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## Foreword

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The Kosovo Population Estimate Report is an annual statistical publication that aims to provide the most accurate and reliable estimates of the country's population in the period between two general population censuses.

In the period between two censuses, which usually extends over a ten-year interval, a country's population undergoes continuous and dynamic changes, which reflect births, deaths, migrations, and other demographic changes. These estimates are essential for conducting detailed socio-economic analyses and are a main source for drafting economic and social development policies, urban and regional planning, budget allocation, determining employment and living standard indicators, as well as for calculating national accounts indicators.

Population data are critical not only for decision-makers and policymakers, but also for analysts, researchers, academics, and all other users of statistical data, providing them with a solid basis for evidence-based decisions and analyses.

The Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) remains committed to providing updated estimates every year, following international best practices in methodology, quality and transparency. These estimates are conducted at the national and municipal level, thus providing a complete and detailed overview of the demographic situation in Kosovo.

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## List of Abbreviations and Symbols

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<b>KAS</b>	-	Kosovo Agency of Statistics
<b>MIA</b>	-	Ministry of Internal Affairs
<b>MESTI</b>	-	Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation
<b>IOM</b>	-	International Organization for Migration
<b>UNHCR</b>	-	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
<b>EUROSTAT</b>	-	Statistical Office of the European Communities
<b>EFTA</b>	-	European Free Trade Association
<b>0</b>	-	The data is less than 0.5 of the given measurement unit
<b>:</b>	-	Data not available
<b>-</b>	-	No occurrence

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## INTRODUCTION

### For data users

The report includes changes in population numbers (natural increase and migration) during the period 01 January to 31 December 2024 in the territory of Kosovo.

### Basis for estimation of population

In preparation of this estimation, KAS has applied methods of population estimates applied by statistical institutions by using various data sources.

The database to estimate the population number for 2024 is the estimated number of resident population in Kosovo 31 December 2023.

### Methodological overview

To estimate the number of resident population at national / municipal level, the population is affected by natality, mortality and migration (NMM).

Population estimate: basic population + natality - mortality ± external / internal migration.

The estimated final data on the number of population at municipality level are calculated according to the following procedures:

$$P_t = P_{\{t-1\}} + (L_t - V_t) + (I_t - E_t)$$

Where,

$P_t$  – resident population on 31 December of year  $t$  (2024);

$P_{\{t-1\}}$  – resident population on 31 December of year  $t-1$  (2023);

$L_t$  – resident births during year  $t$  (2024);

$V_t$  – resident deaths during year  $t$  (2024);

$I_t$  – entries (immigration) during year  $t$  (2024);

$E_t$  – exits (emigration) during year  $t$  (2024).

### Data sources

The sources used in the preparation of this report include: the preliminary population estimate for 2023, the 2024 Population Census database, the births and deaths statistics (ASK) data, administrative data from relevant local institutions such as municipalities and the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI), as well as international statistical sources from statistical institutions of the main destination countries of Kosovar migration. All of these data have been verified, processed and analyzed by applying rigorous statistical methods, to provide a reliable and stable basis for population estimates at the national and municipal levels.

### Base population and demographic components

#### Base population

The base number of the resident population in Kosovo at the end of 2023 was 1,603,115 inhabitants, according to the report "Kosovo Population Estimate, 2023".

**Births** - In 2024, the number of live births with resident residence in Kosovo totaled 20,998 cases.

**Deaths** - In 2024, the number of resident deaths in Kosovo totaled 10,110 cases.

**Natural increase** - The natural increase in the population of Kosovo during 2024 was 10,888 inhabitants, reflecting the difference between the number of births and the number of deaths.

### Methodological improvement

The results of the 2024 Population and Housing Census indicated that over 95% of births and deaths registered outside Kosovo belonged to persons without permanent residence in Kosovo.

In line with these findings, KAS has completed the methodology by including in the calculation of natural increase only births and deaths that occurred within the territory of Kosovo. This new approach is formalized in the Internal Regulation on the Methodology of the Annual Estimate of the Resident Population in the Republic of Kosovo. This Regulation defines the principles, data sources, procedures and institutional responsibilities, being in line with the international definition of the resident population according to international best practices, including the practices of countries in the region.

### International migration

**International immigration** - The number of people who immigrated to Kosovo from abroad (international immigrants) during 2024 is estimated to be a total of 9,038 inhabitants. These estimates were made based on statistical sources harmonized with Eurostat methodological guidelines.

