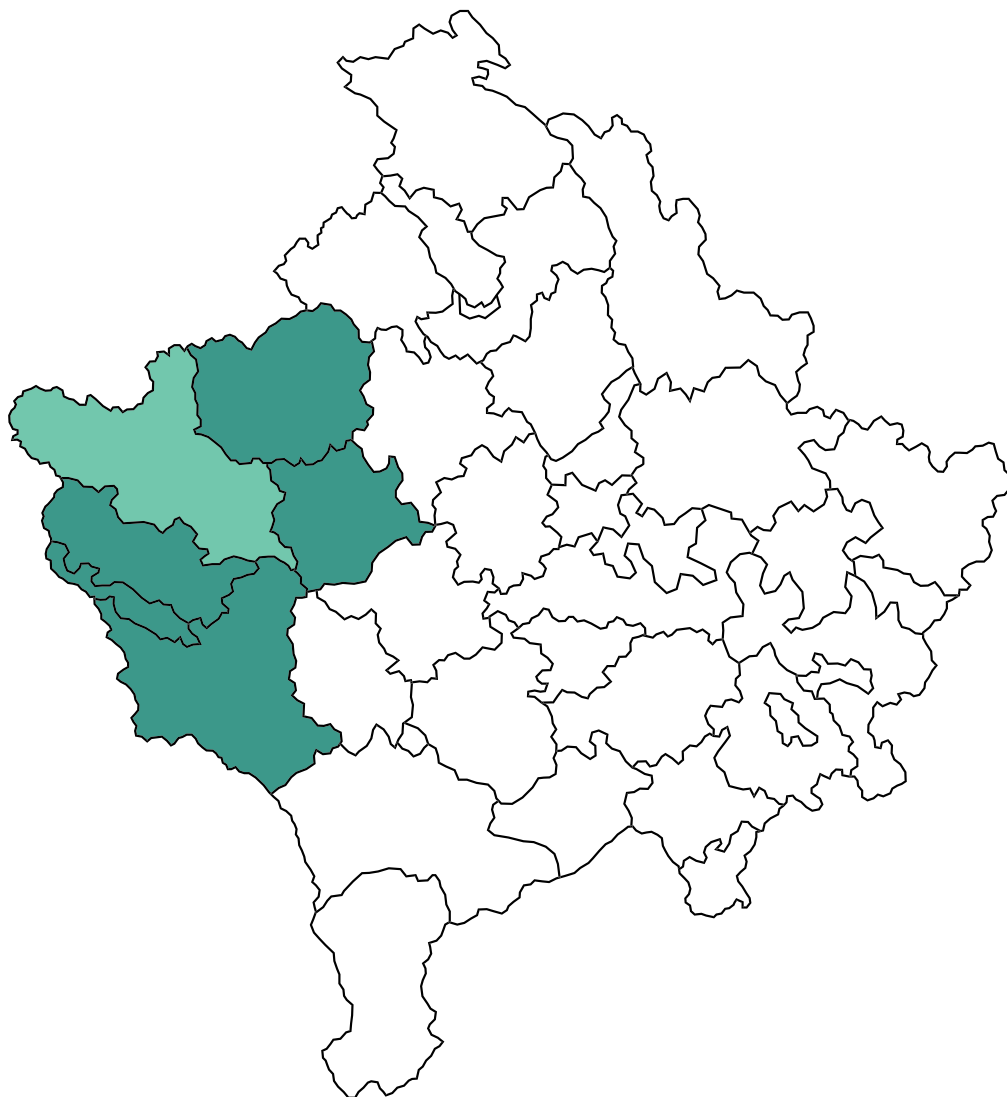


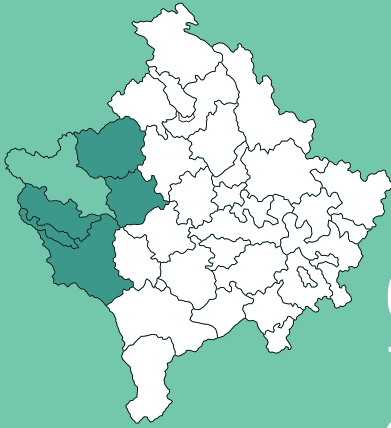
MUNICIPAL PROFILE 2018

PEJË/PEĆ REGION

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603 km²_{area}

78_{villages}

96,450_{population}

The OSCE regional centre covers six (6) municipalities, including Pejë/Peć where the centre is located, and has teams working in all of them.

