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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 2022 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 2022 is the estimated number of resident population in Kosovo at the end of 2021.

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 (2021)

N - Number of live births (Natality), 01 January – 31 December, 2022

M - Number of deaths (Mortality), 01 January – 31 December, 2022

I - Immigration, 01 January – 31 December, 2022

E - Emigration, 01 January – 31 December, 2022

Data sources

Various statistical sources have been used in the compilation of this report as: Population Estimates of 2021, 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, 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 2022", the number of resident population in Kosovo at the end of 2021 is estimated to be a total of 1,773.971 resident inhabitants, a number that has been taken as a basic measure to estimate the population number in 2022.

Births- based on preliminary data, the number of live births in 2022 that had declared Kosovo as a resident residence was a total of 30,477 births.

Deaths- the number of deaths in 2022 who had declared a residence in Kosovo was a total of 11,339 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 2022 has increased by 19,138 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 2022 is estimated to be 41,553 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 balance of international migration- in Kosovo for the year of 2022 it was -30,889 inhabitants.

National migration- in 2022, 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 9,678 inhabitants.

Total increase

The natural increase in Kosovo in 2022 was 19,138 inhabitants, while the net migration -30,889 inhabitants. The population of Kosovo during 2022 decreased by 11,751 inhabitants.

Tab. 1: Population of Kosovo and natural increase in 2022 at municipal level

Nr.	Komuna	Gjithsej popullsia e vlerësuar (31 dhjetor 2021)	Sipas vendbanimit të përhershëm në komunë			Gjithsej popullsia dhe shtimi natyror (31 dhjetor 2022)
			Lindjet / Nataliteti (2022)	Vdekjet / Mortaliteti (2022)	Shtimi natyror (2022)	
1	Deçan	42,490	535	224	311	42,801
2	Gjakovë	92,827	1,562	624	938	93,451
3	Glllogoc	60,721	1,127	243	884	61,605
4	Gjilan	73,518	1,512	671	841	74,359
5	Dragash	33,482	537	341	196	33,678
6	Istog	41,119	630	281	349	42,802
7	Kaçanik	34,667	527	174	353	93,452
8	Klinë	40,175	817	236	581	40,756
9	Fushë Kosovë	39,257	793	236	557	39,814
10	Kamenicë	26,166	429	278	151	26,317
11	Mitrovicë	68,238	1,168	498	670	42,803
12	Mitr. e Veriut	11,882	184	154	30	93,453
13	Leposaviq	12,881	73	71	2	12,883
14	Lipjan	57,457	1,106	282	824	58,281
15	Novobërdë	7,070	131	87	44	7,114
16	Obiliq	17,264	462	143	319	42,804
17	Rahovec	55,391	1,127	286	841	93,454
18	Pejë	97,271	1,365	675	690	97,961
19	Podujevë	80,522	1,406	446	960	81,482
20	Prishtinë	219,017	3,277	1,207	2,070	221,087
21	Prizren	193,806	2,827	1,072	1,755	42,805
22	Skenderaj	52,586	924	295	629	93,455
23	Shtime	26,954	587	156	431	27,385
24	Shtërpçë	6,503	145	163	-18	6,485
25	Suharekë	56,366	1,221	352	869	57,235
26	Ferizaj	105,663	1,937	645	1,292	42,806
27	Viti	47,473	829	282	547	93,456
28	Vushtrri	61,014	1,252	412	840	61,854
29	Zubin Potok	6,605	64	41	23	6,628
30	Zveçan	7,192	53	80	-27	7,165
31	Malishevë	55,878	1,253	241	1,012	42,807
32	Junik	6,359	61	33	28	93,457
33	Mamushë	5,810	99	24	75	5,885
34	Hani i Elezit	10,111	144	48	96	10,207
35	Graçanicë	12,158	176	185	-9	12,149
36	Ranillug	3,698	53	64	-11	42,808
37	Partesh	1,675	38	50	-12	93,458
38	Klllokot	2,705	46	39	7	2,712
Gjithsej		1773 971	30,477	11,339	19,138	1793 109

