

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Zubin Potok is located in northern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 333 km² and includes Zubin Potok town and 63 villages. According to the head of the general administration, the total population is estimated at 14,900.

Ethnic composition:

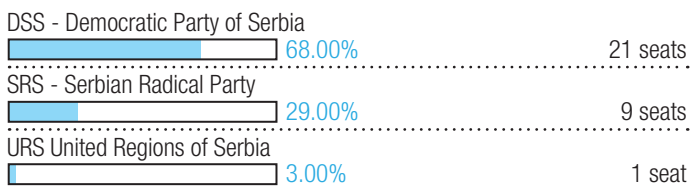
1. Kosovo Serbs: approximately 13,900 residing in the town and surrounding villages;
2. Kosovo Albanians: approximately 1,000 residing in Çabër/Čabra village (source: municipal returns and communities officer).

After the conflict, the municipality received 2,800 displaced persons including 220 refugees from Croatia who live in private accommodation and collective centres.

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

Based on recent elections, the number of voters in the municipality is approximately 7,500 including out-of-Kosovo voters.

The following chart shows the results of the self-organized municipal elections held in Zubin Potok on 6 May 2012 with 2,974 votes cast (source: community representatives).



a. Legislative

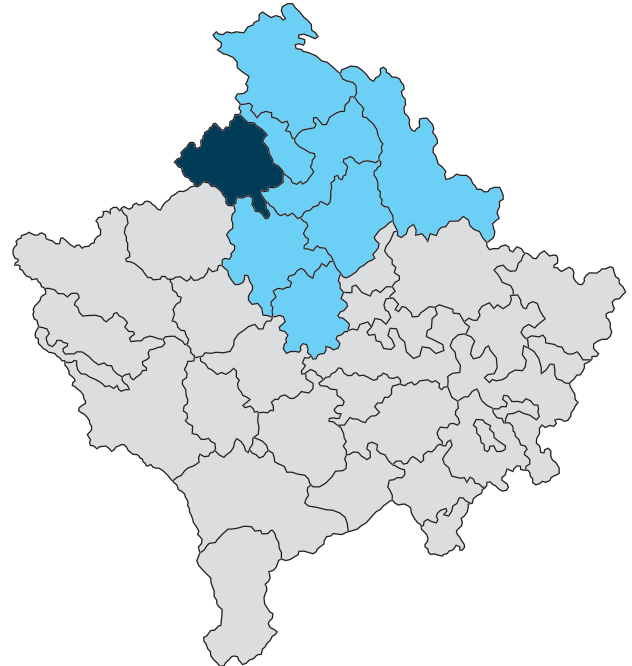
The municipal assembly has 31 seats distributed amongst three (3) political entities; all 31 members are Kosovo Serbs while eleven (11) are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Stevan Božović (DSS) and deputy president is Miladin Radovanović (SRS).

b. Executive

The municipality is headed by the president Slaviša Ristić (DSS) and the deputy president Srđan Đurović (DSS). It has seven (7) departments and department directors: general administration, assembly and common affairs; social affairs; urbanism, utilities, and housing issues; budget, finance, and tax administration; economy, local development, and environmental protection; legal, property, and inspection issues; and civil protection (source: head of general administration).

Note: Department directors are not political party affiliated.

The OSCE regional center Mitrovicë/Mitrovica covers eight (8) municipalities including Zubin Potok and has field teams working in all of them.



3. Judiciary

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica basic court has a branch for Zubin Potok with one (1) Kosovo Serb female judge. It is located at the Vushtrri/Vučitrn branch premises (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

Additional information

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

4. Security Presence

Kosovo police station in Zubin Potok municipality has 33 police officers; 29 of them are stationed in Zubin Potok police station, of which 28 are Kosovo Serb and one (1) Kosovo Bosniak; four (4) Kosovo Albanian officers are stationed in the police sub-station in Çabër/Čabra village. Out of 33 police officers five (5) are female.

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

5. Economy

The economy of the municipality of Zubin Potok is mainly based on agriculture and small trade businesses. There is no reliable data available on the number of registered private businesses and people employed in private sector in Zubin Potok (source: economy, local development, and environmental protection).

6. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Zubin Potok is assessed as good.

All the main roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Zubin Potok town and villages are connected to water and sewage systems. Power supply is problematic, especially in remote villages (*source: municipal development plan*).

b. Health

The primary health care system includes one (1) health centre and seven (7) health houses. The health sector has 74 employees including doctors, nurses and support staff. Çabër/Čabra village has one (1) health house with three (3) employees.

Access:

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities (*source: general administration, assembly and common affairs*).

c. Education

There are three (3) primary schools with 560 students and 51 teachers; one (1) secondary school with 231 students and 46 teachers; and one (1) kindergarten with 248 children and 25 teachers. In Çabër/Čabra village there is one (1) primary school with 207 students and 14 teachers (*source: municipal directorate of education*).

7. Religious and Cultural Sites

Zubin Potok has 16 Serbian Orthodox churches, mostly from 14th and 15th century and one (1) Serbian Orthodox monastery from 14th century which was renovated in 2003. Çabër/Čabra village has one (1) mosque which was burnt during the 1999 conflict and then rebuilt in 2003 (*source: municipal development plan*).

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seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 3 political entities.

33

police officers.

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No functioning courts in the municipality since February 2008.

136

teachers in 1 secondary and 4 primary schools and 1 kindergarten.