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F o r e w o r d

Statistical Office of Kosovo (SOK), respectfully the Department of the Population Statistics (DPS) has prepared the publication of "Demographic Changes of the Population of Kosovo for the period 1948 – 2006."

Data published in this publication are final.

This publication includes data for births, deaths and natural growth given in absolute and relative numbers while the estimation of the demographic parameters, their interpretations and graphs, were compiled from the respective experts.

Data from the population censuses were obtained from the special publications on population censuses while the demographic data were collected from the data on vital statistics including, in some cases, assessment of the SOK.

Users of this publication are able to have an access, fast and easily, in all population censuses since after the Second World War starting from 1948, '53, '61, '71, '81 '91* including the SOK assessment for 2006, as well as demographic movements of the population of Kosovo for each year.

This special publication is of special importance because data are presented by Kosovo's ethnic groups that are large by numbers.

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Definitions

Growth

Represent the rapport between the number of live births and the number of population of the same year, given in pro mil.

Mortality

Represents the relation between the number of deaths and the number of population of the same year, given in pro mil.

Natural Growth

Represents the change between the number of live births and number of deaths in relation with the number of population of the same year, given in pro mil.

Methodology of data collection

Data for births and deaths were collected from the office clerks. According to the law on the registry books, every vital event, birth or death, is registered in the clerk office (working under the municipal authority) where the event occurred, or even if the event occurred some place else.

Live births

Live birth is considered to be the infant that after the birth, even for short period of time, shows that it is alive (breathing or hart beat) despite the duration of the mother's pregnancy.

Dead births

If the infant has been born or removed from the mother's body dead as such (without any signs of life) as is breathing, heart beat or movements of the muscles, that mother carried it longer than 28 weeks, is considered to be a dead birth.

Ethnicity

The response on the question on the ethnic background is the result of the free declaration as a citizen, respectfully, of parents (custodians) if the child is under 10 yrs old.

Kosovo population and its ethnic structure by population censuses

The population census (hereinafter, census), as a statistical operation in a certain moment or time, provides the reflection of real situation on the population, and is used as a base to later assess the population demography by using the information on natural growth and migration.

Censuses in Kosovo date since 1921. The population censuses of 1921 and 1931 did not collect information's on ethnicity and its structure but they provided information on the total number of population including the religious background.

The ethnic structure of population for the first time was carried out in the census of 1948. The response on the question on the ethnic background was the result of the free declaration as a citizen, respectfully, of parents (custodians) if the child was under 10 yrs old, and in the census of 1971, 1981 and 1991, younger than 15.

Here, the SOK has presented data on four (4) largest ethnic populations in Kosovo: Albanians, Serbs, Turks, and Roma. In the columns-group called *others* are included other ethnicities living in Kosovo.

Based on the results of the censuses in Kosovo, from 1948 until 1991, it was noted that there has been an *inconsistency* in the aspect of demography comparing it with the natural growth and population censuses.

So, if you look at census 1948 - 1952, and when you add to this number the natural growth of the population between two censuses (94,633), you have the number of 827,667 inhabitants. When this number is compared with the number of population census of 1953, you can note the change from 11,759 inhabitants. By the ethnic structure, you can note that this census misses 38,032 Albanians, 2,492 Serbs, 745 Roma, and 3,571 others, whilst the number of Turk ethnicity grown for 33,081 inhabitants.

Table 1

Years of population census	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turk	Romas	Others
Census- 1948	733.034	498.244	176.718	1.320	11.230	45.522
Natural growth 1948-52	94.633	64.350	22.807	189	1.419	5.868
It should have been	827.667	562.594	199.525	1.509	12.649	51.390
Census - 1953	815.908	524.562	197.033	34.590	11.904	47.819
Missing in the census	-11.759	-38.032	-2.492	33.081	-745	-3.571

Number of population and the ethnic structure during the population census differs between the censuses based on the natural growth and the mechanical movements of the population.

In 1921, Kosovo had 439,010 inhabitants. As was mentioned before, this population census does not include ethnic background.

Ten years later, in 1931, Kosovo had 552,064 inhabitants. This indicates that Kosovo faced a population growth of 113,054 inhabitants, or 25,8% more than in 1921.

There was no population census in 1941 due to the Second World War (1941-1945). The next census was held 17 years later, in 1948.

In 1948, Kosovo had 733,034 inhabitants. It had a population growth of 180,970 inhabitants or 32,8% more than in 1931.

1953 was the year when the next population was carried out and Kosovo had 815,908 inhabitants. This indicates a population growth of 82,874 inhabitants or 11,3% more than in 1948.

In 1961, Kosovo had 963,988 inhabitants. It had a population growth of 148,080 inhabitants or 18.1% more than in 1953.

In 1971, Kosovo had 1.243,693 inhabitants. It had a population growth of 279,705 inhabitants or 29% more than in 1961.

In 1981, Kosovo had 1.584.440 inhabitants. It had a population growth of 340,747 inhabitants, or 27.4% more than in 1971.

In 1991, the population has been assessed and Kosovo had 1.956,196 inhabitants¹. It had a population growth of 371.756 inhabitants or 23.5% more than in 1981.

In 2006, Kosovo should have had around 2.100.000 inhabitants², which would indicate a population growth of 143.804 inhabitants, or 7.4% more than in 1991.

Table 2

Kosovo population by ethnic composition - 1921-2006						
Years of census	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turks	Romas	Others
1921	439.010	—	—	—	—	—
1931	552.064	—	—	—	—	—
1948	733.034	498.244	176.718	1.320	11.230	45.522
%	100	68,0	24,1	0,2	1,5	6,2
1953	815.908	524.562	189.869	34.590	11.904	54.983
%	100	64,3	23,3	4,2	1,5	6,7
1961	963.988	646.605	227.016	25.764	3.202	61.401
%	100	67,1	23,5	2,7	0,3	6,4
1971	1.243.693	916.168	228.264	12.244	14.593	72.424
%	100	73,7	18,4	1,0	1,2	5,8
1981	1.584.440	1.226.736	209.798	12.513	34.126	101.267
%	100	77,4	13,2	0,8	2,2	6,4
1991	1.956.196	1.596.072	194.190	10.445	45.745	109.744
%	100	81,6	9,9	0,5	2,3	5,6
2006	2.100.000	1.932.000	111.300	8.400	23.512	24.788
%	100.0%	92	5,3	0,4	1,1	1,2

For the years of 1948, 1953, 1961, 1971, and 1981, data were obtained from the publication of the population censuses
 For 1991, data were assessments of I EFS
 For 2006, data is assessment of SOK

¹ Assessment of the ex-Yugoslav Federation Office of Statistics (YFOS).

² In 2006, the SOK assessed the number of population in Kosovo based on the new methodology: resident and nonresident population.

