

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Zvečan/Zveçan is located in northern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 122 km² and includes Zvečan/Zveçan town and 35 villages. According to the municipal website, the total population is estimated at 17,000.

Ethnic composition:

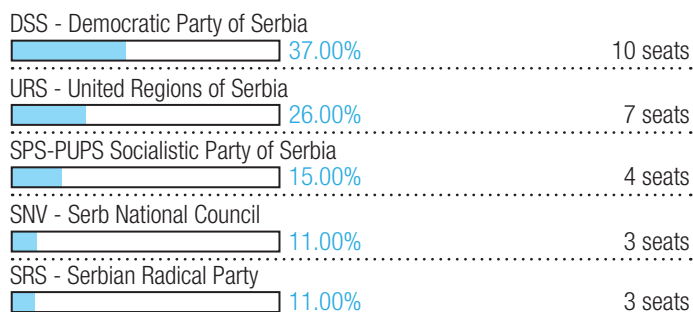
1. Kosovo Serbs: over 16,000 residing in the town and in 32 villages;
2. Kosovo Albanians: approximately 350 residing in Boletin/Boljetin, Lipë/Lipa, and Zhazhë/Zaza villages;
3. Kosovo Bosniak, Kosovo Roma, Kosovo Gorani: approximately 300 in the town and villages
(source: municipal return and community officer).

After the conflict, the municipality received 3,750 displaced persons including 250 refugees from Croatia living in private accommodation and collective centres.

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

According to recent elections, there are approximately 8,500 voters including out-of-Kosovo voters in the municipality.

The following chart shows the results of the self-organized municipal elections held in Zvečan/Zveçan on 6 May 2012 with 3,863 votes cast (source: community representatives).



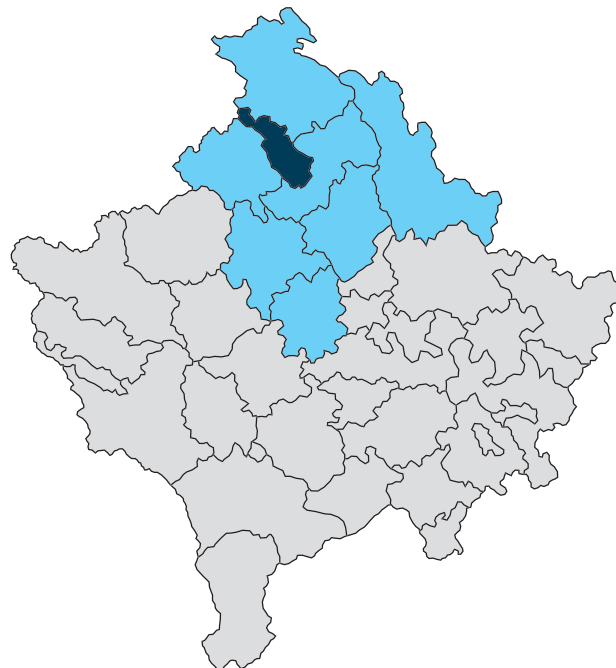
a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 27 seats distributed amongst five (5) political entities; all 27 members are Kosovo Serbs; nine (9) are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Momčilo Gvozdić (SPS) and the deputy chairperson is Dorbosav Dobrić (SRS).

b. Executive

Zvečan/Zveçan municipality is headed by the municipal president, Dragiša Milović (DSS) and the deputy municipal president, Miodrag Acić (SPS). It has seven (7) departments, but currently only four (4) department

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



directors due to budgetary constraints: general administration, assembly and common affairs (Ranko Nedeljković); urbanism, utilities and housing issues (Nadica Hristov); budget, finance and tax administration (Milosav Gvozdović); civil protection (Dobrosav Milićević); social affairs; economy, local development and environmental protection; and legal, property and inspection issues (source: municipal department of general administration).

Note:

Department directors are not political party affiliated.

3. Judiciary

Mitrovicë/Mitrovica basic court, which currently operates with limited capacity at its Vushtri/Vučitrn branch premises, covers the municipality (source: Kosovo Judicial Council).

Additional information

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

4. Security Presence

The Kosovo police station in Zvečan/Zveçan municipality has 37 police officers; 34 are Kosovo Serbs, three (3) are Kosovo Albanians, while six (6) are female.

As for the international military presence, the multinational KFOR Joint Regional Detachment-North and Greek liaison monitoring team cover the area (source: Kosovo police).

5. Economy

The economy of Zvečan/Zveçan municipality is mainly based on production of batteries and battery recycling, agriculture and small trade businesses.

There are 62 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of employed in private sector in Zvečan/Zveçan (source: municipal website; municipal department of general administration).

6. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in Zvečan/Zveçan municipality is assessed as good. Most of the main roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Zvečan/Zveçan town and three (3) out of 35 villages are connected to the Mitrovicë/Mitrovica regional water supply and sewage systems; other villages have their own water supply and sewage systems. All villages are connected to power supply system (source: municipal department of general administration).

b. Health

The Serbia-run primary health care system includes one (1) health centre and four (4) health houses. Health sector has 167 employees, including doctors, nurses and support staff. Additionally, two (2) health houses financed by the Kosovo government are currently operating in two (2) Kosovo Albanian villages, with one (1) doctor and two (2) medical technicians (source: municipal community officer).

Access:

All communities have access to health care and all health facilities (source: municipal department of general administration).

c. Education

There are three (3) primary schools, with 801 pupils and 76 teachers; one (1) secondary schools with 254 students and 38 teachers; and one (1) kindergarten with 240 children, which follow Serbian curriculum (source: municipal department of general administration, 2012). In addition, there are two (2) primary schools with 46 Kosovo Albanian pupils and 12 teachers following Kosovo curriculum (source: municipal community officer).

Additional information:

After the conflict, the Serbian-language faculty of arts and music was relocated from Prishtinë/Priština to Zvečan/Zveçan, and the college for technical sciences and traffic engineering was relocated from Ferizaj/Uroševac. There is also a vocational school in Doljane/Dolan which is a part of the network of vocational centres funded by the Kosovo Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare.

7. Religious and Cultural Sites

Zvečan/Zveçan has three (3) Serbian Orthodox monasteries and four (4) churches of which two (2) are still under construction (source: municipal website; municipal communities officer).

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seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 5 political entities.

37

police officers.

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No functional court in the municipality since February 2008.

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teachers in 5 primaries and 1 secondary school.