

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Shtime/Štimlje is located in southern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 134 km² and includes Shtime/Štimlje town and 22 villages. According to the Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011 the total population is 27,342.

Ethnic composition:

1. Kosovo Albanians: 26,447
2. Kosovo Ashkali: 750
3. Kosovo Serbs: 49
4. Kosovo Roma: 23
5. Kosovo Bosniak: 20
6. Kosovo Gorani: 2
7. Kosovo Turks: 1
8. Other: 13
9. Not specified: 19

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Note: According to the municipal information office, 1,188 Kosovo Ashkali reside in the municipality, mainly in Gjurkoc/Djurkovce and Vojnoc/Vojnovce villages and Shtime/Štimlje town.

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



2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

The total number of voters in Shtime/Štimlje municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 21,530, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 48.5 per cent/10,110 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The election results were as follows:

PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo	47.64 %	10 seats
LDK Democratic League of Kosovo	23.8 %	5 seats
AKR Alliance New Kosovo	9.52 %	2 seats
LDD Democratic League of Dardania	9.52 %	2 seats
AAK Alliance for the Future of Kosovo	4.76 %	1 seat
PSD Social Democratic Party	4.76 %	1 seat

a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 21 seats distributed amongst six (6) political entities; all 21 members are Kosovo Albanian, while seven (7) are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Kujtim Xhelili (PDK).

b. Executive

Shtime/Štimlje municipality is headed by mayor Naim Ismajli (PDK), and deputy mayor, Fatmir Rashiti (PDK). It has six (6) departments and department directors: administration (PDK); economy (PDK); urban planning, cadastre and geodesy (PDK); public services (PDK); education, culture, youth and sport (PDK); and health and social welfare (PDK) (source: mayor's office).

3. Judiciary

There are no courts in Shtime/Štimlje. Ferizaj/Uroševac basic court covers the municipality (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

Additional information

Ferizaj/Uroševac basic prosecutor's office covers the municipality.

4. Security Presence

The Kosovo police station in Shtime/Štimlje municipality has 45 police officers; 44 Kosovo Albanian and 1 (one) Kosovo Ashkali, while three (3) are female. As for the international military presence United States KFOR covers the area (source: Kosovo police).

5. Economy

The economy of the municipality of Shtime/Štimlje is mainly based on agriculture. There are some 720 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in private sector in Shtime/Štimlje (*source: municipal directorate of economy*).

5. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Shtime/Štimlje is assessed as good.

All the main roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Shtime/Štimlje town and all villages were connected to the water supply system since 2007. Power supply is still a problem, especially during the winter and in villages (*source: municipal directorate of urban planning, cadastre and geodesy*).

b. Health

There is one (1) municipal family health centre and three (3) health houses. Additionally, there are eight (8) private clinics providing services. The health sector has 73 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff, 49 female and 24 male. Shtime/Štimlje municipality hosts the only institution for persons with mental and physical disabilities in Kosovo, which is run by the Kosovo Ministry of Health and Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare. It houses adult and underage patients from various ethnic groups including Kosovo Albanians, Kosovo Serbs, Kosovo Roma, Kosovo Bosniaks, and others. The total number of staff is 139, most of them Kosovo Albanians.

Access: All communities have access to health care and all health facilities (*source: municipal directorate of health and social welfare*).

c. Education

There are seven (7) primary schools with 5,602 pupils and 311 teachers and one (1) secondary school with 1,706 students and 86 teachers and one (1) kindergarten with 15 children (*source: municipal directorate of education, culture, youth and sport*).

7. Religious and Cultural Sites

Shtime/Štimlje has 14 mosques, most of them renovated after the 1999 conflict. There are two (2) Serbian Orthodox churches in Shtime/Štimlje town. One (1) has been renovated after the conflict and the other was destroyed. Neither is in use (*source: municipal officer for communities and return*).

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In Shtime/Štimlje there are:

21	seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 6 political entities.
45	police officers.
0	No courts.
397	teachers in 7 primary schools and 1 secondary school.