Graph 1

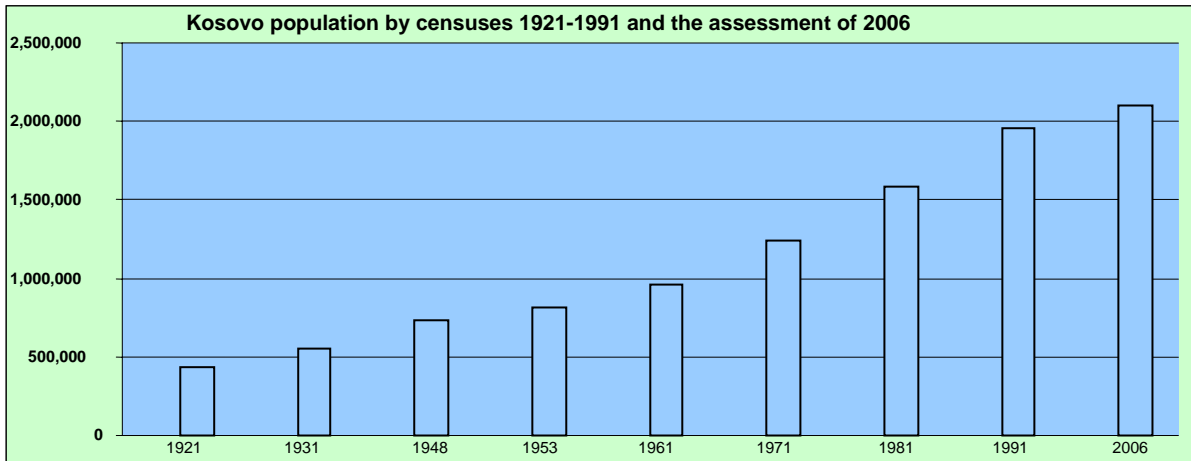


Table 2 and graph 1 indicate that Kosovo had a continuous trend/tendency of the population growth in absolute numbers. The largest growth occurred during the period of 1981-1991, with 371,756 inhabitants.

The lowest growth of the number of inhabitants in Kosovo, after the period of the Second World War, was indicated between the periods of 1991-2006 with only 143,804 inhabitants (due to the change of the definition of the resident population).

Data from the table 1 indicate that Albanian ethnicity had a larger or the highest number of the population in 2006, with approx. 1.932.000 inhabitants, or 92.0%.

Serb ethnicity had the largest/highest number population in 1971 with 228.264 inhabitants or 18.4%.

Turk ethnicity had the largest/highest number of population in 1953 with around 34.590 inhabitants or 4.2%.

Roma ethnicity³ had the largest/highest number of population in 1991 with around 45.745 inhabitants or 2.3%.

The ethnic structure changed from the census to the next census.

The Albanian ethnicity, in 1948, constituted of 68% of the total number of population in Kosovo, in 1991 (the assessment of the Ex-Yugoslav Federation Statistics Office) 81,6%, and in 2006 has been 92% (the assessment of SOK).

Serb ethnicity in 1948 constituted of 24.1% of the total number of population in Kosovo, in 1991 constituted of 9.9%, and in 2006 has been 5.3% (the assessment of SOK).

Turk ethnicity in 1948 constituted of 0.2% of the total number of the population in Kosovo, in 1991 (assessment of the Ex-Yugoslav Federation Statistics Office) 0.5%, and in 2006 has been 0.4% (assessment of SOK).

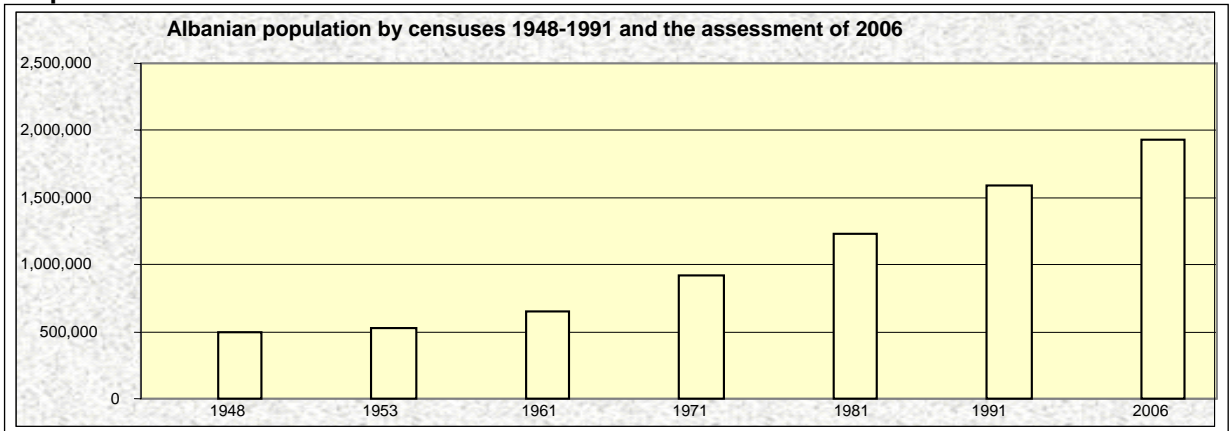
Roma ethnicity in 1948 constituted of 1.5% of the total number of population in Kosovo, in 1991 constituted of 2.3%, and in 2006 has been 1.1% (assessment of SOK).

In the population censuses until 1981, the participation of the Albanian ethnicity in the registration (census) committees has been very low.

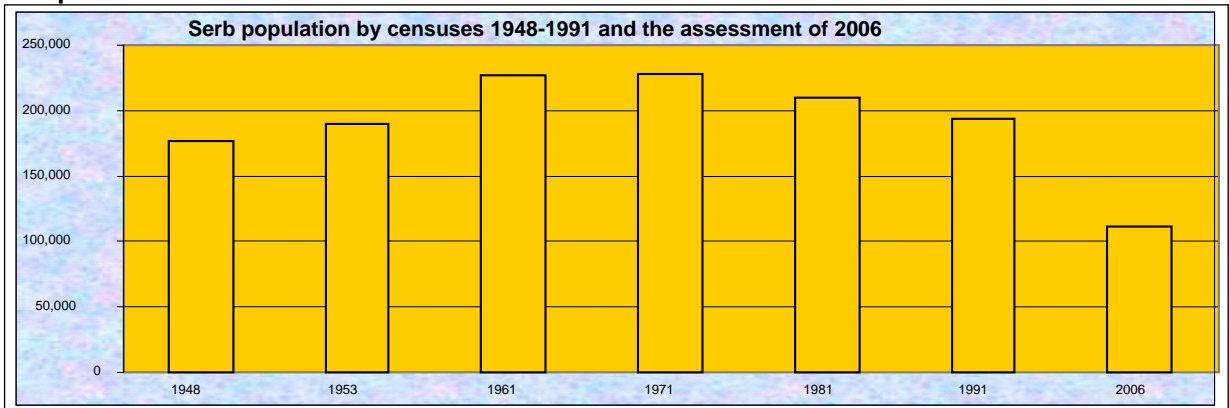
³ Assessment of YFOS.

If you review the ethnic structure since 1948 – 2006, there are movements regarding the number of population of the ethnicities in the population censuses, especially of Albanians that tend to gradually grow.

