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Foreword

The estimation of the population of Kosovo is a regular annual report that aims to provide an accurate statistical estimate of the population which is needed for institutions, organizations and individuals, and at the same time such a report is the practice and standard required on annual basis by the institutions of official statistics of a country.

This is due to the fact that in the period between the two Censuses (ten years) there are significant changes in the population of a country, municipality or at settlement level, and population estimation is more than necessary for releasing significant socio-economic indicators. The Kosovo Agency of Statistics (KAS) will continue to estimate each year the number of population at the country and municipal level. Annual statistical data on population are fundamental for studying and defining a wide range of analysis of social and economic issues at certain municipal, national and regional levels.

Population data are significant denominator and indicator of decision-makers, analysts, researchers, and various data users. Population data is the key component for estimating national accounts, employment, budget allocations, living standard and other socio-economic issues.

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List of Abbreviations and Symbols

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

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Introduction

For data users

The report includes changes in the number of population (natural increase and migration) during the period 01 January to 31 December 2021 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 2021 is the estimated number of resident population in Kosovo at the end of 2020.

Methodological overview

To assess 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:

$$P_n + (N - M) + (I - E)$$

P_n - Number of inhabitants estimated for the given / previous year (2020)

N - Number of live births (Natality), 01 January – 31 December, 2021

M – Number of deaths (Mortality), 01 January – 31 December, 2021

I - Immigration, 01 January – 31 December, 2021

E - Emigration, 01 January – 31 December, 2021

Data sources

Various statistical sources have been used in the compilation of this report as: Population Estimates of 2019, databases of Population and Housing Census 2011, databases of birth and death statistics (KAS), administrative data (various KAS databases), data from municipalities of Kosovo, data from the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI), data from the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), data from International Organization for Migration (IOM - Office in Kosovo), data from United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR - Office in Kosovo) database of Eurostat, Frontex and several statistical and migration offices from some countries where Kosovo emigration has been more pronounced.

Other administrative data from local institutions, surveys, reports and other researches were also used. These data were analyzed in accordance with statistical methods, serving as important statistical instruments and records for estimating population numbers at country and municipality level.

Basic population

According to the "Population Estimates in 2020", the number of resident population in Kosovo at the end of 2020 is estimated to be a total of 1.798.186 resident inhabitants, a number that has been taken as a basic measure to estimate the population number in 2021.

Births- based on preliminary data, the number of live births in 2021 that had declared Kosovo as a resident residence was a total of 14,845 births.

Deaths- the number of deaths in 2021 who had declared a residence in Kosovo was a total of 14,845 deaths.

Note: In the case of births and deaths by the Serbian community, a significant part of them is registered, while a part of them (*especially the municipalities in the northern part of Kosovo do not record/report the cases of births and deaths*). In this report, the KAS has not made an estimation for the community in question for unreported cases (under-registration).

A significant number of cases of births and deaths that occur outside of Kosovo, when registering the cases in the civil status offices, declare their permanent residence/resident in Kosovo. KAS is aware that the vast majority of those cases that occurred outside Kosovo are not/were not residents of Kosovo, but, based on the legislation in force, KAS does not have the right to change the declarations of parents or relatives about residence.

The review of births and deaths will be done after the Population Census.

Natural increase- the population in Kosovo in 2021 has increased by 14,391 inhabitants.

International migration

International immigration- according to data from the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA), municipality, UNHCR, IOM, data from some municipalities, data from some statistical institutes, and Eurostat database, the number of immigrants in Kosovo, in 2021, is estimated as a total of 4,122 inhabitants. This number includes returnees / resettled, number of Kosovo asylum seekers who have been granted with the right of citizenship, as well as residence permits for more than one (1) year of residence in Kosovo (including workers and students).

International emigration- the number of Kosovar emigrants during 2021 is estimated to be 42,728 inhabitants including legal and illegal emigrants.

Most of the emigrants in 2021 were *legal* emigrants. Legal emigration was due to: family reunion, marriages, finding a job, permanent emigration (mostly in neighboring countries), long-term studies with employment, etc. In addition to the EU and EFTA countries, a number of Kosovars had emigrated to other countries, mainly in the US, Turkey, Canada and other countries.

