

1. Area and Population

The municipality of Skenderaj/Srbica is located in northwestern Kosovo. It covers an area of approximately 378 km² and includes Skenderaj/Srbica town and 52 villages. According to municipal officials, total population is 51,316.

Ethnic composition:

1. Kosovo Albanians: 50,900 residing in the town and all 52 villages;
2. Kosovo Serbs: 341 residing in the northern villages of Suvo Grlo/Syriganë and Banja/Bajë;
3. Kosovo Ashkali: 60 mainly residing in the town and villages of Runik/Rudnik, Kopiliq/Obilić;
4. Kosovo Bosniaks: 15 mainly residing in the town (source: municipal return and community officer).

Prior to the conflict, the number of non-Albanians living in the municipality was somewhat higher. They are since displaced.

2. Governing Structures and Political Overview

The total number of voters in Skenderaj/Srbica municipality registered for the last municipal elections held in November 2009 was 47,598 including out-of-Kosovo voters. The voter turnout was 62.8 percent/29,894 voters (source: Central Elections Commission).

The election results were as follows:

PDK Democratic Party of Kosovo	84.0%	26 seats
LDD Democratic League of Dardania	10.0%	3 seats
AKR New Kosovo Alliance	3.0%	1 seat
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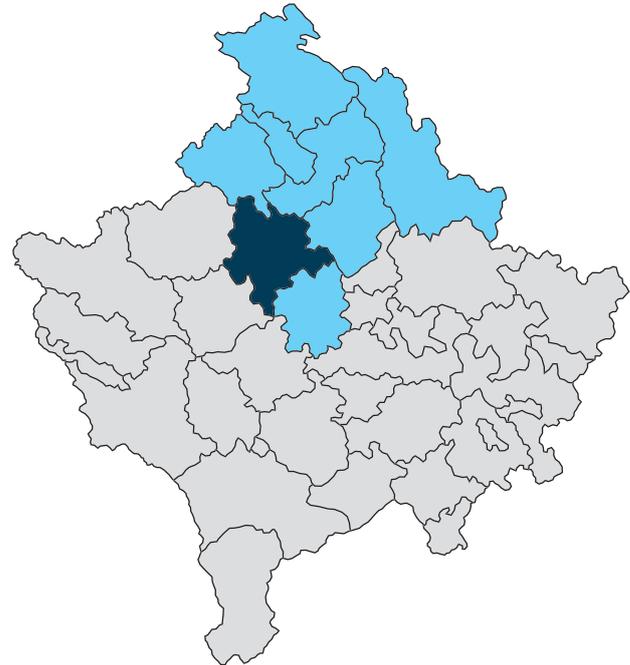
a. Legislative

The municipal assembly has 31 seats distributed amongst four (4) political entities; all 31 members are Kosovo Albanians, while nine (9) are female. The municipal assembly chairperson is Ismet Salihu, (PDK).

b. Executive

The municipality is headed by the mayor, Sami Lushtaku (PDK), and the deputy mayor, Fadil Nura (PDK). It has nine (9) departments and department directors: economy, finance, and development (PDK); education (PDK); culture, youth and sport (PDK); urban planning and environmental protection (PDK); geodesy, cadastre,

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and property (PDK); health and social welfare (PDK); public services (PDK); agriculture and rural development (PDK); and administration and personnel (PDK) (source: municipal web site).

2. Judiciary

The municipal court in Skenderaj/Srbica has two (2) judges (Kosovo Albanians). The minor offences court in Skenderaj/Srbica has one (1) judge (Kosovo Albanian). Skenderaj/Srbica municipality does not have a district court. Mitrovicë/Mitrovica district court which currently operates with limited capacity at Vushtrri/Vučitrn municipal court premises covers the municipality (source: municipal court and minor offences court).

3. Security Presence

The Kosovo police station in Skenderaj/Srbica municipality has 119 police officers. 102 are stationed in Skenderaj/Srbica police station, and 17 are stationed in the police sub-station in Suvo Grlo/Syriganë village, while nine (9) are female. 116 of them are Kosovo Albanian, one (1) is Kosovo Serb and two (2) are Kosovo Ashkali.

As for the international military presence, Slovenian KFOR is in charge of the area (source: Kosovo police).

4. Economy

The economy of Skenderaj/Srbica municipality is mainly based on agriculture, brick and flour production and small trade businesses.

There are some 740 registered private businesses operating in the municipality. There is no reliable data on the number of employed in private sector in Skenderaj/Srbica municipality (source: municipal directorate of urban planning, cadastre property and environment).

5. Public Services

a. Infrastructure

The overall status of infrastructure in the municipality of Skenderaj/Srbica is assessed as good. Approximately 80 percent of the roads connecting villages with the urban centre are asphalted. Skenderaj/Srbica town and seven (7) out of 52 villages are connected to water supply system. Power supply and sewage system are still a problem especially in the villages (source: municipal director of urban planning and environmental protection).

b. Health

The primary health care system includes one (1) main family health centre, five (5) centers for family medicine and seven (7) primary health stations, including one (1) in Suvo Grlo/Syriganë. Health sector has 205 employees, 106 female and 99 male, including doctors, nurses and support staff.

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

c. Education

There are 23 primary schools with 10,206 pupils and 557 teachers; three (3) secondary schools with 3,469 students and 190 teachers; and one (1) kindergarten with 85 children and five (5) teachers.

For Kosovo Serb students, there is one primary school with 42 students and 15 teachers and one (1) kindergarten with 18 children and three (3) teachers in Banja/Bajë and one (1) secondary school with 22 students and two (2) teachers in Suvo Grlo/Syrigane (source: municipal directorate of education, school directors).

6. Religious and Cultural Sites

Skenderaj/Srbica has 14 mosques. Eight (8) of them were renovated following the conflict and six (6) are new. There is also a functioning Serbian Orthodox Church in the village of Banja/Bajë (source: municipal-level religious representatives).

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3	judges.
772	teachers in 23 primary and 4 secondary schools and 2 kindergartens.