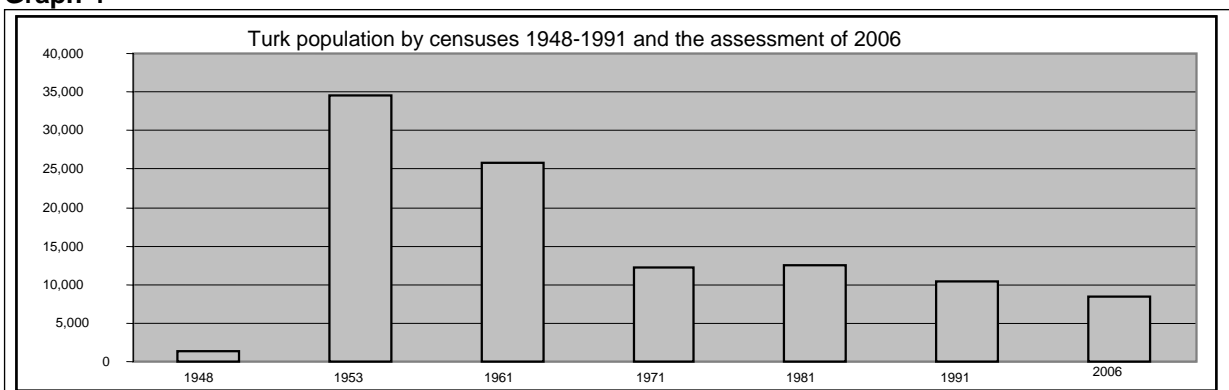
Graph 2



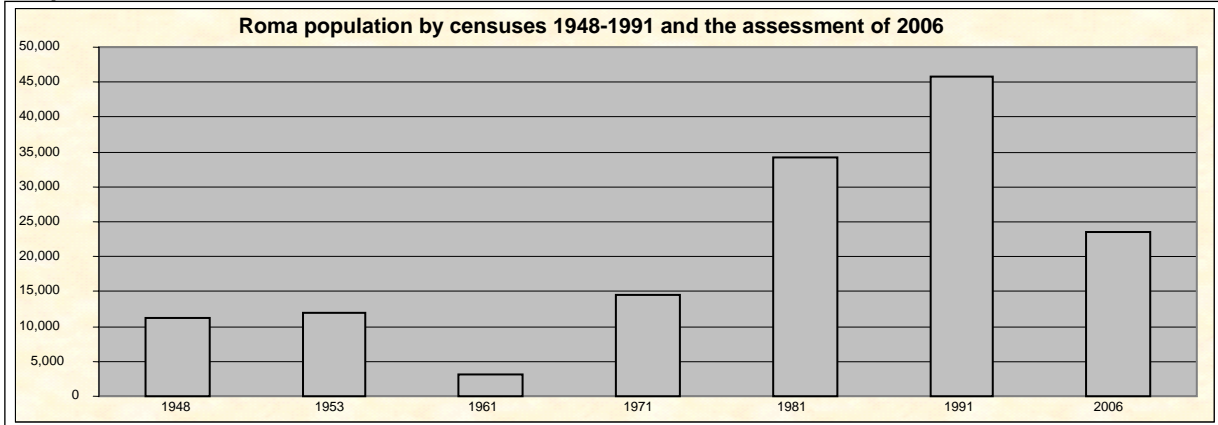
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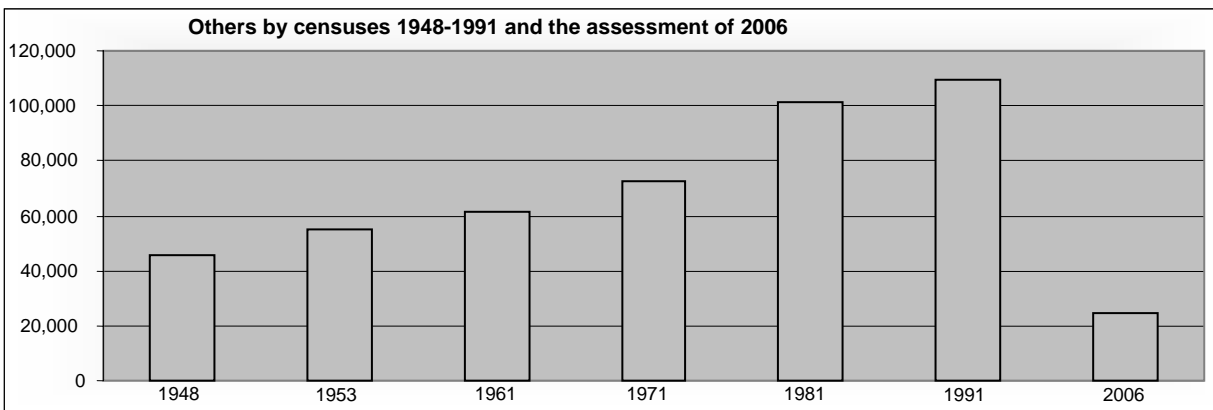
Graph 4



Graph 5



Graph 6



Here you can note that the Turk ethnicity faced an enormous growth in 1953, with the total of 34.590 inhabitants, comparing it with the census data of 1948 where it had only 1,320 inhabitants. Also, Roma population faced movements between 1953, 1961 and 1971

Average scale of the annual growth of population

While the population census represents real reflection of the number of population in the certain moment (critical moment), the natural growth represents changes between live births and deaths in each year.

Annual scale of the population represents the growth or the reduction (decrease) of the population, year by year.

Table 3

Census period	Scale of growth
1921-1931	2.3
1931-1948	1.7
1948-1953	2.2
1953-1961	2.1
1961-1971	2.6
1971-1981	2.5
1981-1991	2.1

The highest average scale of the annual growth of population has been in 1961-1971, with 2.6%.

The lowest average scale of the annual growth of population has been in 1931-1948, with 1.7%.

Graph 7

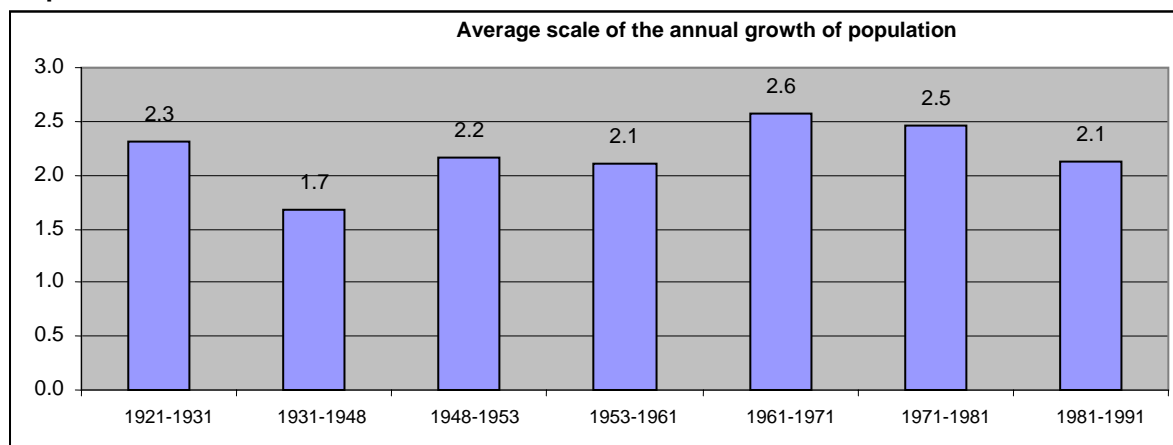


Table 4

Ranking index⁴ by censuses and ethnic structure

Year of census	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turks	Romas	Others
1921	—					
1931	125.8					
1948	132.8	—	—	—	—	—
1953	111.3	105.3	107.4	2620.5	106.0	120.8
1961	118.1	123.3	119.6	74.5	26.9	111.7
1971	129.0	141.7	100.5	47.5	455.7	118.0
1981	127.4	133.9	91.9	102.2	233.9	139.8
1991	123.5	130.1	92.6	83.5	134.0	108.4
2006	107.4	121.0	57.3	80.4	51.4	22.6

According to the ethnic structure, the highest growth of the Albanian population in absolute numbers is seen between the two censuses in 1991. The growth in absolute numbers has been 369,336 inhabitants.