The international migration expressed in 2021 was also a consequence of a large number of immigrants who returned in 2020 (due to the COVID-19 Pandemic), especially from Croatia, Slovenia, Montenegro, Turkey and other EU countries. and who then immigrated again in 2021.

The balance of international migration- in Kosovo for the year of 2021 it was -38,606 inhabitants.

National migration- in 2021, it is estimated that a significant number of resident population in Kosovo has changed their place of residence (municipality) mainly from rural settlements to urban and sub-urban areas for various reasons, as well as because of marriages. The number of persons who have changed their place of residence from the previous municipality (from one municipality to another municipality - within Kosovo) is estimated to be 7,353 inhabitants.

Total increase

The natural increase in Kosovo in 2021 was 14,391 inhabitants, while the net migration -38,606 inhabitants. The population of Kosovo during 2021 decreased by -24,215 inhabitants.

Tab. 1: Population of Kosovo and natural increase in 2021 at municipal level

No.	Municipality	Total estimated population (31 December, 2020)	By permanent residence in the municipality			Total population and natural increase (31 December, 2021)
			Births / Natality (2021)	Deaths / Mortality (2021)	Natural increase (2021)	
1	Deçan	42.480	554	279	275	42.755
2	Gjakovë	94.334	1.475	885	590	94.924
3	Glllogoc	61.145	1.119	325	794	61.939
4	Gjilan	77.145	1.385	900	485	77.630
5	Dragash	33.947	486	399	87	34.034
6	Istog	41.181	575	359	216	41.397
7	Kaçanik	34.672	557	241	316	34.988
8	Klinë	40.490	762	339	423	40.913
9	Fushë Kosovë	39.948	769	285	484	40.432
10	Kamenicë	27.948	428	359	69	28.017
11	Mitrovicë	69.331	1.152	617	535	69.866
12	Mitr. e Veriut	11.994	141	148	-7	11.987
13	Leposaviq	13.202	77	105	-28	13.174
14	Lipjan	57.928	1.099	426	673	58.601
15	Novobërdë	7.158	119	120	-1	7.157
16	Obiliq	18.218	434	233	201	18.419
17	Rahovec	57.047	971	443	528	57.575
18	Pejë	98.601	1.293	821	472	99.073
19	Podujevë	82.022	1.517	521	996	83.018
20	Prishtinë	218.781	3.173	1.631	1.542	220.323
21	Prizren	194.581	2.785	1.485	1.300	195.881
22	Skenderaj	52.714	892	329	563	53.277
23	Shtime	27.449	487	157	330	27.779
24	Shtërpcë	6.621	129	170	-41	6.580
25	Suharekë	58.195	1.164	481	683	58.878
26	Ferizaj	106.286	1.892	800	1.092	107.378
27	Viti	47.896	729	335	394	48.290
28	Vushtrri	62.925	1.153	605	548	63.473
29	Zubin Potok	6.664	52	66	-14	6.650
30	Zveçan	7.290	43	98	-55	7.235
31	Malishevë	57.261	1.244	351	893	58.154
32	Junik	6.383	67	46	21	6.404
33	Mamushë	5.874	100	25	75	5.949
34	Hani i Elezit	10.090	139	58	81	10.171
35	Graçanicë	12.230	152	233	-81	12.149
36	Ranillug	3.737	40	71	-31	3.706
37	Partesh	1.699	45	61	-16	1.683
38	Klllokot	2.719	37	38	-1	2.718
Total		1.798.186	29.236	14.845	14.391	1.812.577