**International emigration** - The number of people who left Kosovo to live abroad (international migrants) during 2024 is estimated to be 37,451 inhabitants. This includes migration for reasons of family reunification, marriage, employment, long-term studies and permanent relocation, particularly towards the countries of the European Union (EU) and the European Free Trade Area (EFTA).

**The balance of international migration (net migration)**- Net international migration in Kosovo for 2024 results in -28,413 inhabitants, reflecting the difference between immigration and emigration. This indicator is a key component in demographic analyses, reflecting migration trends and their impact on the population structure.

**Internal (national) migration** - During 2024, a significant number of the resident population in Kosovo changed their place of residence within the country, moving from one municipality to another. This type of internal migration is mainly the result of socio-economic factors, including the displacement from rural to urban and suburban areas, as well as due to marriage and employment. According to statistical estimates, the number of people who changed their municipality of residence during 2024 is 21,513. These data are important for urban development planning, the provision of public services and the drafting of territorial balancing policies.

### Total population increase

Despite the positive natural population increase in 2024 by 10,888 inhabitants, Kosovo continued to face a negative balance of international migration. Net international migration for 2024 was -28,413 inhabitants, resulting in a total population decline for the period 1 January – 31 December 2024 of -17,525 inhabitants. This result highlights the significant impact of migration on the country's demographic changes and underlines the importance of integrated policies for managing migration and maintaining the demographic structure in line with socio-economic developments.

Table: 1: Population of Kosovo and natural increase in 2024 at municipal level

No.	Municipality	Estimated population (December 31, 2023)	By permanent settlement in the municipality			Population and natural increase (31 December, 2024)
			Births/ Natality (2024)	Deaths/Mortality (2024)	Natural increase (2024)	
1	Deçan	27 883	311	215	96	27 979
2	Gjakovë	79 031	1 031	582	449	79 480
3	Glogoc	48 696	782	268	514	49 210
4	Gjilan	83 128	1 074	626	448	83 576
5	Dragash	29 043	228	193	35	29 078
6	Istog	33 212	383	261	122	33 334
7	Kaçanik	28 107	421	153	268	28 375
8	Klinë	30 736	443	212	231	30 967
9	Fushë Kosovë	60 209	804	238	566	60 775
10	Kamenicë	23 289	241	223	18	23 307
11	Mitrovicë	64 937	800	456	344	65 281
12	Leposaviq	9 500	37	50	-13	9 487
13	Lipjan	55 098	793	283	510	55 608
14	Novobërdë	4 507	86	57	29	4 536
15	Obiliq	22 974	382	156	226	23 200
16	Rahovec	42 175	557	271	286	42 461
17	Pejë	82 971	963	587	376	83 347
18	Podujevë	72 108	1 075	448	627	72 735
19	Prishtinë	226 068	2 870	1 152	1 718	227 786
20	Prizren	147 288	1 858	944	914	148 202
21	Skenderaj	41 316	595	316	279	41 595
22	Shtime	24 364	379	119	260	24 624
23	Shtërpcë	10 850	110	90	20	10 870
24	Suharekë	46 033	545	317	228	46 261
25	Ferizaj	108 386	1 459	581	878	109 264
26	Viti	35 809	527	229	298	36 107
27	Vushtrri	62 046	917	404	513	62 559
28	Zubin Potok	3 402	45	32	13	3 415
29	Zveçan	2 883	36	42	-6	2 877
30	Malishevë	44 269	702	240	462	44 731
31	Junik	3 940	39	29	10	3 950
32	Mamushë	5 596	76	23	53	5 649
33	Hani i Elezit	8 655	100	43	57	8 712
34	Graçanicë	17 870	151	114	37	17 907
35	Ranillug	2 482	21	27	-6	2 476
36	Partesh	3 238	26	35	-9	3 229
37	Kllokot	3 070	28	16	12	3 082
38	Mitrovicë Veriore	7 951	103	78	25	7 976
<b>Total</b>		<b>1 603 115</b>	<b>20 998</b>	<b>10 110</b>	<b>10 888</b>	<b>1 614 003</b>