The highest growth of the population of the Serb ethnicity in absolute numbers is seen between the two censuses, in 1961 with 37,147 inhabitants.

The highest growth of the population of the Turk ethnicity in absolute numbers is seen between the two censuses in 1981 with 19,533 inhabitants.

The highest growth of the population of the Roma ethnicity in absolute numbers is seen between the two censuses in 1981 with 19,533 inhabitants.

⁴ The ranking index represents the rapport of each reporting size of the rank against the previous size, as a base.

Births, deaths and natural growth in Kosovo 1948 – 2006

The Statistical Office of Kosovo (SOK), respectfully, the Department of Population Statistics (DPS), has made the *summary* of the demographic data on Births, Deaths, and Natural Growth in Kosovo by ethnic structure for the period of 1948 – 2006.

The ethnicities are Albanians, Serbs, Turks and Roma.

In this course, the sources of these data were the SOK publications and books, respectfully, publications of the Demographic Statistics Office of the Ex-Yugoslav Federation Statistical Office (FSO), for the years as mentioned above.

Natural growth of population in Kosovo

This publication represents births (live births), deaths and natural growth for the period of time starting from 1948 until 2006.

Data given in **total** are official statistical data published in these years.

Data processing for births and deaths by ethnic structure started in 1956⁵.

Data for 1998-2001 were assessed by SOK⁶ because there were no official data collected in this period of time. Data started to be collected in 2002.

⁵ In the absence of these official statistical data, the SOK has made an assessment by ethnic structure for the period of 1948 -1955 ;1965-1969; 1990-2001

⁶ Data for 1998-2001 were not collected due to the war and SOK reorganization.

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Table 5

Year	Births, deaths and natural growth in Kosovo by years and ethnicity																	
	Births						Deaths						Natural growth					
	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turk	Roma	Others	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turk	Roma	Others	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turk	Roma	Others
1948	27792	18899	6698	56	417	1723	10324	7020	2488	21	155	640	17468	11878	4210	35	262	1083
1949	31643	21517	7626	63	475	1962	12927	8790	3115	26	194	801	18716	12727	4511	37	281	1160
1950	35222	23951	8489	70	528	2184	12991	8834	3131	26	195	805	22231	15117	5358	44	333	1378
1951	29299	19923	7061	59	439	1817	14833	10086	3575	30	222	920	14466	9837	3486	29	217	897
1952	35619	24221	8584	71	534	2208	13867	9430	3342	28	208	860	21752	14791	5242	44	326	1349
1953	34595	23525	8337	69	519	2145	16726	11374	4031	33	251	1037	17869	12151	4306	36	268	1108
1954	38595	26245	9301	77	579	2393	13201	8977	3181	26	198	818	25394	17268	6120	51	381	1574
1955	36736	24980	8853	73	551	2278	15292	10399	3685	31	229	948	21444	14582	5168	43	322	1330
1956	37819	27950	5230	420	0	4219	13692	10349	2399	249	0	695	24127	17601	2831	171	0	3524
1957	34159	23997	7114	697	0	2351	15300	11996	2365	252	0	687	18859	12001	4749	445	0	1664
1958	39285	28452	7513	641	0	2679	11598	8885	1901	212	0	600	27687	19567	5612	429	0	2079
1959	37364	26707	7339	409	0	2909	12878	9860	2188	141	0	689	24486	16847	5151	268	0	2220
1960	41631	30545	7509	387	0	3190	13365	10426	2114	135	0	690	28266	20119	5395	252	0	2500
1961	40561	29931	7115	316	0	3199	11759	9139	1931	102	0	587	28802	20792	5184	214	0	2612
1962	41366	26710	6156	275	0	8225	15024	11776	2368	137	0	743	26342	14934	3788	138	0	7482
1963	41525	31706	6463	321	0	3035	12423	9803	1845	107	0	668	29102	21903	4618	214	0	2367
1964	42557	32748	6473	323	0	3013	12731	10219	1774	98	0	640	29826	22529	4699	225	0	2373
1965	43569	34594	5795	305	131	2745	11767	9308	1752	77	0	630	31802	25286	4043	228	131	2115
1966	42429	33689	5770	297	127	2546	10266	8241	1440	75	61	449	32163	25448	4330	222	66	2097
1967	44001	34937	5984	308	132	2640	11308	9070	1636	81	57	464	32693	25867	4348	227	75	2176
1968	44627	35434	6069	312	134	2678	10781	8557	1709	86	49	380	33846	26877	4360	226	85	2298
1969	46480	36905	6321	325	139	2789	10892	8539	1714	89	64	486	35588	28366	4607	236	75	2303
1970	44496	36409	5030	296	260	2501	10829	8246	1792	95	59	637	33667	28163	3238	201	201	1864
1971	47060	38923	5111	213	352	2461	10312	7979	1558	87	60	628	36748	30944	3553	126	292	1833
1972	47943	39936	4990	222	363	2432	10270	7845	1702	48	60	615	37673	32091	3288	174	303	1817
1973	47714	39647	4984	243	419	2421	10358	7963	1527	62	57	749	37356	31684	3457	181	362	1672
1974	49847	41733	4944	245	509	2416	10075	7906	1473	63	69	564	39772	33827	3471	182	440	1852
1975	49310	41334	4870	298	479	2329	10018	7792	1528	50	64	584	39292	33542	3342	248	415	1745
1976	51355	43379	4819	278	506	2373	10149	7945	1530	64	67	543	41206	35434	3289	214	439	1830
1977	49849	42244	4549	263	545	2248	9811	7646	1460	56	76	573	40038	34598	3089	207	469	1675
1978	49027	41663	4368	242	567	2187	9776	7642	1459	64	92	519	39251	34021	2909	178	475	1668
1979	48125	41255	4012	235	434	2189	9575	7368	1507	40	94	566	38550	33887	2505	195	340	1623
1980	53147	45584	4256	254	709	2344	8909	6846	1368	67	93	535	44238	38738	2888	187	616	1809
1981	48111	41263	3675	228	714	2231	9677	7457	1445	60	119	596	38434	33806	2230	168	595	1635
1982	52865	45288	4140	229	821	2387	10479	7925	1687	66	153	648	42386	37363	2453	163	668	1739
1983	49645	42400	3778	175	674	2618	11040	8501	1583	48	115	793	38605	33899	2195	127	559	1825
1984	55243	47172	4065	264	1083	2659	10573	8017	1551	75	155	775	44670	39155	2514	189	928	1884
1985	53925	46309	3714	311	916	2675	11826	8905	1801	69	165	886	42099	37404	1913	242	751	1789
1986	54519	47087	3636	315	1024	2457	10446	7819	1585	81	199	762	44073	39268	2051	234	825	1695
1987	56221	48830	3645	290	1135	2321	10307	7864	1576	60	201	606	45914	40966	2069	230	934	1715
1988	56283	49063	3454	245	1131	2390	10257	7770	1608	57	167	655	46026	41293	1846	188	964	1735
1989	53656	46809	3242	236	1106	2263	10181	7637	1654	66	205	619	43475	39172	1588	170	901	1644
1990	55175	47865	3458	270	1111	2471	8214	5840	1437	45	175	717	46961	42025	2021	225	936	1754
1991	52263	45313	3368	266	1010	2306	8526	6432	1324	54	152	565	43737	38881	2044	212	859	1741
1992	44418	38511	2862	226	859	1960	8004	6038	1242	50	142	530	36414	32473	1620	176	716	1429
1993	44132	38263	2844	225	853	1947	7804	5888	1211	49	139	517	36328	32376	1632	176	714	1430
1994	43450	37672	2800	221	840	1917	7667	5784	1190	48	136	508	35783	31888	1610	173	704	1409
1995	44776	38822	2885	228	866	1975	8671	5749	2030	69	222	601	36105	33073	855	159	644	1374
1996	46041	39918	2967	234	890	2031	8392	5482	2008	55	166	681	37649	34436	959	179	724	1350
1997	42920	37212	2766	219	830	1894	8624	6506	1339	54	153	571	34296	30706	1427	164	676	1322
1998	41752	36324	2463	251	960	1754	8123	6450	1295	18	48	312	33629	29874	1168	233	912	1442
1999	40020	34817	2361	240	920	1682	7569	5870	1124	15	50	510	32451	28947	1237	225	870	1172
2000	38687	36658	6	232	290	1501	7115	6720	48	17	46	284	31572	29938	-42	215	244	1217
2001	37412	35548	4	224	320	1316	6672	6071	44	22	42	493	30740	29477	-40	202	278	823
2002	36136	35174	5	100	316	541	5654	5357	32	18	38	209	30482	29817	-27	82	278	332
2003	31994	30917	18	125	380	554	6417	5987	119	16	40	255	25577	24930	-101	109	340	299
2004	35063	33812	3	153	432	663	6399	6137	81	12	30	139	28664	27675	-78	141	402	524
2005	37218	35982	4	175	430	627	7207	6825	118	13	31	220	30011	29157	-114	162	399	407
2006	34187	32977	8	156	247	799	7479	7072	96	29	25	257	26708	25905	-88	127	222	542
	2570859	2119679	269905	14503	30007	136766	617350	472359	99817	3924	5789	35461	1953509	1647320	170088	10579	24218	101305
	100	82,5	10,5	0,6	1,2	5,3	100	76,5	16,2	0,6	0,9	5,7	100	84,3	8,7	0,5	1,2	5,2