Tab. 2: Total population of Kosovo and migration in 2022 at municipal level

No.	Municipality	Estimated population (31 December, 2021)	International migration (2022)			National migration (2022)			Total balance of migration at the level of municipality 2022	Total population and migration (31 December, 2022)
			Immigration	Emigration	Balance of international migration	Immigration	Emigration	Balance of national migration		
1	Deçan	42 490	51	164	-113	142	188	-46	-159	42 331
2	Gjakovë	92 827	689	2 328	-1 640	287	391	-104	-1 744	91 083
3	Glllogoc	60 721	234	1 146	-911	260	436	-176	-1 087	59 634
4	Gjilan	73 518	399	4 081	-3 683	340	429	-89	-3 772	69 746
5	Dragash	33 482	203	573	-371	69	158	-89	-460	33 022
6	Istog	41 119	171	323	-152	213	180	33	-120	40 999
7	Kaçanik	34 667	81	230	-149	123	241	-118	-267	34 400
8	Klinë	40 175	265	822	-557	244	279	-36	-592	39 583
9	Fushë Kosovë	39 257	593	2 082	-1 489	995	208	787	-702	38 555
10	Kamenicë	26 166	325	1 801	-1 476	152	319	-167	-1 642	24 524
11	Mitrovicë	68 238	350	1 518	-1 168	279	367	-88	-1 256	66 982
12	Mitr. e Veriut	12 881	46	127	-81	8	10	-2	-83	12 798
13	Leposaviq	57 457	132	352	-220	14	12	2	-217	57 240
14	Lipjan	7 070	276	1 065	-788	291	403	-112	-901	6 169
15	Novobërdë	17 264	47	141	-94	82	46	36	-57	17 207
16	Obiliq	55 391	231	1 166	-935	176	202	-25	-960	54 431
17	Rahovec	97 271	467	2 333	-1 866	174	284	-110	-1 976	95 295
18	Pejë	80 522	503	2 050	-1 547	308	342	-34	-1 581	78 941
19	Podujevë	219 017	644	2 106	-1 462	173	872	-700	-2 161	216 856
20	Prishtinë	193 806	883	2 550	-1 667	2 416	1 299	1 118	-550	193 256
21	Prizren	52 586	835	2 599	-1 764	728	425	303	-1 460	51 126
22	Skenderaj	26 954	137	460	-323	237	562	-326	-648	26 306
23	Shtime	6 503	316	935	-619	164	168	-4	-624	5 879
24	Shtërpçë	56 366	23	60	-37	42	59	-17	-55	56 311
25	Suharekë	105 663	509	2 629	-2 121	206	279	-73	-2 194	103 469
26	Ferizaj	47 473	706	1 642	-936	503	318	185	-752	46 721
27	Viti	61 014	254	851	-597	174	250	-76	-673	60 341
28	Vushtrri	6 605	551	2 461	-1 910	270	341	-71	-1 981	4 624
29	Zubin Potok	7 192	14	46	-32	8	9	-1	-33	7 159
30	Zveçan	55 878	18	47	-29	9	12	-3	-32	55 846
31	Malishevë	6 359	593	2 462	-1 868	243	332	-89	-1 957	4 402
32	Junik	5 810	21	65	-44	38	28	10	-34	5 776
33	Mamushë	10 111	33	166	-132	5	4	0	-132	9 979
34	Hani i Elezit	12 158	18	64	-47	49	55	-6	-53	12 105
35	Graçanicë	3 698	28	63	-36	220	141	79	43	3 741
36	Ranillug	1 675	5	12	-7	11	8	3	-4	1 671
37	Partesh	2 705	3	10	-7	6	5	1	-6	2 699
38	Kllokot	11 882	10	23	-13	21	15	6	-7	11 875
Total		1 773 971	10 665	41 553	-30 889	9 678	9 678	0	-30 889	1 743 082

Table 3. Total population of Kosovo estimated for the year of 2022 at municipal level

No.	Municipality	Total estimated population (31 December, 2021)	Natural increase (2022)	Balance of migrations (2022)	Total increase (natural increase and migration) for 2022	Total estimated population of Kosovo for 2022 (31 December, 2022)
1	Deçan	42 490	311	-159	152	42 642
2	Gjakovë	92 827	938	-1 744	-806	92 021
3	Glllogoc	60 721	884	-1 087	-203	60 518
4	Gjilan	73 518	841	-3 772	-2 931	70 587
5	Dragash	33 482	196	-460	-264	33 218
6	Istog	41 119	349	-120	229	41 348
7	Kaçanik	34 667	353	-267	86	34 753
8	Klinë	40 175	581	-592	-11	40 164
9	Fushë Kosovë	39 257	557	-702	-145	39 112
10	Kamenicë	26 166	151	-1 642	-1 491	24 675
11	Mitrovicë	68 238	670	-1 256	-586	67 652
12	Mitr. e Veriut	12 881	30	-83	-53	12 828
13	Leposaviq	57 457	2	-217	-215	57 242
14	Lipjan	7 070	824	-901	-77	6 993
15	Novobërdë	17 264	44	-57	-13	17 251
16	Obiliq	55 391	319	-960	-641	54 750
17	Rahovec	97 271	841	-1 976	-1 135	96 136
18	Pejë	80 522	690	-1 581	-891	79 631
19	Podujevë	219 017	960	-2 161	-1 201	217 816
20	Prishtinë	193 806	2 070	-550	1 520	195 326
21	Prizren	52 586	1 755	-1 460	295	52 881
22	Skenderaj	26 954	629	-648	-19	26 935
23	Shtime	6 503	431	-624	-193	6 310
24	Shtërpçë	56 366	-18	-55	-73	56 293
25	Suharekë	105 663	869	-2 194	-1 325	104 338
26	Ferizaj	47 473	1 292	-752	540	48 013
27	Viti	61 014	547	-673	-126	60 888
28	Vushtrri	6 605	840	-1 981	-1 141	5 464
29	Zubin Potok	7 192	23	-33	-10	7 182
30	Zveçan	55 878	-27	-32	-59	55 819
31	Malishevë	6 359	1 012	-1 957	-945	5 414
32	Junik	5 810	28	-34	-6	5 804
33	Mamushë	10 111	75	-132	-57	10 054
34	Hani i Elezit	12 158	96	-53	43	12 201
35	Graçanicë	3 698	-9	43	34	3 732
36	Ranillug	1 675	-11	-4	-15	1 660
37	Partesh	2 705	-12	-6	-18	2 687
38	Klllokot	11 882	7	-7	0	11 882
Total		1 773 971	19 138	-30 889	-11 751	1 762 220

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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 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, UNVEF, 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.

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