**Table: 2. Population in Kosovo and migration in 2024 at municipal level**

No.	Municipality	Estimated population (December 31, 2023)	International migration (2024)			National migration (2024)			Total balance of migration at the level of municipality 2024	Total population and migration (31 December, 2024)
			Immigration	Emigration	Bilanci i migrimit ndërkombëtar	Imigrimi	Emigrimi	Balance of national migration		
1	Deçan	27 883	131	585	-454	148	244	-96	-550	27 333
2	Gjakovë	79 031	470	2 230	-1 760	487	758	-271	-2 031	77 000
3	Gilgoc	48 696	173	1 692	-1 519	589	1 159	-570	-2 089	46 607
4	Gjilan	83 128	518	2 182	-1 665	898	967	-69	-1 734	81 394
5	Dragash	29 043	102	404	-302	130	269	-139	-440	28 602
6	Istog	33 212	147	853	-706	227	391	-164	-870	32 342
7	Kaçanik	28 107	216	696	-480	216	622	-405	-885	27 221
8	Klinë	30 736	83	1 223	-1 140	476	642	-166	-1 306	29 430
9	Fushë Kosovë	60 209	683	860	-177	4 518	722	3 796	3 618	63 827
10	Kamenicë	23 289	128	769	-640	112	467	-355	-995	22 294
11	Mitrovicë	64 937	287	1 193	-906	671	844	-173	-1 079	63 857
12	Leposaviq	9 500	6	7	-1	13	20	-7	-8	9 492
13	Lipjan	55 098	258	1 229	-971	700	767	-66	-1 037	54 061
14	Novobërdë	4 507	5	104	-99	71	70	1	-98	4 409
15	Obiliq	22 974	46	324	-278	183	375	-192	-470	22 503
16	Rahovec	42 175	161	2 080	-1 920	71	330	-258	-2 178	39 997
17	Pejë	82 971	417	1 846	-1 429	602	770	-168	-1 597	81 375
18	Podujevë	72 108	198	2 017	-1 819	635	1 757	-1 121	-2 940	69 168
19	Prishtinë	226 068	1 567	2 815	-1 249	4 369	3 169	1 200	-49	226 019
20	Prizren	147 288	1 347	3 568	-2 221	918	961	-43	-2 264	145 024
21	Skenderaj	41 316	340	1 181	-841	856	1 554	-698	-1 540	39 776
22	Shtime	24 364	117	515	-397	213	301	-88	-486	23 878
23	Shtërpcë	10 850	3	14	-11	22	106	-84	-95	10 754
24	Suharekë	46 033	198	1 564	-1 366	227	432	-205	-1 571	44 462
25	Ferizaj	108 386	582	2 041	-1 459	1 958	1 087	872	-587	107 799
26	Viti	35 809	258	1 268	-1 010	423	623	-200	-1 209	34 600
27	Vushtrri	62 046	167	1 599	-1 432	423	891	-468	-1 900	60 145
28	Zubin Potok	3 402	0	19	-19	1	16	-15	-34	3 368
29	Zveçan	2 883	0	4	-4	1	15	-14	-17	2 865
30	Malishevë	44 269	196	2 228	-2 032	555	842	-287	-2 319	41 951
31	Junik	3 940	45	90	-45	22	21	1	-44	3 895
32	Mamushë	5 596	6	19	-13	1	1	0	-13	5 583
33	Hani i Elezit	8 655	43	65	-22	25	161	-135	-157	8 498
34	Graçanicë	17 870	114	58	56	694	65	629	685	18 555
35	Ranillug	2 482	3	11	-7	13	9	3	-4	2 478
36	Partesh	3 238	6	14	-8	8	3	5	-3	3 235
37	Kllokot	3 070	8	48	-40	23	46	-23	-63	3 007
38	Mitrovicë Veriore	7 951	8	33	-26	13	39	-26	-52	7 898
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1 603 115</b>	<b>9 038</b>	<b>37 451</b>	<b>-28 413</b>	<b>21 513</b>	<b>21 513</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-28 413</b>	<b>1 574 702</b>