For years 1948 - 1955 and 1965 - 1969, data on births were not processed by mother's ethnic background.

For years 1948 - 1955 and 1966 - 1969, data on deaths were not processed by the ethnic background of the dead person.

For years 1991-1997, the ethnic structure for births is the assessments of the SOK including deaths for the period 1991-1994

For 1998-2001, is assessment of SOK for births and deaths.

Source: 1990-1997 'Kosovo Vital Statistics 2004', page 7

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Table 6

Ethnic structure for births, deaths and natural growth by years																		
Year	Births						Deaths						Natural growth					
	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turks	Romas	Others	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turks	Romas	Others	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turks	Romas	Others
1948	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2
1949	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2
1950	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2
1951	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2
1952	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2
1953	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2
1954	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2
1955	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2	100	68.0	24.1	0.2	1.5	6.2
1956	100	73.9	13.8	1.1	0.0	11.2	100	75.6	17.5	1.8	0.0	5.1	100	73.0	11.7	0.7	0.0	14.6
1957	100	70.3	20.8	2.0	0.0	6.9	100	78.4	15.5	1.6	0.0	4.5	100	63.6	25.2	2.4	0.0	8.8
1958	100	72.4	19.1	1.6	0.0	6.8	100	76.6	16.4	1.8	0.0	5.2	100	70.7	20.3	1.5	0.0	7.5
1959	100	71.5	19.6	1.1	0.0	7.8	100	76.6	17.0	1.1	0.0	5.4	100	68.8	21.0	1.1	0.0	9.1
1960	100	73.4	18.0	0.9	0.0	7.7	100	78.0	15.8	1.0	0.0	5.2	100	71.2	19.1	0.9	0.0	8.8
1961	100	73.8	17.5	0.8	0.0	7.9	100	77.7	16.4	0.9	0.0	5.0	100	72.2	18.0	0.7	0.0	9.1
1962	100	64.6	14.9	0.7	0.0	19.9	100	78.4	15.8	0.9	0.0	4.9	100	56.7	14.4	0.5	0.0	28.4
1963	100	76.4	15.6	0.8	0.0	7.3	100	78.9	14.9	0.9	0.0	5.4	100	75.3	15.9	0.7	0.0	8.1
1964	100	77.0	15.2	0.8	0.0	7.1	100	80.3	13.9	0.8	0.0	5.0	100	75.5	15.8	0.8	0.0	8.0
1965	100	79.4	13.3	0.7	0.3	6.3	100	79.1	14.9	0.7	0.0	5.4	100	79.5	12.7	0.7	0.4	6.7
1966	100	79.4	13.6	0.7	0.3	6.0	100	80.3	14.0	0.7	0.6	4.4	100	79.1	13.5	0.7	0.2	6.5
1967	100	79.4	13.6	0.7	0.3	6.0	100	80.2	14.5	0.7	0.5	4.1	100	79.1	13.3	0.7	0.2	6.7
1968	100	79.4	13.6	0.7	0.3	6.0	100	79.4	15.9	0.8	0.5	3.5	100	79.4	12.9	0.7	0.3	6.8
1969	100	79.4	13.6	0.7	0.3	6.0	100	78.4	15.7	0.8	0.6	4.5	100	79.7	12.9	0.7	0.2	6.5
1970	100	81.8	11.3	0.7	0.6	5.6	100	76.1	16.5	0.9	0.5	5.9	100	83.7	9.6	0.6	0.6	5.5
1971	100	82.7	10.9	0.5	0.7	5.2	100	77.4	15.1	0.8	0.6	6.1	100	84.2	9.7	0.3	0.8	5.0
1972	100	83.3	10.4	0.5	0.8	5.1	100	76.4	16.6	0.5	0.6	6.0	100	85.2	8.7	0.5	0.8	4.8
1973	100	83.1	10.4	0.5	0.9	5.1	100	76.9	14.7	0.6	0.6	7.2	100	84.8	9.3	0.5	1.0	4.5
1974	100	83.7	9.9	0.5	1.0	4.8	100	78.5	14.6	0.6	0.7	5.6	100	85.1	8.7	0.5	1.1	4.7
1975	100	83.8	9.9	0.6	1.0	4.7	100	77.8	15.3	0.5	0.6	5.8	100	85.4	8.5	0.6	1.1	4.4
1976	100	84.5	9.4	0.5	1.0	4.6	100	78.3	15.1	0.6	0.7	5.4	100	86.0	8.0	0.5	1.1	4.4
1977	100	84.7	9.1	0.5	1.1	4.5	100	77.9	14.9	0.6	0.8	5.8	100	86.4	7.7	0.5	1.2	4.2
1978	100	85.0	8.9	0.5	1.2	4.5	100	78.2	14.9	0.7	0.9	5.3	100	86.7	7.4	0.5	1.2	4.2
1979	100	85.7	8.3	0.5	0.9	4.5	100	77.0	15.7	0.4	1.0	5.9	100	87.9	6.5	0.5	0.9	4.2
1980	100	85.8	8.0	0.5	1.3	4.4	100	76.8	15.4	0.8	1.0	6.0	100	87.6	6.5	0.4	1.4	4.1
1981	100	85.8	7.6	0.5	1.5	4.6	100	77.1	14.9	0.6	1.2	6.2	100	88.0	5.8	0.4	1.5	4.3
1982	100	85.7	7.8	0.4	1.6	4.5	100	75.6	16.1	0.6	1.5	6.2	100	88.1	5.8	0.4	1.6	4.1
1983	100	85.4	7.6	0.4	1.4	5.3	100	77.0	14.3	0.4	1.0	7.2	100	87.8	5.7	0.3	1.4	4.7
1984	100	85.4	7.4	0.5	2.0	4.8	100	75.8	14.7	0.7	1.5	7.3	100	87.7	5.6	0.4	2.1	4.2
1985	100	85.9	6.9	0.6	1.7	5.0	100	75.3	15.2	0.6	1.4	7.5	100	88.8	4.5	0.6	1.8	4.2
