

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Parteš/Partesh is located in the eastern part of Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 18.3 km² and includes Parteš/Partesh town and two villages. According to the Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011 the total population is 1,787.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Serbs: 1,785
2. Other: 2

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Note: According to the municipal office for communities and returns, approximately 5,300 Kosovo Serbs reside in the municipality.

Parteš/Partesh municipality was established on 19 August, 2010, when the first municipal assembly constitutive session was held. Until then, the area was part of Gjilan/Gnjilane municipality.

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

The total number of voters in Parteš/Partesh municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in June 2010 was 3,426 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 56 percent/1918 voters (source: Central Elections Commission).

The election results were as follows:

GIZ Citizens Initiative Zavičaj	40.00%	6 seats
JSL United Serbian List	20.00%	3 seats
NI People's initiative	20.00%	3 seats
GIZO Citizens Initiative Together for Survival	13.00%	2 seats
SSDS Serbian Social Democratic Party	7.00%	1 seats

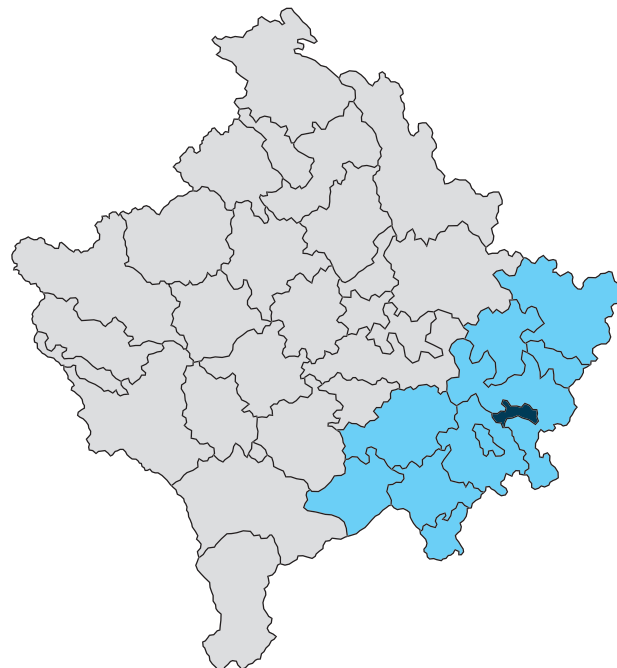
a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 15 seats distributed amongst five (5) political entities. All 15 members are Kosovo Serbs; five (5) are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Slađan Mladenović (GIZ).

b. Executive

Municipality is headed by mayor, Nenad Cvetković (GIZ) and deputy mayor, Dejan Jocić (GIZ). It has six (6) departments and department directors: administration and personnel (GIZ); budget and finance (GIZ); urban planning, cadaster and geodesy (GIZ); education, health,

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social services, youth, culture and sports (GIZ); public services, security and emergencies (GIZ); and agriculture, forestry and rural development (GIZ) (source: municipal public relation officer and municipal website).

3. Judiciary

There are no courts in Parteš/Partesh municipality. Gjilan/Gnjilane basic court covers the municipality (source: Gjilan/Gnjilane basic court).

Additional information

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

4. Security Presence

The Kosovo police station in Parteš/Partesh has 16 police officers; 12 Kosovo Serbs and four (4) Kosovo Albanians, all male.

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

5. Economy

The economy of the municipality of Parteš/Partesh is mainly based on dairy (milk and cheese) production and small trade businesses.

There are 36 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of employed in private sector in Parteš/Partesh municipality (source: municipal directorate of urban planning, cadaster and geodesy).

6. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in Parteš/Partesh municipality is assessed as good. Most of the roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Parteš/Partesh, Pasjane/Pasjan and Donja Budriga/Budrigë e Poshtme are all connected to a sewage system. The works on water supply system in those villages are being finalized (*source: municipal directorate of urban planning, cadaster and geodesy*).

b. Health

The primary health care system currently includes: one (1) municipal family health centre in Pasjane/Pasjan village and three (3) health houses. Health sector has eight (8) employees, four (4) females and four (4) male, including doctors, nurses and support staff (*source: municipal directorate of health*).

c. Education

There are two (2) primary schools with 419 pupils and 62 teachers and five (5) secondary schools with 331 students and 56 teachers. The construction of a kindergarten in Parteš/Partesh town is completed, but the building is still not in use.

Additional information:

The figures for teachers and support staff include personnel who are also paid by the Serbian Ministry of Education (*source: municipal directorate of education, health, social services, youth, culture and sports*).

7. Religious and Cultural sites

Parteš/Partesh has three (3) Serbian Orthodox churches, which are all in use. The church in Donja Budriga/Budrigë e Poshtme was renovated in 2009, while the church in Parteš/Partesh is under renovation. The Serbian Orthodox churches were not damaged during or following the 1999 conflict (*source: municipal public relation officer and municipal development plan*).

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15	seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 5 political entities.
16	police officers.
0	No courts.
118	teachers in 2 primary and 5 secondary schools.