques, which are all in use (*source: municipal guidebook*).

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In Novo Brdo/Novobërdë there are:

15	seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 7 political entities.
32	police officers in the main police station.
1	judge.
183	teachers in 9 primary and 3 secondary schools.