1986	100	86.4	6.7	0.6	1.9	4.5	100	74.9	15.2	0.8	1.9	7.3	100	89.1	4.7	0.5	1.9	3.8
1987	100	86.9	6.5	0.5	2.0	4.1	100	76.3	15.3	0.6	2.0	5.9	100	89.2	4.5	0.5	2.0	3.7
1988	100	87.2	6.1	0.4	2.0	4.2	100	75.8	15.7	0.6	1.6	6.4	100	89.7	4.0	0.4	2.1	3.8
1989	100	87.2	6.0	0.4	2.1	4.2	100	75.0	16.2	0.6	2.0	6.1	100	90.1	3.7	0.4	2.1	3.8
1990	100	86.8	6.3	0.5	2.0	4.5	100	71.1	17.5	0.5	2.1	8.7	100	89.5	4.3	0.5	2.0	3.7
1991	100	86.7	6.4	0.5	1.9	4.4	100	75.4	15.5	0.6	1.8	6.6	100	88.9	4.7	0.5	2.0	4.0
1992	100	86.7	6.4	0.5	1.9	4.4	100	75.4	15.5	0.6	1.8	6.6	100	89.2	4.4	0.5	2.0	3.9
1993	100	86.7	6.4	0.5	1.9	4.4	100	75.4	15.5	0.6	1.8	6.6	100	89.1	4.5	0.5	2.0	3.9
1994	100	86.7	6.4	0.5	1.9	4.4	100	75.4	15.5	0.6	1.8	6.6	100	89.1	4.5	0.5	2.0	3.9
1995	100	86.7	6.4	0.5	1.9	4.4	100	66.3	23.4	0.8	2.6	6.9	100	91.6	2.4	0.4	1.8	3.8
1996	100	86.7	6.4	0.5	1.9	4.4	100	65.3	23.9	0.7	2.0	8.1	100	91.5	2.5	0.5	1.9	3.6
1997	100	86.7	6.4	0.5	1.9	4.4	100	75.4	15.5	0.6	1.8	6.6	100	89.5	4.2	0.5	2.0	3.9
1998	100	87.0	5.9	0.6	2.3	4.2	100	79.4	15.9	0.2	0.6	3.8	100	88.8	3.5	0.7	2.7	4.3
1999	100	87.0	5.9	0.6	2.3	4.2	100	77.6	14.9	0.2	0.7	6.7	100	89.2	3.8	0.7	2.7	3.6
2000	100	94.8	0.0	0.6	0.7	3.9	100	94.4	0.7	0.2	0.6	4.0	100	94.8	-0.1	0.7	0.8	3.9
2001	100	95.0	0.0	0.6	0.9	3.5	100	91.0	0.7	0.3	0.6	7.4	100	95.9	-0.1	0.7	0.9	2.7
2002	100	97.3	0.0	0.3	0.9	1.5	100	94.7	0.6	0.3	0.7	3.7	100	97.8	-0.1	0.3	0.9	1.1
2003	100	96.6	0.1	0.4	1.2	1.7	100	93.3	1.9	0.2	0.6	4.0	100	97.5	-0.4	0.4	1.3	1.2
2004	100	96.4	0.0	0.4	1.2	1.9	100	95.9	1.3	0.2	0.5	2.2	100	96.5	-0.3	0.5	1.4	1.8
2005	100	96.7	0.0	0.5	1.2	1.7	100	94.7	1.6	0.2	0.4	3.1	100	97.2	-0.4	0.5	1.3	1.4
2006	100	96.5	0.0	0.5	0.7	2.3	100	94.6	1.3	0.4	0.3	3.4	100	97.0	-0.3	0.5	0.8	2.0

Births

Data for live births for the reporting period show tendency to grow. In 1948, there were 27,792 live births. The largest number of live births occurred in 1982-1991, and the maximum was reached in 1988 with 56,283 births. But in 1992, number of births start to decrease. In 2006, the number of live births was 34,187.

In 1948, *the Albanian ethnicity* should had around 18,899 live births (SOK assessment⁷), and this growth continued and the highest point is reached in 1988 with 49,063 live births. Therefore, there was an increase of live births for 159.6%.

In 1989, live births start to fall down (decrease) by having a number of 46,809 or decrease for 4.6%. This decrease continued till 2006 by marking the total of 32,977 live births, or decrease in 29.6%.

In 1948, *Serb ethnicity* should had around 6,698 of live births (SOK assessment) with the tendency to grow until 1954 that reaches the highest point with 9,301 live births or 38.9%. Then, the decrease starts. According to the SOK assessment, in 1999, the Serb ethnicity should have had around 2,361 live births or a decrease for 74.6%.

In 1948, *the Turk ethnicity* had around 56 live births but with the tendency for enormous growth where in 1957 reaches the highest point with 697 live births or increase for 1144%. Since then, the decrease starts until 2006 with only 156 live births or 77.6% lower.

According to the SOK publication, in 1988, *the Roma ethnicity* had 417 live births and this continued until 1987 with 1135 live births or faced a decrease for 172.2%. Again, there is a decrease until 2006, with 247 live births or 78.2%.

Aforementioned data indicate extreme movements (minimum - maximum) regarding the live births from 1948 until 2006.

Deaths

In 1948, there were a total number of 10,324 deaths. Year 1953 marks the growth of deaths with 16,726. Then 1966 marks the decrease of deaths and does not changes for 10 years in the row. Years 1977-1990 faced movements between number 9.000 and 11.000 deaths per year. Since 1990, the number of deaths in Kosovo has a tendency to decrease, and in 2006 are registered 7.479 cases of death.