Tab. 2: Total population of Kosovo and migration in 2021 at municipal level

No.	Municipality	Estimated population (31 December, 2020)	International migration (2021)			National migration (2021)			Total balance of migration at the level of municipality 2021	Total population and migration (31 December, 2021)
			Immigration	Emigration	Balance of international migration	Immigration	Emigration	Balance of national migration		
1	Deçan	42.480	59	289	-230	108	143	-35	-265	42.215
2	Gjakovë	94.334	247	2.265	-2.018	218	297	-79	-2.097	92.237
3	Glllogoc	61.145	91	1.175	-1.084	197	331	-134	-1.218	59.927
4	Gjilan	77.145	276	4.320	-4.044	258	326	-68	-4.112	73.033
5	Dragash	33.947	91	575	-484	52	120	-68	-552	33.395
6	Istog	41.181	103	406	-303	162	137	25	-278	40.903
7	Kaçanik	34.672	59	290	-231	93	183	-90	-321	34.351
8	Klinë	40.490	106	817	-711	185	212	-27	-738	39.752
9	Fushë Kosovë	39.948	163	1.936	-1.773	756	158	598	-1.175	38.773
10	Kamenicë	27.948	48	1.772	-1.724	116	243	-127	-1.851	26.097
11	Mitrovicë	69.331	132	1.693	-1.561	212	279	-67	-1.628	67.703
12	Mitr. e Veriut	11.994	20	124	-104	6	7	-1	-105	11.889
13	Leposaviq	13.202	49	344	-295	11	9	2	-293	12.909
14	Lipjan	57.928	127	1.186	-1.059	221	306	-85	-1.144	56.784
15	Novobërdë	7.158	18	132	-114	62	35	27	-87	7.071
16	Obiliq	18.218	41	1.177	-1.136	134	153	-19	-1.155	17.063
17	Rahovec	57.047	96	2.196	-2.100	132	216	-84	-2.184	54.863
18	Pejë	98.601	183	1.959	-1.776	234	260	-26	-1.802	96.799
19	Podujevë	82.022	231	2.195	-1.964	131	663	-532	-2.496	79.526
20	Prishtinë	218.781	470	2.625	-2.155	1.836	987	849	-1.306	217.475
21	Prizren	194.581	402	2.707	-2.305	553	323	230	-2.075	192.506
22	Skenderaj	52.714	87	531	-444	180	427	-247	-691	52.023
23	Shtime	27.449	105	927	-822	125	128	-3	-825	26.624
24	Shtërpcë	6.621	13	77	-64	32	45	-13	-77	6.544
25	Suharekë	58.195	85	2.542	-2.457	157	212	-55	-2.512	55.683
26	Ferizaj	106.286	346	2.201	-1.855	382	242	140	-1.715	104.571
27	Viti	47.896	111	870	-759	132	190	-58	-817	47.079
28	Vushtrri	62.925	174	2.579	-2.405	205	259	-54	-2.459	60.466
29	Zubin Potok	6.664	9	53	-44	6	7	-1	-45	6.619
30	Zveçan	7.290	10	51	-41	7	9	-2	-43	7.247
31	Malishevë	57.261	131	2.339	-2.208	184	252	-68	-2.276	54.985
32	Junik	6.383	6	59	-53	29	21	8	-45	6.338
33	Mamushë	5.874	7	147	-140	4	3	1	-139	5.735
34	Hani i Elezit	10.090	7	62	-55	37	42	-5	-60	10.030
35	Graçanicë	12.230	13	64	-51	167	107	60	9	12.239
36	Ranillug	3.737	2	12	-10	8	6	2	-8	3.729
37	Partesh	1.699	1	10	-9	5	4	1	-8	1.691
38	Klllokot	2.719	3	21	-18	16	11	5	-13	2.706
	Total	1.798.186	4.122	42.728	-38.606	7.353	7.353	0	-38.606	1.759.580

Tab. 3: Total population of Kosovo estimated for the year of 2021 at municipal level