AREA AND POPULATION



The municipality of Pejë/Peć is located in western Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 603 km² and includes Pejë/Peć city and 78 villages. According to the 2011 Kosovo Population and Housing Census, the total population is 96,450.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians	87,975
2. Kosovo Bosniaks	3,786
3. Kosovo Egyptians	2,700
4. Kosovo Roma	993
5. Kosovo Serbs	332
6. Kosovo Gorani	189
7. Kosovo Ashkali	143
8. Kosovo Turks	59
9. Other	132
10. Not specified	141

(source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

According to the census conducted in 1981, there were 79,965 Kosovo Albanians, 7,995 Kosovo Serbs and 9,796 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality; according to the census conducted in 1991*, there were 96,441 Kosovo Albanians, 7,815 Kosovo Serbs and 6,960 Kosovo Montenegrins in the municipality.

According to the UNHCR statistics, 2,616 displaced persons have returned to the municipality since 1999, of them 904 Kosovo Serbs, 428 Kosovo Roma, 792 Kosovo Ashkali and Kosovo Egyptians, 479 Kosovo Bosniaks, ten (10) Kosovo Gorani and three (3) Kosovo Montenegrins.

*The 1991 census is not accepted by Kosovo Albanians as legitimate.

GOVERNING STRUCTURES AND POLITICAL OVERVIEW

The total number of voters in Pejë/Peć municipality registered for the municipal elections held in October 2017 was 110,691¹, including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 40.31% or 44,616 voters (source: Central Election Commission).

The 2017 municipal assembly election results were as follows:

39.39%	LDK Democratic League of Kosovo
27.50%	AAK Alliance for Future of Kosovo
12.92%	PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo
8.61%	Vetëvendosje! (Self-Determination) Movement
2.19%	ALTERNATIVA
2.16%	NISMA Social Democratic Initiative

The current seat distribution is as follows:

15 seats
10 seats
5 seats
3 seats
1 seat
1 seat

1. The overall population figure presented above is taken from the 2011 census (or authoritative estimates where the census figure is not available), whereas the voters list is a reflection of all people with a civil registration entry in the municipality. In some cases, the voters list figure is higher than or similar to the overall population number due to insufficient updating of the civil registry or a significant proportion of people registered in the municipality but actually living elsewhere or abroad.

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LEGISLATIVE



The Municipal Assembly has 35 seats distributed among six (6) political entities, all members are Kosovo Albanian; 11 are women. The Municipal Assembly Chairperson is Islam Husaj (LDK).

EXECUTIVE



Structure of municipal executive and the executive's political affiliations.

The municipality is headed by Mayor Gazmend Muhaxheri (LDK), re-elected for his second term as mayor with 50.23% of votes in the first round of the 2017 municipal elections. In the 2013 municipal elections, Mayor Muhaxheri won with 56.48% of votes in the second round. Deputy Mayor is Shkumbin Gashi (LDK).

There are 14 municipal departments. Three (3) departments are run by women directors: economic development (LDK); European integration and diaspora (LDK); and municipal works and public services (PDK), 11 departments are run by men directors: administration (LDK); education (LDK); finance (LDK); urbanism (PDK); cadastre and geodesy (LDK); health and social welfare (LDK); culture, youth and sport (LDK); inspection (PDK); emergency and protection (PDK); property-legal issues (PD); and agriculture, forestry and hydro-economy (LDK). In the previous mandate (2013-2017), one (1) director was a woman (source: municipal assembly secretariat).

JUDICIARY



Pejë/Peć Basic Court has 24 judges, all Kosovo Albanian; 16 men and eight (8) women. It consists of a general department (civil and criminal), a serious crimes department, a juvenile department and a minor offences division and has branches in Deçan/Deçani, Istog/Istok and Klinë/Klina.