Albanian ethnicity in 1948 had 7,020 deaths. Since then, the number of deaths increased and year of 1957 marks 11,996 deaths. Later, there was a decrease and in 2006 there were 7,072 natural deaths.

Serb ethnicity in 1948 marked 2,488 death cases. The highest point of the number of deaths was marked in 1953, with 4,031 deaths.

Turk ethnicity, in 1948, had 21 death cases, but this number grows in 1957 with 252 deaths. In 1957 this number faced the tendency to fall until the year of 2006 which marks 29 cases of death.

⁷ Based on the arithmetic average

Roma ethnicity, in 1948, had 155 cases of death, according to the SOK assessments. The largest growth is marked in 1989, with 205 cases. Since then until 2006, this tendency continues with 25 cases.

Natural growth indicated in absolute numbers

The natural growth of the population in Kosovo, since 1948 until 2006, was 1,953,509 inhabitants, given in absolute numbers.

The participation of the ethnicities in this number is: Albanians 1,647,320 or 84.3%, Serbs 170,088 or 8.7%, Turk 10,579 or 0.5 % , Roma 24,218 or 1.2%, and others with 101,305 or 5.2%.

Natural growth shows the tendency to grow further in Kosovo. In 1948, natural growth was 17,468. This growth continues and in '90 reaches the highest point with 46,961 persons.

Since this year, natural growth starts to fall (decrease). Therefore, in 2006 were 26,708 persons.

Natural growth of *Albanian ethnicity*, in 1948, was 11,878, than continues to increase further by reaching the highest point in 1990 with 42,025. After this period, natural growth starts to decrease. In 2006, the number of natural growth of Albanians was 25,905.

Natural growth of *Serb ethnicity*, in 1948, was 4,210. In 1954, natural growth of Serb community marks the highest point with 6,120. Later years mark the sensitive decrease and in 1998 were 1,168 persons.

Turk ethnicity, in 1948, its natural growth had in total of 35, to continue with the increase and in 1957 reaches in 445. This number, in 2006, was 127 persons.

Roma ethnicity, in 1948 its natural growth had 262. During all the time there was a tendency of increase, therefore in 1988 it reaches figure of 964. In 2006 this figure was 222 persons.

Table 7

Births, deaths and natural growth by years of population census and ethnic background																		
Year	Births						Deaths						Natural growth					
	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turks	Romas	Others	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turks	Romas	Others	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turks	Romas	Others
1948	27792	18899	6698	56	417	1723	10324	7020	2488	21	155	640	17468	11878	4210	35	262	1083
1953	34595	23525	8337	69	519	2145	16726	11374	4031	33	251	1037	17869	12151	4306	36	268	1108
1961	40561	29931	7115	316	0	3199	11759	9139	1931	102	0	587	28802	20792	5184	214	0	2612
1971	47060	38923	5111	213	352	2461	10312	7979	1558	87	60	628	36748	30944	3553	126	292	1833
1981	48111	41263	3675	228	714	2231	9677	7457	1445	60	119	596	38434	33806	2230	168	595	1635
1991	52263	45313	3368	266	1010	2306	8526	6432	1324	54	152	565	43737	38881	2044	212	859	1741
2006	34187	32977	8	156	247	799	7479	7072	96	29	25	257	26708	25905	-88	127	222	542

Natality, mortality and natural growth by years of population census and ethnic background																		
Year	Births						Deaths						Natural growth					
	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turks	Romas	Others	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turks	Romas	Others	Total	Albanians	Serbs	Turks	Romas	Others
1948	37.9	37.9	37.9	42.1	37.1	37.9	14.1	14.1	14.1	15.6	13.8	14.1	23.8	23.8	23.8	26.5	23.3	23.8
1953	42.4	44.8	43.9	2.0	43.6	39.0	20.5	21.7	21.2	1.0	21.1	18.9	21.9	23.2	22.7	1.0	22.5	20.1
1961	42.1	46.3	31.3	12.3	0.0	52.1	12.2	14.1	8.5	4.0	0.0	9.6	29.9	32.2	22.8	8.3	0.0	42.5
1971	37.8	42.5	22.4	17.4	24.1	34.0	8.3	8.7	6.8	7.1	4.1	8.7	29.5	33.8	15.6	10.3	20.0	25.3
1981	30.4	33.6	17.5	18.2	20.9	22.0	6.1	6.1	6.9	4.8	3.5	5.9	24.3	27.6	10.6	13.4	17.4	16.1
1991	26.7	28.4	17.3	25.5	22.1	21.0	4.4	4.0	6.8	5.1	3.3	5.1	22.4	24.4	10.5	20.3	18.8	15.9
2006	16.3	17.1	0.1	18.6	10.5	32.2	3.6	3.7	0.9	3.5	1.1	10.4	12.7	13.4	-0.8	15.1	9.4	21.9

Growth

In 1948, growth in Kosovo was 37.9 o/oo. In 1953 and 1961, growth was 42.4, respectively, 42.1 o/oo and then starts to decrease through years and in 2006 reaches in 16.3 o/oo.

By the ethnic structure, growth had almost the same trend (tendency) as overall values.

The data of the above table indicate that in recent years the highest growth in Kosovo lies among the Albanian ethnicity, Turk, Roma, etc.

Mortality

In 1948, mortality in Kosovo was 14.1 o/oo. In 1953, mortality was in its highest, 20.5 o/oo. Also, this year marks decrease of mortality and in 2006 falls in 3.6 o/oo.

Natural growth given in relative numbers

In 1948, natural growth in Kosovo was 23.8 o/oo, by reaching the highest point in 1961 and 1971 with 29.9 o/oo. Then, the decrease starts and in 2006 natural growth falls in 12.7 o/oo.

Number of population in Kosovo and ethnic structure according to population census in 1981, and the assessment of 1991

Population census of 1981 is considered to be the last valid census in Kosovo. In the population census of 1981, and the assessment of 1991, the number of population in Kosovo was 1,584,440, respectively, 1,956,196 inhabitants. In these two censuses, Kosovo had this ethnic structure:

Table 8

Ethnicity	1981		1991		Difference
	Total	%	Total	%	
Albanians	1,226,736	77.4	1,596,072	81.6	369,336
Serbs	209,798	13.2	194,190	9.9	-15,608
Turk	12,513	0.8	10,445	0.5	-2,068
Romas	34,126	2.2	45,745	2.3	11,619
Others	101,267	6.4	109,744	5.6	8,477
Total	1,584,440	100	1,956,196	100	371,756

Between these two periods of the census, the ethnic structure faced changes as shown below:

Albanian ethnicity resulted in growth of 369,336 inhabitants or 26%,
Serb ethnicity resulted in decrease of 15,608 inhabitants or 7.4%,
Turk ethnicity resulted in decrease of 2,068 inhabitants or 16.5%,
Roma ethnicity resulted in growth of 11,619 inhabitants or 34%, and
Others resulted in growth of 8,477 inhabitants or 8.4%.

