

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Kamenicë/Kamenica is located in the eastern part of Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 423 km² and includes Kamenicë/Kamenica town and 56 villages. According to the Kosovo Population and Housing Census 2011 the estimated total population is 36,085.

Ethnic composition

1. Kosovo Albanians: 34,186
2. Kosovo Serbs: 1,554
3. Kosovo Roma: 240
4. Kosovo Gorani: 29
5. Kosovo Bosniaks: 9
6. Kosovo Turks: 5
7. Other: 27
8. Not specified: 35

(Source: Kosovo Agency of Statistics)

Note: According to the municipal office for communities and returns, 3,019 Kosovo Serbs and 417 Kosovo Roma reside in the municipality.

Prior to the 1999 conflict the number of Kosovo Serbs and Kosovo Roma living in the municipality was much higher. They are since displaced. There is no available data on their current whereabouts.

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

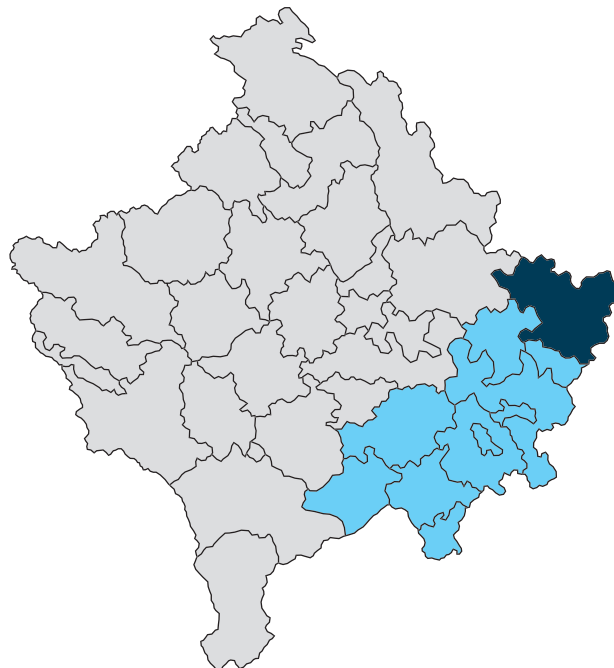
A total number of voters in Kamenicë/Kamenica municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 29,397 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 50.04 per cent/14,560 voters (source: Central Elections Commission).

The election results were as follows:

PDK - Democratic Party of Kosovo	21.60%	8 seats
LDK - Democratic League of Kosovo	16.20%	6 seats
AAK - Alliance for the Future of Kosovo	13.50%	5 seats
AKR Alliance New Kosova	13.50%	5 seats
LDD - Democratic League of Dardania	8.10%	3 seats

Note: Since the 2009 elections two (2) LDD and one (1) PDK municipal assembly member have joined the LDK, thus bringing the total number of seat held by the LDK to nine (9) and lowering the total number of seats held by PDK to seven (7) and by LDD to one (1).

The OSCE regional centre Gjilan/Gnjilane covers 11 municipalities including Kamenicë/Kamenica and has field teams working in all of them.



a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 27 seats distributed amongst five (5) political entities. All 27 members are Kosovo Albanians; ten (10) are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Enver Mavriqi (AAK). In addition to 27 municipal assembly members two (2) Kosovo Serbs attend assembly sessions as observers.

According to the law on local self-government, a municipality with more than ten (10) per cent of residents belonging to communities not in majority in that municipality is required to appoint a deputy municipal assembly chairperson for communities. Municipal assembly deputy chairperson for communities in Kamenicë/Kamenica is Živojin Mijlковиć (Kosovo Serb, no party affiliation).

b. Executive

Municipality is headed by the mayor, Shaip Surdulli (LDK), deputy mayor, Lulzim Leci (AAK), and deputy mayor for communities, Dragiša Savić (Independent Liberal Party - SLS). It has 11 departments and department directors: general administration (LDK); economy, budget and finance (LDK); agriculture, forestry and rural development (LDK); education (LDK); cadastre, geodesy and property (AAK); urbanism and spatial planning (LDK); public services (AAK); inspection (AAK); culture, youth and sport (AAK); health and social welfare (LDD); and rescue and protection (LDD) (source: municipal website).

3. Judiciary

The Gjilan/Gnjilane basic court has a branch in Kamenicë/Kamenica with six (6) judges; all Kosovo Albanian, five (5) male, one (1) female (*source: Kamenicë/Kamenica branch of Gjilan/Gnjilane basic court*).

Additional information

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

4. Security Presence

The Kosovo police station in Kamenicë/Kamenica municipality has 92 police officers; 81 Kosovo Albanians and 11 Kosovo Serbs, while 18 are female. Sixteen (16) police officers are stationed in the police sub-station in Muqivercë/Mučiverce village.

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

5. Economy

The economy of the municipality of Kamenicë/Kamenica is mainly based on bricks and beverages (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) production and small trade businesses. There are some 1,800 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of employed in Kamenicë/Kamenica private sector (*source: municipal directorate of urbanism, and special planning*).

6. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Kamenicë/Kamenica is assessed as poor. Most of the main roads connecting major villages with the urban centre are not asphalted. Kamenicë/Kamenica town and 47 out of 56 villages are connected to water supply and sewage systems. Power supply is still a problem especially in the villages (*source: municipal development plan*).

b. Health

The primary health care system currently includes one (1) municipal family health centre and 14 health houses in both Kosovo Albanian and Kosovo Serb inhabited villages. The health sector has 125 employees, 66 females and 59 male, including doctors, nurses and support staff.

Access:

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

c. Education

There are 20 primary schools with 5,312 pupils and 487 teachers; four (4) secondary schools with 2,434 students and 176 teachers; and two (2) kindergartens with 75 children and nine (9) teachers (*source: municipal directorate of education*).

7. Religious and Cultural sites

Kamenicë/Kamenica has 25 mosques. None of them was damaged during the 1999 conflict. The five (5) Serbian Orthodox churches have not been damaged either, however, the Serbian Orthodox church in Kamenicë/Kamenica town was renovated in 2012 due to its poor condition; four (4) churches are in use (*source: municipal development plan and head of municipal office for communities and returns*).

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27 seats in the municipal assembly distributed amongst 5 political entities.

92 police officers.

6 judges.

672 teachers in 20 primary, 4 secondary school and 2 kindergartens.