No.	Municipality	Total estimated population (31 December, 2020)	Natural increase (2021)	Balance of migrations (2021)	Total increase (natural increase and migration) for 2021)	Total estimated population of Kosovo for 2021 (31 December, 2021)
1	Deçan	42.480	275	-265	10	42.490
2	Gjakovë	94.334	590	-2.097	-1.507	92.827
3	Glllogoc	61.145	794	-1.218	-424	60.721
4	Gjilan	77.145	485	-4.112	-3.627	73.518
5	Dragash	33.947	87	-552	-465	33.482
6	Istog	41.181	216	-278	-62	41.119
7	Kaçanik	34.672	316	-321	-5	34.667
8	Klinë	40.490	423	-738	-315	40.175
9	Fushë Kosovë	39.948	484	-1.175	-691	39.257
10	Kamenicë	27.948	69	-1.851	-1.782	26.166
11	Mitrovicë	69.331	535	-1.628	-1.093	68.238
12	Mitr. e Veriut	11.994	-7	-105	-112	11.882
13	Leposaviq	13.202	-28	-293	-321	12.881
14	Lipjan	57.928	673	-1.144	-471	57.457
15	Novobërdë	7.158	-1	-87	-88	7.070
16	Obiliq	18.218	201	-1.155	-954	17.264
17	Rahovec	57.047	528	-2.184	-1.656	55.391
18	Pejë	98.601	472	-1.802	-1.330	97.271
19	Podujevë	82.022	996	-2.496	-1.500	80.522
20	Prishtinë	218.781	1.542	-1.306	236	219.017
21	Prizren	194.581	1.300	-2.075	-775	193.806
22	Skenderaj	52.714	563	-691	-128	52.586
23	Shtime	27.449	330	-825	-495	26.954
24	Shtërpçë	6.621	-41	-77	-118	6.503
25	Suharekë	58.195	683	-2.512	-1.829	56.366
26	Ferizaj	106.286	1.092	-1.715	-623	105.663
27	Viti	47.896	394	-817	-423	47.473
28	Vushtrri	62.925	548	-2.459	-1.911	61.014
29	Zubin Potok	6.664	-14	-45	-59	6.605
30	Zveçan	7.290	-55	-43	-98	7.192
31	Malishevë	57.261	893	-2.276	-1.383	55.878
32	Junik	6.383	21	-45	-24	6.359
33	Mamushë	5.874	75	-139	-64	5.810
34	Hani i Elezit	10.090	81	-60	21	10.111
35	Graçanicë	12.230	-81	9	-72	12.158
36	Ranillug	3.737	-31	-8	-39	3.698
37	Partesh	1.699	-16	-8	-24	1.675
38	Klllokot	2.719	-1	-13	-14	2.705
Total		1.798.186	14.391	-38.606	-24.215	1.773.971

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Short description

Kosovo Agency of Statistics is a professional institution which deals with collection, processing and publication of official statistical data. As such acts since 1948 and has passed through several historical stages, structured according to state regulation of those times.

On 2 August 1999, the Agency has resumed his professional work (after nine years of interruption of all statistical series detrimental to the interest of Kosovo), as an independent institution under the Ministry of Public Administration. Now the Agency operates in the frames of the Office of the Prime Minister's. Office is funded by the Kosovo Consolidated Budget, but also by donors for specific projects and for technical professional support.

Kosovo Agency of Statistics acts according to the Law No. 04/L-036 which entered into force on 12.12.2011 and Amendment of Law No. 06/L-058 which entered into force on 17.01.2019 . Programme of Official Statistics 2018/2022 is in implementation for the development of statistical system in correlation with the European Union statistics (EUROSTAT).

Kosovo Agency of Statistics has this organizational structure: production departments; Department of Economic statistics, Department of National Accounts, Department of Agriculture and Environment statistics and Department of Social statistics. **Support Departments**; Department of Methodology and Information Technology, Department of Policy Planning, Coordination and Communication, Department of Census and survey and Department of Administration. **Within the Agency are also established Regional Offices**; Gjakove, Gjilan, Mitrovica, Peja, Prizren, Pristina and Ferizaj

In KAS are employed in total 156 workers, of whom 115 at the headquarters of the Agency, while in the Regional Offices, 41. Agency's educational qualifying structure is as follows: 123 with university education, 15 with with non-tertiary education, and 18 with secondary education.

We have professional and technical cooperation with all Ministries of the Government of Kosovo, especially with the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Central Bank of Kosovo, with international institutions, EUROSTAT, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Sweden's SIDA, DFID, UNFPA, UNDP, UNICEF, and with the statistical institutions of the countries in the region.

Kosovo Agency of Statistics almost completely covers the territory of Kosovo, based on the statistical structure of the enumeration areas as the basic unit and sole in the country from which it gets first hand information. All surveys conducted in the field use the extension of the samples in these enumeration areas but also a statistical methodology according to international recommendations. During the collection of statistical data and reports from reporting entities are involved professionals, technicians, administrators, servants of the country offices, field enumerators from regional offices, etc.

In 2011, the project of Population Census , Households and Dwellings was successfully implemented, and in 2014 was successfully carried out the Agriculture Census. The result obtained from these censuses will have an important role in the development policies.

The mission of the Agency; to meet the needs of users with qualitative statistical data, objective, in time and space so that users have reliable base to conduct regular analysis in the interest of planning and project development at the municipal and country level. To support government institutions, scientific institutes, research academies, businesses in order to provide proper information for decision-makers and other users in Kosovo.

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