Table 9

Ethnicity	1981	%	1991	%	Difference 1981-1991	Annual movements -	Growth for period of 15 yrs
	1,226,736	77.4	1,596,072	81.6	369,336	36,934	554,004
Albanians	209,798	13.2	194,190	9.9	-15,608	-1,561	-23,412
Serbs	12,513	0.8	10,445	0.5	-2,068	-207	-3,102
Turk	34,126	2.2	45,745	2.3	11,619	1,162	17,429
Romas	101,267	6.4	109,744	5.6	8,477	848	12,716
Others	1,584,440	100	1,956,196	100	371,756	37,176	557,634

Based on these trends of the movements of the population (considering the movements of the *millennium 1981-'91*) but without considering the impact of other factors in these population movement, we should have this ethnic structure in Kosovo in 2006: Albanians 2.150.076, Serbs 170.778, Turk 7.343, Roma 63.174 and others 122,460, having a total of 2.513.830 inhabitants.

Some comparisons between the censuses and natural growth

Data published here indicate disproportion between natural growth and censuses.

In 1948, Kosovo had 733,034 inhabitants while in 1953 had 815,908 inhabitants or faced a growth for around 82,874 inhabitants within this period of time. If you look into the natural growth during this period of time, you can see that there has been a population growth for 94,633 inhabitants meaning that around 11,759 inhabitants are missing in the census.

In 1961, Kosovo had 963,988 inhabitants or faced a growth for 148,080 inhabitants comparing it with 1953. If you add to the previous census the natural growth occurred in this period of time of 188,132 inhabitants, then Kosovo should have had 1,004,040 inhabitants. The difference is 40,052 inhabitants.

In 1971, Kosovo had 1,243,693 inhabitants or faced a growth of 279,705 inhabitants comparing it with 1961. If you add in the previous census also the natural growth occurred in this period of time of 313,831 inhabitants, then Kosovo should have had 1,277,819 inhabitants. The census misses 34,126 inhabitants.

In 1981, Kosovo had 1,584,440 inhabitants or faced a growth of 340,747 inhabitants, comparing it with 1971. If we add to the previous census also the natural growth during this period of time of 394,124 inhabitants, then Kosovo should have had 1,637,817 inhabitants. The census misses 53,377 inhabitants.

In 1991, Kosovo had 1,956,196 inhabitants or faced a growth of 371,756 inhabitants, comparing it with 1981. If we add to the previous census also the natural growth during this period of time of 432,643 inhabitants, then Kosovo should have had 2,017,083 inhabitants. It did not include around 60,887 inhabitants.

If you look the natural growth since 1948 until now (2006), Kosovo has grown with 1,953,509 inhabitants. When you add to this number also the number of population of 1948 from 733,034 inhabitants, we have the number of population from 2,686,543 inhabitants.

SOK has assessed the number of resident population (within Kosovo and that misses from permanent place for less than 12 months) and it was estimated to be of around 2,100,000 inhabitants as resident population, and the total of population residing outside Kosovo should be around 586,543 inhabitants.

Population census of 1981 and preparations for the next census

The last population census in Kosovo occurred in 1981 - 26 years ago. Population census of 1991, organized by the Statistical Office of Serbian Federation (SOSF) for Kosovo, made an assessment of the population of Kosovo since Albanians boycotted the census. According to some analyses dealing with the statistics, data of the population census of 1991 could be reliable up to 90%. Despite the preparations made to hold the population census of 1991 by the SOK employees and different municipal committees, on August 23, 1990, around 128 Albanian employees left the SOK.

Since this time, many of the SOK activities rest including the boycotts the population census of 1991. On August 02, 1999, the SOK expelled employees return to their previous working place. In 2003, the SOK staff, in cooperation with national and international institutions, prepared the Law on Population Census, Family Households and Dwellings.

The Ministry of Public Affairs (MPS), in order to implement the UNMIK Regulation No. 2004/53, on declaration of the Law on Population Census, Family Households and Dwelling in Kosovo (No. 2003/1), approved by the Assembly of Kosovo, in January 2005 started the preparations of the Registration (Census) Office, Family Households and Dwellings in the frames of the Statistical Office of Kosovo (SOK).

In 2005 (November) and 2006 (October - November) we have held two pilot censuses in order to measure the scale of preparations for the total census.

The last pilot census (October – November 2006) was monitored by the Eurostat and based on reports, there were made almost all necessary preparations to carry out the total population census in Kosovo. Date of the total population census is to be set by the Assembly of Kosovo therefore the SOK is waiting for such a date.

The need for total population census in Kosovo is a necessity. Main and key developments of the national interest were not followed during recent years since there has not been general population census.

The events of the recent years had high impact in the geographical lie-out of the population. Many persons moved from the rural areas into the cities. Some others left abroad and in the meantime many foreigners were placed in Kosovo. There are many changes regarding the fertility because nowadays parents have fewer children than before.

Issues due to the lack of basic information's on population are often part of the national agenda and there are lots of discussions on the topic of organization of the general population census, family households and of dwellings in Kosovo. Therefore, this is considered to be a national priority.

The implementation of the population census is of great importance in order to set social and economic aims, and other plans for the development of Kosovo. As such, the census is in interest of all parties, starting from the municipalities that need data to plan and develop services; this goes also for the central governance, and so on.

Population census would be a long term investment for the entire statistical system to build institutional capacities and also would enable creation of the solid base for an actual and reliable statistics frame on population and for other important surveys as well.

Next population census, family households and dwellings in Kosovo, would be a first census implemented independently by the SOK.

Census will also improve the SOK capacities in order to implement all future phases of incoming population census and for the next population surveys which will enable development of the main sample frame as well as basic infrastructure of the entire statistical system in compliance with all recognized European and international recommendations and standards.

Also, collection of data for some variables is currently impossible without a general population census. Despite some statistical surveys, still, it is really hard to provide strong and reliable data since lot of the population changes occurred after 1999.

Statistical Office of Kosovo a brief description

The Statistical Office of Kosovo, Is a professional office operating since 1948, which passed through some of the historic phases; it has been structured by the state rule of that time. The Statistical Office of Kosovo restarted its work on August 2, 1999, as an independent and professional office in the frames of the Ministry of Public Services. The SOK is financed by the Kosovo Consolidated Budget and donors for various projects.

The Statistical Office of Kosovo acts pursuant the Regulation 2001/14, which entered into force on July 2, 2001. A medium-term Master Plan is being developed for the statistical system of Kosovo compatible with the European Statistics.

SOK Organization Structure; Composes of: four productive departments (Department of Economic Statistics and National Accounts, Department of Population Statistics, Department of Social Statistics and Department of Agricultural and Environment Statistics), seven Regional Offices (located in Gjakova, Gjilan, Mitrovica, Peja, Prizren, Pristina and Ferizaj), two support departments (Department of Methodology and Information Technology and Department of Administration), as well as the Office of the Census.

Total employees are 134, of them 96 (71.6%) within the SOK offices whilst 38 (28.4%) in regional offices.

There is also a support and cooperation with the international institutions.

Statistics Office of Kosovo covers Kosovo entirely. For implementation of the surveys in the field, the SOK uses appropriate sampling and methodology. During the collection of the reports from the reporting units, the SOK engages professionals, technicians, administrators and civilians from the local offices, and regional field registrations.

Recently, a team of national and international experts are working in the project of registration of the population.

SOK Mission; To fulfill the needs of the users with the reliable statistical data and with regular analyses in order to support government departments and to provide them with proper information for decision-making process; as well as for other users in Kosovo.

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