**Table: 3. Estimated population of Kosovo in 2024 at municipal level**

No.	Municipality	Estimated population (31 December, 2023)	Natural increase (2024)	Balance of migrations (2024)	Total increase (2024)	Total estimated population for 2024 (31 December, 2024)
1	Deçan	27 883	96	-550	-454	27 429
2	Gjakovë	79 031	449	-2 031	-1 582	77 449
3	Glogoc	48 696	514	-2 089	-1 575	47 121
4	Gjilan	83 128	448	-1 734	-1 286	81 842
5	Dragash	29 043	35	-440	-405	28 637
6	Istog	33 212	122	-870	-748	32 464
7	Kaçanik	28 107	268	-885	-617	27 489
8	Klinë	30 736	231	-1 306	-1 075	29 661
9	Fushë Kosovë	60 209	566	3 618	4 184	64 393
10	Kamenicë	23 289	18	-995	-977	22 312
11	Mitrovicë	64 937	344	-1 079	-735	64 201
12	Leposaviq	9 500	-13	-8	-21	9 479
13	Lipjan	55 098	510	-1 037	-527	54 571
14	Novobërdë	4 507	29	-98	-69	4 438
15	Obiliq	22 974	226	-470	-244	22 729
16	Rahovec	42 175	286	-2 178	-1 892	40 283
17	Pejë	82 971	376	-1 597	-1 221	81 751
18	Podujevë	72 108	627	-2 940	-2 313	69 795
19	Prishtinë	226 068	1 718	-49	1 669	227 737
20	Prizren	147 288	914	-2 264	-1 350	145 938
21	Skenderaj	41 316	279	-1 540	-1 261	40 055
22	Shtime	24 364	260	-486	-226	24 138
23	Shtërpçë	10 850	20	-95	-75	10 774
24	Suharekë	46 033	228	-1 571	-1 343	44 690
25	Ferizaj	108 386	878	-587	291	108 677
26	Viti	35 809	298	-1 209	-911	34 898
27	Vushtrri	62 046	513	-1 900	-1 387	60 658
28	Zubin Potok	3 402	13	-34	-21	3 381
29	Zveçan	2 883	-6	-17	-23	2 859
30	Malishevë	44 269	462	-2 319	-1 857	42 413
31	Junik	3 940	10	-44	-34	3 905
32	Mamushë	5 596	53	-13	40	5 636
33	Hani i Elezit	8 655	57	-157	-100	8 555
34	Graçanicë	17 870	37	685	722	18 592
35	Ranillug	2 482	-6	-4	-10	2 472
36	Partesh	3 238	-9	-3	-12	3 226
37	Klllokot	3 070	12	-63	-51	3 019
38	Mitrovicë Veriore	7 951	25	-52	-27	7 923
<b>Total</b>		<b>1 603 115</b>	<b>10 888</b>	<b>-28 413</b>	<b>-17 525</b>	<b>1 585 590</b>

## Kosovo Agency of Statistics: Short description

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**Brief history** - The Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) is a professional and independent institution that deals with the collection, processing and publication of official statistical data at the national level. Established since 1948, KAS has gone through various development phases, operating in accordance with the state structures of the time.

After an interruption in the period 1989–1999, KAS resumed its activity on August 2, 1999 as an independent institution within the Ministry of Public Administration. From July 1, 2020, for almost two full years, it operated within the Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers. It currently operates within the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosovo. KAS is funded by the Budget of the Republic of Kosovo and by international donors for specific projects and technical assistance.

**Legislation:** KAS operates under Law No. 04/L-036 on Official Statistics and relevant amendments through Law No. 06/L-058. The organizational structure includes Production Departments such as the Department of Economic Statistics, the Department of National Accounts, the Department of Social Statistics, the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Statistics, supporting Departments such as the Department of Methodology and Information Technology, the Department of Policy, Planning, Coordination and Communication, the Department of Enumerations and Survey, the Department of Administration. Within the framework of the Agency, Regional Offices also operate in: Prishtina, Prizren, Peja, Gjakova, Gjilan, Ferizaj and Mitrovica.

**KAS Mission** - To provide qualitative and reliable statistical data to all users - government institutions, the academic community, the private sector and the general public - in support of decision-making, planning and policy development at all levels.

**KAS Objective** - To produce and disseminate statistical data in a systematic, reliable and impartial manner. Including professional use and ethical standards, i.e. that policies and practices are transparent to users and survey respondents.

**KAS Vision** - To be the main and most reliable source of official statistics in Kosovo, in accordance with international standards, supporting decision-making, transparency and sustainable development of the country.

**Cooperation** - The Kosovo Agency of Statistics cooperates with all Ministries of the Government of Kosovo, especially with the Ministry of Finance, Labor and Transfers, as well as the Central Bank of Kosovo, which constitute the Statistical System of Kosovo. The Agency also has close cooperation with international organizations such as: EUROSTAT, IMF, World Bank, INSTAT, SIDA, DFID, UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF, VIIES, IMF, ILO STAT, UNODC, ETF, IA, OECD, as well as with statistical institutions in the region.

During 2024, the Population and Housing Census in Kosovo was successfully conducted - a key project for the design of sustainable development policies.

KAS covers the entire territory of the Republic of Kosovo through a network of reporting units and statistical enumeration areas, providing first-hand data in accordance with international standards.



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