Pejë/Peć Basic Prosecutor's Office has 24 prosecutors, 23 are Kosovo Albanian and one (1) is Kosovo Serb; 15 are men and nine (9) are women. The Office consists of a general department, a department of serious crimes and a juveniles department (source: Pejë/Peć Basic Court, Pejë/Peć Basic Prosecutor's Office)

SECURITY PRESENCE



Kosovo Police station in Pejë/Peć municipality has 159 officers at the main police station and its two (2) sub-stations in Goraždevac/Gorazhdevc and Vitimirica/Vitimiricë, 122 are Kosovo Albanian, 27 Kosovo Bosniak, five (5) Kosovo Egyptian, two (2) Kosovo Serb, one (1) Kosovo Montenegrin, one (1) Kosovo Ashkali, and one (1) Kosovo Gorani; 26 are women (source: Kosovo Police).

Kosovo Police Regional Directorate in Pejë/Peć town has 156 officers, 150 Kosovo Albanian and six (6) Kosovo Bosniak; 16 are women.

As for the international military presence, Italian KFOR covers the area (source: Italian KFOR Liaison Monitoring Team - LMT).

ECONOMY



The economy of Pejë/Peć municipality is predominantly based on agriculture, services and trading. There are approximately 7,964 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of people employed in the private sector (source: municipal directorate of economic development-business registration office).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Infrastructure



The overall status of the infrastructure in the municipality is assessed as good. All the main roads that connect villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Pejë/Peć city is connected to water supply and sewage systems. Out of 78 villages, 64 are connected to water supply system and 56 are connected to the sewage system, and there are 60,000 meters of irrigation channels. Power supply is still a problem in rural areas, especially during winter (source: directorate of municipal work and public services).

Health



Pejë/Peć has one (1) main family health centre, 11 family health centres and ten (10) family medical clinics. There are 340 employees in the health sector, including doctors, nurses and support staff; 252 women and 88 men.

The Kosovo Serb community predominantly uses the Serbia-run healthcare facility in Goraždevac/Gorazhdevc. For serious health issues, Kosovo Serb residents tend to get treatment in the Serbia-run Mitrovica/Mitrovicë North hospital.

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

Education



There are 27 primary schools with 14,111 pupils and 930 teachers, six (6) secondary schools with 5,283 students and 416 teachers and one (1) kindergarten with 37 teachers.

There is also one (1) Serbian-curriculum primary school in Goraždevac/Gorazhdevc with 90 pupils and 35 teachers, one (1) secondary school with 30 students and 30 teachers and one (1) kindergarten with 20 children and one (1) teacher.

In addition, Pejë/Peć hosts the Resource Centre for Learning and Consulting, a school offering primary and secondary education for blind and visually impaired students from all over Kosovo, and a primary and secondary music school (source: municipal directorate of education).

There is also a public university "Haxhi Zeka" in Pejë/Peć, offering bachelor and master studies. The Faculty of Business (Business Administration) offers bachelor and master studies in Albanian and Bosniak languages, other faculties offer studies in Albanian language only.

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RELIGIOUS AND CULTURAL SITES



Pejë/Peć municipality has a total of 28 mosques and two (2) tekkes (dervish lodges). Twenty-two (22) mosques were destroyed/damaged in the 1999 conflict and have been reconstructed subsequently. An Islamic Grand Madrassa and one (1) tekke remains destroyed since 1999. From the total number of mosques, two (2) are non-functional due to a lack of believers and five (5) are newly-built (i.e. did not exist before the conflict). There are six (6) Serbian Orthodox churches. One (1) was destroyed during the March 2004 riots and was reconstructed in 2012, one (1) was damaged after the 1999 conflict and further in the 2004 March riots and was reconstructed in the period 2013-2014, one (1) remains damaged/burnt since 1999, and one (1) remains non-functional due to a lack of believers. The Serbian Orthodox Patriarchate of Peć is also located in the municipality. It is listed in the UNESCO List of World Heritage. There are five (5) Catholic churches and one (1) Protestant Evangelic church, all are operational (source: religious communities' representatives).

A total of 112 cultural heritage sites (archaeological and architectural) in Pejë/Peć municipality are included in the Ministry of Culture Youth and Sport list of sites under permanent/temporary protection.

KEY FACTS



In Pejë/Peć there are:

- 35 seats in the municipal assembly distributed among 6 political entities
- 159 police officers in police stations and 156 in the regional command
- 24 judges and 24 prosecutors
- 1,449 teachers in 28 primary and 7 secondary schools and 2 kindergartens
- 1 public university